



# Troop Tidings

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## New Troop 805 Eagle Scout

Please join the Troop in congratulating



### Gautam Ramesh

on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

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

## Troop Leadership Training-TLT



Just a reminder that the new Troop Leadership Team will meet on Saturday, December 4th from 9:15 am to 12:30 pm. 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  
2615 Camino Tassajara  
Danville CA 94506

## Miniature Golf –December 5 Golden Tee Golfland

*By Mrs. Miyao*

Scouts will meet at the Park 'n Ride at 11:15am for an 11:30am departure. \$15 includes pizza, 1 game of golf (rain or shine) and a few tokens to play some arcade games. Scouts need to wear Full Class A uniforms and bring bottled water and extra money for arcade games, if desired. This is a Webelos Recruiting outing, so Webelos from various Packs will be joining us. Contact Barbara Miyao for additional information. Cell (925) 895-7565 or cc@troop805.org.

## State Capitol and Railroad Museum Day Hike

*By Mr. Carstensen*

Get ready for our upcoming trip to Sacramento set for Saturday, 12/11.

This outing will be an urban day hike through Sacramento, focusing on Old Town Sacramento and the State Capitol.

We will travel to Sacramento aboard the Capitol Corridor train from Martinez. Upon arrival, we tour the Railroad Museum located near the Amtrak station in Old Town Sacramento. The Railroad Museum features many lavishly restored trains and informative exhibits covering the time period of late 1800's to the present. Next, we will hike to the State Capitol to enjoy our bag lunches and go on an hour long docent tour of the Capitol. After completing our Capitol tour, we will hike back through Old Town Sacramento to the Amtrak Station for our return trip back to Martinez.

This outing provides a great opportunity to satisfy several requirements for the "Citizenship in the Nation" merit badge and is a fun, nontraditional urban hike.

We will meet at Sycamore Park & Ride at 8:45 am, leaving promptly at 9:00 am. We plan on having scouts back home Saturday afternoon by 5:30. Cost is \$20 for scouts, and \$35 for adults. This fee includes the Amtrak train fare and admission to Railroad Museum. Permission slip is on the troop website and is due no later than Tuesday, 12/7.

## Popcorn Sales Update

Any remaining money is due at the Troop Meeting December 7--sooner if possible.  
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## This Month's Activities Theme: Citizenship

### Outings

#### Troop Leadership Training

**When:** Saturday, December 4  
**Where:** East Bay Fellowship Church  
**Time:** 9:15-12:00 noon

#### Webelos Recruiting-Miniature Golf

**When:** Sunday, December 5  
**Location:** Golfland Golden Tee in Castro Valley  
**Adult in Charge:** Mrs. Miyao  
**Patrol:** Cobras

#### State Capitol and Railroad Museum Day Hike

**When:** December 11  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Carstensen  
**Patrol:** Dino-Walruses  
**Permission Slip due:** 11/30

### Meetings

December 7 - Troop Meeting & Webelos Open House

### BRING TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION AND GIFT EXCHANGE

**Where:** Sycamore School (MPR)  
**When:** 7:00-8:30 pm  
**Opening:** Pine Trees  
**Closing:** Dino-Walruses  
December 14 – PLC ONLY  
**Where:** Sycamore School (Media Center)  
**When:** 7:00 pm

December 21 – NO troop meeting  
December 28 – NO troop meeting  
December 9 – ASM  
December 16 – OA Apanuc  
December 14 – PLC/BOR

## Merit Badge Counselors Training

BSA is now requiring all MBCs to complete the on-line Youth Protection training. More information to follow, but if you are a registered Merit Badge Counselor, you will be required to take the training by December 31, 2010.

## Skiing!

### By Tat Huen

The Dino Walruses are sponsoring a Troop skiing trip on January 22-24, 2011. That's a Saturday to Monday. We will be heading up to Bear Valley Ski Area and staying at the cabin in Dorrington.

Leave on Saturday morning at approx 9:30am

Returning to Danville about 4pm Monday evening. There is no school on Monday as it is a teacher work day.

Trip is limited to a max of 15 scouts based on rank and age and 5 adult leaders.

Scouts 13 years or older. There will be another snow sport outing on 2/5-6/2011 with priority for the younger scouts.

Skiing/Snowboard Merit Badge Program is included with this outing and also possibility for Snow Sport Merit Badge.

Approx price is \$60 for scouts and \$20 for adults with addition of \$30 for lift ticket or \$70 for lift + equipment.

One dinner and breakfast will be provided and patrols need to coordinate food for one dinner and breakfast.

*Everyone who skis must wear a helmet.*

Questions? Contact Mr. Huen 510-816-6883, email [tat@huen.com](mailto:tat@huen.com)

## Youth Protection Training for All Adult Drivers and Outing Participants

By: Mr. Colello

Starting in January, the Troop Committee will be asking that all adult drivers and outing participants will have taken Youth Protection Training (YPT) online. The training takes 30 to 45 minutes and is valid for 2 years. To take the training, go to <http://myscouting.scouting.org/> and create a free account. After logging in, follow the link in red to take the training. Taking this training assures us that all youth protection procedures are being followed in order to protect the Scouts (and adults, too).

When you have completed the training, please send a copy of your YPT completion certificate to David Colello at [dcoello@yahoo.com](mailto:dcoello@yahoo.com) so that the Troop has a record of your completion.

## New, Fantabulous Class B Troop T-Shirt

By Gautam Ramesh

Hi everybody! A new Class-B Troop T-Shirt design was just chosen by the PLC. It will be maroon with Glow-in-the-Dark features, a great asset when you get lost on your way to the mess hall at camp that one night before dinner, when there is no moon! Or when you wake up at 3am in the morning, and know that you just got to go, you can skip on over to the kybo without a flashlight. A fantastic present for your young scouter or that awesome ASM! We will be taking pre-orders soon. Pricing, details and an order form will be available in the next few weeks. Keep your eyes peeled! Happy Holidays!

## Next Month's Preview

### Theme: Snow Sports

#### Outings

##### Hike

**When:** January 8  
**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Jasty  
**Patrol in Charge:** Panthers  
**Permission Slip due:** 1/4

##### Skiing

**When:** January 22-24  
**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Huen  
**Patrol in Charge:** Dino-Walruses  
**Permission Slip due:** 1/11

#### Meetings

January 4 – Court of Honor, 7:00 p.m. (NOTE START TIME)

January 11 – Troop Meeting

January 18 – Troop Meeting

January 25 – PLC/BOR

OA Apanuc – January 27

ASM – January 13

District Roundtable – January 27

## Parent Meeting Notes – 11/9/10

*By: Jennette Cabot, Secretary*

Barbara Miyao welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the September 2010 meeting were approved as printed in the November 2010 newsletter.

EVENTS – Hiller Aviation Museum – 11/13

Scouting for Food with pancake breakfast – 11/20

Troop Leadership Training – 12/4

Recruiting/Miniature Golf – 12/5 in Castro Valley

Capitol Tour & Hike - 12/11 (this trip fulfills a merit badge requirement)

PERMISSION SLIPS – They are of utmost importance, including in case of emergency or changes DURING THAT OUTING. You need to include a telephone number where you are reachable DURING that outing or someone who is available in your absence DURING that outing. If you will be going away during the outing, we should know that. The medical information is vital, too.

REGISTRATION – due November 16.

TRAINING – David Colello outlined that any parent who goes on any overnight or other outing or is a driver must do the 45-minute on-line Youth Protection Training as of January, 2011. Merit Badge Counselors also need to do the training. It is possible that for incoming Webelos that the Troop will require both parents to do the Youth Protection Training before admission.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS – More are needed, especially Eagle-required badges, such as Citizen in Nation and other “Citizen” badges.

PARENT EDUCATION – ideas desired included: path to Eagle, equipment, youth leadership (NYLT, TLT, OA). Feel free to submit other topics to Barbara Miyao at [cc@troop805.org](mailto:cc@troop805.org).

SCOUT ADVANCEMENT. After questions by parents, Kent Screechfield and Barbara Miyao advised that all scouts advance at a different pace. Most suffer a period where they are frustrated or not motivated. As parents, we should create the best environment for success that you can.

SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT – Kent reported that Gautam Ramesh's term is nearly over. Willie Wiedenmann will take over in December. Alex Chew will be SPL in June.

Attendance has improved since September. The new system of a patrol sponsoring a month of troop meetings seems to be working.

Some patrol modifications will be occurring due to membership changes.

Five outings since the last parent meeting.

Kent reiterated that permission slips are vital. Be sure to put down someone who can be reached DURING the outing in case of change or emergency. That person may not necessarily be your spouse.

SUMMER CAMP 2011 –

Unfortunately, Cherry Valley has raised its price significantly. It would end up being about \$850 a scout. That negatively impacts recruiting. It is also very costly if a family has two scouts or a scout and an adult attending. The Troop worries about losing the basics that are important to scouting. Instead, the Troop will be going to Kern at about \$400. Dates: July 31-August 6.

HIGH ADVENTURE – The Troop will continue its efforts to form a high adventure program to attend things such as Philmont, Sea Base. A parent committee/parental involvement is necessary. If you have an interest, please contact Kent at [kscreechfield@trcsolutions.com](mailto:kscreechfield@trcsolutions.com).

WEBELOS OPEN HOUSE – September 7.

COURT OF HONOR – January 4.