



Troop Tidings

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Bowling/Recruiting!

On Sunday, December 6, our troop will be going bowling at Danville Bowl.

We will also be inviting prospective Webelos recruits to the outing. This outing will be a great chance to practice bowling skills, show our Webelos guests the athletic skills of our troop and how much fun our troop has and to have fun hanging out scouts.

Date: Sunday, December 6

Time: 2:45-5:00

Place: Danville Bowl

Drivers: Parents drop off and pick up scouts at the bowling alley

Dress: Full class A uniforms

Guests: Potential Webelo recruits

Cost: Outing fee covers three games of bowling and shoes. Bring money for snacks

Come out and wreak havoc on the bowling pins!

Having a Blast with Water Rockets

By Rand Mahoney

On Saturday, December 12th, we will have special event of building and launching water rockets. A water rocket is a type of model rocket using water as its reaction mass. The pressure vessel—the engine of the rocket—will be a used plastic 2-liter soft drink bottle. The water is forced out by compressed air. We will be inviting Webelos from other packs to join us on this event. We will be meeting at

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Troop Leadership Training (TLT)



By: Kent Screechfield

Just a reminder that the new Troop Leadership Team will meet on Saturday, **December 5th** from 9:15 am to 12:00 noon. 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-11 Lower Level Classroom, 2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville.

Parent Educational Topic – Snow Camping Equipment Tuesday, December 8, 7:15

We are re-scheduling our December Parent Meeting to a Parent Educational Topic for Tuesday, December 8. Mr. Mahoney will give a presentation on the equipment needed for our Snow Camping trip in February. Proper equipment is the key to keeping your scout warm and dry while camping in the snow. We encourage you and your scout to attend this presentation if your scout is interested in going on the trip, giving you time to prepare to purchase the needed equipment.

This Month's Activities Theme: Engineering

Outings:

Bowling

When: December 6

Where: Danville Bowl

Adult in Charge: Mr. Matsunaga

Patrol in Charge: Panthers

Water Rockets

When: December 12

Where: Charlotte Wood Middle School

Patrol in charge: Pine Trees

Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Troop Meetings*:

December 1 - Troop Meeting –

Activities: Swearing in new leadership; patrol shooting competition

Opening: Pine Trees

Closing: Cobras

Patrol corners: Yes

December 8 - Troop Meeting

Bring a Toys for Tots Item

Activities: demonstration of snow camping gear, build patrol rockets, gift exchange;

Opening: Panthers

Closing: Sharks

Patrol Corners: Yes

December 15 - PLC

December 22 & 29 – NO MEETINGS

December 2 – OA Apanuc meeting

ASM Meeting - NONE

No District Roundtable this month.

***Sycamore School**

Court of Honor – Save the Date

By Lorraine Lofe and Deb Kennessey

We have another great Court of Honor for your family coming up on January 19. Mark your calendars now for that date at 6:30 p.m. Details to follow.

10-Mile Bike Ride

By: Bob Riegel

The Sharks will lead a ten-mile bike ride on Saturday, January 9, to kick off the new year's activities. Save the date.

Hike Hike Hike

By: Kent Screechfield

The Roadrunners will lead us down the road for a hike on January 30. Be there!

Skiing and Boarding Outings – January 22-25

By: Kevin Chew and Barbara Miyao

This year the troop will be offering two ski/snow boarding trips.

FOR SCOUTS 13 YEARS AND OLDER – January 22-25, 2010 –

Three nights of cabin camping and two days of skiing (limited availability – outing is first-come, first-serve).

FOR SCOUTS 12 AND YOUNGER* - DAY TRIP (NO OVERNIGHT

available) – Sunday, January 24, 2010 -
***Please note:** each scout 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Participation for older scouts who want to go on the Day Trip is based upon availability of drivers who can drive you up and back.

trips of the year. Mark your calendars for this extravaganza.

Permission slips will be available soon.

NEW BSA GUIDELINES

REQUIRE ALL SCOUTS ON SKI/SNOW BOARD OUTINGS TO WEAR A HELMET.

Popcorn News

By: Latha Ramesh

Our troop had a good year with popcorn sales with a total sales of \$6660. Our top seller this year is Mitchell Marvin with over \$2300 in sales. For those of you who still owe money to the troop, it should be turned in by Dec. 1st to either Mrs. Marvin or Mrs. Ramesh. Prizes will be in shortly and will be distributed at one of the upcoming troop meetings. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Adopt-a-Family Bikes

By Rand Mahoney

Ryan and I are working with the Adopt-a-Family Bikes again this year. Last year we had a few scouts and parents from Troop 805 help with our program and we were able to donate 250 bikes. Over the last 7 years we have donated over 1000 bikes to families in need. Adopt-A-Family Bikes is a local nonprofit run by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Our website at: www.adoptfamilybikes.org We were also featured Nov. 20th edition of the Danville Weekly (aka Danville Express):

http://www.danvilleweekly.com/news/show_story.php?id=2408>

Do you (or a friend or neighbor) have a used bike or trike you could donate? Our volunteers will clean, repair, and safety check them before donating them to nonprofit agencies. Last year the bikes were *(Cont'd on Page 4)*

Don't miss out on one of the "coolest"

Next Month's Preview Theme: Winter Sports

Outings:

10-Mile Bike

When: January 9

Where: TBA

Patrol in Charge: Sharks

Adult in Charge: Mr. Riegel

Skiing and Boarding DAY TRIP

When: January 24

Location: Bear Valley

Patrol in Charge: Ligers

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Miyao

Skiing and Boarding

When: January 22-25

Location: Bear Valley

Patrol in Charge: Ligers

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chew

Hike

When: January 30

Location: TBA

Patrol in Charge: Roadrunners

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Meetings:

January 5 – Troop Meeting

January 12 – Troop Meeting

January 19 – COURT OF HONOR

January 26 – PLC /BOR

ASM Meeting – January 14

OA Apanuc – January 27

District Roundable – 1/28/10

2010 Summer Camp

Troop 805's 2010 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 25th through July 31st** so mark your calendar now, requests for commitment to participate are now available on the Troop website at:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2010-07-25%20Camp%20Kern%20-%20Reservation.pdf>

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Commitment forms need to be returned by **January 9th**. Troop 805 has a limited number of slots for scouts and scouters.



This year, we will return to Camp Kern, a high Sierra camp operated by the Southern Sierra Council. Camp Kern is located on one of the most famous sailing lakes in North America. It is on the shores of Huntington Lake, 7,000 ft above the San Joaquin Valley floor in the High Sierra Mountains of California. A great drive to camp ends at a parking lot where all troops load themselves and their gear onto one of our two camp barges for a 15-minute trip across Huntington Lake. As usual, this will be a great opportunity for the boys to enjoy the fun and adventure of camp life, and to make significant progress towards advancement in rank, amid the rugged beauty of the Sierra. The campsites have tents on platforms (no cots) and there are showers and meals are served in a dining hall.

Having a Blast with Water Rockets

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Charlotte Wood Middle School, on or near the basketball courts on the west end. Scouts will be responsible for their own transportation and there is no cost for this event. We will start at 1:30 and should be done between 3:00 to 3:30.

The science behind it: The bottle is partially filled with water and is sealed on the launcher. The bottle is then pressurized with compressed air from a bicycle pump, air compressor, or cylinder. Water and gas are used in combination, with the gas providing a means to store potential energy, as it is easily compressed, and the water increasing the mass fraction and providing greater momentum when ejected from the rocket's nozzle. The seal on the nozzle of the rocket is then released and rapid release of water occurs, at high speeds. Until the propellant has been used up, and the pressure equalizes with atmospheric pressure, there is a net force created on the tank in accordance with Newton's third law. The expulsion of the water causes the rocket to leap a considerable distance into the air. In addition to aerodynamic considerations, altitude and flight duration are dependent upon the volume of water, the initial pressure, the rocket nozzle's size, and the unloaded weight of the rocket. Typical apogee heights are 200-300 feet, but the world's record is 2,044 feet for a highly developed water rocket called the X-12!!! See the website for some cool information and videos:

http://www.uswaterrockets.com/world/world_menu.htm The permission slip for this event is on our website and needs to be returned to your Patrol Leader by Tuesday, December 8th. For more information, contact Mr. Mahoney at 925.899.3840 or randmaho@pacbell.net

Adopt-a-Family Bikes

By Rand Mahoney

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distributed to five nonprofit agencies including the Monument Crisis Center (Concord, CA) and the Salvation Army (Concord, CA). Bikes can be dropped off at the repair shop in the Rose Garden Center at 730 Camino Ramon, Suite 150, Danville (just a few doors away from Amici's Pizza) starting Nov. 29. Our approximate hours will be 6-9 pm weeknights and 10-5 pm weekends. Bikes are needed before Dec. 7. A donation of \$5-10 per bike is suggested to help pay for parts, helmets, and bike locks.

Volunteers are always welcome to clean and repair bikes from Nov. 30 to Dec. 20. No experience is necessary - we will teach you. Here's a chance for scouts to earn service hours and to learn bike repair. You can even fulfill some of the requirements for the Cycling Merit Badge. Please contact Rand Mahoney, C: 925-899-3840, randmaho@pacbell.net to schedule volunteer time or for more information.

Pictures from Recent Outings



2010 Outings

January (Winter Sports)

- 10 Mile Bike Ride (1/09 - Sat) - Sharks
- Skiing (1/22 - Fri: 1/25 - Mon) - Ligers
- Hike (1/30 - Sat) - Roadrunners

February (Winter Camping)

- Snow Camping (2/12 - Fri: 2/15 - Mon) - Eagles
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (2/27 - Sat) - Panthers

March (Climbing)

- Hike (3/6 - Sat) - Pine Trees
- Indoor Rock Climbing (3/13 - Sat: 3/14 - Sun) - Ligers
- 25 Mile Bike Ride (3/20 - Sat) - Cobras
- Pre-Camporee – Sugar Loaf (3/26 - Fri: 3/28 - Sun) - Panthers

April (Backpacking)

- Kiwanis Big K (4/3 - Sat) - OA
- School Service Project (TBD - Sat) - OA
- 2010 Council Jamboree (4/16 - Fri: 4/18 - Sun) - Ligers
- Backpacking (4/24 - Sat: 4/25 - Sun) - Special Froggies

May (Fishing)

- Mountain Bike/Camping (5/01 - Sat: 5/02 - Sun) - Eagles
- Fishing/Camping (5/15 - Fri: 5/17 - Mon) - Pine Trees
- Hike (5/29 - Sat) - Cobras

June (Cycling)

- 15 Mile Bike Ride (6/12 - Sat) - Special Froggies
- 2 x 25 mile Bike Ride/Camping (6/19 - Sat: 6/20 - Sun) - Panthers
- Relay for Life (6/26 - Sat: 6/27 - Sun) - Ligers

July (Boating)

- 4th of July Parade (7/4 - Sat) - OA
- Whitewater Canoeing/Camping (7/09 - Fri: 7/11 - Sun) - Panthers
- Hike or Bike Ride (7/17 - Sat) - Roadrunners
- Summer Camp – Kern (7/25 - Sun: 7/31 - Sat) – SPL/ASPL

August (Sports)

- 50 Mile Bike Ride (8/14 - Sat) - Eagles
- Yosemite Camp/Service/Hike (8/20 - Fri: 8/23 - Mon) - Pine Trees

September (Shooting)

- Rifle Shooting (9/11 - Sat) - Sharks
- 25 Mile Bike Ride (9/18 - Sat) - Special Froggies
- Archery Shooting/Camping (9/25 - Sat: 9/26 - Sun) - Roadrunners

October (High Adventure)

- Spelunking/Camping (10/08 - Fri: 10/10 - Sun) - Cobras
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (10/16 - Sat) - Pine Trees
- Backpacking/Camping/Hiking (10/23 - Sat: 10/24 - Sun) - Roadrunners

November (Chemistry)

- Exothermic Reactions (11/06 - Sat) - Ligers
- Museum Indoor Overnighter (11/13 - Sat: 11/14 - Sun) - Sharks
- Scouting For Food/Bike Ride (11/20 - Sat) – OA/Special Froggies

December (Citizenship)

- Mini Golf (12/05 - Sun) - Cobras
- Capital Visit via AMTRAK (12/11 - Sat) - Eagles