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Troop Tidings

SPL and PL Election



Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for **November 8.**

The job descriptions for these positions and the other leadership roles can be found on the Troop Website at:

<http://www.troop805.org/Resources/jtjobs.html>

If you are interested in running for the SPL position please see the Scoutmaster.

Got Your Board of Review?

By Lori Wolfe

The last board of review will be Oct 27 before the Nov 5 court of honor. Please keep this in mind when finishing up and earning recognition.

Also consider completing any partial blue cards. This helps a lot in keeping the paperwork straight for merit badges.

Lastly, I am working on a notebook that has a slot for each scout with a copy of their report and all their merit badges.

You can email me with questions or comments at awards@troop805.org.

See you at the Court of Honor!!!
Don't forget to RSVP and pay your money!!

Sea Kayaking & Nature Hike

The permission slip for the Sea Kayaking & Nature Hike on **October 29/30, 2005** is now on the web at the following URL:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2005-10-29%20Sea%20Kayaking.pdf>

This outing also requires completion of a Liability for which is found at:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2005-10-29%20Sea%20Kayaking-Monterey%20Bay%20Kayaks%20Liability.pdf>

Please download the file and encourage your Patrol to attend. The permission slip needs to be returned to your Patrol Leader before **Tuesday October 25.**

Sponsoring Patrol: **Eagles**

Annual Planning Meeting – Oct. 15

The Troop Annual Planning meeting is scheduled for **October 15** at



**Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church,
1550 Diablo Road
Danville, CA.**

The meeting time: **1-5 pm.**

All Patrol Leaders are **required** to attend or send an alternate representative from their Patrol.

Volunteers Needed!

Who: Boy Scouts and Venturer's
What: CAMPOREE 2006
When: April 28th - 30th
Where: Camp Parks, Dublin, CA

Volunteers needed!

Email:
Hiten Vasa, hiten@caliphar.com

See Meridian Matters for more event information.

National Youth Training Conference – Spring Course

aka Junior Leader Training Conference

By Susan Oki



Junior Leader Training Conference has been given a new name and a new syllabus.

The spring NYTC is split across two separate weekends. 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 the spring course as follows:

❖ Weekend # 1: February 18, 2006 @ 9 am (Saturday) thru February 20, 2006 @ 5 pm (Monday)

❖ Weekend # 2: February 24, 2006 @ 7 pm (Friday) thru February 26, 2006 @ 3 pm (Sunday)

The cost to attend the course is \$175.

If you'd like to hear more about past experiences talk to one of the scouts who attended in a prior year: Michael G., Michael L., JT M., Christopher O., Nick R., Will V., or Trevor W.

Remember, if you'd like to be **CONSIDERED** as a candidate for NYTC, contact the Scoutmaster. The Troop is only able to send two scouts at most and participation is limited to 32 in total for the course.

Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet

Would your Scouts enjoy a chance to talk to Scouts in other parts of the country, or around the world? Then come join us for the 48th Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet-2005 on October 15-16 at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club we will again have the use of their special events radio station and internet facilities during the American Radio Relay League's 14th Annual Pacific Division Meeting and Convention (Pacificon).



This Month's Activities – Boating

October 4 – Troop Meeting
7:15 – 8:30 pm
Sycamore Elementary Outside

Opening: Dragons
Activity:
- Boating Knots
- Annual Planning Prep.
Game: Sharks & Minnows
Closing: Badgers

October 11 – Troop Meeting
7:15 – 8:30 pm
Sycamore Elementary MPR

Opening: Bears
Activity:
- Cooking Demo
- Knots & Lashing Review
Game: Basketball
Closing: Cobras

October 15 – Annual Planning Meeting
1:00 – 5:00 pm
Saint Timothy's Church, Danville
Required attendance for ALL Patrol Leaders.

October 18 – Troop Meeting & Parent Meeting
Webelos Open House
7:15 – 8:30 pm
Sycamore Elementary MPR

Opening: Squirrels
Activity:
- Iron Chef
- Knots & Lashings
Game: A-frame racing
Closing: Bears

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October 25 – PLC
7:15 – 8:15 pm
Sycamore Elementary MPR

The planning meeting for our November activities. Mandatory attendance for Patrol Leaders and key Junior Leadership staff.

October 29/30 – Sea Kayaking & Nature Hike
Elkhorn Slough

Organized by our Eagle Patrol – an overnight camping trip to the Monterey area and Elkhorn Slough where we will kayak.

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

Scouts (and adults) in uniform are admitted to Pacificon free of charge. Besides JOTA/JOTI, this includes access to the vendor exhibit area and into ongoing demonstrations such as amateur TV, satellite communications, etc. This year the JOTA station and the JOTI computers will be set up in the same room, so the boys won't miss any of the action. Both of these activities are 'hands-on'. The Scouts will be talking on the radio to other Scouts, and manning the keyboards in monitored Scouts-only internet chat rooms.

There are at least two merit badge opportunities at Pacificon. Besides the radio merit badge, attending JOTA satisfies requirement 9 for Citizenship in the World. We will also have patches available for purchase for JOTA, JOTI, and Pacificon.

Hours of operation:

JOTA - Saturday 9:00 - 5:00, Sunday 9:00-noon

JOTI - Same as above. If your Scouts want to keep extended hours on the internet, they should ask an adult Scouter to contact Clint Collier in advance.

For more information, contact one of the following:

JOTA - Jim Berry (925) 837-8926
email to: info@troop36.net

JOTI - Clint Collier (925) 933-6565
email to: clint@mdsc-ic.org

Other information:

Pacificon: <http://www.pacificon.org/>

Radio merit badge
<http://www.qsl.net/ae9k/radio.html>

Jamboree on the Air:
<http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html>

<http://www.scouting.org/international/jota.html>

Jamboree on the Internet:
<http://www.joti.org/en/>

<http://www.scouting.org/international/joti.html>

Parent Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2005

By Ed Angle, retiring Secretary

Kent Screechfield reviewed the Popcorn sales program for the Troop. Highlights include:

- ❖ Voluntary participation
- ❖ Sales in October, delivery in December
- ❖ First 50% of profit will offset registration fee for a scout
- ❖ Kent will coordinate the program including sales and delivery.

The program proposal was accepted.

Octavio reviewed the proposed 2005-2006 budget. There is approximately \$7,213 in the bank account. Projected income is \$4,750, and expenses are expected to be \$7,650, for a deficit of about \$2,800. That anticipates an additional 8 scouts added to the troop. New revenue sources may have to be found in the future.

One of the major sources of income is e-scrip, and all parents are encouraged to renew their e-scrip

membership each year, as it expires yearly.

Recruiting tactics were reviewed: the first Open House for Webelos is October 18, and the second is November 1. Active recruiting by parents of current scouts is highly encouraged.

The 20th anniversary celebration invitations have been sent to about 80 past scouts and dignitaries. A final count on attendees will not be known until all RSVP's are returned.

A discussion of quarterly meetings led to the conclusions that monthly meetings should be retained.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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.