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Troop Tidings

Scouting for Food Drive

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. This year there will be an added collection of old unused eyeglasses for the Lions Club. The Lions Club benefit charities for those with eye problems and help those gain access to eyeglasses who are in need.

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.

Permission slips are available on the Troop Website and are due at the November 4th Troop Meeting as there will be no November 11th Meeting because of Veterans Day.

Sunol Backpacking Overnighter

By Kent Screechfield

On Saturday November 8th and Sunday November 9th, we will be leading a backpacking overnighter into the Sunol Regional Wilderness. The hike is a nice combination of relatively flat paved road, and a relatively steep backpacking trail the last mile. In total the hike is approximately 3.25 miles each way. This outing has been a popular outing both for the young and older scouts. The trip will give the new scouts a good first exposure to
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Webelos II Open House November 18

Our annual Open House for prospective new scouts will be held on Tuesday, November 18 from 7:15 – 8:30 during our regular Scout Meeting time. It’s important that all scouts show up on time for flags at 7:15 sharp and be in full Class A uniform.

This is a great opportunity to meet Webelos II Scouts, tell them about Troop 805, and encourage them to join our troop. For many, the Open House will be the Webelos’ first experience with boy scouts. Let’s all be good ambassadors for scouting and shine! Refreshments will be served.

SPL and PL Election



Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for **November 4th**. Please make your vote count by
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This Month's Activities

Theme: Cooking

Outings

Sunol Wilderness Backpacking

When: November 8-9
What: Backpacking Overnighter
Where: Sunol
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield
Patrol in Charge: Ligers
Permission slip due: 10/28/08

Scouting for Food

When: November 15
Where: Danville
Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki
Patrol in Charge: OA
Permission slip due: 11/4/08

Meetings

November 4 Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School*
When: 7:15pm-8:30pm
Opening: Pine Trees
Activity: **SPL/PL Elections**—be sure to attend. Iron Chef competition preparation; capture the flag.

Patrol Corners: Yes
Closing: Panthers

November 11 - **NO MEETING**

November 18 – Webelos II Open House/Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Opening: Ligers
Activities: Iron Chef Competition; welcome Webelos II; ladder and minefield games
Patrol corners: Yes
Closing: Dragons

November 25 – **NO MEETING**

November 20 Scoutmaster Meeting

* 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville, CA 94506

attending this important meeting.

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. If you are interested in running for the SPL position (term starts May 2009), please see the Scoutmaster.

The new leadership team is **REQUIRED** to attend Troop Leadership Training (aka TLT) on December 6, 2008. 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

Bowling Outing

By Barbara Miyao

On Sunday, December 7th, we will have a bowling competition at Danville Bowl. As part of our Webelos recruitment, we will be inviting Webelos II to join us on this outing. We will bowl three games, and plan on starting at 3 pm sharp. The cost of the outing is \$20, which covers the cost of three games and shoe rental. We should be done bowling by 5:00 to 5:30, and drop scouts back home no later than 6 pm.

In addition to the opportunity to have some fun and friendly competition, this should be a great opportunity to help with recruitment. Since we will be publicizing this event during our November 18th Webelos open house, we are hoping that many of them will join us for bowling. In order to make the Webelos feel welcome, try to include one or more of the Webelos on your

“team.” This will provide a great opportunity to interact with them on a one on one basis, and to distinguish Troop 805 from other troops in the area.

The permission slip for the Bowl outing is now on the web at the following URL:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2008-12-07%20Bowling.pdf>

Please download the file and encourage your Patrol to attend this recruiting event. The permission slip needs to be returned to your Patrol Leader by **Tuesday, November 18th**.

2009 Registration



Now Processing – Heads Up!

By Sue Oki
The Troop annual

registration fee is due **November 4**. 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 so that we can minimize follow up and ensure we get all returning scouts and scouters registered on time so that we can minimize follow up and ensure we get all returning scouts and scouters registered on time.

Next Month's Preview Theme: Mechanics

Outings

Bowling

When: Sunday, December 7
What: Danville Bowl
Adult in Charge: Mrs. Miyao
Patrol: Frozen Foxes
Permission slip due: 11/18/08

Hike

When: December 13
Adult in Charge: Mr. Chew
Patrol: Panthers
Permission slip due: 12/2/08

Meetings

December 2 Troop Meeting and Parent Meeting

December 6 – Troop Leadership Training

December 9 Troop Meeting – TOYS FOR TOTS

December 16 PLC/Board of Review

December 23 No meeting

December 30 No meeting

Next Parent Meeting

Our next parent meeting will be:

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.

Parent Project

Would you like to help out the troop, but are not sure what to do? We have a project for you! The troop is looking for a parent volunteer to research various storage options in the San Ramon, Danville area. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbara Miyao.

srbarb@comcast.net 925-556-0602

Hike It on December 13

By: Kevin Chew

Look for more details of a great hike we'll be having on December 13. Permission slip to be issued shortly on our website (www.troop805.org); the permission slip will be due 12/2.

Merit Badge Counselors

By Anne Wiedenmann

Just a reminder that there are many opportunities to share your interests and knowledge with the Scouts by signing up to be a merit badge counselor. This is not a daunting task! All that is required is to complete an Adult Application (see Anne Wiedenmann for the Adult Application form), the Merit Badge Counselor information Sheet found on the Troop 805 website under "Forms", and decide what badge/s you are interested in counseling. The individual merit badge handbooks have all the

information you need to assist you in the process. A list of current merit badge counselors and associated merit badges is on the Troop 805 website under "Leaders" – "Merit Badge Counselors". There are approximately 122 merit badges and we have counselors assigned to 64 of them. A list of merit badges can be found in Chapter 7 of the Boy Scout Handbook.

Contact Anne Wiedenmann (aewiede@pacbell.net) if you are interested and she'll get you signed up.

Save the Date-Troop Leadership Training-December 6

There will be troop leadership training on December 6, along with a PLC.

Sunol Backpacking (cont'd from p. 1)

backpacking. We will learn such skills as pitching a backpacking tent, use of backpacking stoves and preparation of backpacking food.

Cost of the outing is \$15, which covers the cost of backpacking food and the backpacking camping permit. We will meet at 11 am at the Sycamore Park and Ride lot, conduct a pack check, and leave for Sunol about 11:30. We will return the scouts to their homes between 11 am and noon on Sunday.

For this particular backpacking trip we want to pack light, but as always, be prepared. First of all, each boy should bring a light lunch that we will eat at Sunol before beginning the trip. In addition, each scout will need to bring a framed backpack, hiking boots (preferred) or good pair of athletic shoes (that can get covered in mud), rain poncho, pack cover (or large plastic trash bag), lightweight sleeping bag, pad for sleeping bag, 10 essentials, small personal first aid kit (including moleskin – a must), eating utensils and

lightweight plate, water bottle (minimum 1 liter like Nalgene bottle or Camelback), fleece or other lightweight pullover top for night. Do not pack extra items such as electronic devices. They will not be permitted on this outing, and will only add to the weight of the pack. The pack will be providing Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast, and all special purpose backpacking gear.

****Special Note: Outing will occur regardless of weather conditions – rain or shine**.**(cont'd on p 4)

Sunol Backpacking (cont'd)

Most backpackers, particularly when on multi-day backpacking trips, will encounter rain. The rain is one of the things that makes backpacking such a unique experience. If the weather is inclement, and you decide that your son will not be able to attend the outing, please contact me Friday evening November 7th. Unfortunately, I will not be able to refund the money collected for the outing

Questions: Contact Kent Screechfield 736-5870 email sm@troop805.com. In addition, we will be available at each scout meeting between now and the outing to answer any questions on proper equipment to bring along.

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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.

2009 Outings

January

- 10 Mile Bike Ride (1/10 - Sat)
- Skiing (1/24 - Sat: 1/26 Mon)

February

- Snow Camping (2/14 - Sat: 2/16 Mon)

March

- Cooking Hike (3/14 - Sat)
- Mt. Diablo Camp (3/28 - Sat: 3/29 - Sun)

April

- School Service Project (4/18 - Sat)
- Pre-Camporee (4/24 - Fri: 4/26 Sun)

May

- Kiwanis Big K (5/2 - Sat)
- Yosemite Bike/ Camp (5/16 - Sat: 5/18 - Mon)
- Camporee (5/29 - Fri: 5/31 -Sun)

June

- Boating/Fishing (6/6 - Sat)
- White Water Rafting (6/20 - Sat: 6/21 - Sun)

July

- 4th of July Parade (7/4 - Sat)
- Shooting Outing (7/18 - Sat)
- Summer Camp (7/26 - Sun: 8/1 - Sat)

August

- Beach Campout (8/15 - Sat: 8/16 -

Sun)

September

- 15 Mile Bike Hike (9/12 - Sat)
- Urban Backpacking (9/26 - Sat: 9/27 - Sun)

October

- Hike (10/10 - Sat)
- Rock Climbing (10/24 - Sat: 10/25 Sun)

November

- 15 Mile Bike Ride (11/14: Sat)
- Scouting For Food (11/21 - Sat)

December

- Bowling (12/6 - Sun)
- Webelos Outing TBD (12/12 - Sat)