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# Troop Tidings

## 20 Years and Counting



2005 marks our Troop's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. Lots of things have changed over the 20 years; our meeting location has changed at least four times, the Troop size has fluctuated up and down, we have had several Scoutmasters, and even more SPLs, and 45 boys have advanced to the rank of Eagle.

To celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are hoping to arrange an event sometime during the summer. Possibly we will even be able to organize a re-union of the scouts and adults who have been members of Troop 805.

We are very proud of our heritage. So, look for glimpses into our past in subsequent issues of the Troop Tidings.

*(Past scouts please contact us so that we can keep you posted on plans.)*

## Pre-Camporee Weekend

*By Susan Oki*

This years Pre-Camporee Weekend is in the planning stage although the date has been set as the weekend of April 9th.

The event traditionally is intended to teach scout skills and encourage Patrol spirit in the form of inter-Patrol competitions. It enables our scouts to prepare for attendance of the District Camporee at the end of April.

The event offers younger Scouts a chance to work on their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements. Once the skills have been taught,

the fun begins as the Patrols test themselves on how well the skills



have been learned. Older scout too hone their skills and leadership by signing up to teaching a skill or run a competition.

Looks for permission slip to be published shortly on the web or ask you Patrol Leader for details following the February PLC.

# Kiwanis Service Project – March 12th

By Steven Oki



We will be organizing a service project as part of the

Kiwanis Big “K” service day on March 12.

These service days benefit the local public schools in the local area. We have not heard exactly the nature of the service project, but permission slips and description will be coming out soon.

Service project hours are part of your requirements for First Class and above. So come out and lend a hand.

## Snow Camping - Great Fun!

The permission slip for the Snow Camping Outing on February 12-13, 2005 is now on the web at the following URL:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2005-02-12%20Snow%20Camping.pdf>

Please download the file and encourage your Patrol to attend. The permission slip needs to be returned to your Patrol Leader before Tuesday February 1.

Important dates are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ 1/18: Outing presentation (mandatory for first time Scouts and at least one parent)
- ❖ 1/25: First equipment check

- ❖ 2/1: Second equipment check
- ❖ 2/8: Final equipment check

Successful completion of an equipment check is required for participation in this outing.

Any questions, talk to Alan Meyer or the Phoenix Patrol

## Parent Meeting Minutes

By Ed Angle

### Minutes for January 18, 2005

Attendees: Greg Moranski, Albert Lee, Octavio Ricart, Steve Garavaglia, Linda Green, Tom Valdriz, Alan Meyer, Susan Oki, Ed Angle, and two Webelos' fathers.

1. Albert Lee reported on Summer Camp for 2005. The Troop will be returning to Marin Sierra the week of July 17 to 23. There is room for 20 scouts – 18 attended last year. Deposits are due by mid-February to qualify for a discounted attendance fee. Scouts should tell Mr. Lee of their intentions by February 15.
2. The Troop needs a Friends of Scouting (FOS) representative. Octavio will get the packets for the Troop this week. The presentation on FOS is usually made during a Court of Honor, and the next one is in April.
3. The Annual Ski Trip is next weekend. The boys will leave Danville at 4:30. They will ski at Bear Valley and stay in a cabin in Dorrington.
4. The new system for prepaying for the Court of Honor worked out well. Only two families paid at the door at the January event

## This Month's Activities – Wilderness Survival

February 1 – Troop Meeting  
7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR  
2nd Equipment Check for Snow Camping.

February 8 – Troop Meeting  
7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR  
LAST Equipment Check for Snow Camping.  
Activity: Compass Skills

February 12-13 – Snow Camping  
Two Sentinels, CA

Organized by our Phoenix Patrol – this is our annual snow camping outing.  
Permissions slip deadline:  
February 1 – to Mr. Meyer

February 15 – Troop Meeting & Parent Meeting  
7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR  
Activity: Orienteering Course

February 22 – PLC  
7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR  
The planning meeting for March / April activities. Mandatory attendance for Patrol Leaders and key Junior Leadership staff.

For more details of any of these activities see your Patrol Leader or SPL.

# Next Month's Preview – Hiking & Back Packing

**March 1 – Troop Meeting**  
**7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
*Sycamore Elementary MPR*  
 Activity: Camping/Backpacking

**March 8 – Troop Meeting**  
**7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
*Sycamore Elementary MPR*  
 Activity: Catapults/Lashings

**March 12 – Kiwanis Service Day**  
 Danville/San Ramon, CA  
 Organized by our OA – this is our service project in support of our Charter Organization  
*Permissions slip available soon.*

**March 15 – Troop Meeting & Parent Meeting**  
**7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
*Sycamore Elementary MPR*  
 Activity: Tenderfoot activities – knots and flags

**March 19/20 – Sunol Backpacking**  
 Sunol, CA  
 Organized by our Eagle Patrol – this is an introduction to backpacking.  
*Permissions slip deadline March 1*

**March 22 – Troop Meeting**  
**7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
*Sycamore Elementary MPR*  
 Activity: First Aid

**March 29 – PLC**  
**7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
*Sycamore Elementary MPR*  
 The planning meeting for April / May activities. Mandatory attendance for Patrol Leaders and key Junior Leadership staff.

*For more details of any of these activities see your Patrol Leader or SPL.*

5. Alan Meyer presented the current proposal to form a new Venture club associated with Troop 805. The Ventures include both boys and girls ages 14 and up. The theme of the club would be High Adventure/Search and Rescue. If females participate, at least one of the adult sponsors has to be female. The organizers are currently recruiting four mothers to participate. Participants in the Venture program would not have to pay a second fee if they have already signed up for Boy Scouts.
6. Brian Dunican is recruiting a volunteer to sell the Troop 805 T-shirts.
7. Scoutmaster Report:
  - ❖ Expect 5 to 8 boys from Pack 802 will be bridging on Feb. 9. They will need New Scout information packets. Ed Angle and Octavio Ricart will Assist Jeanne Lee.
  - ❖ The Troop needs a new Camp Coordinator. Steve Garavaglia offered to take over.
  - ❖ Order of the Arrow (OA) elections will be held in early March. Candidates for this award are Sean Carstensen, Michael Isaeff, Robert Meyer, and Trevor Wolfe. Adult candidates are Albert Lee, Jeanne Lee, and Brian Dunican.
  - ❖ This year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of Troop 805. Susan suggests that we mark the occasion with some sort of ceremony. She suggested

that the July Court of Honor may be a good time, since many of the Eagle Scouts may be home from college during the summer. The Troop has an outstanding record with 45 Eagle Scouts in its short history.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

## Junior Leader Training Conference

*By Susan Oki*

JLTC is a 6 or 7-day course intended for youth leaders in the Boy Scout program.

It is an intensive practical experience in Scoutcraft and Leadership Skills set in a model troop situation, and is intended for mature Scouts who are 12 years old or older and have achieved at least the First Class rank.

The Mount Diablo Silverado Counsel offers two (2) opportunities for JLTC during the summer, one in late June and another in mid-July.

If you'd like to hear more about JLTC experiences talk to one of the scouts who attended in a prior year: Brian Dunican, Michael Lee, JT Moranski, Christopher Oki, Will Valdriz, or Trevor Wolfe.

If you'd like to be **CONSIDERED** as a candidate for JLTC, contact the Scoutmaster.



# OA Elections coming up in – March

By Steven Oki



Order of the Arrow elections will be held soon. The OA is a service organization made up of

scouts who have been voted in by their fellow scouts (requirements shown below). You must be voted in by at least half the troop in attendance and by at least half of those attending. This year we have at least 4 scouts and 3 adult eligible. Look for further election news in future emails.

## OA eligibility requirements are:

The scout must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping under the auspices and standards of the BSA within two years immediately prior to the election.

- ❖ One long term camping experience defined as 6 consecutive days and nights of camping
- ❖ The remainder met through short term camping.

To complete the membership requirement the scout attends a 2-day Ordeal

## Camporee 2005

By Susan Oki

Mark your calendars now for the **Meridian District Camporee April 29 through May 1.**



This event gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our scout skills and compete against

other Troops in the district. (Meridian District includes Troops from San Ramon, Danville, and Alamo.) There will be programs for new scouts, scouts with 1-2 years in the program, and for the older scouts who will also have the opportunity to assist in staff assignments and/or participate in venture activities.

It is a great time to show of your Patrol spirit and is a lot of fun. Will your Patrol win “Presidential” – the highest award of the event? Can you tie a bowline in a split second? Can you pitch a tent – blindfolded? How many times can you hit the archery target?

Looks for permission slip to be published shortly on the web or ask you Patrol Leader for details following the February/March PLC.

## From the Awards Coordinator:

By Lori Wolfe

In the next few months, a form will go to every scout's parents to let you know the status of your scout. It is a single page overview of all rank and advancement and quickly lets one know their status. I am doing this so all scouts will know where they stand and will be able to plan their scouting goals. This helps as the boys get older and become more active in other activities and school becomes more demanding.

Please email me at [awards@troop805.org](mailto:awards@troop805.org) for questions or comments.

## Where are they now?

**Mark Celio**, Eagle Scout for Troop 805 in 1999, just graduated Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in May. As a student, he worked as



an intern for a socially conscious startup company (the It's a Habit! Company) that is on a mission to help kids save money at an early age through books and music. He has now moved into a full time role with the company and is excited by its potential to help strengthen kids nationwide and beyond. ([www.itsahabit.com](http://www.itsahabit.com)). As being Thrifty is part of the Scout Law, Mark encourages all the scouts to make sure they are saving (perhaps, for college or a car?)

His message to the current 805 scouts is to look at Boy Scouts as more than just badges and a uniform: it is an experience that can mold a lifetime of helping others, being a leader and dynamically changing the world we live in for the better. Just like when we camp, we should leave this world better than we found it. Through scouting, we learn solidarity. As our world grows smaller, it may be the most important lesson that we need to learn and live by. The second most important lesson: backpack and camp as much as possible!

## 2005 Calendar

The 2005 calendar is available on the



Troop website; [www.troop805.org](http://www.troop805.org)

Check the website regularly to be sure you have the most current info.

## Meeting Time Reminder

The schedule for Troop meetings is as follows:

Start: 7:15 pm  
End: 8:30 pm



Please try and be prompt to each meeting, and at the end of the meeting don't forget it is everyone's responsibility to clean up.