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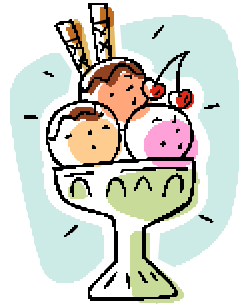
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# Troop Tidings

## July Court of Honor



Please join the Troop on July 12 for the July Court of Honor and an Ice Cream Social.

**Date:** July 12  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Sycamore Park  
near the Bocce Ball Courts

This is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and successes of the Troop membership. Please come out a support the boys,

Parents and siblings are **ALL** encouraged to attend.

**Scouts please let your Patrol Leaders know how many will attend from your family.**

## It's the 4th of July!

A big thank from the Kiwanis , our Troop Charter Organization, to the following scout. They assisted in carrying banners at during this year's parade:



Peter C. – Bears  
Ian F. – Bears  
Carl G. – Cobras  
Kyle H. – Squirrels  
Justin M. – Bears  
Robert M. – Eagles  
JT M. – Eagles  
Brett S. – Squirrels

And also to the Adults who assisted in preparations and during the event:

Greg Moranski  
Kari Lee Moranski  
Steven Oki  
Kent Screechfield

## Yosemite Trip Report

*By Jon A.*

Deep in the heart of bear country, a combination of crew and troop 805 members braved foul smelling toilets and stifling traffic in a successful outing. Despite warnings of thunderclouds, we hiked nearly up to Inspiration Point, where Ansel Adams took his famous photograph of the Yosemite Valley. Returning to camp just in time for dinner, crew members threw onions, carrots and meat into tin foil and heated it on the fire to make a "hobo dinner", while the troop cooked hot dogs. After a delicious dessert of roasted apples and an improvised game of "Zorch," we packed our smellables into bear lockers and made off for bed. In the morning, an early breakfast and a quick search of the camp preceded a sleepy drive home.

# Scouting in T805: The Experience of a Lifetime

By Mark Schultzel  
Eagle Scout – May 20, 1999

When I crossed the bridge from Webelos to become a full-fledged Boy Scout at Troop 805, I had no idea what the Scouting experience really was all about. Yet, at the first Troop event I attended, the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Daniel Moneghetti, I heard a story which really defined Scouting for me:

*“Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be thought of as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.*

*Of the one hundred, rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.*

*Each of the one hundred will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one half will serve in the military and in varying degrees profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own.*

*Only two of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree.*

*Many will find their vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys. Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to note that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion, and politics, three out of four were Scouts. Everyone that ever walked on the moon has been a Eagle Scout.*

*This story will never end. Like the Golden Pebble of Service dropped into the human sea, it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles, influencing the characters of men down through unending time.”*

These words had a huge impact on my attitude towards the Boy Scouts, and strengthened my determination to be a dedicated Scout and to strive to achieve the rank of Eagle. For me, this story was a reminder that the Trail to Eagle is never straightforward, yet the experiences on this trail and the skills and values learned through Scouting are priceless and last a lifetime. In looking back on my own personal Scouting experience, I realize that I not only had a great time at our many outings, but also learned many useful skills, and most importantly, made good friends. I would like to share some of the memories and lessons that I learned along the Trail to Eagle as a Scout in Troop 805.

## **A Scout is Friendly:**

If anything can be said for the Scouts of Troop 805, they are most definitely friendly. When I joined the Troop I immediately noticed that everyone was very welcoming towards my twin brother, Matt, and me. I can remember many great times at Camp Wolfboro with Dallas, the Celios, David Ragni, and

## This Month's Activities – Aquatics

**July 5 – Troop Meeting**  
7:15 – 8:30 pm

**Sycamore Elementary Outside**

Opening: Eagles

Activity:

- Safe swim Defense/Safety Afloat/  
Basic CPR: Curtis L & Chris L.

Game: Sharks and Minnows

Closing: Cobras

**July 9/10 – White Water Rafting**

Organized by our Eagle Patrol -- a one night campout, and water fun on the American River.

Deadline for signing up is **June 7**.

**July 12 – Court of Honor**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Sycamore Park nr. Play Structures**

Ice cream social and awards

Opening: Phoenix

Honor Guard: Bears/Squirrels

Closing: Eagles

**July 19 – Summer Camp**  
No Meeting

**July 26 – PLC**

**Meeting Cancelled**

(Handled @ June PLC)

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

## Next Month's Activities – Aquatics

### August 2 – Troop Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Mrs. Oki's House

Activity: Swimming MB

### August 6 & 7 – Backpacking Lower Loch Leven Lake

Organized by our Badger Patrol -- a one night campout, and hiking fun in the Sierras.

Deadline for signing up is **July 12**.

### August 9 – Troop Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Mrs. Oki's House

Activity: Swimming MB

### August 16 – Troop Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary Outside

Opening: Cobras

Activity: Finger Printing MB

Game: To be determined

Closing: Squirrels

### August 23 – Troop Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary Outside

Opening: Dragons

Activity: Medicine MB

Game: To be determined

Closing: Cobras

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

many others, where we would go swamping during the day, and play Capture the Flag or Zorch at night. Matt and I were organized into the Bengals Patrol with four other Scouts: Eric Tam, Clark Kibler, Arthur Wang, and Aaron Matzkin. As a result of this pairing, we have all become the best of friends, and although we attend different schools (Matt and I at UCSD, Clark and Eric at UCLA, Arthur at UCI and Aaron at CUB), we are still close friends and in constant contact with each other. Despite the fact that we were organized into patrols, the entire Troop was one cohesive group of friends, who all worked well together in Troop events such as Camporee and at summer camp, even winning the Gold Cross on numerous occasions at Camp Wolfeforo. As Chris Celio wrote about in his description of Camp Wolfeforo, our cohesiveness was observed constantly as we strove to earn the Super Gold Cross and one-upped Troop 834, demonstrating our pride for being Troop 805.

### The Finer Points of Snow

#### Camping:

I am a person who enjoys summertime sports, especially



swimming, water polo, scuba diving, and surfing. Ironically,

Snow Camping was one of my favorite outings with Troop 805. I can remember driving up near Lake Tahoe with Mr. Myers, and snowshoeing two or three miles into the campsite. This was a novel experience in and of itself – how many kids from Danville go snowshoeing on any given day – and it was funny to see everyone awkwardly hobbling along while they carried their packs over the

snow. When we arrived at the campsite, Eric, Clark, Arthur, Matt and I quickly set to work at building ourselves a snow cave, a task that taught us wilderness survival skills and the finer points of snow cave architecture. The first time we tried to build a cave, our flawed design caused it to collapse and we subsequently froze in our tents, but the next day we persevered, perfecting our skills by learning that we had to build down and into the hillside, instead of up and out like a typical house. After a full day of sledding and building, the result was a huge “snow mansion” as we coined it that was very warm inside. The next year, the five of us got creative and were even able to construct a huge igloo. The fun of building a cave instead of sleeping in a tent, as well as the duties of cooking, tending the campfire, and unfreezing the latrine taught us responsibility and strong work ethic.

### “Many will find their vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts...”

One of the great things about Troop 805 was that there were so many opportunities to earn merit badges. The Troop had no shortage of merit badge counselors for all sorts of badges, from Atomic Energy with Mr. Coleman to Personal Management with Mr. Matsunaga. If we did not earn tons of badges at Wolfeforo or at High Sierra during the “Chuck and Run” year, we could always organize a group of Scouts to earn a badge together. I credit one of these merit badge classes with helping me to find a vocation in life. In earning the Medicine merit badge with Dr. Long, who was not only the pediatrician for many Scouts but a Scoutmaster himself, I gained an appreciation for not only anatomy and physiology, but also for pathology and infectious disease. I

learned about the importance of immunizations and proper hygiene to prevent illness, and also learned about cancer and heart disease – illnesses which have touched most every family. We even learned about pediatrics and orthopedics, two subspecialties of medicine. This merit badge had a huge impact on myself and my fellow Scouts. In all of the medical school interviews I had, the topic of the Eagle Scout Award and Troop 805 was broached every time. Much to the credit of Dr. Long and this merit badge, I will be starting medical school at the University of California, San Diego, in September, hoping to specialize in either orthopedics or neurosurgery.

**“Of the leaders of this nation in business, religion, and politics, three out of four were Scouts...”**: Probably the most valuable assets of becoming a Boy Scout were the leadership skills and civic awareness learned along the Trail to Eagle. In taking on leadership positions such as Chaplain’s Aide and Patrol Leader, I had the responsibility of guiding my patrol and troop. In learning how to delegate tasks such as cooking and cleaning, representing my patrol and troop in exchanges with other troops, and testing my confidence and resourcefulness through joining the Order of the Arrow and the Wolfboro Pioneers, I learned so much about what it takes to be a leader. I tried to apply what I learned as a Boy Scout when I started college at UCSD, becoming involved in a variety of student clubs and organizations, oftentimes taking on leadership roles. From the Muir College Council to Phi Beta Kappa and the Student Health Advocates, the ability the demonstrate my leadership skills learned in Troop 805 to develop organizations at UCSD, make an impact, and benefit others at my university made

apparent to me this benefit of Scouting. These leadership skills were also tested when Matt and I started up a kendo team here at UCSD (now ranked #1 nationally) and founded Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity, working with fellow Eagle Scout and patrol member, Eric Tam, to start a chapter at UCLA. Eric, Matt, and I modeled our bylaws and traditions on the Scout Law and Court of Honor, as to us, these facets of Scouting best represented the values in the brotherhood that we sought to create.

Furthermore, in taking merit badges such as the Citizenship in the Community, Nation, World series, I learned about laws and customs, and gained an appreciation for my own community. Whenever I travel abroad, meet new people, or volunteer at a soup kitchen or beach clean-up, I oftentimes think about these merit badges, which taught me so much about interpersonal relationships and improving the community.

To close, I want to thank all of the Scoutmasters and Scouts who made my experiences at Troop 805 so memorable. I think I speak for all of the past Scouts when I say that we greatly appreciate how much dedication you put into developing our Troop and our characters. To all of the current Scouts: stay dedicated to Troop 805 and the ideals of Scouting. This troop is a great place to grow and learn, and the perfect place to grow in your friendships with fellow Scouts; what you learn as Scout you will remember your whole life.

*Congratulations, Troop 805, on your 20th Anniversary, and the best of luck to everyone!*

# Backpacking Lower Loch Leven Lake

By Jeanne Lee

**August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

A backpacking event to Lower Loch Leven Lake located near the Bend District of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



The hike is a scenic 4 1/2 miles, with a 1,400' foot elevation gain. This outing

requires a minimum number of 8 scouts and a maximum number of 10 scouts may attend this outing. We will be backpacking in an area that requires minimal impact and bear awareness camping protocol.

Scouts will also be introduced to Leave No Trace Camping.

Questions: Contact Jeanne Lee at [j.m.lee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.m.lee@sbcglobal.net) or at 925-736-7493 before 9:00 PM.

Permission slips are due by **July 12, 2005**.

## 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.