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Troop Tidings

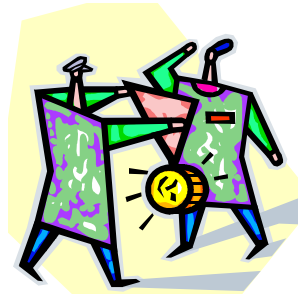
Popcorn Forms due October 7

By Eileen Chew

Sales end on October 5. Bring in a copy of your form at the Tuesday, October 7 troop meeting, along with the money you collected. Be sure to indicate your prize selection and whether you want a pin or patch. If you cannot attend the meeting, you need to get your materials to your Patrol Leader. Questions: 890-4470.

October 21– Court of Honor

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



The date is:

Date:
October 21,
2008

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.

The food selection for this Court of Honor will be: *Pasta*, there will be a

nominal charge to cover the cost.

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.

Ride 'Em: 25- and 50-Mile Bike Rides – October 18

By Rand Mahoney

A one-day 25- and 50-mile bike ride on roads and bike trails around the San Ramon Valley will be held October 18. Start and finish will be Osage Park for the 50-mile ride. Scouts participating in the 25-mile ride will need to meet the group along the route about 11:30 (details to be determined). See the permission slip on www.troop805.org for more details. BIKE INSPECTION ON OCTOBER 14. Permission slip due: October 14.

Sea Kayaking

Sea life abounds in the Elkhorn Slough Nature Reserve near Monterey Bay. See it from a kayak! We'll camp over at Royal Oaks campground in the Monterey Bay/Moss Landing area. On Sunday, we'll learn basic kayak skills and proceed to the water to see many marine animals. \$65 for scouts and adults. See more details, permission slip (due October 14), and liability form on www.troop805.org.

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Danville, CA 94526
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This Month's Activities Theme: Communication

Outings

25- and 50-mile Bike Rides

When: October 18
What: 25-mile and 50-mile bike
Where: San Ramon Valley
Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney
Patrol in Charge: Eagles
Permission slip due: 10/14/08

Sea Kayaking

When: October 25-26
Where: Elkhorn Slough Nature
Reserve near Monterey Bay
Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney
Patrol in Charge: Pine Trees
Permission slip due: 10/14/08

Meetings

October 7 Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School*
When: 7:15pm-8:30pm
Opening:
Activity: Work on Communications
Badge

Patrol Corners:

Closing:

October 14

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:15-8:30 pm
Opening:
Activities: **Bike Check;** Last day for
Board of Review before 10/14
Court of Honor.; work on
Communications Badge

Patrol corners: Yes

Closing:

October 21

Where: Sycamore School
When: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Opening:
Activities: Court of Honor/pasta dinner
Patrol corners: No
Closing:

October 16 Scoutmaster Meeting

October 28 PLC/Board of Review

* 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville, CA
94506

Sunol Wilderness Backpacking – November 8-9

By Kent Screechfield

This is a short duration hike (about 3-1/2 miles each way) at very low elevation, with a relatively steep trail the last half mile. It's geared towards those scouts with limited or no experience backpacking, although we welcome older scouts to come and assist. \$15 for adults and scouts. See the permission slip at www.troop805.org for more details. Event is rain or shine! Permission slip due: October 28.

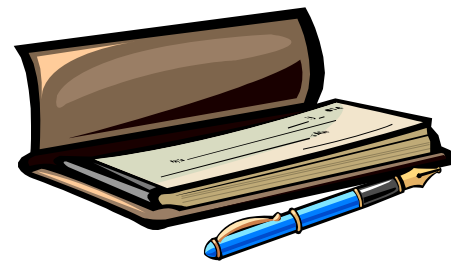
2009 Registrations – Heads Up!

By Sue Oki

The Troop annual registration fee is due **November 3**; be on the look out for the details via a Troop wide mailing in 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.

Also included in the mailing is your son's personal information sheet. We will be asking that these be reviewed and routed back so that we can be sure our database is up to date.

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.



Next Month's Preview Theme: Cooking

Outings

Sunol Backpacking

When: Saturday, November 8-9
What: Sunol Wilderness
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield
Patrol: Ligers
Permission slip due: 10/28/08

Scouting for Food

When: November 15
Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki
Patrol: OA

Meetings

November 4 SPL/PL Elections (be sure to attend); Troop Meeting

November 11 NO MEETING
(Veterans Day)

November 18 Webelos II Open House

November 25 No meeting

December 6 Troop Leadership Training and PLC

Scouting for Food Drive – Mark Your Calendar

By Steven Oki



Date: November 15th
Time: 08:30 AM
Meet at: Sycamore Elementary School

This event is part of the annual National BSA service project where non-perishable foods are collected for the local food banks. This year has been especially difficult for food centers and agencies – let's do our part to make a difference. We will go door-to-door picking up food donations, and deliver the collected items to a central point at the LDS church at Sycamore and Old Orchard.

Each Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack is assigned an area to do their collection; our area will likely be in the vicinity of Sycamore Elementary. **We will need to have many drivers** to take the scouts around and deliver the food back to the collection point.

Look for a permission slip shortly.

Next Parent Meeting

There will be no Parent Meeting in October due to the Court of Honor, and with November the start of the holiday season our next Parent Meeting is scheduled as follows:



Date: December 2, 2008

Time: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Sycamore MPR – Stage
Our **Parent Education** topic that night will be: **Path to Eagle**. Come learn about what you can do to aid your scout even if he's only just joined. It's never too soon to start preparations, gather items you'll need in a safe place, etc.

SPL/PL Elections

There will be SPL/PL electionis at our November 4 meeting, so make sure to attend.

Save the Date-Troop Leadership Training-December 6

There will troop leadership training on December 6, along with a PLC. Tune in later for details.

Be a Friend of Scouting

By Ira Hillyer

60% of families in our troop participating so far; Ira Hillyer, Chairman, had hoped for closer to 100%. He has extra pledge cards. Any amount is great. Mail a check payable to FOS to Ira (3107 Sweetviolet Dr., San Ramon 94582) or give it to him or Kent in October. Friends of Scouting helps all boys by keeping Boys Scouts of America programs affordable. It also helps boys who cannot afford scouting.

Please help!

Parent Meeting Minutes

By: Jennette Cabot, Secretary

September 16, 2008

Minutes

The Minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Activities

Shooting 9/20

Spelunking 9/27-28 – Actual spelunking may be on Sunday and later return time that afternoon instead of Saturday due to tour guide availability. Alan will let us know. If a problem, let Alan know ASAP.

Bike Ride 10/18 – 25- and 50-mile bike ride; there are pre-requisites. Permission slip out shortly.

Sea Kayaking 10/25-26 – Monterey area. No siblings.

Court of Honor 10/21 – will include summer camp awards; pasta to be served

Treasurer's Report

Alan Carstensen reported. Better recruitment than expected.

Finance chair over \$600 mainly due to budgeting better for Charter.

Awards – over due to more patches.

Activity – under budget

Equipment – over \$700 due to storage increase and purchase of camping equipment

Training – under budget (merit books ended up under Awards)

Insurance – under budget

We thought we would have to draw down cash, but did not have to do so.

Prior to renewal, Alan will send to each scout the dollars each boy has in his troop account to try and get those used up.

Storage

One parent offered for \$70 a month a new storage facility in Livermore (8 x 24); It is open Saturdays, not Sundays. Alan will consult.

Scoutmaster Report

Attendance is good among older and younger boys. We had a good showing at the emergency preparedness fair. November is Webelos open house. Developing more high adventure outings for older scouts.

Colin Garavaglia reported on the 2009 calendar. They kept some old events and added new events. Somewhat reduced bike and hike outings. Outings will include: skiing (Bear Valley), “real” snow camping in Arnold area, cooking hike (Sycamore Hills), Mt. Diablo campout, Sugarloaf/Camporee (April), Camporee (May), Sycamore School service project, Kiwanis service project, July 4 parade, biking in Yosemite area, boat/fishing (June), whitewater rafting, shooting or archery, beach campout, urban backpacking,, rock climbing, bowling, Scouting for Food, Webelos outing. Summer camp will be at Camp Wente near Fort Bragg. The approximate outing costs will be \$1,000.

Once the calendar is approved, it will

be published on the website. Motion by Lori Wolfe and Second by Barbara approved.

Colin was thanked for his excellent work.

Other Business

Merit Badge counselors needed. The website has a full list. Take a look and sign up. Each badge has an instruction book for the counselor, so it's pretty easy.

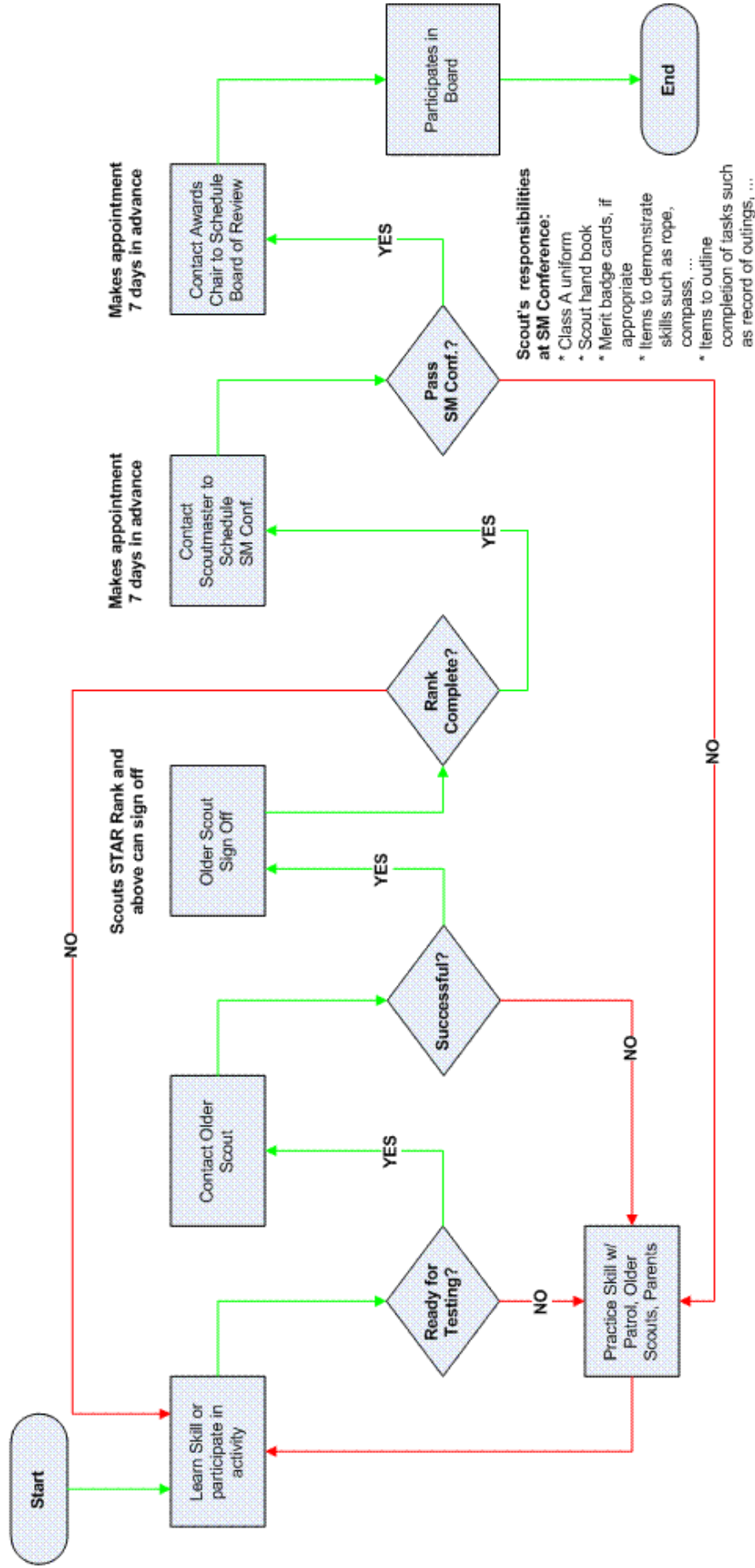
Parent Education

Topic – Boy Run Troop

Kent Screechfield says it's like a small democracy.” The troop is formed into patrols. They do the planning. They make it work. The boys rely on the boy leaders (patrol leaders, etc.) the SPL is the leader of the troop. Patrols are generally 6-8 boys and they work as a team. Other leaders within a patrol include the assistant patrol leader, the grubmaster, and scribe). Patrol leaders bring their patrol ideas to the PLC planning meetings. Patrol leaders encourage advancement and perhaps suggests ideas to help with advancement at troop meetings. Patrols vote for their leaders. In patrol corners, boys plan badge work, meals, advancement work.

Other boy leaders for the troop include the Assistant Patrol Leaders, troop quaretrmaster, the troop scribe (takes notes at PLC meetings), O/A, historian, librarian, instructor, chaplain aide. The Scoutmaster provides guidance. All adult leaders provide an opportunity to learn, work and fail (in a safe environment). Safety is the primary concern. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Scout Advancement Cycle



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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April

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

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May

- 27 Camporee
- 26 Camporee
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- 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
- 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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