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Troop Tidings

New Troop 805 Eagle Scout



Please join the Troop in congratulating

Nick Ricart

on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Look for details of his Eagle Court of Honor in coming months.

Rock Climbing at Diablo Rock Gym – Oct. 24-25

By Kent Screechfield



The Frozen Foxes Patrol is sponsoring a Troop Rock Climbing

Overnighter on October 24-25, 2009 from 7PM to 7AM at Diablo Rock Gym (owned by Touchstone Climbing and Fitness) in Concord. Come join your patrol and learn some climbing techniques. Snacks and late pizza will be provided but might want to eat before you arrive.

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Got Your Board of Review?

By Mani Peri

The last board of review will be October 6th before the October 20th court of honor. Please keep this in mind when finishing up and earning recognition. You can email me with

questions or comments at awards@troop805.org. See you at the Court of Honor. Don't forget to RSVP!

Fall Court of Honor – October 20

By Lorraine Lofe and Deb Kenessey

Our fall Court of Honor will be 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. It will be a potluck; the boys will draw straws on 10/13 to determine who brings desserts, salads, & entrees.

Pinnacles Campout and Hike - October 10-11, 2009

By Kent Screechfield

Just a reminder that the Pinnacles Campout and Hike is Saturday, October 10 through Sunday, October 11, 2009. Information on what to bring is located at the following link on the Troop website.

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2009-10-10%20Pinnacles%20Campout%20and%20Hike.pdf>

Two key things to remember is there is no water along the hike route (just the beginning and end) so bring lots of containers for water --at least 2 to 3 liters worth. Bring a flashlight for the bat caves that hopefully will be open.

Popcorn Sales Start Now!

Troop 805 will again be participating in the Trails-End Popcorn sales. This is a great opportunity for the scouts to **(Cont'd on Page 2)**

This Month's Activities Theme: High Adventure

Outings:

Pinnacles

When: October 10-11

Where: Pinnacles National Monument

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Patrol in Charge: Panthers

Rock Climbing

When: October 24-25

Where: Diablo Rock Gym, Concord

Patrol in charge: Frozen Foxes

Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin

Troop Meetings*:

October 6 - Troop Meeting

Activities: Rock climbing safety, discussion on drugs, game (sharks and minnows)

Opening: Roadrunners

Closing: Panthers

Patrol Corners: Yes

October 13 - Troop Meeting

Activities: Rock climbing commands, knots

Opening: Cobras

Closing: Special Froggies

Patrol corners: Yes

October 20 - Court of Honor

Opening: Pine Trees

Closing: Eagles

October 27 - PLC

October 15 – ASM Meeting

October 22 – District Roundtable

October 28 – OA District Meeting

***Sycamore School**

Reminder

The schedule for Troop meeting is as follows:

Start: 7:00 pm

End: 8:30 pm

Please try and be prompt to each meeting, and at the end of the meeting don't forget it is everyone's responsibility to clean up.

SPL and PL Election



Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for **November 3, 2009.**

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.

All scout interested in running for the SPL position **MUST** meet the Scoutmaster before or at the October 13th Troop Meeting.

The new leadership team is **REQUIRED** to attend Troop Leadership Training (aka TLT) on December 5, 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.

Popcorn Sales Start In October

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earn money in order to offset next year's registration and pay for scout outings and even summer camp. 30%

of sales go directly to the scout.

Flyers with order forms and available prizes were distributed at the September 22nd Troop meeting. Patrol leaders have extra copies for those who may have missed it. The selling period will run from October 1st through October 26th. (Please, NO selling outside of this window).

Scouts can also sell Trail's End products online which is a great way to reach out-of-town friends and family. Scouts just need to go to scouts.trails-end.com to get started.

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).



Unit Scouter of the Year: Eileen Chew

Congratulations to Eileen Chew, Troop 805's Unit Scouter of the Year. Eileen was honored at the annual district dinner in August. Eileen has been a huge support for our Troop by coordinating our Popcorn sales over the past few years and most recently has volunteered to be our new Troop Treasurer. Thank you Mrs. Chew for all that you do!

Next Month's Preview Theme: Athletics

Outings:

15-Mile Bike Ride

When: November 14

Location: TBA

Patrol in Charge: Special Froggies

Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen

Scouting for Food

When: November 21

Where: Danville Neighborhoods

Patrol in Charge: OA

Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki

Meetings:

November 3 – Troop Meeting

November 10 – Troop Meeting

November 17 – PLC

November 24 – NO TROOP
MEETING

November 19 – ASM Meeting

No District Roundtable this month

Merit Badge Counselor Informational Meeting – October 6, 7:45 p.m.

By *Barbara Miyao*

Are you already a Merit Badge Counselor or are you interested in hearing more about what it means to become one? Neal Matsunaga, Assistant Scoutmaster, will present information on the responsibilities and process of being a Merit Badge Counselor and to properly assist our scouts in earning their Merit Badges.

We are recommending that all current Merit Badge Counselors attend, as well as, those parents who are interested in learning more. Contact Barbara Miyao, cc@troop805.org for more information.

2010 Troop Registration – Coming Soon!

By *Barbara Miyao*

It's that time of year again! The annual Troop registration process is about to begin. Look for details coming in your mailbox around mid-October.

Registration fees are used to cover membership costs for our youth and adults due to the Boy Scouts of America, insurance coverage, awards, incidental outing expenses, and troop equipment maintenance. Paperwork and Registration fees will be due BY Tuesday, November 10

Also included in the mailing will be your son's personal information sheet. Please review and make any updates, so that we can be sure our database is up to date.

Please return the registration packets promptly so that we can minimize follow up and ensure we get all returning scouts and scouters registered on time.

Rock Climbing at Diablo Rock Gym – Oct. 24-25

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The gym will be closing the facility to the general public to allow us access to the rock wall and their trained staff.

The permission slip for the Rock climbing overnighter is on the web at the following URL:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2009-10-24%20Indoor%20Rock%20Climbing%20Overnighter.pdf>

This outing also requires completion of a Liability Wavier for which is found at:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2008-03-15%20Rock%20Climbing%20Liability%20Waiver.pdf>

15-Mile Bike Ride – Save the Date

Mr. Huen and the Special Frogies will lead a 15-mile bike trek on November 14, so put that on your calendars now. More details and a permission slip to follow shortly.

Scouting for Food

By *Steven Oki*

Save November 21 on our calendars for this important day.

This event is part of the annual National BSA service project where non-perishable foods are collected for the local food banks. This year has been especially difficult for food centers and agencies – let's do our part to make a difference. We will go door-to-door picking up food donations, and deliver the collected items to a central point at the LDS church at Sycamore and Old Orchard. Each Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack is assigned an area to do their collection; our area will likely be in the vicinity of Sycamore Elementary. We will need

to have many drivers to take the scouts around and deliver the food back to the collection point. Look for a permission slip shortly.

Code of Conduct

Note: Sue Oki, original author

How do we ensure our scouts treat one another appropriately? Is boisterousness always acceptable?

There are multiple answers to these questions and I am sure each one of us likely has our own interpretation. Bad behavior is not condoned by BSA and certainly not acceptable in Troop 805.

What are the rules we follow as a scout Troop?

RULES OF CONDUCT

As scouts we have rules that we agree to, to hopefully avoid confusion on our code of conduct. We have the Scout Law, Scout Oath & Youth Protection guidelines we can refer to for what is appropriate.

SCOUT LAW

At each Troop meeting we recite the Scout Law and Oath and commit to follow them. Baden-Powell derived these rules of life in the early 1900's and they still hold true today. In the law some of the things our scouts pledge themselves to are, to be Trustworthy, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, and Obedient.

SCOUT OATH

In the Scout Oath we hear the words, "To help other people at all times."

YOUTH PROTECTION

Youth Protection is just another process that we adhere to as scouts, and parents. Each year the adult leaders are required to take this training. The rules of Youth Protection also apply to the scouts however. The basic principles that apply to conduct are to mindfully be aware of others and their feelings, and it also covers the issues of diversity

- what might be alright for one person may not be acceptable behavior to others.

If we think about these statements & words whether an adult or a Scout we can answer any question on how we are expected to behave. Whether scouts or just individuals we need to think of the consequences of our action; not let our boisterousness lapse into something others would find negative or interpret as hazing. After all we all want to have FUN but this should not be at the expense of others.

CONSEQUENCES

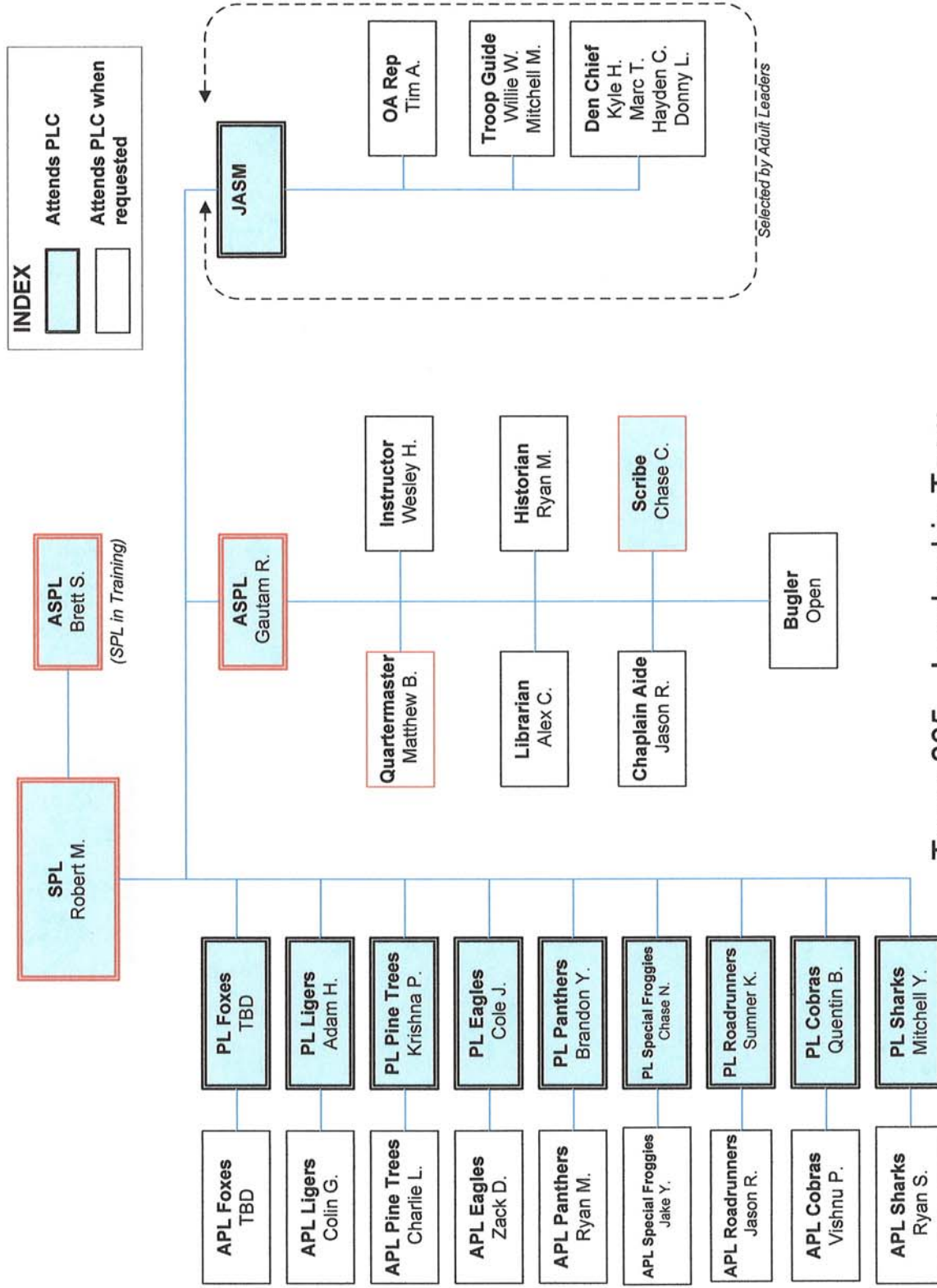
It is important that each scout and family too is aware of what might result from inappropriate actions. Every action has a consequence; it could be just a reprimand, a Troop reflection on how to improve the situation, an adult leader discussion with parents, or even being sent home.

PROBLEM ESCALATIONS

Each situation has to be evaluated at the time. What might be a small issue at one event could be an extreme issue at another. The first step is always to talk to the scout in an attempt to address the situation. Beyond that it depends if the issue continues. In a scout Troop whether on an outing or at a Troop meeting our scouts will be held accountable for their behavior. A single boy not adhering to the code of conduct can make it a sad event for everyone else. As a Troop we can not afford this. When an incident goes beyond normal boisterousness parents will be alerted either on the Troop's return or if called for during the event. When necessary, parents (or a scout's emergency contact) will be contacted to deal with a situation and if a scout is too disruptive parents will be asked to come get their child.

The role of the parents is not an easy one. We reinforce good behavior and are held accountable for our children's actions. Your help to encourage and support appropriate manners is

essential. The last thing anyone wants is a phone call asking for a scout to be picked up because of non-scout like behaviors.



Troop 805 – Leadership Team
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