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Troop Tidings

Canoeing June 27-29- Row that Boat

By: Glen Aikin, ASM

This is the preliminary announcement for Canoeing Overnighter at Burke's Canoe Trips on the Russian River. In preparation, we need to get a preliminary head count of participants. Estimated cost is between \$40 and \$55 per person (not including food) as determined by the number of scouts attending and canoes needed. Final details and the permission slip will be posted in the coming weeks.

The preliminary plan is to drive up to the Russian River late Friday afternoon on June 27th. Camp Friday night, canoe on the river Saturday, camp Saturday night, and return Sunday June 29th in the early afternoon.

For those of you not familiar with Burke's Canoe Trips, we camp right on the Russian River where we launch the canoes on Saturday morning. Burke's provides orientation training, canoes, paddles and life jackets. Then it's participant information right away.

Check out burkescanoetrips.com from Canoeing 2006 in the Troop Scrap Book at troop805.org.

June 14 Bike Ride

By Rand Mahoney, ASM

On Flag Day (Saturday, June 14th), come join Mr. Mahoney on his typical work-to-home bike commute route from east Walnut Creek to Wood Ranch in east Danville. We will travel

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Summer Camp Medical Forms Needed ASAP!

By Kent Screechfield



As you are all aware, Summer Camp this year will be at the San Gabriel Valley Council's Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina, CA. from July 27 through August 2, 2008. Our reservations are set, our bus is reserved and now we need to get the final paperwork handed in for our scout's attendance.

Each attendee will need:

Camp Cherry Valley Permission Slip

A current Class 1 and 2 medical form

The Class 1 has to be signed each year by the parent and the Class 2 requires the scout have a medical examination within the last 36 months (after 8/2/05) and **needs to be signed by your son's doctor**. Please keep a copy for your records. There is a section on the form regarding food allergies. If your scout has serious dietary restrictions or allergies, please let Joan Martin know. We will notify the staff at camp. We will **also need a copy of the front and back of the child's medical insurance card**.

For more details on the requirements see the form itself:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34414.pdf>

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This Month's Activities Theme: Athletics

Outings

15-Mile Bike Ride

When: Saturday, June 14
What: 15-Mile Bike Ride
Where: Walnut Creek to Danville
Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney
Patrol in Charge: Ligers
Permission slip due: 6/10/08

Canoeing

When: Sat/Sun June 28/29
Where: Russian River
Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin
Patrol in Charge: Panthers
Permission slip due:

Meetings**

Troop Leadership Training (TLT)

When: June 1 2-6 p.m.
Who: New Leadership
Where: Wood Ranch Clubhouse
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield
Patrol: Senior Leadership

June 3 Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School*
When: 7:15pm-8:30pm
Opening: TBA
Activity: TBA
Patrol Corners: TBA
Closing: TBA

June 10 Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:15-8:30 pm
Opening: TBA
Activities: TBA
Patrol corners: TBA
Closing: TBA

June 17 Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:15-8:30
Opening: TBA
Activities: TBA
Patrol corners: TBA
Closing: TBA

June 19 – ASM Meeting

June 24 - PLC/Board of Review

*2200 Holbrook Drive,
Danville, CA

**Note: Troop meetings will switch to the blacktop area at the back of the school during the summer.

Troop 805 Leaders Receive Honors

Alan Carstensen - Unit Scouter of the Year



At the Meridian District dinner on May 21, Alan was honored for his many

contributions to Troop 805 and scouting. The Unit Scouter of the Year award is presented to recognize the contributions made by adults at the unit level. While the boys are the most important individuals in scouting, the quality of their experience depends on the adults they have guiding them on the trail.

"Despite his sons having aged out of our Troop, Alan continues to be active in Boy Scouts especially helping Troop 805.

- ❖ *As an assistant scoutmaster, Alan can regularly be counted on to support Troop outings. He has a passion for hiking and volunteers to take on responsibility as the "scoutmaster in charge" for hikes routinely.*
- ❖ *As a committee member, he serves the Troop as treasurer. He has established a chart of accounts to enable the Troop to effectively manage costs.*
- ❖ *As a member of the District at large, he helps by participating in District Eagle boards of review.*

Alan is someone you can count on to get the job done. He abides by the Scout

Law and Oath and is an excellent example to the boys.

Troop 805 is very fortunate to have Alan as an active member of the Troop."

Barbara Miyao, and active member of the Troop committee, was also honored by her Pack as their Unit Scouter selection.

"Barbara Miyao is the life of Pack 992. She not only founded the pack in Windemere but continues to contribute countless hours selflessly to help the pack and its leaders grow. We are very fortunate to have her as our leader. This pack would not exist without her! She truly deserves this recognition!"

Congratulations Alan & Barbara.

4th of July is Coming Up!

By Steve Oki and Rand Mahoney, ASM's

Next month is the 4th of July parade and last year the Kiwanis, our Troop Charter Organization, gave us a special 6 foot by 8 foot flag to carry in the parade. This year we will have two service projects for the fourth. We will lead the parade again by carrying the Kiwanis banners. In our second project, we will assist by putting out and picking up garbage containers along the parade route. We will distribute the containers the previous evening and pickup the container just after the completion of the parade. We will need a lot of help from all scouts available for both projects. Each project qualifies for scout service hours.

Next Month's Preview Theme: High Adventure

Outings

July 4 Parade (July 3 set-up)

When: July 4, Danville
What: Set-up and banner carrying
Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki & Mr. Mahoney
Patrol: OA

25-mile Bike Ride

When: July 12/13
What: 25-mile Bike Ride
Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney
Patrol: Frozen Foxes

Summer Camp

When: July 27-August 2
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield
Patrol:

Meetings

July 1 Troop Meeting

July 8 Troop Meeting

July 15 Court of Honor

July 22 PLC/Board of Review

Leadership Training (NYLT)

By Kent Screechfield

This is your chance to nominate yourself to attend the summer National Youth Leadership Training scheduled for July (the June course is now full). 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 remaining summer course offered by the Mount Diablo Silverado Counsel is as follows:

John Muir NYLT:

Weekend #1: July 12th, 2008
(Saturday) thru July 14th, 2008
(Monday)

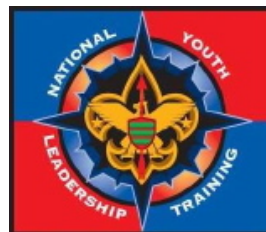
Weekend #2: July 19th, 2008
(Saturday) thru July 21st, 2008
(Monday)

The cost to attend the course is \$200.

The class starts to fill up in early May if you'd like to be **CONSIDERED** as a candidate for NYTC. We are only able to send two scouts to the course. 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.,
Adam H. or
Colin G.

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



July 12/13 Bike Ride!!

By Rand Mahoney, ASM

Save the dates for our July 12/13 2x25 mile bike ride weekend. See the ABC Quick Check bike safety checklist on our website (www.troop805.org) under resources. More details to be announced.

June 14 Bike Ride (cont'd from page 1)

through Walnut Creek, Alamo, and Danville along the Contra Costa Canal Trail, the Iron Horse Trail, Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Tassajara. It is a scenic route. This is also a very important ride in preparation for July's 2x25-mile bike ride (July 12&13) weekend and is strongly recommended. We will do a quick bike safety check before departing but bikes should be checked thoroughly at home BEFORE coming. See the permission slip on the website. By the way, did you know that our ABC Quick Check bike safety checklist is now on our website? It is located at: <http://www.troop805.org/Resources/ABC%20Quick%20Check%20-%20Bike%20Safety%20Checklist.pdf> Check your bike and we will see you on June 14th!

Summer Camp Medicals

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Also, don't forget each scout will need a **full Class "A" uniform** when attending Summer Camp. The Troop has some used extras if you are interested. We can arrange to have them brought to a Troop meeting for any interested families; let the Troop Quartermaster (QM) know if you are looking for uniform parts.

Please note: if you did not submit your bus deposit of \$125 at the parents meeting, it is now due.

Troop 805 Friends of Scouting Needs You!

Many thanks to the Troop 805 families who have turned in their FOS pledges. I have submitted all pledges received thus far to the Council, so your confirmation letter should soon be in the mail.

We are still hopeful of achieving our goal of 100% participation. Please remember that families also have the option of noting on their pledge card that they will not be able to contribute until the end of the year. However, we do need to have all pledge cards returned, regardless of whether you are able to pledge this year.

Again, thanks for your support of Friends of Scouting!

Ira Hillyer, 721 Pagosa Ct.,
Danville 94526 (925-743-0480)

Next Parent Meeting- August 19

By Sue Oki, Committee Chairman

The next parent meeting will be August 19. No parent meetings in June and July.

Permission Slips are IMPORTANT

By Susan Oki



We need your support in making sure these important documents are appropriately

completed.

Every time the Troop arranges an outing we ask that a form be furnished for each scout who wishes to participate. Parental permission is required by Boy Scouts of America, and provide us with critical information should an emergency arise. Don't just assume that the adult in charge has the latest information on your son.

The critical information the Troop **MUST** have is:

Emergency Contact

We need to have the **NAME** and **PHONE** number of an individual who can be contacted in the event of an emergency when you, the parents, are unavailable.

Doctor

We require details on your sons **DOCTOR** and again the **PHONE** number to use to contact this physician. Merely providing us with a name is not sufficient.

Insurance

Information on the **COMPANY** and **POLICY** number for medical insurance. A health care organization needs this for obvious reasons.

Allergies & Other Comments

Any relevant notes on your sons' **ALLERGIES** and other issues that the Troop Adult Leaders need to be aware of. The lack of this information can be life threatening. If the scout has some food issues this is where you should document them too.

Other information which is important and is used to complete the required BSA Tour Permit, if a parent plans to assist by chaperoning and driving on an outing, are:

Driver

The **NAME** and **CDL#** of the driver needs to be defined. *This should be the individual who truly will drive as substituting another adult/parent is **NOT** possible under BSA Tour Permit rules.*

Vehicle

The **MAKE**, **MODEL**, and **INSURANCE** coverage of the vehicle you will drive on the outing. Again, substituting another vehicle is not possible.

Cellular Phone

So that the drivers can maintain contact on an outing we are now asking for **CELL PHONE** details where available.

Sometime this key data is already printed on the permission slip other times it needs to be filled in. The accuracy and completeness of this information is important. Please take the time to ensure we have the details we need to maintain a safe outing for our scouts and adults. Your support in completing the forms, fully, helps us with outing preparations and enables us to focus on the outings themselves.

Parent Meeting Notes of May 20

By Jennette Cabot, Secretary

Committee Chairman Sue Oki called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

No **parent meetings** over the summer, as taken up by courts of honor and vacations. Parents meetings generally focus on the business aspects of the troop and parent education.

Minutes of the last meeting, as published in the newsletter, were approved.

Treasurer's report: Alan reported we're still getting new scouts. Outings have been self-funded and cover the scoutmaster in charge. Major expenses in our budget include \$170 a month for store and new equipment. An approximate \$1,000 recharter fee will be paid. The heavy spending is generally over. Alan said we will possibly end the year \$1,500 in collected fees more than anticipated. Alan asked for people to look for storage options, possibility a different facility. The troop is generally in good shape for 2009.

Scoutmaster's report: The 5/27 swim will include 1st and 2nd class requirements, safe swim defense, and swim tests for the canoeing trip in June.

Per the **scout elections**, Colin will be taking over as SPL now (elected six months ago). Tim will take over November 2008. A training (TLT) for new troop leaders to be held June 1, 2-6 p.m. at the Wood Ranch Club House. Include patrol leaders, assistant patrol leaders, scribes, etc. A short BBQ and swim will be included.

Summer camp: Boys will work on merit badges and the trail to first class (or parts thereof). A sheet will be distributed and a meeting will be held with the boys in mid- to late-June about these issues.

Advancements: Contact Lori Wolfe for questions/information. loriwolfe@aol.com

Merit Badges: Boys see the scoutmaster to sign up for a merit badge counselor. Best done with a buddy. Patrols can do a merit badge together.

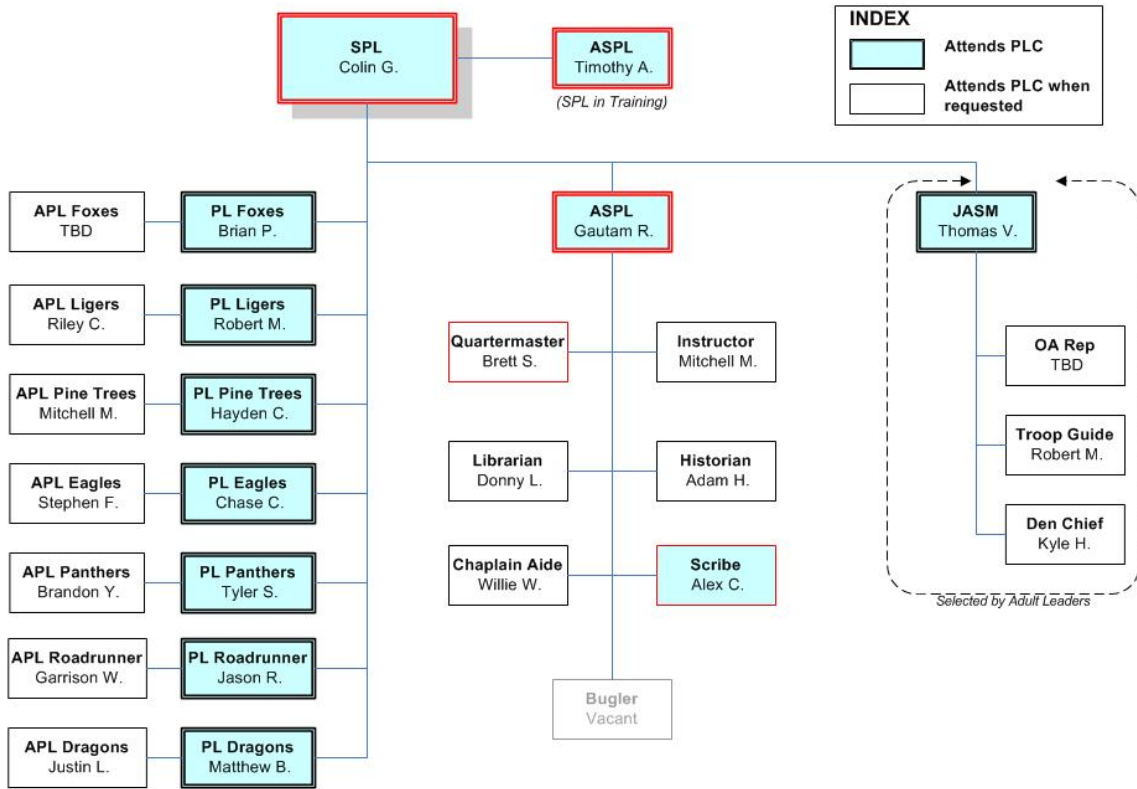
Events: 6/14 15-mile bike ride; 6/27-29 canoeing;

Bikes: see our website under resources for the "ABC Quick Check Bike Safety Checklist. Generally speaking, bigger-tired, geared bikes are best. *If in doubt, check with scoutmaster in charge of the outing to ensure the bike is suitable.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Parent education on "Parent and Scout Responsibilities". Handout distributed. Point of scouting is to teach leadership. Permission slips vital. Parent completes and boys bring it back to their patrol leaders. Food for outings is individual or as a patrol. Permission slips outline what meals boys/patrols are responsible for. During patrol corners at Troop meetings the boys plan cooking/food.

A lot of basic troop/scouting information for parents/boys can be found on the troop's website under "Resources."



Troop 805 – Leadership Team
(May 2008)

January - December, 2008

Troop 805 - Yearly Planner

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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 Winter Campout
- 17 Winter Campout
- 18 Winter Campout

March

- 1 10-Mile Bike Hike
- 15 Rockclimbing
- 16 Rockclimbing

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

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May

- 3 15-Mile Bike Hike
- Kiwanis Big-K (TBD)
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- 16 Yosemite w/Pack 802

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June

- 7 Troop NYLT
- 14 Day Hike
- 27 Canoeing
- River Rafting
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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
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- 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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