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# Troop Tidings

## New Troop 805 Eagle Scout



Please join the Troop in congratulating

**Michael Isaeff**

on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

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

## October – Court of Honor

Our October Court of Honor will soon be upon us so mark your calendar:

The date is:

**Date: October 16, 2007**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Location: Sycamore MPR**



The Court of Honor is a special Troop wide event held four (4) times a year to recognize our Scouts rank advancements, merit badges earned and other achievements. We will hear about the Troop activities over the past few months too – campouts, hikes, service project, or just plain fun. The evening starts with a meal planned by our scouts; it can be a potluck supper, a pizza extravaganza, a Mexican fiesta, an ice cream social, or simply a dessert night.

The food selection for this Court of Honor will be: **Pizza and Salad** (for a nominal \$5 charge) and each family is asked to bring a **Dessert** to share.

It's a big deal and an event that we'd like to see every scout and his family, including siblings, attends. Whether your scout is receiving an award or not please plan to be there to encourage and celebrate our Troop accomplishments.

## Got Your Board of Review?

By Lori Wolfe

The last board of review will be October 9 before the October 16 court of honor. Please keep this in mind when finishing up and earning recognition.

Also consider completing any partial blue cards. This helps a lot in keeping the paperwork straight for merit badges.

You can email me with questions or comments at [awards@troop805.org](mailto:awards@troop805.org).

See you at the Court of Honor!!! Don't forget to RSVP and pay your money!!

## This Month's Activities

### Theme: Rifle Shooting

## Outings

### **Fremont Peak Campout**

**When:** Friday 10/05/2007 – Sunday 10/07/2007

**What:** A two-night three-day campout at Fremont Peak State Park, a Rim of the Bay hike at Pinnacles National Monument, and an evening astronomy program and star gazing at the Fremont Peak Observatory.

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Mahoney & Mr. Church

**Patrol in Charge:** Panthers  
**Permission Slip Due:** Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Rifle Shooting**

**When:** 10/20

**What:** Parental permission to fire .22 caliber rifles required for participation in this outing. Bring own water as water on site is not potable. Not set up to work on rifle shooting merit badge requirements as part of morning activities. There will be 3-4 NRA certified instructors on site. This outing has a maximum participant number of 20 (Scouts and adults). Participation will be on a first come/first served basis.

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Matsunaga & Mrs. Oki

**Patrol in Charge:** Frozen Foxes  
**Permission Slip Due:** Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

## Meetings

### **October 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop Meeting:**

**Opening:** Frozen Foxes

**Activities:** Archery Round Robins: parts of a bow, terms used with archery, archery safety.

**Patrol Corners:** No

**Closing:** Pine Trees

### **October 9<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting:**

**Opening:** Ligers

**Activities:** Shooting safety in preparation for our rifle shooting outing.

**Patrol Corners:** No

**Closing:** Panthers

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## Former Dragon/Ligers on the Move

*By Kent Screechfield*

Will Valdriz is off to college and on to another phase in his life. Will is attending DVC and will be back to visit us as his time permits. Another Liger attending college but still with our Troop is Michael I who is attending Las Positas College. Michael will also be leaving the Liger Patrol when he turns 18 the end of the month.

## Camping Under the Stars ... Lots of Them

*By Rand Mahoney and Terry Church*

What could be finer? The troop is looking forward to a FUN weekend campout and hike in the Pinnacles the weekend of October 5-7, featuring star gazing with a 30-inch telescope! The Panther Patrol has planned a fantastic 3-day, 2-night campout at Fremont Peak State Park near Hollister. On Saturday we will do the Rim of the Bay hike at Pinnacles National Monument, followed by an evening astronomical program by the Fremont Peak Observatory Association. The Pinnacles are the spectacular remains of an ancient, extinct volcano. The site features massive monoliths, spires and sheer-walled canyons. The rock formations make spectacular 'pinnacles' that attract rock climbers (however, we will do NO rock climb at this event). Peregrine Falcons live in this area and the area is a release site for the endangered California Condor. There will be many interesting sites to see.



Fremont Peak is home to the Fremont Peak Observatory, which includes a 30" Newtonian-design telescope ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newtonian\\_telescope](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newtonian_telescope)). The observatory is a favorite place for serious astronomers. It is away from the light pollution of the Bay Area and at a high enough altitude (over 3000 feet) that it is above the air pollution. There will be no moon the night we are there, so this will be a perfect time to see more stars and planets than you have ever seen before. You might even be able to wave at the Man on the Moon!

The permission slip and additional details are available on our website. Permission slips must be turned in at the Scout Meeting on Tuesday, October 2.

Reference websites:

Fremont Peak State Park (<http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/564/files/FremontPeak.pdf>)

Pinnacles Rim of the Bay hike ([http://www.sfbac.org/activities/act\\_rob\\_pinnacles.cfm](http://www.sfbac.org/activities/act_rob_pinnacles.cfm))

Fremont Peak Observatory Association (<http://www.fpoa.net>)

## The Catch from Brannan Island



## October Troop Shooting Outing

Did the sharpshooter in you wake up at summer camp? If so you will want to mark Saturday, October 20 on your calendar. This is the date for the troop's shooting outing. We will be going to a rifle range in Concord, run by the United Sportsmen Club. In addition to use of their range the members of the club will provide 3-4 NRA certified instructors for the event, use of their personal rifles, hearing protection, safety glasses, targets and ammunition. The only thing you will need to bring is your enthusiasm and some water (the water at the range is not potable). We will meet at the Sycamore Park 'n Ride at 8:30 and probably return about 1:00



This outing has a strict limit of 20 people shooting, so get your permission slip in quickly as participation will be on a "first come first served" basis. The permission slip is available on the troop web site and is due no later than Tuesday, October 9.

Any questions about this outing contact Neal Matsunaga at 838-1617 or [nkmats@aol.com](mailto:nkmats@aol.com).

## 2008 Registrations – Heads Up!



The Troop annual registration fee is due November 2; be on the look out for the details via a Troop wide mailing by mid-October. This registration fee is used to cover membership costs for our youth and adults due to the Boy Scout of America, insurance coverage, awards, incidental outing expenses, and equipment maintenance.

Please return the registration packets promptly so that we can minimize follow up and ensure we get all returning scouts and scouters registered on time.

## This Month's Activities

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### Meetings

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

**When:** 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

**Opening:** Eagles

**Closing:** Frozen Foxes

**Note:** There will be a \$5 entrance fee for dinner. We will be having pizza and salad with a potluck desert, so everyone needs bring one dessert item.

#### **October 23rd Meeting:**

**When:** 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

**Opening:** Pine Trees

**Activities:** Back to school party! We will be having a Nerf gun patrol competition along with some other games.

**Patrol Corners:** Yes, discuss what patrols want to do at next month's troop meetings.

**Closing:** Ligers

# Next Month's Activities

## Theme: Engineering

# January - December, 2008

## Troop 805 - Yearly Planner

### Outings

#### Scouting for Food / Bottle Rockets

**When:** Saturday 11/17/2007  
**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Mahoney & Mr. Oki  
**Patrol in Charge:** OA, Ligers

### Meetings

**Nov 6**  
 Troop Meeting  
 7:15- 8:30

**Nov 13**  
 Troop Meeting  
 SPL / PL Elections  
 7:15-8:30 pm

**Nov 27**  
 PLC  
 7:15pm

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#### January

- 12 15-Mile Bike Hike
- 26 Skiing - Bear Valley
- 27 Skiing - Bear Valley
- 28 Skiing - Bear Valley

#### February

- 9 Day Hike
- 16 Snow Camping
- 17 Snow Camping
- 18 Snow Camping

#### March

- 1 10-Mile Bike Hike
- 8 Kiwanis Big-K (TBD)
- 15 Rockclimbing
- 16 Rockclimbing

- 29 Sycamore Service Prj.

#### April

- 4 Scout Skills - Sugarloaf
- 5 Scout Skills - Sugarloaf
- 6 Scout Skills - Sugarloaf

- 25 Camporee

- 26 Camporee

- 27 Camporee

#### May

- 3 15-Mile Bike Hike
- 16 Yosemite w/Pack 802
- 17 Urban Backpacking
- Yosemite w/Pack 802

- 18 Urban Backpacking
- Yosemite w/Pack 802

#### June

- 7 Troop NYLT
- 14 Day Hike
- 27 Canoeing

- River Rafting

- 28 Canoeing

- River Rafting

- 29 Canoeing

- River Rafting

#### July

- 4 4th July Parade

- 12 25-Mile Bike Hike

- 13 25-Mile Bike Hike

- 27 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp

- 28 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp

- 29 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp

- 30 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp

- 31 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp

#### August

- 1 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp

- 9 Annual Planning Mtg.

- 10 Day Hike

- 16 Beach Campout

- 17 Beach Campout

#### September

- 13 Rifle Shooting

- 27 Spelunking

- 28 Spelunking

#### October

- 11 Day Hike

- 25 Sea Kayaking

- 26 Sea Kayaking

#### November

- 8 Sunol Backpacking

- 9 Sunol Backpacking

- 15 Scouting for Food

#### December

- 6 Troop NYLT

- 7 Bowling

- 13 15-Mile Bike Hike

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