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Troop Tidings

Service Projects Hosted by OA

April 4th Kiwanis Service Project

By Steve Oki

Each year we work with our Chartered Organization, Kiwanis of the San Ramon Valley Chapter, on a service project that benefits the community at large. Join us this Saturday, April 4th as we will be painting along the Iron Horse Trail in Danville. Kiwanis will provide lunch, material, and tools for the project. Meet at the Iron Horse trail crossing at W. Prospect Ave in Danville, near the Railroad Museum at 9:45am. Some may need to drive to other locations down the trail after initial orientation. Lunch will be provided for volunteers following the project at 1:00pm (optional). Due to the large number of people, lunch will now be held at **Mountain Mike's Pizza**, 130 Hartz Ave, Danville, instead of Pete's Brass Rail. Scouts should be done around 1:30pm – 2:00pm for pick up. **What to bring:** Work gloves are optional. All paint and supplies will be provided by East Bay Regional Park staff.

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. We will be helping to clean

the classrooms so bring your gloves and buckets if you have them. The project should last until approximately 12 noon. The permission slip is due on April 14th and is located on the troop website:

http://www.troop805.org/forms/2009-04-18_Sycamore_Service_Project.pdf

Court of Honor – April 14

At our next Court of Honor, we will enjoy catered in food from El Balazo, while the boys get their various patches, awards, and of course rank advancements. Please plan for your family to join us. It will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 14. Let patrol leaders know how many in your family will attend.

Pre-Camporee Update

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 teach a skill or run a competition. New boys will stay just on Saturday night; other boys will stay for both nights. Look for details to be released in the permission slip coming soon and will be due 4/21/09.

**This Month's Activities Theme:
Pioneering**

Outings:

Kiwanis Service Project

When: April 4

Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki

Patrol: OA

School Service Project

When: April 18

Where: Sycamore School

Patrol in Charge: OA

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Pre-Camporee

When: April 24-26

Where: Sugar Loaf, Walnut Creek

Patrol in Charge: Eagles

Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin

Permission slip due: 4/21/09

Meetings*:

April 7 – NO TROOP MTG

April 14 – Court of Honor, 6:30

Opening: Ligers

Closing: Panthers

April 21 – Troop Meeting

Activities: TTFC, flag training,
name game, Pioneering Badge

Patrol corners: yes

Opening: Road Runners

Closing: Cobras

April 28 – PLC/Board of Review

April 16 – ASM Meeting

* 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville, CA
94506

15-Mile Bike Ride – Angel Island - Save the Date – May 16

By: Rand Mahoney

A 15-mile bike ride will be held on May 16. Save the Date and look for the permission slip.

Yosemite Service Project-Save the Date

By Barbara Miyao

Save the date for this opportunity to complete a National Parks Service Project in beautiful Yosemite Nat'l Park from Saturday, May 16 to Monday, May 18 (Monday is a school holiday). This trip is intended for our older scouts to earn additional service hours as well as expand their Dutch Oven cooking skills. Everyone (including adults) must participate in the 5 hour service project on Sunday. A Permission Slip will be out soon and due to the limited amount of spaces, it will be on a first come, first serve basis based upon Rank.

2009 Meridian District Camporee -Band of Brothers – May 29-31

By Kent Screechfield

This year's theme at Camporee is Band of Brothers and emphasizes the Patrol Method and encourages Patrols of different Troops to meet and interact with each other. Camporee will be held at Los Mochos again this year but there will be a few changes for those of you who went last year (Troops camp together on the main (soccer) field; "Dessert" Storm on Friday night (no

campfire); Iron Chef Cooking Contest Saturday evening; Two campfires on Saturday night and a "Battle of the Bands" on Saturday night).

The Permission slip to be issued shortly on our website (www.troop805.org) and will be due May 12th. We encourage all scouts to attend, as there will NOT be a district Camporee next year due to the 100-year anniversary of scouting.

T-Shirts for Sale!!!

By: Latha Ramesh

Class B t-shirts will be available for purchase at the April 14 Court of Honor. Class B shirts are used for outings when Class A's are not required.
Ramesh_madras@hotmail.com or 648-3189 for questions.

Permission Slips

By Troop Leadership

Please make sure when you are filling out a Permission Slip that you keep the following in mind:

**Write neatly and legibly – we need to make copies and sometimes they are hard to read.

**Use a black or dark blue pen – no pencil please.

**Complete ALL information as requested – do not leave out phone numbers or current information.

**All medication that a scout is taking while on a trip, MUST be listed on the Permission Slip (whether prescription or not).

** Help us keep your son safe by properly filling out each and every Permission Slip form.

If you are going to miss a trip or have to cancel at the last minute, out of courtesy, contact the leader in charge – contact info is always on the Permission Slip. Thank you!

Next Month's Preview Theme: Camping

Outings:

15-Mile Bike Ride

When: May 16

Where: Angel Island

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Yosemite Service Project

When: May 16-18

Where: Yosemite

Patrol in Charge: Ligers

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Miyao

Camporee

When: May 29-31

Where: Los Mochos,
Livermore

Patrol in Charge: Frozen
Foxes

Adult in Charge: Mr.
Screechfield

Meetings:

May 5 – Troop Meeting and
SPL/PL Elections

May 12 – Troop Meeting

May 19 – Troop Meeting and
PARENT MEETING

May 26 – PLC/Board of
Review

May 31 – ASM Meeting

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

By Kent Screechfield

This is your chance to nominate yourself to attend the summer National Youth Leadership Training scheduled for June/July.

This training course is an intensive practical experience in Scout craft and Leadership Skills set in a model troop situation. It is intended for mature Scouts who are at least 13 years old by the start of the course, have achieved the First Class rank and is required to be the Senior Patrol Leader.

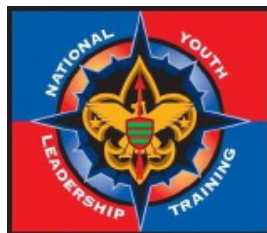
The Mount Diablo Silverado Counsel offers two summer courses as follows:

June NYLT: June 22nd, 2009
(Monday) thru June 27th, 2009
(Saturday)

July NYLT: July 19th, 2009 (Sunday)
thru July 24th, 2009 (Friday)

The cost to attend either course is \$225.

The classes start to fill up in early May if you'd like to be **CONSIDERED** as a candidate for NYLT. We are only able to send two scouts to the June course and three to the July course. If you'd like to hear more about past experiences, talk to one of the scouts who attended in a prior year: Thomas V., Michael G., Nick R., Trevor W., Adam H., Colin G., Tim A., Brett S., Gautam R. or Willie W. Remember, if you'd like to be **CONSIDERED** as a candidate for NYLT, contact the Scoutmaster.



SPL and PL Election



Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for **May 5th**. In a change from years past, the new leadership team will start its term on

June 1st. The job descriptions for all leadership positions can be found on the Troop Website at:

http://www.troop805.org/Resources/jltj_obs.html

It is critical to have good representation and Troop leadership. Please make your vote count by attending this important meeting. Also, if you are interested in the following leadership positions: Quartermaster, Librarian, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Historian, Scribe or Bugler, please contact your new SPL after the elections.

All scouts interested in running for the SPL position **MUST** meet the Scoutmaster before or at the **April 21st** Troop Meeting.

The new leadership team is **REQUIRED** to attend Troop Leadership Training (aka TLT) on Friday night, June 5th, 2009. 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.

2009 Summer Camp

By Kent Screechfield

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



Scout friends and families,

Another reminder that there is still time to get your contributions to Friends of Scouting to me before

the upcoming Court of Honor in April and participate in the drawing for a fabulous prize.

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.

I know these are difficult financial times for many Scouts and their families, but remember, Friends of Scouting is the only fundraiser we do that raises funds directly for scouts in our area. 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.

So far, I have responses from 32 families, and collectively, we have raised \$3840 so far. Thank you, to all of you who have participated.

We have an added incentive to encourage families. Tat Huen has donated a fabulous digitally-stitched photograph montage of Yosemite to be raffled off for all those who contribute the recommended \$180 per family or more. It is a beautiful, professional quality framed photograph, approximately 1' by 3'.

The drawing will take place at the April Court of Honor, so get your contributions to me by that date in order to be eligible.

Thank you to Tat for such a

wonderful contribution, and thank you to all the families who have already given so generously.

Jane Marvin

Troop 805 FOS Chairperson

March Parent Meeting Notes

***Minutes** of February 2009 meeting approved.

***Events:**

3/28-29 Mt. Diablo - skills and camaraderie – fun for both newer and older scouts

4/4 – Kiwanis service project

4/14 – Court of Honor

4/18 – Sycamore School service project

4/24-26 – Pre-Camporee (skills)

5/16-18 – Yosemite (5 to 6 hour service project) (higher rank trip)

5/29-31 Camporee

***Other Opportunities:** Kiwanis of San Ramon Relay for Life at the end of June, Cal High, 24 hours, adults needed scout volunteer opportunities; voluntary monetary donations accepted; canned foods; fees paid by Kiwanis to participate.

***Finances**

Barbara Miyao gave the report because Alan Carstensen had to work late. Alan will get out a popcorn account update shortly; will have to purchase more equipment eventually due to enlargement of the troop; outings are largely self-funded; note that the white water trip in June is one of the troop's more expensive (about \$120 plus).

*Friends of Scouting

Jane Marvin – The target is \$180 per family, more or less. If you are not able to donate this year, please send back your card to Jane anyway. 21 families so far and \$3,000 raised. Donate what you can—it does not have to be \$180. Those donating \$180 or more will be put in a troop drawing for a Mount Diablo print. The winner will be selected at the Court of Honor.

Court of Honor. April 14 – we will have food or ice cream; boys get rank advances and patches; a family event.

Scoutmaster Report. Pre-Camporee is an important event as it gets the boys a lot of skills they need for advancement. Tim Aikin, our SPL, has been stressing rank advancement skills at troop meetings. He is incorporating the older Scouts (Star & Life) to assist. Merit badges being worked on include Cooking, Citizenship of the Community, Nation and World and First Aid. All boys are not necessarily working on the same thing at troop meetings. Attendance has been good.

Merit Badges – need more merit badge counselors; you simply follow a very short booklet; you don't need to be an expert; examine the list on the website and let Anne Wiedemann know you'd like to be added to a category.

Education topic – Troop Communication

*There are many more paperwork requirements than there used to be.

*New roster to be emailed out soon.

*Advise Committee Chairman Barbara Miyao known of changes.

*advancement, board of review, merit badge emails or phone calls should come from the scouts (not parents).

*adult leaders and boy leaders are aware of where the boys stand.

*Boys should work at own pace.

*keep communications positive; if inappropriate, let the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman.

*See website for valuable resources and information.

*Fill out and return to Barbara the Personal Data Sheets distributed.

*Any boy taking any kind of medication must fill out the extra form.

*Return the Medical forms with a copy of the boy's insurance card (both sides of the card on ONE side of a sheet of paper). Some older scouts may be exempt for now from filling out a new form. Check with Joan Martin.

*Part A – needed from ALL families (see the website); Part B – physician's portion; Part C – Consent for activities; Barbara needs THREE copies, plus the insurance card, as above. Due by May 19.

*Make sure all forms are legible as it is your son's emergency information.

*Tetanus shots vital.

*If you are NOT going on a trip you signed up for, you must notify the leader in charge (contact info always on the permission slip) so we don't wait for you.



