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Troop Tidings

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January 6 Court of Honor

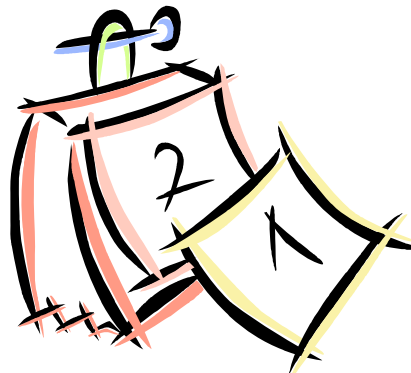
Our January Court of Honor will soon be upon us so mark your calendar:

Date: January 6, 2009

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.

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.

The food will be pizza and salad at \$3 per person, with reservations being taken by Mr. Hsieh (srhsieh@yahoo.com). Bring a small dessert to share. _____.

10-Mile Bike Hike January 10

We have invited Webelos II scouts from surrounding Cub Scout Packs to join us on January 10 for a 10-mile bike ride. The ride will be from Osage Park to Alamo and returning via the Iron Horse Trail. We will re-energize with a pit stop for ice cream in Alamo. Permission Slips are due by the January 6 Court of Honor,

Troop Meetings to Start Earlier!!

Starting in January, our troop meetings will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:30 p.m. The PLC has decided that more time is needed to accomplish things and still have fun.

Skiing!

By Kent Screechfield

The Panther Patrol is sponsoring a Troop skiing trip on January 24-26, 2009. We will be heading up to the Bear Valley Ski Area and staying at the cabin in Dorrington (about 30



minutes from Bear Valley). This trip is a great opportunity to spend a fun day skiing with your friends. Parents, you're also welcome to participate in the weekend ski trip. (Cont'd on page 2)

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This Month's Activities Theme: Winter Sports

Outings

Court of Honor

When: January 6

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Opening and candles: Ligers

Closing: Eagles

10-Mile Bike-Hike

When: Saturday, January 10

What: Bike-Hike-Iron Horse Trail

Adult in Charge: Mr. Riegal

Patrol: Eagles

Permission slip due: 1/06/09

Skiing

When: January 24-26

Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen

Patrol: Panthers

Permission slip due: 1/13/09*

***(Trip full-waiting list ONLY)**

Meetings

January 6, Court of Honor, **6:30-8:30**

January 13 Troop Meeting, 7:00

Opening: Roadrunners

Activities: Snow sports equipment demonstrations, broom hockey

Patrol corners: No

Closing: Dragons

January 20 Troop Meeting, 7:00

Opening: Pine Trees

Activities: Snow equipment, clothing and conditions round robins,

Patrol corners: Yes

Closing: Panthers

January 27 PLC/Board of Review

January 15 ASM Meeting

* 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville, CA
94506

Skiing!

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To help you in your planning, here is some key info on this trip. More detailed information will be available on the trip permission slip located on the troop website:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2009-01-24%20Ski%20Outing.pdf>

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- Leave on Saturday morning at approximately 9:30 a.m.
- Returning to Danville about 6 p.m. Monday evening. There is no school on Monday as it is a teacher work day.
- Trip limited to a maximum of 20 participants (parents and adults). Participation is on a "first come/first served" basis.
- Scouts 12 years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- One dinner out (pizza) and one breakfast (at the cabin) will be provided. Patrols need to coordinate food for one dinner and one breakfast at the cabin. Lunch at the ski area and meal on the trip up (sack lunch) and back are the responsibility of each participant.

As with all trips to the snow, remember to dress in layers to stay comfortable. A base layer is needed against your skin to "wick" the moisture away, two "warmth" layers for the upper body and an "outer" layer that is water resistant. You can enhance the "outer" layer by spraying on a fresh coat of durable water repellent (e.g. REI's Elements, Marmont PreCip, Columbia's Entrant, GoreTex, etc.). Wearing

two "thinner warmth" layers instead of one "thick warmth" layer allows the individual to:

- Adjust the amount of clothing worn to suit the level of exertion, weather, etc.
- Have an additional layer for moisture protection (such as water seeping through the "outer" layer).

Questions? Contact Mr. Huen 510-816-6883, email tat@huen.com

Winter Camping

By: Rand Mahoney

Have you wondered what it would be like to camp in frozen H₂O? And why would someone want to camp in the snow? Because it is fun, a new experience, an opportunity to practice new skills and to utilize team work!!! We will apply our snow camping knowledge and develop our skills in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on February 14-16 near Bear Mountain. During day one we will build snow shelters and retreat to a heated cabin. On day two we will return to finish our camp, eat lunch and cook dinner in the outdoors, and then spend the night in our snow shelters. On the third day, we will have breakfast, break camp and return home to the warm flat land (i.e. Danville).

Training and preparation are paramount to ensuring that this will be a fun and safe event for all. To this end we will have training during some of our troop meetings and a clothing/gear check. These will be mandatory for the participating scouts and adults. Space is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. The permission slip for this event will be on the website shortly. The permission slip needs to be returned to the Ligers Patrol Leader by **Tuesday, January 20th**. For more information, contact Mr. Mahoney at 925.899.3840 or randmaho@pacbell.net.

Next Month's Preview Theme: Winter Camping

Outings

Winter Camping – February 14-16

When: February 14-16

Where: Sierra Nevada Mountains

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Patrol: Ligers

Permission slip due: 1/20/09

Meetings

February 3 – Troop Meeting

February 10 – Troop Meeting

February 17 – Troop Meeting
and Parent Meeting

February 24 – PLC/Board of
Review

February 17 – Parent Meeting,
7:15 p.m.

February 19 – ASM Meeting

2009 Registration and Parent Participation

Our Troop re-charter for 2009 is now complete! Thank you to those families and leaders who responded quickly and turned in their paperwork right away. We still have a few families who have not turned in their Parent Committee participation forms. We are asking each family to participate in a sub-committee to assist in Troop Management. Please contact cc@troop805.org if you need an additional copy of the form.

Order of the Arrow Elections

By: *Rand Mahoney*

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Founded in 1915, it uses American Indian traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on Scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

To be eligible for election the scout must have achieved the First Class rank and must have complete 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to

the election. The camping must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of 6 consecutive days and 5 nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Each candidate must also have the approval of the scoutmaster and be elected by the majority of their troop scouts as meeting the ideals of the OA – having the Scouting Spirit (including brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service), living the Scout Oath and Law, and actively participating in troop activities. The OA election date has not been finalized but will be at a troop meeting in late January or February. It will be conducted by a visiting election team from our local OA Apanuc.

2009 Summer Camp

By: *Kent Screechfield*

Troop 805's 2009 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 26th through August 1st** so mark your calendar now, requests for commitment to participate are now available on the Troop website at:

<http://troop805.org/forms/2009-07-26%20Camp%20Wente%20-%20Reservation.pdf>

Commitment forms need to be returned by **January 6th**. Troop 805 has a limited number of slots for scouts and scouters.

This year's camp will be held at Wente Scout Reservation operated by the San Francisco Bay Area Council. Wente offers tall Douglas Fir trees and golden meadows. The 80-acre lake offers a natural setting for swimming, sailing, boating, and canoeing. It is considered one of the warmest lakes in the state.

Wente offers a chance to backpack, sail, mountain bike, fish, ride horses, and go rock climbing all in one week. Scouts may try their hand at black powder musket firing, kayaking and rappelling. Wente is rich in wildlife and allows for the study of conservation, re-forestation, wildlife management, woodcraft and nature study. Rifle, shotgun, and archery shooting are also popular activities. The campsites have tents on platforms. There are showers and meals are served in a dining hall.

December Parent Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

*No financial summary this month.

*Popcorn sales/commissions statements will be prepared by Mr. Carstensen. If your son sold, a certain amount of his sales goes into his own troop account for use in paying for outings.

*Barbara Miyao was introduced as the new Committee Chair. Warm thanks were given to Susan Oki as outgoing Committee Chair.

*Minutes of the 9/16/08 meeting were approved by motion of Anne Wiedenmann, seconded by Jane Marvin.

*Events:

Bowling - December 7 (Webelos II invited)

Hike - December 13 (Webelos II invited)

Ten-Mile Bike Hike- January 10 (Webelos II invited)

Skiing - January 24-26. Permission slip now out. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by their own adult/parent. That age group requires more supervision than the leaders can safely provide.

Snow camping – February 14-16

(reservation interest form due 1/6)

Court of Honor – January 6

*Permission slips – efforts are being made to get them out earlier. Because we want the boys and patrols to be more in charge of outings, it is necessary to plan with more lead time.

*New uniform shirts – they have dark green shoulder loops and tan troop # patches. It would cost \$5 per scout (existing scouts) for the new loops and patches, for an approximate total cost of \$250. A motion made by Linda Green, seconded by Anne Wiedenmann, and unanimously supported to make these purchases with troop funds.

*Gasoline reimbursement – registered leaders are entitled to be reimbursed on larger outings (approximately 4-6 outings per year). Barbara Miyao would like to start a committee to set up a process for such reimbursements. Costs would be rolled back into the outing cost. Motion to do this was made by Sue Oki and unanimously passed. Eileen Chew and Jane Marvin agreed to serve on the committee and bring their recommendations to the February 17 parent meeting. Reimbursements will be retroactive for 2009 events.

*Driving – parents are required to drive twice a year. Currently this is not tracked and perhaps should be.

*Storage unit – Harper Wong offered to do research on a new, cheaper, but convenient, unit.

*Volunteer Forms for parents – All families should return these forms. Your name will be kept as a back up for positions or be followed up on at a future date.

NEXT PARENT MEETING:
FEBRUARY 17, 7:15 p.m..

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

EDUCATION SESSION BY NEAL MATSUNAGA ON PATH TO EAGLE.

Handout distributed. There is Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, then merit badges, Star, Life, and Eagle. If boys don't advance, they lose interest. Demonstrate scout spirit by attending meetings, outings, good attendance. As boys get older, it gets harder to keep scout spirit.

Must do Eagle Board before 18th birthday. Must do an Eagle project. Must have approval for project BEFORE they start. Project cannot be "maintenance"—must be something new. Must be for an organization other than Boy Scouts. Cannot "just" be a fundraiser. Best to be something the boy has enthusiasm about. Think about how to finance the project. Sue Oki and Neal Matsunaga as Eagle advisors for Troop 805. They will help focus the boys before they have meetings with the scoutmaster. Scouts should be grateful to those helping him. Eagle projects are done alone (not with a partner) unlike merit badges. Parents should help coach and encourage. Make sure to give adult leaders advance notice for merit badge work as it takes on average ½ hour to an hour per session. Merit badge work must be and signed off by an adult, so it is always good to work in pairs because no boy may meet alone with an adult. Start a binder for Eagle Board of Review. Need Council advancement proof. Need rank advancement proof. Keep them in place now. For one's Court of Honor Party may want to plan in advance for things such as Congress acknowledgments.

WINTER CAMPING NOTES (presented by Rand Mahoney)

COLD=Clean (clothes); Overheating (avoid); Loose layers (more air gaps provide insulation); Dry (stay dry and you'll stay warm. Wool is ideal; synthetics good as they don't hold moisture; dries quickly. Cotton is NOT good. Down good but not when it gets wet. Plastic sleeping bag. 10 feet of

mylar is useful for sleeping bag to be placed on as it reflects heat and is also an extra item to sit on. Hats: gortex rain hat; can use hat while sleeping; if your feet are cold, put your hat on. Wicking layer: synthetic underwear and long johns. Warmth layer: wool shirt/fleece. Weather layer: waterproof. Footwear: 2 thin pairs better than 1 thick. Thin synthetic sock plus p plastic over and then another sock. Boots: waterproof. Waterproofing waxes helpful. Gators over boots with strap over shoe sole to keep snow out. Gloves/Mittens: mittens can be warmer as fingers are pushed together. Wool mittens. Always carry extra gloves/mittens. Thin liners plus watertight rubber gloves. Eye/skin: sunglasses to block UV-A and UV-B. Side shields are desirable. Sunscreen. Snow shelters are warmer than tents.

Next Parent Meeting

Join us Tuesday, February 17 for our next parent meeting, at 7:15 p.m., followed by a brief parent education session. All are encouraged to attend.

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)

