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Troop Tidings

12 Mile Bike Ride – September 12

By *Rand Mahoney*

Come join us for the day on Saturday, Sept. 12, for a fun, easy and memorable ride through Tiburon and 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 and return to Tiburon in the mid-afternoon. While on the island we may also seek some Geocaches along the way or tour the recently renovated immigration center. Let Mr. Mahoney know your interests. We will do a quick bike safety check at the troop meeting on September 8 for all scouts AND adults and all permissions slips are due at this time. Bikes should be check thoroughly at home BEFORE coming using the ABC Quick Check from the website. Cost will be \$15 for each scout and adult to cover the ferry ride, etc. The permission slip with the details is on the website.

at Brannon Island. At camp, we will be preparing our meals using backpacking stoves and will sleep in troop backpacking tents. As an added bonus, I understand from Mr Screechfield that our campsites are located next to a great area to play Zorch!

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Parent Meeting

By *Barbara Miyao*

The next parent meeting is Tuesday, September 22, at 7:15 p.m., up on the stage in the MPR. Join us for this very



important Troop Parent Meeting. We will be covering the new budet and proposed Outing Calendar for 2010, along with 2009 Popcorn sales update and Merit Badge Counselor opportunities.

9/11 Memorial

By *Steve Oki*

In remembrance of the events of 9/11/2001, the cities of Danville and San Ramon are planning a memorial service at Oak Hill Park in Danville. Scouts troops have been asked to assist. Meet at the park at 5:00; estimated completion 7:00 p.m. See permission slip for details. Steve Oki 997-4957 or oki@sbcglobal.net. Slip due 9/8.

Urban Backpacking – Be There – September 26/27

By *Alan Carstensen ASM*

Get ready for our upcoming Urban Backpacking outing scheduled for September 26th through September 27th. This outing will be a combination of day hike through Sacramento (focusing on Old Town Sacramento and the State Capitol) along with an overnight camp at Brannon Island State Park.

We will travel to Sacramento aboard the Capitol Corridor train from Martinez. Upon arrival, we will hike to the State Capitol for a short tour and quick lunch. After lunch we will hike back to Old Town and tour the Railroad Museum. After completing the tour, we will take the train back to Martinez, and go to our overnight camp

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This Month's Activities Theme: Citizenship

Outings:

Patriot Day

When: September 11

Where: Oak Hill Park, Danville

Patrol: OA

Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki

12-Mile Bike Ride

When: September 12-13

Where: Angel Island

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Patrol in Charge: Dragons

Urban Campout

When: September 26-27

Where: Sacramento

Patrol in charge: Eagles

Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstensen

Troop Meetings*:

September 1 - Troop Meeting

Activities: Citizenship in Nation

Merit Badge, requirements 4 & 5;
dodgeball-bring balls

Opening: Cobras

Closing: Roadrunners

Patrol Corners: No

September 8 - Troop Meeting

Activities: Citizenship in Nation Merit
Badge, requirement 1; bike inspection

Opening: Pine Trees

Closing: Ligers

Patrol corners: Yes

September 15 - Troop Meeting

Activities: Citizenship In Nation Merit
Badge, requirements 6 & 7

Opening: Eagles

Closing: Special Froggies

Patrol corners: Yes

September 22 - Troop Meeting

Activities: Citizenship in Nation,
requirements 2, 3 and 8

Opening: Panthers

Closing: Sharks

Patrol corners: Yes

September 29 - PLC

September 17 – ASM Meeting

September 24 – District Roundtable

*Summer School

Popcorn Sales Start In October

Troop 805 will again be participating in the Trails-End Popcorn sales. This is a great opportunity for the scouts to earn money in order to offset next year's registration and pay for scout outings and even summer camp.

Flyers with order forms and available prizes will be distributed at one of the meetings later in September. The selling period will run from October 1st through October 31st.

The great part about the sale is that there is no cost to the Troop to participate and the popcorn tastes great! In addition, your scout can earn some great prizes.

Questions? Contact POPCORN CHAIRS Latha Ramesh (ramesh_madras@hotmail.com) or Jane Marvin (jane.marvin@ros.com).



Pinnacles Campout and Hike – October 10-11

By Kent Screechfield



Question: Need an overnight outing for your Camping Merit Badge that has over 1,000 feet of climbing? Want to visit a National Monument for your Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge?

Answer: This outing is for you as we have a night of camping and then

hiking of the Pinnacles National Monument.

The Pinnacles is the eroded leftovers of half of an ancient extinct volcano which was erupted over 23 million years ago and used to be 195 miles to the south near present day Lancaster California. The giant San Andreas Fault split the volcano and the Pacific Plate crept north, carrying the Pinnacles. The work of water and wind on these erodible volcanic rocks has formed the unusual rock structures seen today. The Monument is divided into East and West divisions by the rock formations and are only connected by trails. The east side has shade and water, the west side has high walls. The rock formations provide for spectacular 'pinnacles' that attract rock climbers (however, we will do NO rock climb at this event). Peregrine Falcons live in this area and the California Condor has recently been reintroduced. In addition, we will have an opportunity to visit the Bear Gulch Cave which provides a home to a colony of Townsend's big-eared bats as they hibernate in winter and raise their young in summer. Townsend's big-eared bats are listed as a "sensitive species" by the State of California, and the park is required to protect them. The colony in the Bear Gulch Cave is the largest maternity colony between San Francisco and Mexico. The lower half of the Bear Gulch Cave is usually open from mid-July through mid-May each year, depending on the presence of the colony of bats. The entire cave is closed from mid-May to mid-July while the bats are raising their young. Flashlights will be needed if the cave is open. The permission slip and additional details will be available on our website in early September.

Reference websites:

Pinnacles Rim of the Bay hike (http://www.sfbac.org/activities/act_rob_pinnacles.cfm), and Pinnacles National Monument

(<http://www.nps.gov/pinn/planyourvisit/camp.htm>)

Next Month's Preview Theme: High Adventure

Outings:

Pinnacles Campout & Hike

When: October 10-11

Location: Pinnacles Nat'l Monument

Patrol in Charge: Panthers

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Indoor Rock Climbing

When: October 24-25

Where: Diablo Rock, Concord

Patrol in Charge: Frozen Foxes

Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin

Meetings:

October 6 – Troop Meeting

October 13 – Troop Meeting

October 20 – COURT OF HONOR

October 27 – PLC

October 15 – ASM Meeting

October 22 – District Meeting

Indoor Rock Climbing – October 24-25

By Glen Aikin

Save the date for our annual rock climbing craziness and overnigher. We'll be at Diablo Rock in Concord, led by the Frozen Foxes. The timing will be approximately 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Fall Court of Honor – October 20

By Lorraine Lofe and Deb Kenessey

Save the date for our fall Court of Honor on October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sycamore Elementary MPR. You will not want to miss seeing our scouts get recognized for all of their efforts – rank advancements, merit badges, and outings – since our last Court of Honor in July. More details to follow.

2010 Vision, Mission & Goals

A Troop with a continued recruitment and retention plan and an outstanding record for participation and scout spirit at all Troop meetings, outings and events for all scouts that actively uses the Patrol Method of operation.

Mission:

Continued Webelos recruitment efforts to successfully enlist Webelos scouts into the Troop.

Increased participation by focusing Troop activities to be sufficiently varied to ensure all levels and ages of scouts are having FUN.

Focus the Troop to use the Patrol Method to enhanced leadership accountability and improve the operation in general.

Increase Scout Spirit of the Troop at meetings and outings.

Goals:

Continue our recruitment plan that includes opportunities for each scout to participate in the efforts and results in the recruitment of between 8-12 Webelos scouts.

Bring the recruitment effort to the Packs rather than leaving it solely to them visiting the Troop.

Den Chiefs go to Pack meetings of Packs 689, 802 and 995 at least once in the fall and announce our Open House and events.

Den Chiefs to report to the PLC dates meetings were announced.

Schedule a Troop open house and ensure the maximum participation of the Troop membership fall of 2009.

Follow up on visits to keep links between Webelos and the Troop active by using emails within two weeks of the open house by thanking them and asking them if they have any questions or concerns.

Make multi-media presentations available to the Webelos after a Troop visit. The historian and another older scout will work on this project together with the approval of the SPL.

Utilize both adults and scouts in the recruitment effort. The adults will focus on discussing our program with the parents and the scouts will focus on the scouts by having fun and talking about outings during the open house.

Continue to keep Patrol participation to at least 80% at Troop meetings and adding additional outings by adding more variety to the sessions and making them more enjoyable to all participants.

Ensure ALL Patrols have a role in the production of the meetings.

Incorporate advancement opportunities such as merit badges and scout skill requirements in to the monthly program. Third year scouts or scouts at Star rank start teaching skills at least once a month. Have Venture Patrol (4th year and older scouts) designate a

merit badge of choice once a quarter that can be included in the program.

Venture Patrol to select a high adventure outing once a quarter.

Outing to be planned by the Venture Patrol.

Include Patrol Corners at least once a month at Patrol meetings. Patrol Corners to include specific items to discuss including discussion of next month's theme, sponsorship of outings and state of the Patrol. Patrol Leaders to follow up with their Patrols at least monthly during the Patrol Corners to evaluate the meetings and causes of non attendance. They will report on their findings at the PLC.

Use the "Patrol Sponsorship of Outings" handout to help plan permission slips/deadlines/activities with adult ASM to help encourage participation.

Patrols have meetings outside of Troop meeting/outing at least once a quarter to promote Patrol unity and encourage participation.

Educate the Troop on the Patrol Method and encourage its use and leadership accountability for putting it into practice.

Require the Troop leadership team to attend Troop Leadership Training (TLT) to educate them on Patrol Method.

Establish goals for all leadership positions which emphasize Patrol Method usage.

Establish ways to "hand off" previous Troop goals to all new leaders.

Improve Patrol effectiveness within the Patrol by holding the leadership accountable for following the Patrol Method (Have Patrol reports at PLCs generated at Patrol Corners).

Increase communication on outings and Troop meetings by ensuring the Patrol Leaders have sufficient information the week prior.

Outing sponsors will provide details at

meetings and the PLC on plans. Outing leaders to attend PLCs for planning and communications purposes.

Troop meeting teachers are notified by their Patrol Leaders at least a week in advance so they can be prepared. Notification is to be done by phone and email.

Attendance and uniform reviews will be taken by the Patrol Leaders at the start of meetings. The Scribe will tally this information and report out at the PLC.

Increase Scout spirit both in Patrol and Troop activities.

Create a new Troop yell to be used by the next Court of Honor.

Work on Patrol yells during Patrol Corners at least once a month and perform them at least once a month.

Work on Patrol flags or embellishing existing Patrol flags. Bring them to every Troop meeting.

Reward Patrols for being quiet during Patrol lines, flags and for high participation in Outings. Rewards to be determined by Senior Leadership (SPL/ASPLs) and awarded at the Court of Honor.

Encourage Patrols to earn Honor Patrol.

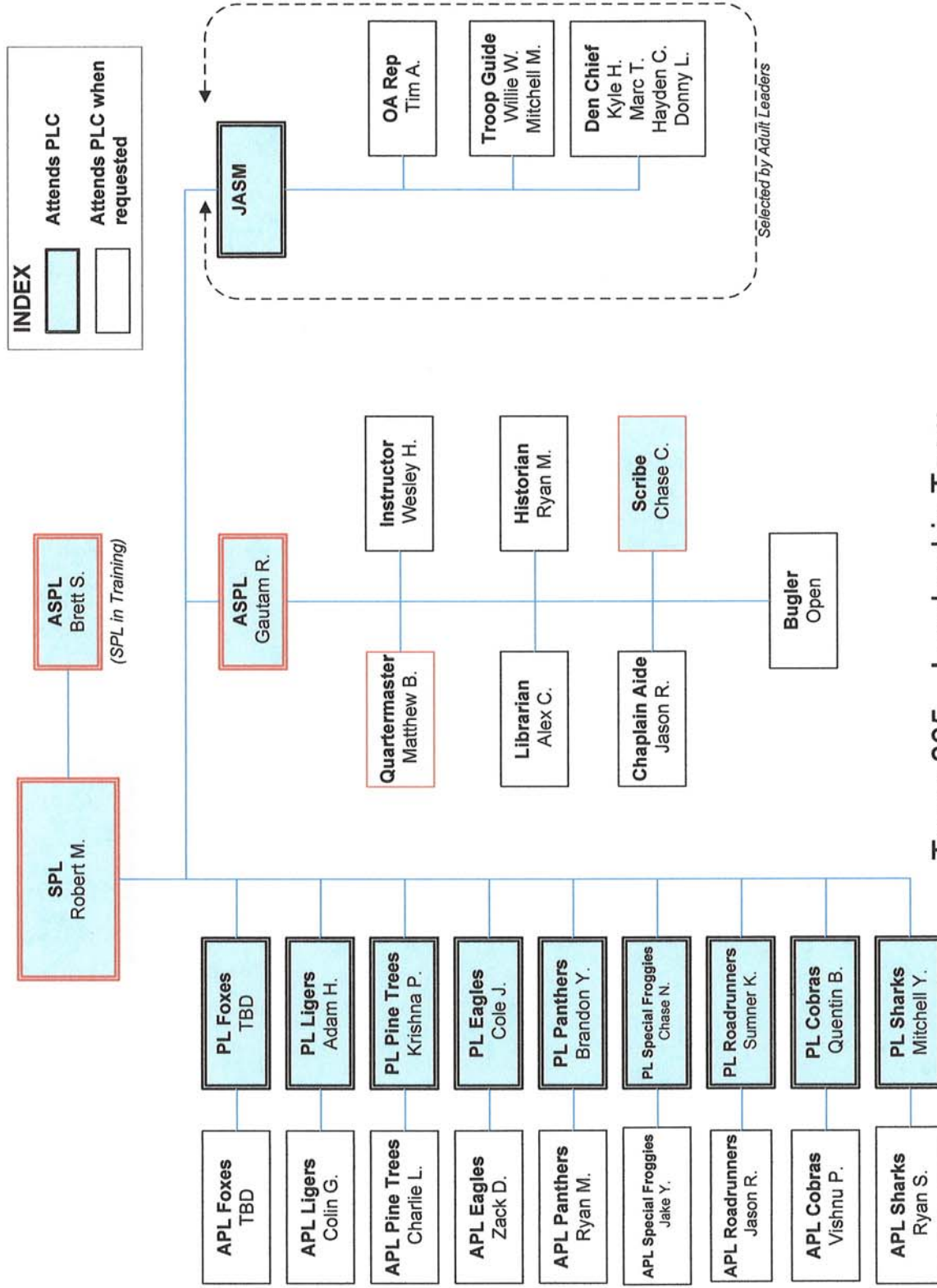
Urban Backpacking – Be There – September 26/27

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Not only will this outing satisfy requirements for the "Citizenship in the Nation" merit badge but will be a great overnight camp. Since we have at least two backpacking trips scheduled for 2010, this will be a good opportunity for many of you to test out backpacking gear in a friendly environment.

Tentatively, we will be meeting at Sycamore Park and Ride at 8:45 am

leaving promptly at 9:00 am. We plan on having scouts back home Sunday morning at 11 am. Cost will be \$40 for scouts, and \$55 for adults. This fee includes the Amtrak train fare, admission to Railroad Museum, overnight camp, and cost of dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Permission slip should be posted to the troop website the week of August 31.



Troop 805 – Leadership Team
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