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Troop Tidings

Bicycling

By Rand Mahoney

May is National Bike Month™. Since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has sponsored this celebration of cycling. It includes:



- Bike-to-Work/School Week from May 14-18;
- Bike-to-Work/School Day on Friday, May 18.

Please do your part to encourage family and friends to participate. This is an opportunity to get some exercise, consume less gasoline, and produce less greenhouse gas (CO₂). For more info, see:

<http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bike/month/>

Our troop's theme for June is bicycling and we will have two events for this -- a 10-mile bike ride on June 9 and a 15-mile bike ride on June 23. We will also cover bicycle safety and maintenance. We hope you can participate!

May 19th Hike and Shorter May 20th Hike

On Saturday May 19th and Sunday May 20th, Troop 805 will offer a point to point backpacking trip along the Ohlone Trail from Lake Del Valle to Sunol Regional Park. .

This two day hike will be a companion outing the May 20th day only outing to Sunol Regional Park. Day 1 of the backpacking trip will cover approximately 5.5 miles between Del Valle to our overnight camp at Stewarts Camp.



This first day will include substantial elevation gain. Day 2 of the trip will be 14 miles of primarily level to downhill terrain. We anticipate a total of 7 hours backpacking on Sunday. Because of the altitude gain and distance, this is considered a **venture level** outing and requires previous backpacking experience. This trip will be a perfect “next step” to prepare for longer backpacking trips such as Philmont or a 50 miler.

In addition, on Sunday May 20th, we will be offering a second backpacking day trip at Sunol Regional Park. This will be a 1-day companion outing to the strenuous 2-day backpacking trip from Del Valle to Sunol by the older scouts. The Sunol outing will be short (~6 miles) “out and back” hike with only moderate elevation gain. Participants will meet the incoming Del Valle crew at the Sunol Backpack area early Sunday afternoon. This hike is geared towards those scouts with limited or no experience backpacking, although we welcome all scouts and adults who wish to join. Participants will receive on-the-trail experience covering proper use of backpack, pitching backpacking tents, use of backpacking stoves, and preparation of backpacking food. We are offering this less strenuous hike with the goal of providing a positive first experience to those scouts who have limited or no prior backpacking experience. We hope that this will not only be a fun outing, but also create interest in longer trips later this year or next.

Permission slips for both events are posted on the Troop 805 website.

Questions: Contact Alan Carstensen at 925=736-3679 adcarsten@pacbell.net for Del Valle to Sunol backpacking trip.

Contact Terry Church at 925-736-0636 or tchurch@pacbell.net for the Sunol outing.

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This Month's Activities Theme: Backpacking

Outings

Danville Bike Rodeo

When: Saturday 5/5 10am – 2pm
What: Service project in support of the Danville Bike Rodeo.
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

K-Day

When: Sunday 5/6 1- 4pm
What: Assisting the Kiwanis Club in their annual "Kiwanis Day" community service project.
Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki

Backpacking

When: Saturday 5/19 – Sunday 5/20
Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstenson

Meetings

May 1st Troop Meeting

When: 7:15 – 8:30pm
Opening: Frozen Foxes
Activity: First Aid round robins (2nd Class First Aid requirements)
Patrol Corners: No
Game: TBD
Closing: Eagles

May 8th Troop Meeting SPL/PL Elections

When: 7:15pm-8: 30pm
Opening: Pine Trees
Activity: Troop Elections, Outdoor Code
Patrol Corners: Yes - Backpacking Planning
Game: TBD
Closing: Panthers

May 15th Troop Meeting, Parent Meeting

When: 7:15pm-8: 30pm
Opening: Ligers
Activity: Pack check, distribute gear for Sunol Backpacking Trip
Patrol Corners: Yes
Game: TBD
Closing: Eagles

May 22nd Troop Meeting

When: 7:15pm-8: 30pm
Opening: Panthers
Activity: To Be Announced
Patrol Corners: No
Game: TBD
Closing: Foxes

May 29th PLC

SPL and PL Election



Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for May 8.

The job descriptions for all leadership positions can be found on the Troop Website at:

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

It is critical to have good representation and Troop leadership. Please make your vote count by attending this important meeting.

All scout interested in running for the SPL position MUST meet the Scoutmaster at the May 1 Troop Meeting.

The new leadership team is REQUIRED to attend Troop Leadership Training (aka TLT) on June 2, 2007. There they learn about their positions, share ideas and are asked to establish at least one goal for their leadership position. Goals 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.

May 5 Bike Rodeo at Spring Fest 2007

By Kent Screechfield

The City of Danville and Danville Police Department in association with the Meridian

District Boy Scouts is sponsoring Spring Fest 2007. The event will be held on May 5th between 10AM and 2PM at the Danville Community Center. This event is open to the public to promote safety and wellness in the community. Various participants will have arts and crafts, face painting, fingerprinting, balloons, music, BBQ and more. The local Boy Scout Troops are



supporting the Bike Rodeo portion to promote bicycle safety and awareness in the community. Troops will cover various stations and Troop 805 has volunteered to help out with Registration and Theft Prevention. Since we are the first group the public will see, we want to make sure we give them a great first impression. Volunteer times will be broken into three shifts with a 15 minute overlap to make the transition smooth:

Shift #1 – 9:30AM to 11:15AM; Shift #2 - 11:00AM to 12:45PM; Shift #3 - 12:30PM to 2:15PM

There are a few items our Troop will need to provide such as tags with station numbers, appropriate table decorations and various locks for bikes (some bad locks that are easy to break and some recommended ones). If you have any of these items, please email Kent Screechfield at sm@troop805.org. Class A uniform is mandatory for this event.

National Youth Leadership 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 Counsel 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 classes start to fill up in early May so if you'd like to be CONSIDERED as a candidate for NYLT, notify the Scoutmaster immediately. We are only able to send two scouts to each course and already have one scout that has signed up. 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., Trevor W. or Adam H.

Remember, if you'd like to be CONSIDERED as a candidate for NYLT, contact the Scoutmaster.

Your Troop Needs You!

By Susan Oki

Please consider helping the Troop in one of the many roles that support our sons. Remember the uniformed leaders and the parent committee is a TEAM (*Together Each Achieves More*).



Contact the Committee Chair if you can help with any of the vacant slots.

ADMINISTRATION

- **Seamstress (Mani Peri)**
Responsible for making our Troop neckerchief. Includes coordinating patch purchases, and materials for neckerchief – costs all reimbursed by Troop, of course. This tends to be, at most, a twice yearly activity primarily during January/February when we get an influx of new scouts.

- **School Liaison (VACANT)**
Coordinates with Sycamore Valley Elementary to ensure meeting room reservations are placed in a timely manner. On an annual basis, works with the school identifies a service project suitable for scout participation that will defray cost of meeting room space. Twice yearly activity – Spring and Summer.
- **Charter Organization Coordinator (VACANT)**
Go between on matters that require Charter Organization involvement such as Adult Application processing, 4th of July Parade, annual Kiwanis Service Project, ... Twice yearly activities as well as intermittent needs.

ADVANCEMENT

- **Eagle Court Liaison(s) (VACANT)**
The individual responsible for helping our Eagle Scout prepare their Court of Honor. Duties include coordinating with local dignitaries, obtaining letters of recognitions from government and other organizations, maintaining the Eagle Scout plaque, and generally providing moral support to the Eagle Scout and his family during planning. Can be handled by 1 or 2 individuals as a team. Frequency of activities limited to when Eagle Scout rank awarded to a scout.
- **Court of Honor Coordinator (VACANT)**
Assists Advancement Chair with publishing the Court of Honor program. Computer skills needed. Quarterly activities prior to the Court of Honor.
- **Database Mgr. (Marlene Foster)**
Responsible for the maintenance and support of the Troop database (Troopmaster). Works to merge/distribute satellite databases to Advancement and Merit Badge Coordinator, and provided reports to Scoutmaster and Committee Chair as needed. Minimum of quarterly activity occasionally monthly duties included.

Next Month's Preview Theme: Bicycling

Outings

10 Mile Bike Hike

When: Saturday 6/9
Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

15 Mile Bike Hike

When: Sunday 6/23
Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen

Meetings

June 2nd, Saturday Troop NYLT

June 5th Troop Meeting

June 12th Troop Meeting

June 19th Troop Meeting, Parent Meeting

June 26th PLC

- **Hospitality (Lynda Green)**
Coordinates refreshments for Court of Honor or other social events. A minimum of quarterly activities.

EQUIPMENT

- **T-Shirt Salesperson (Donna Church)**
A resource for the sale of the Troop T-shirts. Duties involve researching and coordinating T-shirt manufacture, and being available to the Troop membership for T-shirt orders and distribution. The Troop is currently looking to upgrade the Troop T-shirt to a non-wicking material so may require an initial period of activity beyond what would normally be expected.
- **Quartermaster Aid (VACANT)**
Helps the adult quartermaster in maintaining the Troop equipment. Varied level of activity.

ACTIVITIES

- **Summer Camp Coordinator (Joan Martin)**
Serves as a single point of contact for all the paperwork necessary for scouts and adults attending Summer Camp (medical forms, shooting sports permission slips, etc.) and compiles same for the adults in charge. Additionally, keeps a tally of payments made by scouts/adults and coordinates deposits with the treasurer.
- **Medical Coordinator (VACANT)**
Maintains the Troop First Aid kits and responsible for collecting medical forms and coordinating with the Database Mgr. to maintain Troop records of the same. Involvement varies but likely limited to quarterly tasks.
- **Transportation Coordinator (VACANT)**
Coordinates driver for outings. Works with the outing adult leadership to ensure there are sufficient drivers, etc for any outing. Could be handled by multiple people. Possible assistance in obtaining Tour Permits from council could also be needed. A monthly activity.

- **Permission Slip (VACANT)**
Assists uniformed Leaders in authoring permissions slips in a timely manner. Provided permission slips to webmaster for publication. A monthly activity.

SECRETARY

- **Secretary (VACANT)**
Aids the Committee Chair by maintaining the minutes of the parent committee meetings. Works with the Newsletter Editor to include minutes in the "Troop Tidings". A once a month responsibility.
- **Webmaster (VACANT)**
In charge of maintaining the Troop website. This job primarily involves publishing documents provided by other Troop members (permission slips, newsletter, calendar ...) on a monthly basis. Also includes the maintenance of the Troop email distribution lists and forwarding addresses.
- **Newsletter Editor (VACANT)**
Responsible for producing the monthly Newsletter from articles provided by adult leadership, scouts and parent committee. Computer skills a must. Monthly activity.

TRAINING

- **Merit Badge Councilor Coordinator (Anne Wiedenmann)**
Maintains the MBC lists for the Troop and coordinates the addition of councilor's with the District Advancement Chair. Varied low level activity.
- **Adult Training Liaison (VACANT)**
Responsible for tracking adult training needs and alerting the Scoutmaster and Committee Chair of needs. Varied low level activity.

FINANCE

- **Fundraising (VACANT)**
Coordinates fundraising activities suitable for scout involvement. Currently the Troop participates in the Council Popcorn fundraiser. Typically an annual activity.

- **Recharter (VACANT)**
Coordinates completion of the Recharter process to ensure on time submission. Tracks down delinquent registration fees, etc. An annual activity in the fall.

Verification of Information

By Susan Oki



Don't forget we are trying to ensure we have the most current information on our scouts and scouters in the Troop database.

We need your help in verifying the personal information that we have and to ensure we have the most current medical insurance details by obtain photocopies of your insurance cards. The current information that the Troop has was distributed at the April 16 Court of Honor. If you need additional copies please don't hesitate to ask.

You are requested to provide updated information to the Committee Chair by May 1.

TROOP COMMITTEE POSITIONS

