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# Troop Tidings

## White Water Rafting – – June 20-21

*By Alan Carstensen*

The Pine Trees will be sponsoring our June 20-21 outing to the American River for White Water Rafting. We will leave the Sycamore Park and Ride lot at 1:00 pm on Saturday and arrive at our overnight campsite at Goldrush Rafting at approximately 4:00 pm. After setting up our camp, we will go to a nearby pizza restaurant for pizza dinner and soda. After dinner, we should have plenty of time to work on scout skills, play Zurich, or just relax. Our trip starts 1:00 pm Sunday afternoon, which will give us plenty of time for breakfast, breaking camp, a morning hike, and BBQ lunch. Our trip will be a 3-hour trip on the lower gorge of the American River, and is guaranteed to be a positive experience you won't soon forget. (Cont'd on page 3)

## Troop Leadership Training

*By Kent Screechfield*



Just a reminder that the new Troop Leadership Team will meet on Friday, **June 5<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (dinner will be provided). This is a **MANDATORY** participation event for the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior

Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Scribe, Quartermaster, Instructor, Troop Guides, new Den Chiefs, Historian, Librarian and OA Representative. The training will take place at: East Bay Fellowship Church, N-1 Lower Level Meeting Room, 2615 Camino Tassajara Danville CA 94506

## Goin' Fishin' - June 6

*By Don Martin*

Are you ready for a fun filled day of fishing? Saturday, June 6th we will spend the day fishing on the water at San Pablo Reservoir. Bring your fishing gear and plenty of patience. Details can be found on the permission slip at [www.troop805.org](http://www.troop805.org).

## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

*By Kent Screechfield*

This is your last 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. (Cont'd on page 2)

## Parent Meetings

There will be **NO** parent meetings in June or July. **HOWEVER**, there will be a parent summer camp meeting either 6/23 or 7/7. We'll advise ASAP.

## This Month's Activities Theme: Boating

### Outings:

#### White Water Rafting

When: June 20-21

Where: American River

Patrol in charge: Pine Trees

Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstensen

Permission slip due: sold out

### Meetings:

#### June 2 – Troop Meeting

Activities: safe swim, safety afloat, safe swim defense, Tenderfoot physical fitness, new leaders sworn in; game: hammer led by senior leadership

Opening: Panthers

Closing: Pine Trees

Patrol corners: No

#### June 9 – Troop Meeting

Activities: knots and lashings

Opening: Roadrunners

Closing: Special Frogies

Patrol corners: No

#### June 16 – Troop Meeting (TROOP MEETS OUTSIDE — SEE BELOW)\*\*

Activities: boating activities

Opening: Cobras

Closing: Eagles

Patrol corners: Yes

Game: dodgeball

#### June 23 – Troop Meeting

Activities: Equipment  
inventory/cleaning

Opening: Sharks

Closing: Ligers

Patrol corners: No

June 30 - PLC/Board of Review

June 25 –ASM Meeting

• 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville,  
CA 94506

\*\*MEETINGS AS OF JUNE 16 ARE  
HELD OUTSIDE THE MPR AT  
SYCAMORE SCHOOL AT THE

## Relay for Life – Canned Food Drive

We need small canned food to place in the Luminaria bags for the Luminaria Ceremony on Saturday night at the San Ramon Relay for Life on June 27 & 28.

During the month of June, bring your canned food to any troop meeting. If you wish to support our team, *Friends of Troop 805*, please see our website at

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr\\_id=13849&team\\_id=423985](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=13849&team_id=423985)

Simple, Easy and Safe donations can be made on-line. Any amount is happily accepted. Won't you please consider supporting our team in the fight against cancer.

**VOLUNTEER opportunities** at the event will become available in a week or so. We will send out an email when we finalize what needs to be done. Remember these hours can count towards your Citizenship for the Community Merit Badge. See Mrs. Miyao for information.

## 4th of July Troop Activities



**By: Kent Screechfield**

We will be assisting the Kiwanis on 3 separate service projects on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The 3

projects include distribution of trash receptacles prior to the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>, walking in the parade carrying banners and Kiwanis 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary flag, and removal of trash receptacles after the completion of the parade. Participation will count as Troop service and adult Participation is encouraged for the distribution and pickup of trash receptacles. Scouts and adults can participate in one, two or all three service projects except only uniformed leaders can walk in the parade. The permission slip should be available shortly.

## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

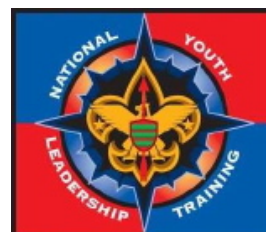
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The Mount Diablo Silverado Counsel offers two summer courses as follows: June NYLT: June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 (Monday) thru June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (Saturday)

July NYLT: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (Sunday) thru July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (Friday)

The cost to attend either course is \$225.

The classes are almost full if you would like to be **CONSIDERED** as a candidate for NYLT. We only have one space left in the June course and two in 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.



## Next Month's Preview Theme: Shooting

### Outings:

#### July 4 Parade Activities

When: July 4

Where: Danville

Patrol: OA

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

#### Shooting

When: July 18

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Oki

Patrol: Ligers

#### Summer Camp

When: July 26-August 1

Where: Willits

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

#### Meetings\*:

Note meeting location change summer. See below.\*

July 7 – Troop Meeting

June 14 – COURT OF HONOR

June 21 – Troop Meeting

July 28 – PLC at summer camp

July 16 – ASM Meeting

**\*MEETINGS IN JULY ARE HELD OUTSIDE THE MPR AT SYCAMORE SCHOOL AT THE OUTDOOR STAGE.**

## Goin' Shootin' – Save the Date – July 18

By: Sue Oki

A shooting outing is planned for Saturday, July 18, so please put it on your calendar as this is always a very popular outing.

## Court of Honor – July 14 – Ice Cream

By: Barbara Miyao

This is your chance for ice cream AND all the trimmings at our July 14 Court of Honor at Sycamore Park. Save the date.

## Order of the Arrow Elections Results

By Rand Mahoney

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society, an association of honor campers who are recognized by their peers as being living examples of the Scout Oath & Scout Law.

Congratulations to the following scouts that were elected in March by their fellow scouts to Order of the Arrow:

Chase Cabot, Alex Chew, Hayden Curtis, Colin Garavaglia, Wesley Hsieh, Ryan Mahoney, Mitchell Marvin, Willie Wiedenmann.

These scouts were recognized during the special OA Call Out ceremony at the district Camporee this past weekend. Their next step to become actual members of OA will be to attend and participate in an OA Ordeal weekend at one of the council camps within one year.



## Summer Camp – Medicals, etc.



By Kent Screechfield

As you are all aware, Summer Camp this year will be at the San Francisco Council's Camp Wente in Willits, CA, from July 26 through August 1, 2009.

Our reservations are set but we still need drivers to get the scouts to camp. If you can drive, please contact me or Barbara Miyao by June 30<sup>th</sup> so we can finalize our Tour Permit. We request that every scout family provide transportation for our scouts every year. Due to the distance, summer camp counts as two outings and we will reimburse travel one way at 14 cents a mile.

In addition to transportation, we need to get the final paperwork handed in for our scout's attendance. 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 months 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 Wentz Camp form. These new forms are located on our website.

Also, don't forget each scout will need a **full Class "A" uniform** when attending Summer Camp. The Troop has some used extras if you are interested. We can arrange to have them brought to a Troop meeting for any interested families; let the Troop Quartermaster (QM) know if you are looking for uniform parts.

## White Water Rafting – – June 20-21 (cont'd from p. 1)

To prepare for the trip, please plan accordingly:

You will need to wear your Class A uniforms for the ride up to the American River. We will be changing into Class B uniforms when we arrive at camp.

Patrols will only need to plan for Sunday morning breakfast. Your outing fee includes cost of the Saturday night pizza dinner and Sunday BBQ lunch. You can bring a like snack for the ride up to the American River, but I encourage you to eat lunch before arriving at the Park and Ride on Saturday.

Since the outing is on Fathers Day, we will make every effort to have scouts home at 6 pm. Please understand that this is only an approximate time, and depends on the actual length of the rafting trip, and traffic.

Bring bathing suit, towel, and plenty of sunscreen. Also, feel free to bring water guns or super soakers to use on our trip down the river.

As always, please leave your electronics at home. This includes cell phones. Adults on the outing will have cell phones if you absolutely need to call home.

Questions? Please see me at either of the first two June outings or contact me by email.

## Parent Meeting Notes

Committee Chairman Barbara Miyao said she hopes the meetings are informative for parents. The troop is now at 59 boys and transitions are occurring. The website is a great source of information. Many parent resources are on the site.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

### EVENTS:

Camporee – May 29-31 Boys need to attend if at all possible. It is the largest District event. There is no Camporee in 2010 due to a Council event and Jamboree.

Fishing – San Pablo – June 6

White Water – June 20-21

June 27-28 – Relay for Life – bring canned food – REGULAR size (no bottles, pasta, or large cans)

July 4 - July 4th events with Kiwanis, our sponsoring organization

Court of Honor - July 14

Shooting – July 18

Summer camp – Willits

No parent meeting in June or July, BUT THERE WILL BE A PARENT SUMMER CAMP MEETING.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS: No report Alan Carstensen could not

attend. Barbara indicated all is in order.

CLASS B SHIRTS: Available at this meeting for purchase.

ADVANCEMENT. Mani Peri needs parents to help attend Boards of Review.

### SCOUTMASTER REPORT.

Troop continues to grow.

Troop elections held in May. Those elected begin their terms on June 1. SPL: Robert Meyer. TLT (troop leadership training for those elected to new positions) to be held June 5, 5:30-8:30.

PLC on 5/26 will only deal with 6/2 meeting. Rest of June troop meetings will be planned at the TLT.

Patrol inspections to be held at 5/26 meeting in preparation for Camporee. Bring your backpack, patches sewed on; Class A uniform, NO rolling backpacks. The boys have to carry their own stuff, so don't pack heavy. Boys have to plan for 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner.

Troop meeting attendance has been very good.

Code of Conduct being finalized by Gautam.

Equipment – make sure items are **clean** (parents take a peek after your boys clean the dishes and tents). There have been **lost parts** to tents—make sure to let the leadership know so the troop can replace the parts and not take an unusable tent to a camping outing. Sweet and, if necessary, spray tents with a hose. DRY OUT—they air dry quickly.

Boards of Review are for rank advancement. They are held after the Scoutmaster Conference with the Scout. They are held during troop meetings.

**Parent Education Topic: What does "boy-led" really mean?**

**Baden-Powell said, "Train Scouts to do a job, then let them do it." "Never**

**do anything a boy can do.”**

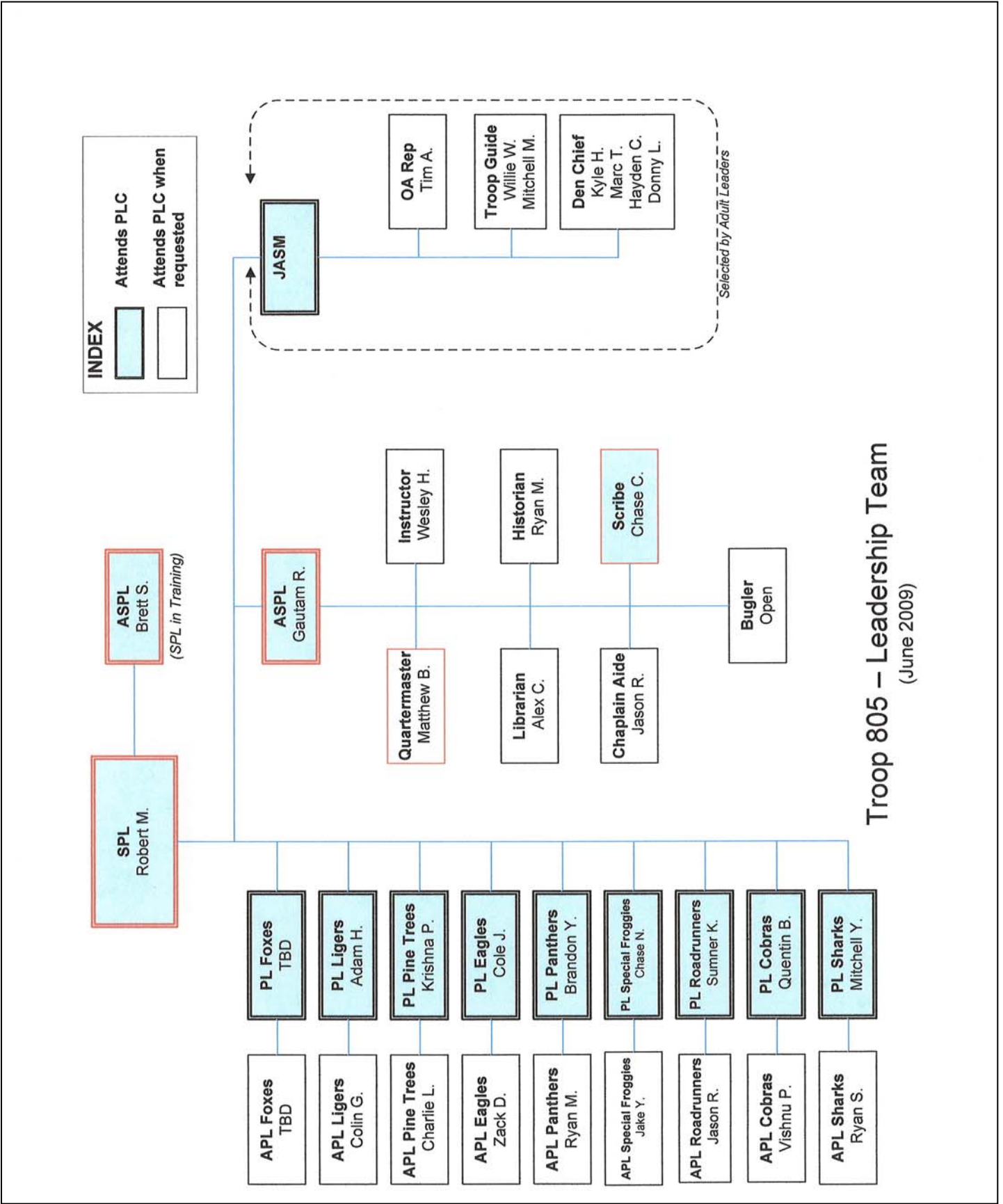
Life Scout ASPL Brett Screechfield joined us for the presentation. Scouts are future leaders, constantly growing and learning. Scouting is to empower the boys; leadership team chart shows the troop leaders. Scoutmaster works with the SPL (Scout Patrol Leader).

Role of adults/parents: provide support, enable scheduling, and encourage him to go on the outings, especially overnights/camping—one of the main ideas behind scouting). Don't be tempted to do things for him, but make suggestions. Encourage him to communicate by phone or email. Let him work out the challenges; encourage him to live by the Scout Oath and Law all the time.

Patrol method: troop is divided into patrols; each patrol chooses a name and makes a flag; on outings the patrol will plan menus and stay together as a group usually; each patrol has its own leadership. The patrol leader (or substitute) attends the monthly PLC meeting. Patrol leader's duties include notifying patrol of things they need to know, attending the monthly PLC meeting, and guide meal planning and communication.

Boys should keep all paperwork materials (i.e., blue cards, rank advancement cards, etc). They will need these cards for their Eagle Board reviews.

Always bring totem chip and fire cards on outings (patches not sufficient).



Troop 805 – Leadership Team  
(June 2009)