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Troop Tidings

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Meridian District Camporee - May 29- 31, 2009

A Camporee is many things. It is camping fun for boys, the thumping of hundreds of feet on the way to an evening campfire, the air-splitting shouts of hundreds of boys giving their Patrol and Troop cheers. It's the patter of rain on many tents at night. It's the ripple of windblown flags in the morning sun. It's catching the idea of teamwork in a patrol. It's learning to carry out an order you don't really like. It's the challenge of competition and it's a tradition as old as Scouting.

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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 email your request to aspl@troop805.org.

Angel Island Bike Ride- May 16th

By: *Rand Mahoney*

If you are unable to attend the troop campout at Yosemite, come join us for the day for a fun, easy & memorable ride through Tiburon & around Angel Island. This course starts at Blackie's Park and follows the bike path about 3 miles into Tiburon. We will board the ferry with our bikes and ride the perimeter road around Angel Island & return to Tiburon in the mid-afternoon. The total distance is about 12 miles.

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Yosemite Service Project

By *Barbara Miyao*

Join us the weekend of May 16 – 18 (School is out on Monday) for a trip to beautiful Yosemite National Park. This trip is intended for our older scouts (2nd year and up) to earn additional service hours, as well as, expand their Dutch Oven cooking skills. Everyone attending the outing (including adults) are required to participate in the Service Project on Sunday. Space is limited, but more drivers are needed, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. **Permission Slips are due Tuesday, May 5.** The additional waiver and release form is posted on the website.

Next Parent Meeting – May 19

Don't miss our next Parent meeting @ 7:15 p.m., May 19, Educational topic: *What does a Boy Led troop really mean?* **Medical forms (3 copies) will also be due at this meeting.**

This Month's Activities Theme: Camping

Outings:

Community Bike Rodeo

When: May 13

Where: Iron Horse Middle School

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Permission slip due: 5/12

15-Mile Bike Ride

When: May 16

Where: Angel Island

Patrol in charge: Panthers

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Permission slip due: 5/12

Yosemite Service Project

When: May 16-18

Where: Yosemite

Patrol in Charge: Ligers

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Miyao

Permission slip due: 5/12

Camporee

When: May 29-31

Where: Los Mochos, Livermore

Patrol in Charge: Frozen Foxes

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Permission slips due: 5/12

Meetings:

May 5 – Troop Meeting

Activities: Elections, Code of Conduct, tenderfoot fitness part 1

Patrol corners: No

Opening: Cobras; Closing: Sharks

May 12 – Troop Meeting

Activities: Camporee food planning, bike check, orienteering/compass, dodgeball

Patrol corners: Yes

Opening: Ligers; Closing: Panthers

May 19 – Troop Meeting and PARENT MEETING

Activities: Iron Chef Competition

Opening: Roadrunners; Closing: Dragons

May 26 – PLC/Board of Review and Patrol Camporee Inspections

May 21 –ASM Mtg. Location TBA

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Community Bike Rodeo – May 13th

By: Rand Mahoney

The annual Community Bike Rodeo will be held at Iron Horse Middle School on Wednesday, May 13th from 4 to 7 p.m. to help promote Bicycle Safety and Awareness in the Communities of Alamo, Danville and San Ramon. The City of San Ramon, Boy Scouts of America, and the San Ramon Unified School District will join forces to host this event.

This is a great opportunity to show scouts at work in the community, recruit new Boy Scouts and to build relationships with SRVUSD, City of San Ramon & local law enforcement agencies. Troop 805 has been asked to run the bike safety check station.

Make sure you are familiar with the ABC Bike Safety checklist BEFORE coming

(<http://www.troop805.org/Resources/ABC%20Quick%20Check%20-%20Bike%20Safety%20Checklist.pdf>).

We need a minimum of 8 scouts and two adults. The permission slip is available on the website. In addition, participation will count as points for the upcoming Camporee. Please contact Mr. Mahoney at randmaho@pacbell.net if you have any questions.

Meridian District Camporee May 29-31 2009 (cont'd from page 1)

A Camporee can be a perfect showcase for the Scouting program and, therefore, goes far beyond just being a gathering of boys. A Camporee starts with the recognition that a patrol is the basic (camping) unit. The patrol demonstrates its very best camping techniques and shares its experiences with other patrols. Camporees are held on a Council or District basis. programs may include contests and

demonstrations of outdoor Scouting skill as well as campfires, games, and field events. These activities can show Scouting at its best. They stimulate overnight camping; they help units to attain part of their annual commitment to 10 days and nights of camping; and they help prepare units for long camping in the summer.

Patrol competition includes: Easy Company Physical Fitness, Cubbity Cubbity, Curahee Biking Showcase, Bling Man Train, GPS at Normandy, Twelve Foot Pole, Wooden Boots, Sponges to Bastogne, Battle of the Bulge Evacuation, Blindfold Bucket Brigade Relay, Archery or Tomahawk Throw and Patrol Flag.

Our Meridian District Camporee will be May 29-31 at Rancho Los Mochos Scout Camp, south of Livermore. We will be joining about 500 Boy Scouts from San Ramon, Danville, and Alamo. This year's theme is Band of Brothers and many of the activities will be completely different than last year including a "Dessert Storm" Friday night, an Iron Chief contest for Saturday dinner and a Battle of the Bands event Saturday night.

We will depart Danville on Friday, May 29th at 4 p.m. and return on Sunday, May 31st between 1 and 2 p.m. More information is on the permission slip on the troop website, <http://www.troop805.org/forms/2009-05-29%20Camporee.pdf>

Troop Leadership Training



The Troop Leadership Team will meet on **June 5th** for Leadership Training. This is a **MANDATORY** participation event for the following Leadership positions:

Next Month's Preview Theme: Boating

Outings:

Boating/Fishing

When: June 6

Adult in Charge: Mr. Martin

Patrol: Dragons

White Water Rafting

When: June 20-21

Where: American River

Patrol: Pine Trees

Adult in Charge: Carstensen

Permission slip due: 5/19

Troop Leadership Training

When: June 5

Where: East Bay Fellowship Church

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Meetings*:

June 2 – Troop Meeting

June 9 – Troop Meeting

June 16 – Troop Meeting

June 23 – Troop Meeting

June 30 – PLC/Board of Review

June 18 – ASM Meeting

- ❖ Senior Patrol Ldr. (SPL)
- ❖ Asst. Senior Patrol Ldrs. (ASPL)
- ❖ Patrol Ldrs. (PL)
- ❖ Scribe
- ❖ Quartermaster (QM)
- ❖ Instructor
- ❖ Troop Guides
- ❖ Den Chiefs
- ❖ Bugler
- ❖ Historian
- ❖ Librarian
- ❖ OA Representative

The training will take place as follows:

Location: East Bay Fellowship Church
N-1 Lower Level Meeting Room
2615 Camino Tassajara
Danville CA 94506

Date: June 5, 2009

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (dinner will be provided).

The above positions need to confirm **their attendance with the SPL by May 19th**.

White Water Rafting – Save the Date – June 20-21

By Alan Carstensen

June 20-21 will be the dates for white water rafting on the American River led by the Pine Trees. This one-nighter will start with camping overnight and then rafting the lower river gorge on Sunday afternoon. Permission slips,

fees, and release forms are due no later than May 19. See the permission slip for more details.

Save the Date-Goin' Fishin' – June 6

By Don Martin

Save June 6 on those calendars as the Dragons will be in charge of a boating/fishing trip.

Angel Island Bike Ride– May 16th

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We will also use to as an opportunity to fulfill the Second Class requirement for compass work. 1a. Demonstrate how a compass works and how to orient a map. Explain what map symbols mean.

1.b Using a compass and a map together, take a 5-mile hike (or 10 miles by bike)

We are also considering doing some Geocaching along the way or perhaps a visit to the new renovated Immigration Station.

We will need lots of parents with bike rack-equipped cars to drive! The permission slip is available on the website. Please contact Mr. Mahoney at randmaho@pacbell.net if you have any questions.

Blood Donations Needed from Troop 805 Parents

By Adam Hillyer

For those of you who don't already know, my Eagle Project Blood Drive is going to be on Saturday May 30th from 8am to 2pm. I would like to thank the troop for all the support that I have received so far for both the donor call team and the outing that took place on Saturday May 1st. However, I still need more adults (and scouts age 16 and older) to sign up to donate in the drive. So far, I have only had three adults from the troop sign up to donate. I am hoping to get at least eight adults from the troop to sign up for the drive. To sign up to donate please go to: www.danvilleblooddrive.org or call me at 648-7224

Many thanks.

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.

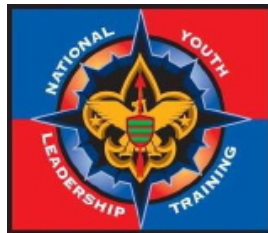
The Mount Diablo Silverado Counsel offers two summer courses as follows:

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.



Troop Merit Badge Policy

Want to start a Merit Badge? Not sure what to do or who to ask? Well, here is the Policy from the website that will answer those questions. Remember that scouts under First Class rank should concentrate on rank advancement before starting Merit Badges:

1. The first step in earning a merit badge are to select one to work on and finding a fellow Scout to work on it with you. Merit badge counselors require that you use the buddy system when working on merit badges.

Working with a buddy will also help keep you motivated, especially if the badge is a difficult one or takes a longer time to earn.

2. A blue "Application for Merit Badge" card must be obtained from the Scoutmaster before you begin work on any merit badge. The Scoutmaster will discuss your plans with you and if you both agree he will sign the card and give it to you. The Scoutmaster will also help you select a counselor to work with on the merit badge.

3. Once you have a signed card, and before you begin any work, contact the selected merit badge counselor and make arrangements to meet with him/her.

4. Before meeting with your counselor, obtain a copy of the pamphlet for the merit badge you will be working on and read it, so that you will be prepared to work on the merit badge

5. The "blue card" is proof of the work that you do, so **DO NOT LOSE IT!** If you start a merit badge and do not finish it, save the card as you may choose to finish it at some future time. It is strongly suggested that you keep the card in a safe place such as a Scout record book, so that you will know where it is.

6. When you complete the merit badge, the counselor will keep one section of the card and you should turn in the other two parts to the Scoutmaster. When the merit badge is given to you a section of the card will be also be given to you. Place this card in your Scout record book. **DO NOT LOSE** this card as this is your proof that you completed work on the merit badge.

