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# Troop Tidings

## Quarterly Court of Honor: April 12

The quarterly Court of Honor will be Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 PM at Sycamore School.

Please pre-pay so that the correct amount of food will be available. The cost is \$5 per person and is due April 5.

## SPL and PL Election

Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for **May 10**.

If you are holding a leadership position currently you should be asking yourself, "How have I shown leadership in your position?" Remember you can only be given leadership credit if you truly can explain how you demonstrated leadership.



The job descriptions for all scout leadership roles can be found on the Troop Website at: <http://www.troop805.org/Resources/jtjobs.html>

In preparation for the elections, patrols start thinking about who you might want to represent you on the Troop leadership team as your **Patrol Leader**.

If you are interested in running for **Senior Patrol Leader** please see the Scoutmaster before the end of April.

## Pre-Camporee & Backpacking Weekend

**April 8-10**

*By Susan Oki*

We are combining the Pre-Camporee Weekend with some backpacking as we had to cancel the Sunol Backpacking outing in March due to inclement weather.



The permission slip for the outing are on the web at the following URL:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2005-04-08%20Sugarloaf.pdf>

Although the permission slip indicate returning to your Patrol Leader before Tuesday March 22 we will now accept forms at April 5 Troop Meeting.

If you have already signed up, plan to attend the **APRIL 5 Troop meeting for more information** on the weekend and to handle planning and a pack check with your Patrol.

# Patrol Sponsorship of Outings



At the recent PLC the scout leadership discussed what was expected of patrols when sponsoring an

event and agreed to the following guidelines:

- 8-week before: (Gather ideas from adult)**  
 PL & Patrol discuss with the adult in charge of the outing some ideas on location and activities. *This could be accomplished by the adult advisor being asked to joint their Patrol at Patrol Corners where they brainstorm on the plan.*
- 6 to 8 weeks before: (Gather ideas from PLC)**  
 PL outlines a "basic" plan to the PLC and asks for input.
- 6 weeks before: (Finalize plan with adult)**  
 PL & Patrol discuss PLC feedback with adult – *again can be handled during Patrol Corners.*
- 4 to 6 weeks before: (Outlines plan to PLC)**  
 PL presents the finalized plan at the PLC and recruits Patrols for any specific duties.
- 4-weeks before outing deadline: (Distributes Permission Slips)**  
 Distribute permission slips to PLs and makes them aware his Patrol will be collecting the permission slips.

- 4-weeks before until outing date: (Advertises & Collects Permission Slips)**  
 Advertises outing at the Troop Mtg. Just an announcement: where, when, how ... & collect permission slips.
- Sponsoring Patrol participates in the outing!**

## May Outing to California Caverns

By Alan Carstensen



Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, Troop 805 is planning a spelunking outing to California Caverns. California Caverns, located

near Angels Camp, is a serious of underground caves discovered in the 1840s. On this outing, we should be able to offer two different options for touring the caves.

The first option is a 60 to 80 minute walking tour through the caves. Highlights include the "Jungle Room" and many other caverns with their unique crystalline formations. The second option, conditions permitting, is a three hour Mammoth Cave Expedition. Participants on this tour will be exploring the Mammoth Cave and Jungle Room area by walking, crawling, wiggling and squirming through natural passages connecting some thirteen chambers. This "high adventure" trek is appropriate for older scouts and adults, but is open to all ages. Although the tour operator believes this trek will be available mid May, it

is contingent upon the water level in the various passageways.

I will publish more information regarding cost and the availability of the Mammoth Cave Expedition soon.

For more information, you can visit the California Caverns website at:

<http://www.cavernstours.com/CalifRt.htm>

Please note that the tour cost listed on the website is not the discounted price charged to Boy Scouts.

**Questions:** Contact Alan Carstensen (Phone: 925-736-3679, e-mail: [adcarsten@pacbell.net](mailto:adcarsten@pacbell.net))

## Permission Slips are IMPORTANT

By Susan Oki

In recent times we have received many incomplete permission slips – we need your support in making sure these important documents are appropriately filled in.



Every time the Troop arranges an outing we ask that a form be completed for each scout who wishes to participate. Parental permission is required by Boy Scouts of America, and provide us with critical information should an emergency arise. Don't just assume that the adult in charge has the latest information on your son.

# This Month's Activities – Camping & Back Packing

## April 5 – Troop Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Activity: Pack check for Pre-Camporee

## April 8/10 – Pre-Camporee and Sunol Backpacking

*Permissions slip available .*

## April 12 – Court of Honor

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Activity: Awards/Advancement; pizza for dinner.

## April 19 – Troop Meeting & Parent Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Activity: Camporee planning: flags, food, activities

## April 26 – PLC

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

The planning meeting for May/June activities. Mandatory attendance for Patrol Leaders and key Junior Leadership staff.

## May Meetings – Theme: Personal Fitness

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

The critical information the Troop MUST have is:

- **Emergency Contact**  
We need to have the **NAME** and **PHONE** number of an individual who can be contacted in the event of an emergency when you, the parents, are unavailable.
- **Doctor**  
We require details on your sons **DOCTOR** and again the **PHONE** number to use to contact this physician. Merely providing us with a name is not sufficient.
- **Insurance**  
Information on the **COMPANY** and **POLICY** number for medical insurance. A health care organization needs this for obvious reasons.
- **Allergies & Other Comments**  
Any relevant notes on your sons' **ALLERGIES** and other issues that the Troop Adult Leaders need to be aware of. The lack of this information can be life threatening. If the scout has some food issues this is where you should document them too.

Other information which is important and is used to complete the required BSA Tour Permit, if a parent plans to assist by chaperoning & driving on an outing, are:

- **Driver**  
The **NAME** and **CDL#** of the driver needs to be defined. *This should be the individual who truly will drive as substituting another adult/parent is **NOT***

*possible under BSA Tour Permit rules.*

- **Vehicle**  
The **MAKE, MODEL,** and **INSURANCE** coverage of the vehicle you will drive on the outing. Again, substituting another vehicle is not possible.
- **Cellular Phone**  
So that the drivers can maintain contact on an outing we are now asking for **CELL PHONE** details where available.

Sometime this key data is already printed on the permission slip other times it needs to be filled in. The accuracy and completeness of this information is important. Please take the time to ensure we have the details we need to maintain a safe outing for our scouts and adults. Your support in completing the forms, fully, helps us with outing preparations and enables us to focus on the outings themselves.

## A Look Back At Troop 805 at Summer Camp

*By Chris Celio*

*Troop 805 - Eagle Scout - March 18, 1999*

Even as a young scout, I could already feel the immensity of Troop 805's young history. Legends had already been formed and various traditions were firmly in place when I began. The oral history of the mishaps, adventures, pranks, victories, and craziness of our troop was already rich and gave me a sense of deep pride I have never lost.

I can even remember the moment when I first laid eyes on the telephone booth that years earlier Mr. Coughlin had used to call his son and thus found our troop (for more on this story, please refer to the March '05 newsletter).

The oral history of Troop 805 was not something you simply found out when you joined. Each story had to be earned. These were stories not revealed to you until you had earned the respect of those older than you on the trail or at camp. I would like to share some of my favorite memories from my time as a scout at Wolfeboro in the 90's.

*Warning: As I don't have the memory ability of some of our legendary Scout Masters, I cannot vouch for the exact accuracy of this information.*

**Wolfeboro '93ish**

--Troop 805 had a reputation at Wolfeboro for having the best skits.

As a young scout, I had the honor to watch many of these classics by the Venture Patrol, including the classic Jeopardy skit where every question was "What is Potato" (because every meal at Wolfeboro seemed to feature some form of potato), the classic skits impersonating various camp counselors, and countless others.

**Wolfeboro '94ish**

--This may have been the year that one of the older scouts was not exactly being a team player. After returning from breakfast, that scout found that his tent had been hoisted up our troop's flagpole. This "ceremony" came complete with a bugle call and salute!

**The Plague '95ish**

--The one year we skipped Wolfeboro in this era was because of The Plague. The few weeks before we were supposed to go to

Wolfeboro, a mysterious sickness came over Wolfeboro. Although this sickness had many names, my favorite was "The Run, Duck, and Chuck" Plague.

Thankfully, off to Camp High Sierra we went. Although it wasn't Wolfeboro, we rejoiced in our ability to enjoy our meals.

**Wolfeboro '96ish**

--With many older scouts away at Philmont, 805 had less than a dozen experienced scouts at Wolfeboro. My older brother John Celio had just led an overly successful campaign as SPL to increase the troop by a blackjack (aka 21 scouts, which he beat by plenty) and now we had all those new scouts in camp, which made for a very exciting week.

**Wolfeboro '97ish**

--In reaction to Troop 834's very annoying and repetitive troop yell, my twin brother Mark Celio decided to strike back with an instant classic. In those days, Troop 805 was the largest troop at Wolfeboro and took up almost half of the diner. Every one of our scouts got up on their bench and put their collars up while Mark got on the microphone and sang a falsetto parody to Staying Alive called Troop 805. We were all hoarse by the end of the week and the camp staff was very thankful for the entertaining alternative to 834's chant.

**Wolfeboro '98ish**

--This was the year that our troop finally did it. Wolfeboro used to rate each troop out of 100 on a variety of categories like troop spirit, participation, cleanliness of campsite, etc. For the past few years, we had achieved the Gold Cross, which meant we had scored above 90. After getting closer and closer each year, our troop earned the Super Gold Cross in '98, which meant we scored

a perfect 100. I may have been the SPL at the time, but it was a complete team effort from everyone. We were the last troop to receive this honor, as that was the last summer they awarded it.

I would like to thank all the adults who sacrificed so much time and energy to make these trips possible and to keep the troop flourishing. I am proud to be a member of Troop 805 and to be a part of its history. To the current scouts, don't let today's fast-paced, technology-oriented culture deter you from also exploring the adventures that the natural world can provide. To those scouts pondering whether or not to continue in scouts, let me pass on the advice that was first said by my brother at our join Eagle Court.

Even if all the other reasons why you should stay in scouts don't sway you, this one should: Girl's parents will like you more if you are an Eagle Scout. It's true! (I am thrilled to report that I just married my high school girlfriend Theresa Weiss, who was at my Eagle Court six years ago!)

Happy 20th to Troop 805 and a Big Thank You to All Who Currently Help it to Thrive!

## OA Elections – April 12



Order of the Arrow elections will be held during our April 12 Court of Honor.

The OA is a service organization made up of scouts who have been voted in by their fellow scouts

Eligibility is based on BSA camping nights as described below. 50% of the active, registered youth in the unit must be present to conduct the election and a scout must be voted in by at least half the troop in attendance. This year we have potentially 7 scouts and 2 adults eligible.

**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 **MUST** attend a 2-day Ordeal.

Scouts will be advised of their election status at the *Meridian District Camporee* where the successful candidates are “tapped” out.

## National Youth Service Day: Conservation Project

Lili Remer, a volunteer in the Iron Horse District (Walnut Creek area) is coordinating a creek restoration for EBMUD on Saturday, April 16th.

The service work will be done 9am to 1pm and includes a free BBQ lunch for the volunteers.

For more information, contact Lili Remer at [remer@isp.com](mailto:remer@isp.com), indicating the head count of volunteers and the number of people staying for lunch. She will send you a copy of the flyer.

Help Scouts become conservation minded and take part in National Youth Service Day, April 16th

National Youth Service Day info can be found here: <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>

There are t-shirts, buttons and pencils available for mementos.

## 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.