



# Troop Tidings

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## Scout Skills Weekend – March

By Sue Oki

Do you remember what your responsibilities are for the Toten Chit or Fireman Chit?



Do you understand why we use the three bowl method for cleaning dishes? How about packing a backpack or building a fire? Want to learn more about how to use a compass? What about the rules of Euchre? Or do you just want to have FUN!

Mark your calendars now, our scout skills weekend sponsored by the Badger's is scheduled for March 24-26.

Watch for permission slips soon.

## Summer Camp – 2006

By Susan Oki

Summer Camp this year will be at the Southern Sierra Council's Camp Kern, Lakeshore CA.

**July 30 – August 5, 2006**  
**Camp Kern, Lakeshore CA.**  
**Cost: \$300 fee before 3/28/06\***

\*Includes incidental costs and camp fees.



Summer camp is a great experience and one that every scout should have an opportunity to attend and this year is no exception.

Camp Kern is located on one of the most famous sailing lakes in North America. It is on the shores of Huntington Lake, 7,000 ft above the San Joaquin Valley floor in the High Sierra Mountains of California. A great drive to camp ends at the parking lot where all troops load themselves and their gear onto one of our two camp barges for a 15-minute trip across Huntington Lake.

Troop 805 has a limited number of slots for scouts and scouters.

To assist us in planning, we are asking you to indicate your interest in summer camp now.

To secure a reservation, please complete the reservation form;

<http://troop805.org/forms/2006-07-30%20Camp%20Kern.pdf>

Scholarships are available, contact the Committee Chair or Scoutmaster for details.

# Sunol Backpacking Outing

By Alan Carstensen

On Saturday March 4th and Sunday March 5th, we will be leading a backpacking trip into the Sunol Regional Wilderness. The hike is a nice combination of relatively flat paved road, and a relatively steep backpacking trail the last mile. In total the hike is approximately 3.25 miles each way. This outing has been a popular outing both for the young and older scouts. The trip will give the new scouts a good first exposure to backpacking. We will learn such skills as pitching a backpacking tent, use of backpacking stoves and preparation of backpacking food. We hope that this will not only be a fun outing, but also create some interest in a "half 50" backpacking trip that may be planned this summer.

Cost of the outing is \$15, which covers the cost of backpacking food and the backpacking camping permit. We will meet at 11 am at the Sycamore Park and Ride lot, conduct a pack check, and leave for Sunol approximately 11:30. We will return the scouts to their homes between 11 am and noon on Sunday.

For this particular backpacking trip we want to pack light, but as always, Be Prepared. First of all, each boy should bring a light lunch that we will eat at Sunol before beginning the trip. In addition, each scout will need to bring backpack, hiking boots (preferred) or good pair of athletic shoes, rain poncho, pack cover, lightweight sleeping bag, pad for sleeping bag, 10 essentials, small personal first aid kit (including moleskin), eating utensils and lightweight plate, water bottle (minimum 1 liter like Nalgene bottle), fleece or other lightweight pullover top for night. Do not pack extra items such as electronic devices. They will not be permitted on this outing, and will only add to the weight of the pack. The pack

will be providing Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast, and all special purpose backpacking gear.

*\*\*Special Note: Outing will occur regardless of weather conditions – rain or shine\*\*.*

As long as we have two adult leaders, this outing will be held. Most backpackers, particularly when on multi-day backpacking trips, will encounter rain. The rain is one of the things that makes backpacking such a unique experience. If the weather is inclement, and you decide that your son will not be able to attend the outing, please contact me Friday evening March 3rd. Unfortunately, I will not be able to refund the money collected for the outing

Questions: Contact Alan Carstensen 736-3679 email adcarsten@pacbell. In addition, we will be available at each scout meeting between now and the outing to answer any questions on proper equipment to bring along..

## OA Elections coming soon ...

By Steven Oki

Our Troop Order of the Arrow elections will be held in March/April.



The OA is a service organization made up of scouts who have been

voted in by their Troop membership as exemplifying the Scout Oath and Law. Additionally, candidates must have satisfied certain camping requirements to qualify; see "OA eligibility requirements" below.

Check with the Michael G., our Troop OA Representative, to see if

## This Month's Activities – Camping

**February 3rd –5th**  
**Bear Valley Skiing**  
*Sponsored by the Soaring Eagles Patrol*

**February 7<sup>th</sup> - Troop Meeting**  
**7:15-8:30**  
*Meeting in the MPR*  
*Opening: Badgers Patrol*  
*Activity: First-Aid Merit Badge (Sponsored by Badgers Patrol)*  
*Game: TBD*  
*Closing: Cobras Patrol*

**February 14<sup>th</sup>- Troop Meeting**  
**7:15-8:30 p.m.**  
*Meeting in the MPR*  
*Opening: Squirrels Patrol*  
*Activity: Stove Safety (Sponsored by Dragons and Bears Patrols)*  
*Game: TBD*  
*Closing: Cobras*

**February 17th -20th**  
**Del Valle Fishing/Hiking**  
*Sponsored by the Bears Patrol*

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – Troop Meeting**  
**7:15-8:30**  
*Meeting in the MPR*  
*Opening: Soaring Eagles Patrol*  
*Activity: Presentation on backpacking (Sponsored by Cobras & Eagles)*  
*Game: TBD*  
*Closing: Bears Patrol*

**February 18th – 20th**  
**Baden Powell NYLT at Camp Herms**

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**February 24th –26th**  
**Baden Powell NYLT at Camp**  
**Hermes**

**February 28<sup>th</sup> – PLC Meeting**  
**7:15-8:00**  
**Sycamore MPR**

you have sufficient camping nights to qualify as an election candidate. It's not too late to get some additional camping night.

**OA eligibility requirements are:**

The scout must be at least First Class and has 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.

## World Jamboree 2007

Hey Scouts!

It's not too late to sign your Scout up for World Jamboree in 2007.

This is the Scouting movement's 100th anniversary and is a chance to camp with other Scouts from all over the world.

For those Scouts that would like to find out more, here's your chance:

**Who:** Scouts (and their parents)

**What:** World Jamboree 2007

**Where:** Council Service Center, 800 Ellinwood Way Pleasant Hill

**When:** 7:30 to 8:30pm Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

It's no coincidence that the meeting is held on February 8th, the Scouting anniversary day. This year it's the 99th anniversary of world Scouting and the 96th anniversary of Boy Scouting in the US.

The World Jamboree is being held in England, not too far from where Scouting started. More information is online at:

<http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/world/>, or contact Tom Eppenberger ([tom@eppenberger.com](mailto:tom@eppenberger.com))

## Scout Sunday Feb. 5 and Scout Sabbath Feb. 11

*By Rand Mahoney*

Scouting is based on duty to God, duty to nation, and duty to others. Scouting embraces all faiths and requires reverence and respect of its members. With this as our foundation we continue to grow, and as we grow we continue to improve our communities and ourselves.

In addition to marking the 76th anniversary of Cub Scouting, 2006 is also the 96th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, which was incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910. The Sunday near February 8 (the anniversary of scouting) is designated as Scout Sunday and the following Saturday is designated as Scout Sabbath. It is appropriate for us to commemorate Scouting during a regular religious service of your choosing.

This year, Scout Sunday is Feb. 5 and Scout Sabbath is Feb. 11. The Scout Sunday or Sabbath observance may be as simple as the Scouts just attending a religious service of their choice in uniform. Anything beyond that, which may include participation in a service, should be approved by your presiding priest, rabbi or minister.

The following links are excellent resources for further information.

**Scout Sunday:**

<http://www.scouting.org/relationship/s/05-961/>

**Scout Sabbath:**

<http://www.scouting.org/relationship/s/15-208/>

In addition, Danville Town Council will declare Feb 5th to 11th as Scout week in Danville. Scouts are invited to attend the Council meeting ceremony (wear your uniform) on February 7th at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers, 201 Front Street, Danville.

## Calendar for 2006

Complete details of the 2006 calendar can be found at:

<http://troop805.org/calendar/2006%20AnnualCalendar.pdf>

## 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.