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Troop Tidings

Popcorn Sales Start In October

By Kent Screechfield

Troop 805 will again be participating in the Trails-End Popcorn sales this year. This is an opportunity for the scouts to earn money in order to offset next year's registration and pay for scout outings and even summer camp! Flyers with order forms and available prizes will be handed out to the Patrol Leaders in September. The selling period will be from October 1st through October 29th. The great part about the sale is that there is no cost to the Troop to participate and the popcorn tastes great! There are ten different products including a cheddar popcorn three way tin (new this year), chocolately caramel, gourmet caramel, microwave butter, butter light and Kettle Corn. In addition, your scout can earn some great prizes; the first prize level being only \$85.

More specific information will be available at the parent meeting on September 19th. Questions? Contact Kent Screechfield at kscrechfield@lowney.com or 736-5870 up until 9PM.

New Troop 805 Eagle Scout



Please join the Troop in congratulating

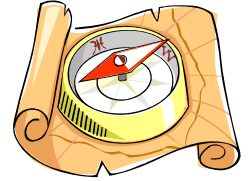
William Valdriz

on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Look for the details of his Eagle Court of Honor in the coming months.

2006/2007 Vision, Mission, & Goals

By SPL/SM



On Saturday August 26 the Troop leadership met to make plans for the 2006/2007 program year. They discussed what they would like to achieve and developed the following Vision, Mission, and Goals for our Troop.

Vision:

A Troop with a dynamic recruitment plan and an outstanding record for participation at all Troop meetings, outings, and events one actively using the Patrol Method of operation.

Mission:

- ❖ Increased Webelos recruitment efforts to successfully enlist Webelos scouts into the Troop.
- ❖ Better Participation by focusing Troop activities to be sufficiently varied to ensure all levels and ages of scouts are having FUN.
- ❖ Focus the Troop to use the Patrol Method to enhanced leadership accountability and improve the operation in general.

Goals:

- ❖ Develop a thorough recruitment plan which includes opportunities for each scout to participate in the efforts and results in the recruitment of between 8-12 Webelos scouts.
 - Bring the recruitment effort to the Packs rather than leaving it solely to them visiting the Troop.

This Month's Activities Theme: Orienteering

September 5th

Troop Meeting at Sycamore School

7:15-8:30

Opening: Frozen Foxes

Activity: Compass Studies

Game: Patrol Corners

Closing: Ligers

September 9th

Canoeing Trip

Sponsored by: Ligers Patrol

Led by: Mr. Screechfield

September 11th

9/11 Memorial

Sponsored by: SM/SPL

Led by: Mrs. Oki

September 12th

Troop Meeting at Sycamore School

7:15-8:30

Opening: Ligers

Activity: Practice Orienteering Course

Game: Patrol Corners

Closing: Frozen Foxes

September 19th

Troop Meeting at Sycamore School

7:15-8:30

Opening: Frozen Foxes

Activity: Patrol Orienteering Competition

Game: Patrol Corners

Closing: Ligers

September 26th

PLC Meeting at Sycamore School

7:15-8:30

September 29th - October 1st

Meridian District Camporee

Sponsored by: Ligers Patrol

Led by: Mr. Cartensen

- Schedule Troop open houses to ensure the maximum participation of the Troop membership.
- Follow up on visits to keep links between Webelos and the Troop active.
- Make multi-media presentations available to the Webelos after a Troop visit.
- Derive a list of possible Webelos/Scout activities and include 1-2 on the calendar at least every quarter throughout the year. Advertising these opportunities to the Packs, and look for ways to participate with Packs on their events.
- Determine a list of key Packs we should focus our attentions on for recruiting so as to spotlight them in our efforts.
- Utilize both adults and scouts in the recruitment effort.
- ❖ Increase Patrol participation to 70% at Troop meetings and outings by adding more variety to the sessions and making them more enjoyable to all participants.
 - Utilize “Troop Resources Features” (aka “Wood Wisdom”) as the basis of Troop meetings and outings wherever possible.
 - Develop the plans so that all Patrols have a role in the production of the meetings.
 - Include inter-patrol activities/competitions at least once during each month.
 - Incorporate advancement opportunities such as merit badges and scout skill requirements in to the monthly program.
 - Patrol Leaders to follow up with their Patrols at least monthly to evaluate the meetings and causes of none attendance. They will report on their findings at the PLC.
- ❖ Educate the Troop on the Patrol Method and vigorously encourage its use and leadership accountability for putting it into practice.
 - Require the Troop leadership team to attend Troop NYLT to educate them on Patrol Method.
 - Establish goals for all leadership positions which emphasis Patrol Method usage.
 - Enhance communication within the Patrol by holding the leadership accountable for following the Patrol Method. Hold regular discussions at PLCs.
 - Increase communication on outings and Troop meetings by ensuring the Patrol Leaders have sufficient information the week prior.
 - Current and future Troop meeting plans will be posted at meetings.
 - Outing sponsors will provide details at meetings and the PLC on plans. Outing leaders to attend PLCs for planning and communications purposes.
 - Look for ways to reward Patrols for their effort on setting the example: by wearing full scout uniform, participating in Troop, showing scout spirit and outwardly using the Patrol Method.
 - Attendance and uniform reviews will be taken by the Patrol Leaders at the start of meetings with impromptu uniform inspections being announced by the SPL. Scribe will tally this information and report out at the PLC.

The Phoenix Have Flown

By Susan Oki

Our Phoenix patrol is no more! These scouts are off to college and on to another phase in their lives.



So where are they going?

- Jonathan A. – UC San Diego, San Diego CA
- Sean C. – Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
- Curtis L. – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA
- Chris O. – Arizona State University, Tempe AZ

We certainly will miss them but we hope they'll come back to visit when their next home from school.

October – Court of Honor



Please mark your calendars for the October Court of Honor.

Date: Oct 17
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Sycamore Elementary – MPR

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.

Summer Camp 2006 – Check Out Those Ties

By Susan Oki



The Troop had a rewarding time at the Southern Sierra Council's Camp Kern, Lakeshore CA, this last August. They enjoyed it so much the plan is to return to the Camp in 2007.

The camp has a great program, excellent food, and awesome staff.

Here's a picture of just one of the many activities from camp, Crazy Tie Day.

If you'd like to see more go to the Historian's link on the Troop website – it's the camera icon.

Reminder

Just a reminder the following outing deadlines and activities will occur in September:

- Sep 05 Permission Slip Deadline for 9/11 Memorial (Sep 11)
- Sep 09 Canoe Trip
- Sep 11 9/11 Memorial
- Sep 12 Permission Slip Deadline for Meridian District Camporee (Sep 29-Oct 1)
- Sep 19 Parents Meeting
- Sep 26 Court of Honor Reservation Due
Notify your PL of your families participation
- Sep 29 Meridian District Camporee

Next Month's Activities Theme: Oceanography

Oct 3rd

Troop Meeting
7:15pm

Oct 10th

Troop Meeting
7:15pm

Oct 17th

Court of Honor
6:30pm

Oct 24th

Troop Meeting
7:15pm

Oct 21 -22

Beach Campout

Oct 31st

Board of Review
7:15pm