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Troop Tidings

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Cooking Hike

By Alan Carstensen

On Saturday March 14th, the Roadrunners are sponsoring a Cooking Hike at Las Trampas Regional Park in San Ramon. The hike portion of the outing will be a 2 to 2.5 mile hike in the Las Trampas Wilderness. The specific trail we hike will be of moderate difficulty, but appropriate for the many new first year scouts that we expect to participate.

In addition to being a fantastic hike, the outing will provide an opportunity to learn about cooking on the trail. We will be learning about different ways to cook, and foods to carry while hiking and backpacking. Our trek will conclude at the picnic area of Las Trampas Park with each patrol preparing their own lunch using lightweight backpacking stoves and cooking utensils along with the food that they have "packed" on the trail.

Now for the specifics! We will meet at Sycamore Park and Ride at 9:30 am and plan on leaving no later than 10 am. We will be on the trail by approximately 10:30 am and expect the hike to take approximately two hours. Patrols will then prepare their "trail" lunch and we should be headed back home approximately 2 o'clock. We will return scouts home sometime between 2 and 3 pm Saturday afternoon.

Permission slips will be available in early February on the Troop 805 website. Please return completed permission slips to patrol leaders no later than Tuesday March 3rd.

Hope everyone has a chance to join us for some hiking and cooking in an often overlooked area of our own Diablo Valley!

Parent Meeting – March 17 @ 7:15pm

At our next Parent Meeting, the Educational Topic will be "The Paper Trail" - Permission Slips, Personal Data sheets, new medical forms, the list is never ending of the information and paperwork that is required for scouting. We will discuss each of the forms and why it is so important to keep your scout's information up to date.

Mt. Diablo Campout

By Robert Riegel

Our next tent camping trip is March 28-29 at Mt. Diablo. It will be the first camping trip with our new scouts, so we will focus on various scout skills, as well as lots of fun hiking and climbing (Rock City,), and of course "zorch." Look for the permission slip on our website.

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.

To be eligible for election the scout must have achieved the First Class rank and must have complete 15 days and

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This Month's Activities Theme: First Aid

Outings:

Cooking Hike

When: March 14

Where: Las Trampas, San Ramon

Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstensen

Patrol: Roadrunners

Permission slip due: 3/10/09

Mt. Diablo Camping

When: March 28-29

Where: Mt. Diablo

Adult in Charge: Mr. Riegal

Patrol: Pine Trees

Permission slip due: 3/17/09

Meetings*:

March 3 Troop Meeting, 7:00

Opening: Ligers

Activities: OA Elections; camping equipment presentation by Tim and Will Valdriz; troop and patrol inspections; capture the flag;

Patrol corners: No

Closing: Panthers

March 10 Troop Meeting, 7:00

Opening: Roadrunners

Activities: First aid; menu planning for cooking hike;

Patrol corners: Yes

Closing: Eagles

March 17 Troop Meeting, 7:00

Opening: Pine Trees

Activities: Hook up game; first aid; cooking, CPR

Patrol corners: No

Closing: Pine Trees

March 24 – Troop Meeting

Opening: Cobras

Activities: Hook up game; first aid; cooking, CPR

Patrol corners: Yes

Closing: Sharks

March 31 – PLC/Board of Review

March 19 - ASM Meeting –Mountain Mike's Pizza

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Order of the Arrow Elections

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nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. 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.

Our annual OA election will be on March 3 and will be conducted by a visiting election team from our local OA Apanuc. The most important thing is to have as many scouts (second year and above) attend the troop meeting and participate in the voting process!



Court of Honor – Save the Date – April 14

Our next Court of Honor will be Tuesday, April 14. Please reserve this evening for your family. More details in the April newsletter.

Service Projects Hosted by OA

April 4th Kiwanis Service Project

By Steve Oki

Annually we work with the Kiwanis, our Charter Organization, on a service project that benefits the community at large. This year's date is April 4th. The final project has still to be chosen, but the leading project is a repair and painting of fences and posts along the Iron Horse Trail. The Kiwanis will provide lunch, material, and tools for the project. A permission slip will be coming out soon and announcements via email on the final project choice.

April 18th School Service Project

By Rand Mahoney

It's time for us to give back to Sycamore Elementary School for the use of their wonderful facilities during the school year. Our annual service project is on the morning of Saturday April 18th. The plans for the project are being finalized by Mr. Scott, the principal.

Both this and the Kiwanis project will count for service hours. More information and the permission slips will be available in the near future. We hope to get a BIG turnout (scouts and parents) for both events!

Next Month's Preview Theme: Pioneering

Outings:

Kiwanis Service Project

April 4

Patrol in Charge: OA

Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki

School Service Project

April 18

Patrol in Charge: OA

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Pre-Camporee

April 24-26

Where: Sugar Loaf, Walnut Creek

Patrol in Charge: Eagles

Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin

Meetings:

April 7 – NO TROOP MEETING-SPRING BREAK

April 14 – Court of Honor

April 21 – Troop Meeting

April 28 – PLC/Board of Review

April 16 – ASM Meeting

Save the Date: Pre-Camporee Weekend

By Glen Aikin

The Eagle Patrol is sponsoring the Pre-Camporee Weekend April 24-26, 2009. The event traditionally is intended to teach scout skills and encourage Patrol spirit in the form of inter-Patrol competitions. It enables our scouts to prepare for attendance of the District Camporee at the end of May. The event offers younger Scouts a chance to work on their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements. Once the skills have been taught, the fun begins as the Patrols test themselves on how well the skills have been learned. Older scout too hone their skills and leadership by signing up to teaching a skill or run a competition. Look for details following the March PLC.

New Scout Registration Paperwork –

REMINDER to our new scouts. Please turn in your registration paperwork, dues and Parent Committee sign-up sheets to Barbara Miyao, Committee Chair as soon as possible. Health and Medical Records Form – Part B requires a physician's signature, so I understand those may take a bit longer to turn in, so make your appointments now.

Welcome to our New Scouts

From Pack 802 –
Vishnu P.
Nolan B.
Eddie K.

From Pack 536 –
Quentin B.

From Pack 722 –
Shane N.

From Pack 689 –
Mitchell Y.
Ryan S.
Blake D.
Garrett D.
Ryan L.
Connor L.
Sean R.
Christopher H.
Alex Z.

New to scouting -
Christian R.

Play an Instrument?? Sing?? – BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Troop 805 is looking to assemble a winning band into the 2009 Camporee "Battle of the Bands" contest at Rancho Los Mochos.

The Battle is the Saturday night of Camporee weekend May 29-31 2009.

Let us know what instrument you play.

Contact Kevin Chew at Westsidedanville@yahoo.com or at home at 925-743-0356.

It will be a rocking good time!!

Annual Council Recognition Dinner

by *Barbara Miyao*

On Friday, February 6, our very own Susan Oki was presented with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award presented to a scouting volunteer from their Council. Mrs. Oki was honored for not only her work in scouting, but for her continuous support of the youth in our area. It was a great evening and the dinner was attended by several Troop 805 leaders. Congratulations Mrs. Oki!

(See photo of Mrs. Oki and Troop 805 Leadership on page 6.)

2009 Summer Camp Update

By *Kent Screechfield*

The last payment for Troop 805's 2009 Summer Camp is due on March 17th. Camp will take place from July 26 - August 1 at Wente Scout Reservation in Willits, CA. To learn more about Camp Wente, visit the camp website at www.wente.org.

Summer Camp Medical Form Update

Recently, BSA has changed the format of our Health and Medical forms (there will be more discussion about this in detail at the March Parent Meeting). The new forms are called the Annual Health and Medical Record and are divided up into 3 parts: A, B, & C. A link to the new form is below:

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

There are 2 options for filing Summer Camp Medical Forms this year:

If you have the old Class 1/2 form on record with the troop and it has been

signed by a doctor within 36 months by the end of camp, you can continue to use this form, however, you must complete an additional Wente Camp informational form in ADDITION to your old Class 1/2 form. Please note: The old Class 1/2 will no longer be accepted in 2010.

If you plan to visit the doctor in the next few month prior to camp, we recommend that you fill out the new form (Annual Health and Medical Record - Parts A, B, & C) this year. You can then use this new form for the medical record at camp and you will NOT need to fill out an additional Wente Camp form.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 805 Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Meridian District



Dear Parent,

Troop 805 families should have recently received their 2009 pledge cards for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Family/Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign.

We are hoping for 100% participation from our troop for this important effort to raise funds to offset the cost of providing Scouting to families within the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council.

A quality program like Scouting doesn't just happen. It comes through the dedication and efforts of parents and Scout leaders like yourself and with the support from our local Scout council. The Council provides a dedicated professional staff,

outstanding camps, activities and training opportunities at a cost per Scout of \$180.00 annually. Paying your share for FOS support ensures that quality Scouting can continue to be experienced by our families.

I know these are difficult financial times for many Scouts and their families. Some may be able to give more, some less, but participation by every family, at any level, is our goal. Contributions are tax-deductible, confidential, and can be paid in installments, by pledge, or on your Visa or Master Card.

Please return your contributions and cards to me as soon as you can. Thank you for joining us in this effort to keep Scouting strong.

Sincerely,

Jane Marvin

Troop 805 FOS Chairperson



February Parent Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Barbara Miyao.

She welcomed the new parents from troops 536, 722, 802, and 689. She explained we have a boy-run troop. The boys are in essence the leaders. Permission slips for outings are posted on the website (www.troop805.org). Please always fill out, include a check if required, and have your son return them. Each patrol group has a leader and assistant leader. Parent meetings are held on average monthly. They are not held in court of honor months. The last Tuesday of the month is not a full Troop meeting. Only boys in

leadership attend.

The Minutes of the last Parent Meeting were approved upon a motion by Jane Marvin.

The Troop has provided the Scouts with dark green loops for their shirts. The numbers have not yet arrived. It is not required to change to the new type of shirt.

EVENTS

3/14/09 – Las Trampas in Livermore – cooking hike

3/28/09 – One-night overnight on Mt. Diablo

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING by Jane Marvin. Scouting asks for a one-time-a-year contribution. It goes directly to the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. It helps the Council pay for administration, leader training, assistance to troops and packs, Scout recruiting, and Scouts who cannot afford scouting. Their recommendation is \$180. You are welcome to give more or less than that amount, however. It is tax-deductible. The local council receives no funds from national scouting. Jane distributed packages to all families.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT by Kent Screechfield. Kent explained that the PLC plans troop meetings and finalizes outings. Attendance has been good. The #2 payment for summer camp is due today (2/17/09). Summer camp will be the last week of July at Wente in Willetts.

GAS REIMBURSEMENT FOR LONG DISTANCE OUTINGS. A proposed policy was distributed and adopted after discussion. The policy will include bridge tolls, as well. All families are asked to drive on two outings per year. Costs of reimbursing gas is built into the outing price. Designated drivers only are to be reimbursed. This is for outings of one hundred or more miles roundtrip. The rate will be fourteen cents a mile. Go to

the website, download the form, have it approved by the Committee Chair or the Scoutmaster, and submit. The policy was approved unanimously.

CLASS B SHIRTS. They are available for sale. Boys can only wear 805 or plain t-shirts on outings where Class B shirts permitted. T-shirts with writing not permitted (other than official Boy Scout t-shirts).

EDUCATION - EQUIPMENT. Will and Thomas Valdriz did a presentation on equipment. Most of this is printed in the February 2009 newsletter. See also the Scout Handbook for the ten essentials. Some other tips:

- bring the 10 essentials
- always take weather into consideration
- take toilet paper
- put your first aid kit in an easily reachable spot and mark it with an "x"
- glo sticks are useful
- pack clothes in baggies or watertight bags in case of rain or spilled water
- garbage bags useful for rain or for dirty clothes
- tarp useful for rain or to put under sleeping bags
- external steel frame packs are suggested; one that extends and changes sizes is best; with chest and hip straps
- toothbrush and paste
- moleskin—used for blisters on hikes (adhesive on one side)
- 15 to 20 degree sleeping bags are sufficient for normal outings
- self-inflated air mattresses are sometimes useful
- always consider weight—your boy must carry his own gear
- duffel – Army surplus stores (Livermore, Berkeley)
- first aid: red one at REI; iodine;

- whistle;
 - magnesium fire starter;
 - all weather matches
 - hand warmers
 - poncho
 - name on bag and ALL stuff
 - towel
 - REI has an outlet on line; www.campmor.com.
 - bungies useful
 - no electronics policy in Troop 805
 - Troop 805 provides tents, pots/pans/cooking utensils
 - Return tents after opening, hosing, drying and rolling up; clean entire red or green cooking kits; let troop know of any problems with equipment so they will be repaired/replaced
 - sunglasses and sunscreen
- Thomas and Will were thanked for their fine presentation.

2009 Outings

Please also see the
Calendar on
www.troop805.org for
event details.

March

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

April

- Kiwanis Big K(4/4 – Sat) – Changed date
- School Service Project (4/18 - Sat)
- Pre-Camporee (4/24 - Fri: 4/26 Sun)

May

- 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

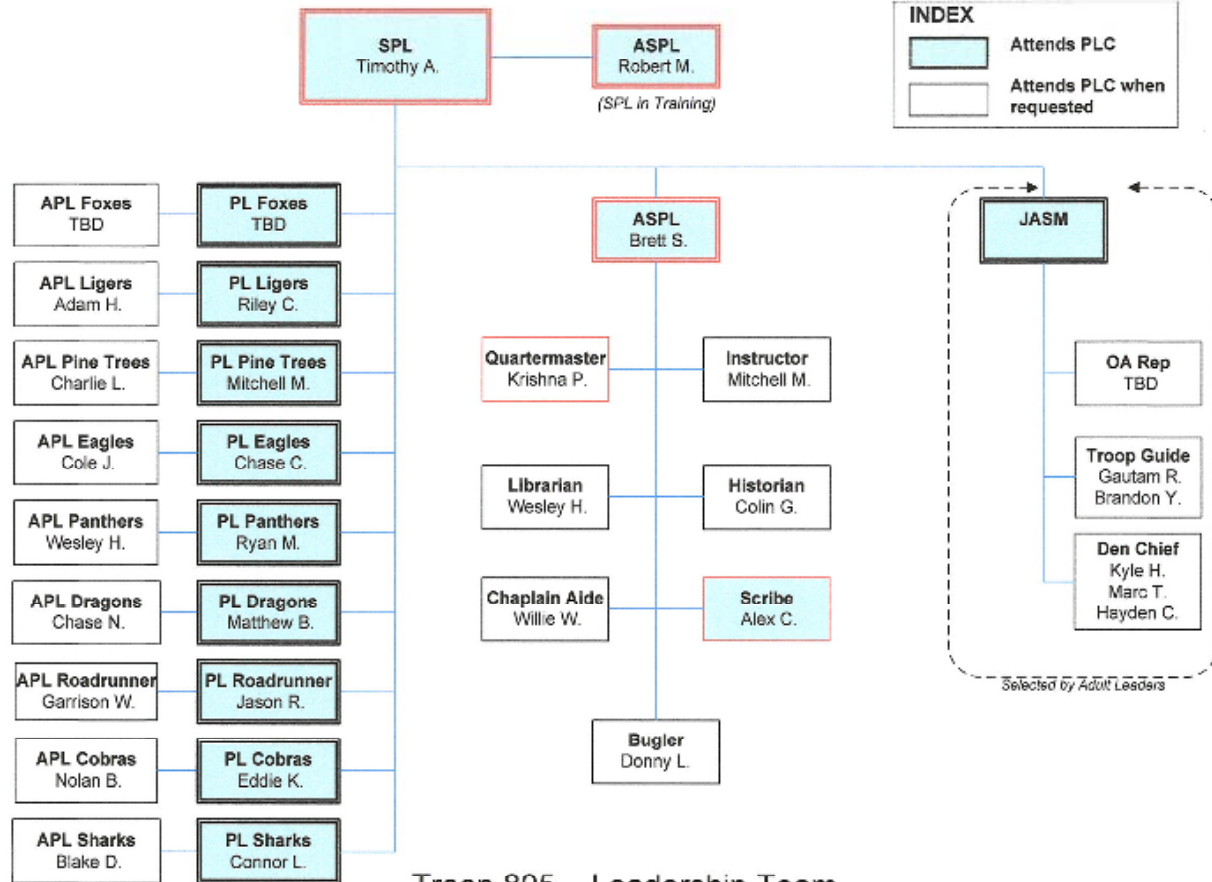
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (11/14: Sat)
- Scouting For Food (11/21 - Sat)

December

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

Annual Council Recognition Dinner where Sue Oki received highest honor of Silver Beaver. There in support of Mrs. Oki starting with Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Mahoney, Mrs. Miyao, Mr. Screechfield, Mrs. Oki, Mr. Aikin, Mr. Oki, Mr. Carstensen, Mr. Martin, Mr. Matsunaga





Troop 805 – Leadership Team
(March 2009)