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Troop Tidings

Got Helmet? Bike Hike and Picnic on June 10th

The Troop is having a Bike Hike on Saturday, June 10th. So grab your bike and helmet and let's go have fun! We will be riding through the scenic area of Danville and San Ramon along the Iron Horse Trail. The ride is an easy, flat 10 mile bike ride in an area that is protected from motor vehicles. The boys will be taught some basic cycling information and techniques. They will learn how to ride safely along a trail.

After the ride, the boys will return to Osage Park where they will cook hamburgers and hot dogs for a great picnic lunch.

Guys, bring something fun to do for after lunch!

Special Note: Please wear comfortable clothes that you can ride in. You don't need to wear your Class A or Class B uniforms.

\$\$\$ Recruiting Is Rewarding \$\$\$

By Octavio Ricart

The patrol that brings in the most new scouts will win a PIZZA PARTY for the entire patrol. But there's more, the scout who recruits the most new scouts will win a \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE to REI (the Scout's best friend after Round Table). Start thinking about recruiting activities today! The earlier you start, the more success you'll have.



California Cavern Cave Exploring

By Alan Carstensen

The weekend of June 24 and 25th, Troop 805 will be going on what has become an annual outing to the California Caverns. California Caverns, located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, is known for its series of underground trails and some spectacular stalactite formations. We will be offering a choice of two activities on this outing. One group will be led on a 2 hour Mammoth Cave Expedition. During this trip, you will walk, crawl, wiggle and squirm through natural passages that connect 13 chambers of the caves. During this outing you will get dirty and you will get wet! The second option will be the Trail of Lights walking tour. This tour, lasting a little over an hour, travels by well lit, nearly level passageways and walkways to many of the underground chambers as the longer, more difficult Mammoth Cave Expedition. Both tours will include many opportunities to view the unique helictite and stalactite formations. All ages can participate on both tours. From California Cavern, we will proceed to Lake Comanche Campground to camp overnight.

Cost of the outing is \$95 for the Mammoth Cave Expedition (all ages)

Trail of Lights Tour \$8 (under age 13), \$16 (13 and over) Cost of overnight camping included.

We will be leaving at 8 am sharp on Saturday, and should be back home early to mid afternoon on Sunday.

All scouts will need a signed waiver form and a change of clothes. For those scouts going on the Mammoth Cave Outing, wear old clothes and shoes since

This Month's Activities Theme: Geology

June 2nd 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Troop NYLT

Mrs. Oki's

June 3rd

Mt. Wittenberg Hike

8am to 4pm

Lead by: Mr. Screechfield

Hosted by: Squirrels Patrol.

June 6th - Troop Meeting

7:15-8:30 p.m.

Sycamore MPR

Opening: Soaring Badgers

Activity: Bike Safety

Closing: Cobras

June 10th

10 Mile Bike Hike

9:30am to 2pm

Hosted by: Dragons Patrol

Lead by: Mrs. Lee

June 13th - Troop Meeting

7:15-8:30 pm

Sycamore MPR

Opening: Bears

Activity: Personal Fitness (Make-up)

Patrol Identity

Closing: Squirrels

June 18th 2 p.m.

Angle/Liu - Eagle Court

Danville Community Center

420 Front St.

June 20th - Troop Meeting

7:15-8:30 p.m.

Sycamore "Blacktop"

Opening: Cobras

Activity: Cave Safety / Knots

Closing: Soaring Badgers

June 24th

Spelunking

Hosted by: Badgers Patrol

Lead By: Mr. Carstensen

June 27th– PLC/Board of Review

7:15-8:30 p.m.

Sycamore "Blacktop"

the mud is somewhat resistant to washing! Bring warm sleeping bag, pad for sleeping bag, 10 essentials, small personal first aid kit, personal mess kit, flashlight, and change of clothes for Sunday. Please pack clothes and personal items in a sports bag rather than backpack.

Tents and cooking gear will be provided by the troop..

Bring a bag lunch for Saturday and \$5 to \$10 to purchase lunch on return home Sunday. Patrols will need to plan menu for Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Ideally, I would like to have a total of 3 to 4 adults for this outing to assist with driving and general oversight.

Permission slips are on the website. I will be distributing a waiver form for the outing at the our meetings of June 6th and June 13th, Permission slips and signed release

forms need to be returned to your patrol leader, and a tally provided to Mr. Carstensen no later than Sunday June 18th.... **Absolutely no late permission slips can be accepted.**

Whitewater Rafting

By Bruce Isaeff

Our annual White Water rafting outing will be on July 8th and 9th this year. Please see the permission

slip for all the information. **Don't miss out on the fun – sign up NOW!**

The permission slip for the July 8/9 White Water Rafting trip are available on the web at the following URL:

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[08%20White%20Water%20Rafting.pdf](http://www.troop805.org/forms/2006-07-08%20White%20Water%20Rafting.pdf)

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[http://www.troop805.org/forms/2006-07-](http://www.troop805.org/forms/2006-07-08%20White%20Water%20Rafting-%20Release.pdf)

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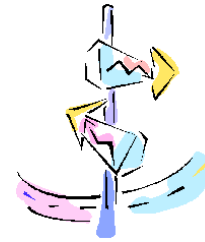


Both forms must be filled out.

Please download the file and encourage your Patrol to attend. The permission slip needs to be returned to your Patrol Leader by the June 13th meeting.

Vision, Mission, and Goals

By SPL/SM



It is important that we have a commons understanding of what we want to achieve as a Troop and as individual Patrols. As part of the recent Troop NYLT

activities the SPL and SM derived a vision, mission and goals for the Troop. We are sharing them here to ensure we are all moving in the same direction.

The Troops focus will be:

Vision:

A troop with excellent participation at all meetings and outings actively focused at the Patrol Method of operation.

Mission:

- To increase Patrol participation at Troop meetings and outings by openly evaluating reasons for non-participation.
- To actively recruit Webelos scouts by holding more joint scout/Webelos outings and activities.
- To focus outings to meet the interests of the majority of the youth membership.
- To educate the Troop leadership team on the Patrol Method and vigorously encourage its use.

Goals:

- Immediately following meetings use the leadership phone tree and emails to evaluate the cause of none attendance.
- To enhance communication on outings and Troop meetings by issuing details via emails the weekend prior to all events.
- To query the Troop membership to determine interest levels by outing type and adjust the Troop calendar as needed through PLC discussions and agreements.
- Derive a list of possible Webelos/Scout activities and include 1-2 on the calendar at least every quarter throughout the year.
- Require the Troop leadership team to attend Troop NYLT to educate them on the Patrol Method.
- To establish goals for all leadership positions which emphasis Patrol Method usage.

Leadership Accountability

By Susan Oki

Leadership accountability is a key factor in the success of any Troop. It is a constant theme at every Annual Planning sessions too. The youth & adult membership want scouts in leadership positions to be more accountable.



accountability for scouts in leadership roles in the Troop.

Again, at the last annual planning meeting our scouts asked that there be more emphasis on

A scout in a leadership position, who wants to use the leadership role for rank advancement, will be asked to formulate a set of goals for his position and review them at the start of his term of office with the SPL and an ASM; this process normally takes place during the Troop NYLT session following the election. During the subsequent Scoutmaster conferences those goals will be used to determine if the scout has shown leadership.

We also ask that the goals be discussed with the scout's parents as they too can have an impact on their completion. The parent of scouts on the leadership team will soon receive details of their sons' goals for this purpose.

Leadership Positions include:

- Senior Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Instructor
- Troop Guide
- Quartermaster
- Scribe
- O/A Representative
- Den Chief
- Chaplain Aide
- Bugler
- Troop Historian
- Librarian
- Patrol Leader

Using this process we encourage the scouts to actively take on the responsibilities they are volunteering for. This will strengthen them as leaders and the Troop as a whole.

Court of Honor - July

Remember JULY is our next Court of Honor! So get those advancements signed off and in to our Awards Chair – Mrs. Wolfe.

The **date is still being finalized** so let your Patrol Leaders know your preference.

Next Month's Activities Theme: Aquatics

July - TBD
Court of Honor
7:15 pm

July 1st
Troop Meeting
7:15 pm

July 8th – 9th
White Water Rafting

July 9th – 14th
NYLT – John Muir

July 11th
Troop Meeting
7:15 pm

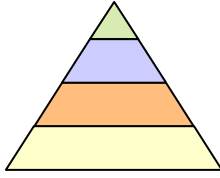
July 25th
PLC/Board of Review
7:15 pm

July 30th – August 5th
Camp Kern – Summer Camp

Reorganization Underway

By Susan Oki

To facilitate better Patrol activities, emphasizing the Patrol Method and to strengthen the Troop as a whole we are reorganizing. Patrols were merged together to make more effective groups and to diversify based on age and rank.



The new organization is represented in the Leadership chart elsewhere in this newsletter.

The existing Patrols have been merged as follows:

Patrol #1

- Dragons,
- Cobras,
- Squirrels

Patrol #2

- Badgers,
- Bears

Over the next month the scouts will be working on their new Patrol identities including names, yells, flags, and of course leadership.

Troop 805 Leaders Receive Honors

By Octavio Ricart

Linda Green and Lori Wolfe were chosen as **Troop 805 Scouters of the Year** for 2005-2006 by the Parent Committee. A certificate was presented to them at the Meridian District Recognition Dinner held on May 19th. The purpose of the award is to recognize the contributions made by adult leaders. While the boys are the most important people in Scouting, the quality of their experience depends on the leaders they have.

Linda and Lori were chosen for their commitment to the Troop. Together they put on the unforgettable 20th Anniversary Party. That alone warrants recognition, but

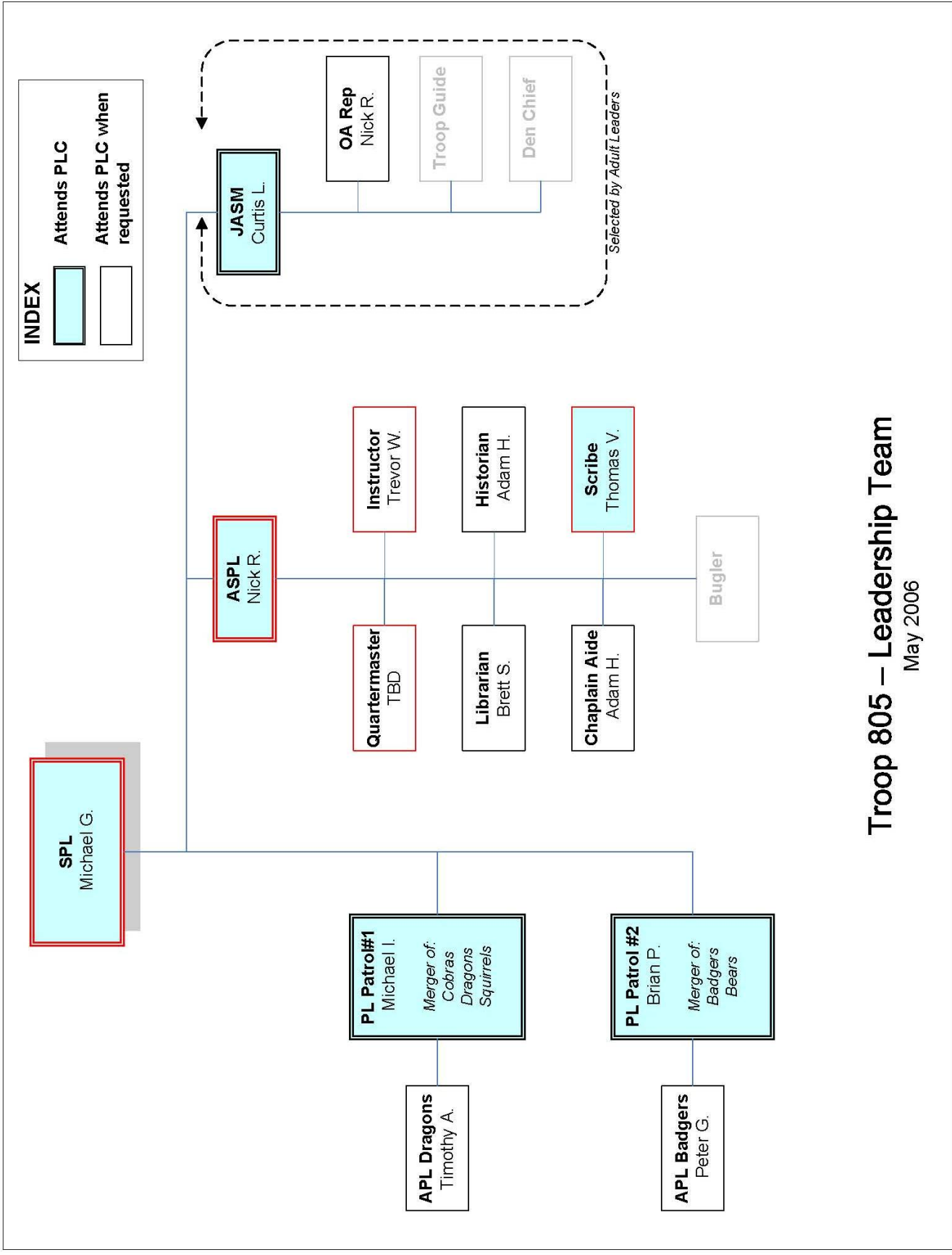
they do much more! Linda has been doing a great job putting on the Courts of Honors each quarter and Lori is serving as Advancement Chair and Merit Badge Counselor.

Assistant Scoutmaster Kent Screechfield received the **District Award of Merit**.

This is one of the highest honors and he joins former Troop 805 winners Sally Andrew and Scoutmaster Sue Oki. Kent also has been doing a great job as the District popcorn chair. The award was a surprise to Kent, who was joined by his family. The presentation began with a slide show featuring pictures of Kent growing up.

A highlight of the evening was Kent's rendition of the "Wood Badge" song. Next time you see him ask: Is there an Owl in the place – and stand back.

Congratulations and thanks to Linda, Lori, and Kent. We all recognize and appreciate the visible effort you put into the Troop, as well as your work behind the scenes with the District. The Troop is grateful for all your efforts.



Troop 805 – Leadership Team

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