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Troop Tidings

2007 Summer Camp

Troop 805's 2007 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 29th through August 4th** and the second payment is due at the **February 13th** Troop meeting.



This year's camp will be held again at Camp Kern, a high Sierra camp operated by the Southern Sierra Council. 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 our 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.

As usual, this will be a great opportunity for the boys to enjoy the fun and adventure of camp life, and to make significant progress towards advancement in rank, amid the rugged beauty of the Sierra.

Check out the Camp Kern web site at:

<http://www.campkern.net/>,

to learn more about the camp, and camp programs.

Skiing!

By Kent Screechfield

The Frozen Foxes Patrol is sponsoring a Troop skiing trip in February 16-18th.

We will be heading up to the Bear Valley Ski Area and staying at the cabin in

Dorrington (about 30 minutes from Bear Valley). This trip is a great opportunity to spend a fun day skiing with your friends. Parents, you're also welcome to participate

in the weekend ski trip.



To help you in your planning and decision, here is some key info on this trip. More

detailed information will be available on the trip permission slip located at the following link:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2007-02-16%20Ski%20Trip.pdf>

- ❖ Leave on Friday morning at approximately 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Returning to Danville about 6 p.m. Sunday evening.
- ❖ Trip limited to a maximum of 20 participants (adults and scouts).
- ❖ Scouts 12 years old and younger **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- ❖ One dinner and one breakfast at the cabin will be provided. Patrols need to coordinate food for one dinner and one breakfast. Lunch at the ski area and meal on the trip up and back are the responsibility of each participant.

As with all trips to the snow, remember to dress in layers to stay comfortable. A base layer is needed against your skin to "wick" the moisture away, two "warmth" layers for the upper body and an "outer" layer that is water resistant. You can enhance the "outer" layer by spraying on a fresh coat of durable water repellent (e.g. REI's Elements, Marmont PreCip, Columbia's Entrant, GoreTex, etc.) Wearing two "thinner warmth" layers instead of one "thick warmth" layer allows the individual to:

This Month's Activities

Theme: Snow Sports

Outings

Bear Valley Skiing

When: Friday 2/16/2007

to Sunday 2/18/2007

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Patrol in Charge: Frozen Foxes

Permission Slip Due Date: 2/6 (new scouts can register on the 13th meeting)

Meetings

February 6th

Where: Troop meeting at Danville Town Council

Special Note: Full Class A, must have transportation both ways

When: 7:15pm-8:30pm

Opening: TBD

Activity: Observe and participate in town council meeting

Patrol Corners: Yes

Game: None

Closing: TBD

February 13th

Where: Troop meeting at Sycamore School

When: 7:15pm-8:30pm

Special Note: First meeting with new scouts

Opening: Frozen Foxes

Activity: Venture crew presentation, organize new scout patrols, and talk about skiing outing

Patrol Corners: Yes

Game: TBD

Closing: Ligers

February 20th

Where: Troop Meeting at Sycamore School

When: 7:15pm-8:30pm

Opening: Ligers

Activity: Teach new scouts scout skills: knots, first aid, tent pitching, flags, yells, etc.

Patrol Corners: Yes

Game: TBD

Closing: Frozen Foxes

Note: As always all the most recent permission slips, outing schedules, and news can be found at www.troop805.org

- ❖ Adjust the amount of clothing worn to suit the level of exertion, weather, etc.
- ❖ Have an additional layer for moisture protection (such as water seeping through the “outer” layer).

Questions?

Contact Kent Screechfield at sm@troop805.org or 736-5870 up until 9PM.

Pre-Camporee Weekend

By Kent Screechfield

The Liger Patrol is sponsoring the Pre-Camporee Weekend March 23-25, 2007.



The event traditionally is intended to teach scout skills and encourage Patrol spirit in the form of inter-Patrol competitions. It enables our scouts to prepare for attendance of the District Camporee at the end of April.

The event offers younger Scouts a chance to work on their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements. Once the skills have been taught, the fun begins as the Patrols test themselves on how well the skills have been learned. Older scout too hone their skills and leadership by signing up to teaching a skill or run a competition.

Looks for permission slip to be published shortly on the web or ask you Patrol Leader for details following the February PLC.

Leadership & You

There are many ways a scout can show leadership in the Troop; they can sign-up for a position, they can be elected by his fellow scouts, they can be asked to take on a leadership role, or they can identify a need and ask the Scoutmaster if they can address it. Scouts in leadership positions are critical to the



successful operation of the Troop as a whole.

One of the key things expected of any leader is “**Setting the Example**”. They do so by actively participating in Troop meetings and outings — our leaders are required to attend at least 2/3 of the meetings and outings. They similarly “**Set the Example**” by wearing the Scout uniform and by helping whenever they are asked but also looking for opportunities to assist the Troop. Our boy leaders are also asked to establish at least one goal for their leadership position. These are activities or tasks relevant to their position of office which helps them make a difference; a mechanism by which they can help the Troop and themselves.

Start looking for ways you can make a difference! All leadership position responsibilities are described on the Troop website. Don't let your leadership role go un-noticed.

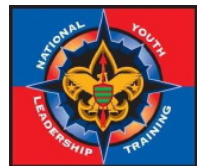
Whether you are in a defined leadership role or not you can still be a leader and aid your fellow scouts. Always be on the look out for ways that you too can help the Troop or another scout. Remember to proudly live the scout oath and law whenever you can and look for ways to show your leadership skills and scout spirit.

National Youth Training Conference

aka Junior Leader Training Conference

By Kent Screechfield

This is your chance to nominate yourself to attend the summer National Youth Leadership Training scheduled for June/July.



This training course is an intensive practical experience in Scoutcraft and Leadership Skills set in a model troop situation. It is intended for mature Scouts who are at least 13 years old by the start of the course, and have achieved the First Class rank.

The Mount Diablo Silverado Council offers two summer courses as follows:

- Brownsea NYLT: June 17th, 2007 @ noon (Sunday) thru June 22nd, 2007 @ 8:00 pm (Friday)
- John Muir NYLT: July 8th, 2007 @ noon (Sunday) thru July 13th, 2007 @ 8:00 pm (Friday)

The cost to attend either course is \$200. The clock is already ticking if you'd like to be CONSIDERED as a candidate for NYTC. We are only able to send two scouts to each courses and already have two scouts who have voiced an interest. If you'd like to hear more about past experiences talk to one of the scouts who attended in a prior year: Thomas V., Michael G., Nick R., Will V., or Trevor W. Remember, if you'd like to be CONSIDERED as a candidate for NYTC, contact the Scoutmaster.

Sacramento Urban Backpacking

By Alan Carstensen

Saturday January 27th our troop visited Sacramento for a day of urban backpacking.



Five of us, armed with our daypacks complete with lunches and snacks started our trek at the Martinez Amtrak station. We took the California Zephyr, which was bound for Chicago to the Amtrak station in West Sacramento. Because of mechanical problems with the train, the trip took two hours, twice as long as scheduled. Sure felt sorry for those travelers who were headed all the way to Chicago! We arrived in Sacramento about noon, and hiked to the Capitol grounds. What a beautiful site, and although it had rained in the Bay Area, the weather was fantastic. While in the grounds we stopped for a quick lunch. After lunch, we took a tour of the capitol grounds and a self guided tour of the capitol. Highlights of the tour included touring both the Assembly and Senate chambers, the rotunda and its great artwork, and a 3D movie on the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906. After completing our capitol tour, we hiked to Old Town Sacramento. While in Old Town we went into several shops, including the must stop

– “The Candy Barrel.” Unfortunately, our morning delay meant that we did not have enough time to tour the Railroad Museum. We returned to Martinez late Saturday afternoon, this time with no delays! All and all a great day for all!

Calendar for 2007

Complete details of the 2007 calendar can be found at:

<http://troop805.org/calendar/2007%20AnnualCalendar.pdf>

New Scouts



Please welcome our newest scouts from:

Pack 802

Alex C.
Garrison K.
Gautam R.
Hayden C.
Ian M.
John M.
Kevin C.
Krishna P.
Ryan M.
Wesley H.

Pack 689

Brandon Y.
Charlie L.
David R.
Marc T.
Mitchell M.
Tom R.
Tyler S.
Willie W.

Next Month's Preview Theme: Mechanics

Outings

Sugarloaf PreCamporee

When: Friday 3/23/2007
to Sunday 3/25/2007

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Meetings

March 6th

Where: Troop meeting

March 13th

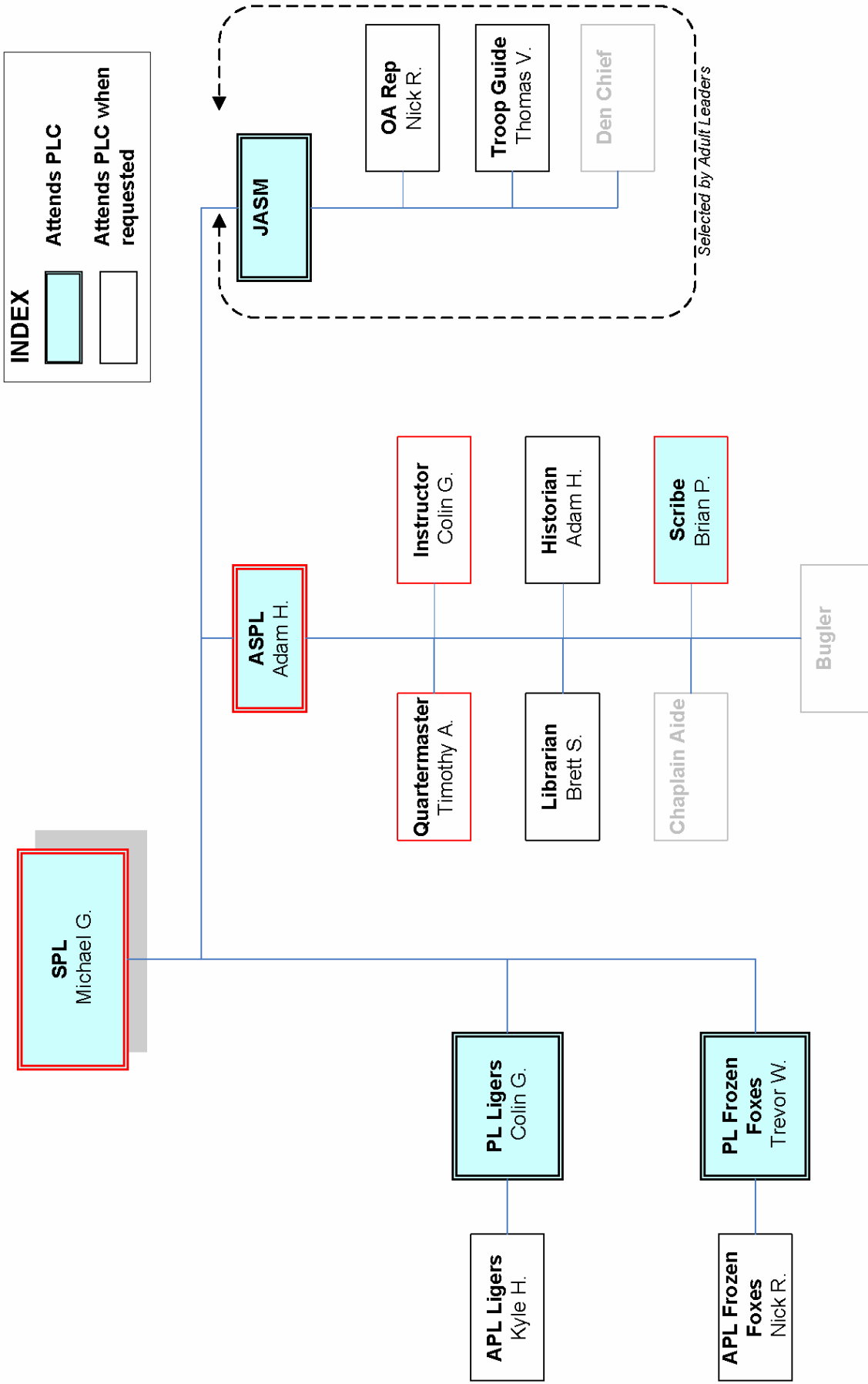
Where: Troop meeting

March 20th

Where: Troop meeting and Parent meeting

March 27th

Where: Troop PLC



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Attends PLC

Attends PLC when requested

Troop 805 – Leadership Team

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