



Troop Tidings

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Rock Climbing Overnight – March 6-7

By Don Martin

Wanna be a 'rock' star? "Hang" out with fellow scouts during a night of "scaling" new heights. The annual rock climbing overnight is just around the corner. The cost is \$50, and permission slips and waivers are on the troop website. If you're going, don't "belay."

15-Mile Bike Ride Moved to March

By Jane Marvin

Due to weather, our 15 mile bike ride scheduled for February 27 has been moved to March 20 and will replace the 25 mile bike ride. If there is enough adult support, we will have a 10-mile inner loop. More details to come from the Cobra patrol. See the permission slip on the website shortly.



Parent Meeting –

Tuesday, March 2 at 7:15 p.m.

Our next meeting we be on Tuesday, March 2 to welcome our new families to the Troop. Please join us for an informative discussion on *Equipment* from Neal Matsunaga and discuss ideas for upcoming Parent Meeting Educational Topics.

Scout Skills Outing – March 26- 28

By: Kent Screechfield

The Panther Patrol is sponsoring the Scout Skills Weekend March 26-28, 2010. The event traditionally is intended to teach scout skills and encourage Patrol spirit in the form of inter-Patrol competitions. The event offers younger Scouts a chance to work on their Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class rank requirements. Once the skills have been taught, the fun begins as the Patrols test themselves on how well the skills have been learned. Older scout too hone their skills and leadership by signing up to teach a skill or run a competition. New scouts will just stay on Saturday night while the other scouts will stay for both nights. Look for details in the permission slip available by the March 2nd Troop meeting and due at the March 16th Troop meeting.

Las Trampas Training Hike

By Kent Screechfield

A combination day hike and training hike of about 5 to 7 miles with some moderate hills will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010. T and will also serve as a training hike for those who

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This Month's Activities Theme: Climbing

Outings

Indoor Rock Climbing

When: March 6-7
What: Indoor Rock Climbing
Where: Diablo Rock Gym
Adult in Charge: Mr. Martin
Patrol in Charge: Ligers

Las Trampas Training Hike

When: Saturday, March 13
Where: Las Trampas
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield
Patrol in Charge: Pine Trees
Permission slip due: March 9

15-Mile Bike Ride

When: Saturday, March 20
Where: Lafayette Moraga Trail
Adult in Charge: Mrs. Marvin
Patrol in Charge: Cobras
Permission slip due: March 16

Scouting Skills Weekend

When: Friday, March 26-28
Where: Sugar Loaf, Walnut Creek
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield
Patrol in Charge: Panthers
Permission slip due: March 16

Meetings

March 2 Troop Meeting and Parent Meeting

Where: Sycamore School*
When: 7:00pm-8:30pm
Opening: Panthers **Closing:** Eagles
Activity: New scouts join canoe demo; blind volleyball game
Patrol Corners: No

March 9 Troop

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:00-8:30 pm
Opening: Cobras **Closing:** Pine Trees
Activities: Getting patrol boxes, equipment checks, game
Patrol corners: Yes

March 16 Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:00-8:30
Opening: Sharks **Closing:** Special Froggies
Activities: OA Elections (*used good attendance*); teach flag ceremony
Patrol Corners: No

March 23 – Troop Meeting (Last summer camp payment due)

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:00-8:30
Opening: Roadrunners **Closing:** New patrol
Activities: round robins (knots, lashing, orienteering)
Patrol Corners: Yes

March 30– PLC/Board of Review

March 11 - ASM-Kent's House (note date change)

March 25 – OA Apanuc

March 25 – District Roundtable

Troop 805's 2010 Summer Camp

By Kent Screechfield

Troop 805's 2010 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 25th through July 31st**.



The last payment for Troop 805's 2010 Summer Camp is due on March 23rd. Camp will take place from July 25th to July 31st at Camp Kern off the shores of Huntington Lake, 7,000 ft above the San Joaquin Valley floor in the High Sierra Mountains of California. To learn more about Camp Kern, visit the council website at:

<http://www.sscbsa.org/councilcamps/>

Summer Camp Medical Form Update

All registered scouts and leaders are required to have a current (every 12 months) Health and Medical Form for Summer Camp. The form is the Annual Health and Medical Record and is divided into 3 parts: A, B, & C. Part B requires an annual physical with a physician's signature and is valid for 12 months only. A link to the form is below and is available on our website.

<http://www.troop805.org/Resources/AnnualHealthandMedicalRecordSFBAC.pdf>

On your scout's next visit to the doctor, complete the form and give 3 copies to Barbara Miyao – you keep the original.

Save the Date – 20-mile Backpacking Venture Outing

A 20-mile backpacking trip from Sunol to Del Valle will be held on April 24/25th for 4th year scouts and above. We will be traveling along the beautiful Ohlone Wilderness Regional Trail as we start a steady 3500 foot climb, reaching the highest point of Rose Peak at 3817 feet, nearly as high as Mt. Diablo during this fantastic weekend adventure! Experience in backpacking, long hikes, and participation in the March 13th training hike are required. More details will follow and a permission slip will be available on the website soon. If you are interesting, contact Kent Screechfield at sm@troop805.org ASAP so planning of this challenging backpack trip at future Troop meetings can begin.



Friend of Scouting

By Jane Marvin

I'm still looking for responses to our Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign. So far, I have received 23 responses and we have raised almost \$4000. We are hoping for a response from EVERY family, no matter how large or small, so please send back your pledge cards to me in the envelope provided.

Next Month's Preview Theme: Backpacking

Outings

Sycamore School Service Project

When: April 3
Adult in Charge: Mr. Matsunaga
Patrol: OA
Permission Slip due: March 30

Kiwanis Service Project

When: April 10
Adult in Charge: Mr. Oki
Patrol: OA
Permission slip due: March 30

Jamboree

When: April 16-18
Adult in Charge: Mrs. Miyao
Patrol: Ligers
Permission slip due: Past Due

Backpacking

When: April 24
Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney
Patrol: Special Froggies
Permission slip due: April 13

Meetings

April 6 – NO Troop Meeting

April 13 - Troop Meeting

April 20 – Court of Honor

April 27 – PLC

April 15 - ASM

April 22 – District Roundtable

April 22 – OA Apanuc

Order of the Arrow Elections

By *Rand Mahoney*

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Founded in 1915, it uses American Indian traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on Scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

To be eligible for election the scout must have achieved the First Class rank and must have complete 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The camping must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of 6 consecutive days and 5 nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Each candidate must also have the approval of the scoutmaster and be elected by the majority of their troop scouts as meeting the ideals of the OA – having the Scouting Spirit (including brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service), living the Scout Oath and Law, and actively participating in troop activities. The OA election date will be March 16th. It will be conducted by a visiting election team from our local OA Apanuc.



Welcome New Scouts and Their Families

By *Barbara Miyao*

Christopher Behring 689
 Brandon Bol 689
 Alex Colello 215
 Vivek Jasty 1776
 Kevin Huen 802
 Joshua Laubach 1776
 Gabe Lechner 689
 James Toyofuku 689
 Brandon Yu 689
 Zach Zeising 689

Merit Badge Counselors We Need You!

By *Anne Wiedenmann*

The troop is in need of Merit Badge Counselors. With so many merit badges to choose from I am sure all of our Troop 805 parents could find one or two in which they have an interest or special skill. The merit badge books guide you through the requirements. Once a Scout gets his blue card to begin a merit badge, he and a buddy will contact a counselor in order to begin their work. It is a great way to get to know the boys and is a tremendous asset to the troop.

Many of our Eagle badges are very much in need of counselors: Camping, Citizenship Badges (Community, Nation, & World), Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Personal Fitness. As you know, these Eagle badges are required for all Scouts on the road to Eagle, so we want to be prepared to assist.

The process of becoming a Merit Badge Counselor is easy. Contact Anne Wiedenmann (awiede@pacbell.net) and she will get you the necessary forms.

School Service Project - Saturday, April 3

By Neal Matsunaga

We will be doing our annual service project for Sycamore School to thank them for letting us use the school's facilities. Details for the project are:

Time: 9:00-12:00

Meet/Pickup: At school

What: Clean up (probably like the clean up we did last year; scrubbing tables, chairs, etc); painting (paint benches around the campus); planting (various areas around the campus)

Bring:

Planting - shovels, trowels, gloves; school will provide plants. Painting - paint brush, cleanup rags, sanding blocks, wire brushes, safety glasses; school will provide paint. Clean up - school will provide disinfectant and cleaning clothes.

Pack 802, which also meets at Sycamore School, has expressed an interest in working with us on the project so it will also be an opportunity for us to introduce our troop to their pack.

Mark the date and plan on having a fun morning and helping make Sycamore School more attractive.

See the permission slip on our website. Any questions please contact Neal Matsunaga at (925) 838-1617 or nkmats@aol.com.

Las Trampas Training

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are 4th year scouts and above who are interested in doing the upcoming April 24/25th 20 mile backpacking trip from Sunol to Del Valle.

We'll meet at the Sycamore Park and Ride at 8 a.m. and we will return between 2 to 4 p.m. and scouts will be dropped off at their homes.

All participants will need hiking boots or good walking shoes, day pack, bag lunch, compass, pencil, water, rain gear, first aid kit, jacket, hat, sunscreen and a pocket knife.

Wear Class B uniform (scout or white T-shirt) for hiking along with extra layers as proper hiking clothing required (non-cotton moisture wicking material).

The Troop will furnish contour maps for this outing as we learn land navigation skills using our map and compass.

Scouts using this as a training hike for the April backpacking trip will need to wear appropriately weighted backpacks that will be used for the backpacking trip.

Permission slips are to be returned no later than the Troop meeting on Tuesday, March 9th.

Questions, contact Mitchell of the Pine Tree Patrol or Kent Screechfield at sm@troop805.org.

Parent Meeting Notes 2/2/10

By Jennette Cabot, Secretary

Gautam Ramesh spoke about his Eagle project of supplying a sister school library. He needs scout and driver help. New and gently used books welcome, as well as gift cards.

2010 Outing Schedule

50-mile bike ride in August requires some pre-qualifying rides of lesser amounts.

No Camporee this year instead the local Jamboree in Pleasanton.

Adults may go for the day by purchasing a ticket on-line yourself. The scouts and leaders will register as a troop.

Permission Slips – please make them readable, use a dark pen, and legible. Please print. You can type it.

Treasurer's report – a number of deposits paid for 2010 outings so far troop registration fees under budget but more scouts are expected to register.

E-Script – can have troop 805 as recipient

Storage – a big ticket item

FOS – envelopes circulated by Jane annual fund raiser where funds go to Meridian District troop dues do NOT go to the District. Any amount is welcome—less than the suggested \$185 amount more than the suggested amount helps Council have funds for staff, training and troop support check to see if our company has a corporate matching program; Jane has the list can pledge monthly payment; return pledge card even if you cannot make a donation.

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Parent Meeting Notes

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Scoutmaster Report – trying to get patrol spirit back; attendance down a bit; was good to see the boys handle the skiing outing injury as they were trained to. Some discipline issues in troop: not quiet in patrol lines, leaving MPR, roaming grounds, school complained.

Troop Photo Storage – Rand and Ryan making up a common site for photos through Flickr. Will have password, high resolution, can print. Free sites have little controls, so paid site preferred. Historian sets up categories \$24.95 a year; approved unanimously.

Medical Forms – all forms need to be re-done even if did in 2009. Keep original and give Barbara 3 copies and back and front of insurance card.

Northern California 100th Anniversary Jamboree - April 16 – 18, 2010

Thank you to all those scouts who have signed up to attend the upcoming Centennial Jamboree and to their parents for being drivers.

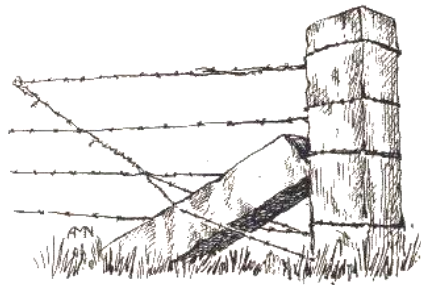
As we get closer to the date, our SPL for the outing will be sending out information about carpooling and equipment needed. Thank you again for signing up so early! It should be an amazing event.

Located at the Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton, 11 councils from Northern California will join together for a weekend of adventure, history and celebration.

Kiwanis One Day Project on Saturday, 4/10/2010

On April 10, please join San Ramon Valley Kiwanis at their community work project to help remove hazardous fencing and trash from Mt. Diablo State Park.

Mount Diablo State Park is one of the ecological treasures of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Mount Diablo Interpretive Association is a non-profit volunteer organization which assists in maintaining and interpreting the park for its visitors and wildlife.



The MDIA is in need of volunteer support to help remove and clean over 50 identified clean up sites, many consisting of barbed wire fencing from past ranching days that are harming and killing local wildlife. The objective of making the Park more beautiful, plus reducing wildlife and human hazards, can be accomplished with your support.

When: Saturday, April 10, 2010 between 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Where: Camp Juniper, Mt. Diablo State Park, CA.

Meet: Sycamore Park and Ride @ 8:30 a.m sharp (We will leave at 8:45 a.m.)

Pick up: Scouts will be dropped at their homes Saturday at approx. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Equipment: Tools will be provided; more details to follow closer to the event.

Other Details: Wear Class B uniform (scout or white T-shirt), pants you can get dirty. Bring jacket, water, sunscreen, work gloves, and a hat.

WE NEED AT LEAST ONE MORE ADULT TO PARTICIPATE TO MEET BSA REQUIREMENTS.

Questions: Steven Oki, phone: 925-831-9380 (H) 925-997-4957 (C) email: oki@sbcglobal.net

There are **two permission slips required**, please see the Troop Website to download the permission slips. They are **due at Troop meeting on 3/30/2010.**

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)

- Indoor Rock Climbing (3/06 - Sat: 3/07 - Sun) - Ligers
- Hike (3/13 - Sat) - Pine Trees
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (3/20 - Sat) - Cobras
- Scout Skills – Sugar Loaf (3/26 - Fri: 3/28 - Sun) - Panthers

April (Backpacking)

- School Service Project (4/3 - Sat) - OA
- Kiwanis Big K (4/10 - Sat) - OA
- 2010 Council Jamboree (4/16 - Fri: 4/18 - Sun) - Ligers
- Sunol to Del Valle Backpacking (4/24 - Sat: 4/25 - Sun) - Special Froggies

May (Fishing)

- 15 Mile 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)

- 25 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: 8/22 - Sun) - 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)

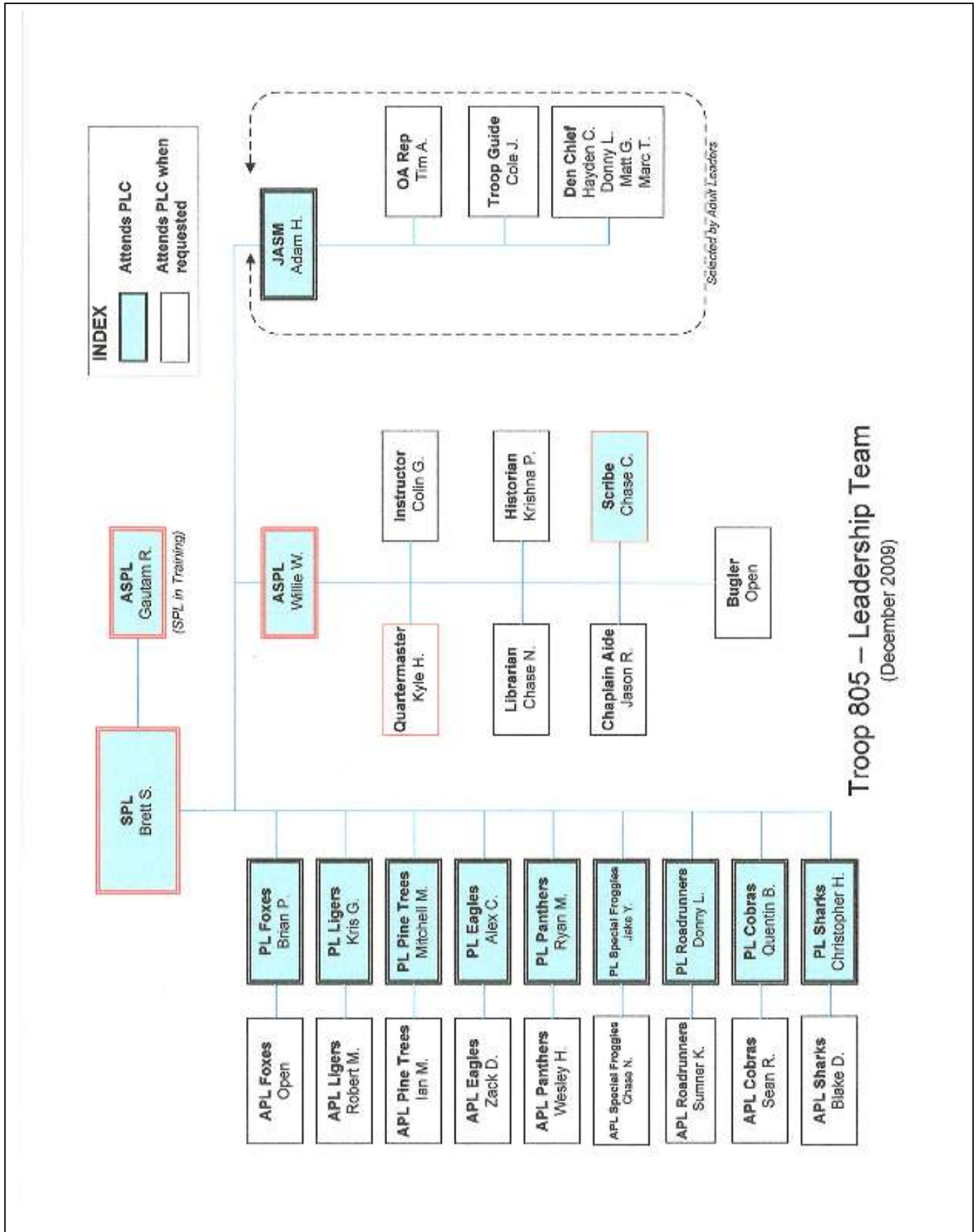
- Spelunking/Camping (10/08 - Fri: 10/10 - Sun) - Cobras
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (10/16 - Sat) - Pine Trees
- Backpacking/Camping/Hiking (10/23 - Sat: 10/24 - Sun) - Roadrunners

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



Troop 805 – Leadership Team
(December 2009)