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# Troop Tidings

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## August 8-10 – Let's Hit the Beach!

*By Terry Church, ASM*

Join us for a two-night overnight campout at Olema Campgrounds near Point Reyes near Seashore. On Saturday, we will hike up Mt. Wittenberg, for another leg of the Bay Hike Series. It's a ten-mile roundtrip hike with an elevation gain of 1,300. See the permission slip for more details. Permission slips are due NOW. Questions to Mr. Church at [tnchurch@pacbell.net](mailto:tnchurch@pacbell.net) (389-8820) or Mr. Mahoney at [randmaho@pacbell.net](mailto:randmaho@pacbell.net) (899-3840).

## Eagle Court of Honor-Thomas Valdriz to be Honored

Troop 805 cordially invites you to a National Eagle Court recognizing Thomas Valdriz on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m., at the San Ramon Methodist Church, Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. RSVP to 820-9426.

## Annual Planning Meeting



Our annual planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 3-7 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Woodranch Clubhouse located at 19 Woodranch Circle by

the pool. All Patrol Leaders are required to attend or send a substitute from their Patrol. The SPL and ASPLs also need to attend, along with the Scribe. The Planning meeting is important as it sets the Troop's Vision, Mission and Goals for 2008-2009 and establishes the calendar for 2009 along with the activities/outings and themes.

## Next Parent Meeting- August 19

*By Sue Oki, Committee Chairman*

The next parent meeting will be August 19 at 7:30 p.m. Our "education topic" will be "scout advancement."

## September Shooting Outing

*By Neal Matsunaga*

Troop 805 will have a different shooting outing this year. Instead of going somewhere to shoot .22 rifles, we will be going to a range and shooting shotguns. The range we are going to, Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve, has a program called Clays for Kids where they get volunteers to loan their shotguns and provide safety and shotgun use instruction and shooting supervision. Ammunition, clay pigeons and a hot dog lunch are included as part of the program.

Date: Saturday, September 20  
Time: 7:30 meet; 8:00 departure, and 3:00 return to homes

Place: Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve, 2099 Collinsville Road, Birds Landing, CA 94512

## This Month's Activities

### Theme: Forestry

#### Outings

##### Beach Camp Outing

**When:** August 8-10

**What:** Beach camping

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

**Patrol:** Eagles

##### Eagle Court

**When:** August 16, 1:00 p.m.

**What:** Eagle Court for Tom Valdriz

**Where:** San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church

##### Annual Planning Meeting

**When:** August 17, 3-7 p.m.

**What:** Planning

**Where:** Wood Ranch Clubhouse

#### Meetings\*\*

##### August 5 (not an official Troop meeting—only for those pursuing Personal Fitness Merit Badge)

**Where:** Sycamore School\*

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

**Opening:** TBA

**Activity:** Personal Fitness Merit Badge

**Patrol Corners:** TBA

**Closing:** TBA

##### August 12 Troop Meeting

**Where:** Sycamore School

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

**Opening:** TBA

**Activities:** TBA

**Patrol corners:** TBA

**Closing:** TBA

##### August 19 Troop Meeting

**Where:** Sycamore School

**When:** 7:15

**Opening:** TBA

**Activities:** Personal Fitness Merit Badge

**Patrol corners:** TBA **Closing:** TBA

##### August 21 – ASM Meeting

##### August 26 - PLC Meeting

\*\*Note: Troop Meetings are on blacktop area at back of school for summer.

Cost: \$7 scouts; \$20 adults

Forms: Permission slip/liability waiver/shooter profile

See the permission slip for additional information.

Permission slips are due no later than Tuesday, August 26, as we have been asked to confirm the number of participants by August 30. So, get your forms and check turned in and join in a fun day.

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

## Spelunking Outing – September 27 and 28, 2008

*By Alan Carstensen*

The weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, the Panther patrol will be sponsoring a spelunking at California Caverns, located near Angels Camp. At the outing, we will go on an organized tour of the underground caverns and caves located at California Caverns. Depending on the number and age of scouts attending, and adult participation, we will possibly have a choice of two tours. Our primary tour will be the Mammoth Cave expedition. A secondary tour called the Trail of Lights Walk Tour may be offered depending on the number of scouts who express an interest to join us for the outing, but do not wish to go on the longer Mammoth Cave tour.

We will need two additional adults (total of 4 adults) if we choose to offer both tours. Cost: \$7 scouts;

After spending the afternoon at California Cavern, we will camp overnight at nearby Lake Commanche.

Details of each tour, as provided by the California Cavern website, are as follows:

### The Trail of LIGHTS Walk Tour

**Cost of Tour - \$6.45 for Scouts, \$12.75 for adults (scout discount price)**

This guided tour is suitable for the whole family and is only available during our dry season. The Trail of lights is approximately 60 - 80 minutes long, and meanders over nearly level, well lighted passages and walkways. Experienced, professional guides lead groups into the recently discovered "Jungle Room," named for the array of crystalline "vines" covering the ceiling, many of them several feet long. Groups learn about the rich history of the **cavern** and the surrounding countryside, and **cavern** formation and geology.

### 2-3 Hour Mammoth Cave Expedition -

**Cost of Tour \$89.00 Scouts and Adults (scout discount price)**

Groups explore the historic "Mammoth Cave" area and "Jungle Room," walking, crawling, wiggling, and squirming through natural passages that connect through thirteen chambers. This extended **cavern** trip is perfect for those who desire something more than a walk, but less stamina is needed compared to the other adventures offered. All tight crawl ways and squeezes are optional. Participants must be at least 8 years old, and minors must be accompanied by an adult. Trip time is about 2-3 hours.

## Next Month's Preview Theme: Shooting

### Outings

#### Shooting

**When:** September 20

**What:** Shooting

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Matsunaga

**Patrol in Charge:** Frozen Foxes

**Permission slip due:** 8/26

#### Spelunking

**When:** September 27/28

**Where:** California Caverns, near Angels Camp

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Carstensen

**Patrol in Charge:** Panthers

### Meetings

September 2 Troop Meeting

September 9 Troop Meeting

September 16 Troop Meeting

September 23 Troop Meeting

September 30 PLC/Board of Review

More specific information concerning the outing, including the total cost, will be included on the permission slip, which should be available within two weeks.

General questions? Contact Alan Carstensen at [adcarsen@pacbell.net](mailto:adcarsen@pacbell.net)

## Scouting Is Important to ALL Boys

**Friends of Scouting is a nationwide program that helps the boys most in need of guidance get into scouting, as well as helping our boys.** You can feel good that your donation really helps our communities, as well.

Many thanks to the Troop 805 families who have turned in their Friends of Scouting 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 !

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