



# Troop Tidings

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## Snow Shoe Overnighter in Truckee – February 5-6

*By: Mr. Colello*

The Flaming Arrows are sponsoring a snowshoe outing to Truckee on February 5-6. We'll be leaving Saturday morning on 2/5, driving to the Colello house in Tahoe Donner and filling our afternoon with practice at building snow caves and other snow fun. After dinner, there may be time for Snow Zorch!

On Sunday, we'll go on a morning snowshoe hike on trails overlooking Donner Lake. Snowshoes will be provided by the troop. We'll be returning sometime in the late afternoon on Sunday.

Space is limited...priority will be given to younger scouts under 13, although older scouts are welcome as well.

## Donations to Troop 805

*By: Mr. Colello*

The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley which sponsors Troop 805 recently received 501(c)(3) charitable status from the IRS. As a result, any families wishing to donate to the troop, either directly or via an employer's matching gift program, can now deduct those contributions. The donations will be considered as going to Kiwanis' 501(c)(3) charitable foundation for the benefit of the troop and will be deposited into the Troop bank account. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact David Colello (ASM and Kiwanis treasurer) at [dcolello@yahoo.com](mailto:dcolello@yahoo.com).

## Parent Meeting, Tues, Feb 1

On the Stage @ 7:15pm

- Friends of Scouting
- New Class B T-shirts
- Order of the Arrow presentation

## Snow Camping – February 18-21

*By: Mr. Mahoney*

We have lots and lots of snow in the mountains and so we are going to have lots and lots of fun when we head to the mountains!!! We will be snow camping at the 7000' level of the Sierra Nevada Mountains on February 18-21 near Bear Valley. This event is targeted for the older scout patrols (~14 and older) due to the maturity and experience that is required for this high adventure activity.

Younger scouts will another opportunity of snow shelter making and snow shoe hiking with a cabin stay on February 5-6.

Older scouts attending this campout will apply their snow camping knowledge and will have further opportunities to further apply and develop their skills. We will depart Danville and travel up to the Martins' cabin in Arnold, CA Friday evening. On Saturday, we travel to the SnoPark near Bear Valley and will most of the day building snow shelters, along with eating lunch and cooking dinner in the snow. Then we will spend the night in our snow shelters. On Sunday, we in our snow shelters. On Sunday, we will have breakfast, break camp and retreat to Martins' cabin for more snow play, dinner, and spend the final night in the mountains. We will arrive in Danville early Monday afternoon.

Training and preparation are paramount to ensuring that this will be a fun and safe event for all. To this end we will have some short meetings on 2/01 and 2/08 and a clothing/gear check and gear impound on 2/15. These will be mandatory for the participating scouts and adults. The permission slip needs to be returned to the Pine Trees Patrol Leader by Tuesday, February 8. For more information, contact Mr. Mahoney at 925.899.3840 or via email: [randmaho@pacbell.net](mailto:randmaho@pacbell.net).

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## This Month's Activities

### Theme: High Adventure

#### Outings

##### Snow Shoeing Overnighter

**When:** February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Tahoe Donner Area  
**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Colello  
**Patrol in Charge:** Flaming Arrows  
**Permission Slip Due:** February 1<sup>st</sup>

##### Snow Camping

**When:** February 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Location:** Sierra Nevada Mountains near Bear Valley  
**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Mahoney  
**Patrol in Charge:** Pine Trees

#### Meetings

##### February 1 – Troop Meeting and Parent Meeting

**Where:** Sycamore School (MPR)  
**When:** 7:00-8:30 pm  
**Opening:** Pine Trees  
**Closing:** Dino-Walrus  
**Activities:** Snow Sports Merit Badge; game  
**Patrol Corners:** Yes (after meeting about Snow Shoe Outing)

##### February 8 – Troop Meeting

**Where:** Sycamore School (MPR)  
**When:** 7:00-8:30 pm  
**Opening:** Flaming Arrows  
**Closing:** Cobrasharks  
**Activities:** High Adventure food demo; fusing of rope; rank advancement; game  
**Patrol Corners:** Yes

##### February 15 – Troop Meeting

**Where:** Sycamore School (MPR)  
**When:** 7:00-8:30 pm  
**Opening:** Panthers  
**Closing:** Kamikaze Platypi  
**Activities:** Webelos/New Scout activities; Iron Chef backpacking food

##### February 22 – PLC/BOR only

##### February 10 – ASM

##### February 24 – District Roundtable

##### February 24 – OA Apanuc

## Philmont 2012 High Adventure Trek

By Mr. Carstensen

This past December, Troop 805 was selected by lottery to send one crew to Philmont Scout Ranch in August 2012. Philmont Scout Ranch is a BSA owned mountain wilderness area of over 137,000 acres in northeast New Mexico. Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,600 to 12,441 feet and is home to abundant wildlife such as deer, elk, buffalo, antelope and bear. Each year Philmont conducts what is arguably the most popular BSA High Adventure program, hosting Boy Scouts and Scouters from throughout the United States. The highlights of the Philmont Scout Ranch program are their 12 day High Adventure backpacking treks. During the 2010 season, Philmont offered participants 35 unique treks covering various portions of its 300 plus mile system of trails. More information about Philmont can be found on their website [www.philmontscout ranch.org](http://www.philmontscout ranch.org). We are indeed lucky to have been selected to participate in 2012.

Although the Philmont 2012 is over 18 months away, we need to begin planning now. During February, we will be compiling a list of both scouts and adults who are interested in attending Philmont. Early to mid March, we will have an organizational meeting to begin planning two to three shakedown hikes to take place in 2011, and to begin talking about additional trek planning and shakedown hikes that will occur in 2012. Dates of the outing are August 2 through August 15, 2012. 10 of the total 14 days will be spent on the trail with remaining days devoted to travel, check in and orientation. Cost of Philmont is \$740 plus & estimate of \$400 to \$600 for transportation (airfare, bus charter to/from Philmont from airport).

## 10-Mile Hike – March 12

By Mr. Jindrich

Spring will be approaching as we venture on a 10-mile hike on Saturday, March 12. Don't miss out. Save the date now.

Since this is a High Adventure outing, participation is limited to scouts who will be 14 years or older by end of July 2012. We will be able to send a maximum of 12 participants; tentatively 8 scouts and 4 adults. We do have some flexibility to scale back on the number of adult leaders in order to accommodate more than 8 scouts.

All participants will be required to complete a minimum number (to be determined) of shakedown backpacking outings. These outings will provide an opportunity to obtain the backpacking skills and proper physical conditioning and develop the crew camaraderie required for a successful Philmont Trek.

Please send me an email at [adcarsten@pacbell.net](mailto:adcarsten@pacbell.net) no later than February 18<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in joining us at Philmont 2012 or if you have any questions regarding our Trek!

## 2011 Summer Camp

By Mr. Screechfield

Troop 805's 2011 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>**, at Camp Kern. The next installment payment of \$100 is due on February 8. After that, the final payment of \$100 is due March 8.

## New Class B T-Shirts!

By Gautam Ramesh

After many a grueling hour at the computer, Gautam leans back in his chair and lets out a huge breath of relief. The New Class B T-Shirt Design has been completed! **See Page 4 for design!** Comprising of ALL glow in the dark designs, you do *not* need the Energizer bunny to come on around tootin' his drum for this. Just do a little knot tyin' & fire startin' in the sun, and -voila!- you've got state of the art glowin' T-Shirt. The shirt (artist's rendering depicted below), is of the color Maroon. The backside of the T-Shirt consists of a plethora of words related to scouts, led by a hulking "Troop 805". Pre-order forms have already been sent out. Please fill it out and return to Gautam Ramesh or Latha Ramesh with \$15 enclosed (cash or check). If you return it by February 15th, it will be delivered to the Troop Meeting for free! If not, please email Gautam for further instructions. You may be convicted for procrastination.

## Next Month's Preview Theme: Scout Skills

### Outings

#### 10-Mile Bike Ride

**When:** March 12<sup>th</sup>

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Jindrich

**Patrol in Charge:** Flaming Monkeys

**Permission Slip due:** March 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Scout Skills

**When:** March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Aikin

**Patrol in Charge:** Kamikaze Platypi

**Permission Slip due:** March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Meetings

March 1 – Troop Meeting

March 8 – Troop Meeting

March 15 – Troop Meeting

March 22 – Troop Meeting

March 29 – PLC/BOR

ASM – March 10

District Roundtable – March 24

OA Apanuc – March 24

## Have you completed your Youth Protection Training?

*By: Mr. Colello*

Effective 2011, all adult drivers and outing participants must complete the Youth Protection Training (YPT) online before they can participate or drive on any outings. 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.

## Youth Protection Training – Offered LIVE

On Tuesday, March 29 from 7pm – 8pm, the troop will be offering “live” youth protection training for adults presented by Ms Sue Oki. The training is the same that is offered on-line and will fulfill the requirements for Youth Protection Training. More details and sign ups to follow.

## OA Ordeal Set for April 8-10

*By: Chase Cabot, OA Rep*

The next ordeal is set for April 8-10, Camp Lindblad. For those who have been voted to try out, this may be your last chance. For those who have not reached Brotherhood, do it then!

## Save the Date – Scout Skills Weekend – March 18-20

*By: Mr. Aikin*

Mark the weekend of March 18-20 off now for our annual Scout Skills weekend. It's a fun experience, in addition to getting a lot of good work done and skills learned.

### January 2011 (Snow Sports)

- Hike (1/08 - Sat) – Panthers
- Skiing (1/22 - Sat: 1/24 - Mon) – Dino-Walruses

### February (High Adventure)

- Snow Shoe Hiking (2/05 - Sat: 2/06 - Sun) – Flaming Arrows
- Snow Camping (2/18 - Fri: 2/21 - Mon) – Pine Trees

### March (Scout Skills)

- 10 Mile Bike Ride (3/12 - Sat) – Flaming Monkeys
- Scout Skills - Sugar Loaf (3/18 - Fri: 3/20 - Sun) – Kamikaze Platypi

### April (Leadership)

- Kiwanis Big K (4/02 - Sat) – OA
- School Service Project (4/16 - Sat) – OA
- Camporee (4/29 - Fri: 5/01 - Sun) – Panthers

### May (Cooking)

- Yosemite/Service (5/13 - Fri: 5/15 - Sun) – Ligers
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (5/22 - Sun) – Cobrasharks

### June (Music)

- Music Museum Trip (6/11 - Sat) – Flaming Arrows
- Camping/Fishing (6/17 - Fri: 6/19 - Sun) – Kamikaze Platypi
- Relay for Life Flag Ceremony (6/26 - Sat & 6/27 - Sun) – OA

### July (Camping)

- 4th of July Parade (7/04 - Mon) – OA
- Shotgun/Camping (7/15 - Fri: 7/17 - Sun) – Panthers

### August (Backpacking)

- Summer Camp - Kern (7/31 - Sun: 8/06 - Sat) - SPL/ASPL
- 25 Mile Bike Ride (8/20 - Sat) - Pine Trees

### September (Geocaching)

- Hike (9/10 - Sat) - Cobrasharks
- 9/11 Memorial Service (9/11 - Sun) – OA
- Pt. Reyes Backpacking (9/23 - Fri: 9/25 - Sun) – Ligers

### October (Climbing)

- Rock Climbing (10/15 - Sat: 10/16 - Sun) – Dino-Walruses



# Troop 805 – Leadership Organization Chart

