



Troop Tidings

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Scout Skills Outing – Rescheduled for April 8-10

By: *Mr. Aikin*

The Kamikaze Platypi are sponsoring Scout Skills Weekend April 8-10, 2011. 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 Scouts 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.

2011 Meridian District Camporee April 29 - May 1

By *Mr. Screechfield*

A Camporee is many things. It is camping fun for boys, the thumping of hundreds of feet on the way to an evening campfire, the air-splitting shouts of hundreds of boys giving their Patrol and Troop cheers. It's the patter of rain on many tents at night. It's the ripple of windblown flags in the morning sun. It's catching the idea of teamwork in a patrol. It's learning to carry out an order you don't really like. It's the challenge of competition and it's a tradition as old as Scouting.

A Camporee can be a perfect showplace for the Scouting program and, therefore, goes far beyond just being a gathering of boys. A Camporee starts with the recognition that a patrol is the basic (camping) unit. The patrol demonstrates its very best camping techniques and

shares its experiences with other patrols. Camporees are held on a Council or District basis. Programs may include contests and demonstrations of outdoor Scouting skill as well as campfires, games, and field events. These activities can show Scouting at its best. They stimulate overnight camping; they help units to attain part of their annual commitment to 10 days and nights of camping; and they help prepare units for long camping in the summer.

Patrol competition includes: Pancake Toss, Kitchen First Aid, Licorice Knots and Lashings, Egg Toss Extravaganza, Fire Building – String Burn, Toilet Plunger Unicorn, Kim's Game, Noxious Soup - Plutonium Bomb, Blindfold Bucket Brigade, Running Waiter -- Physical Fitness, Sponges, Archery or Tomahawk Throw and Patrol Flag.

Our Meridian District Camporee will be April 29 – May 1 at Rancho Los Mochos Scout Camp, south of Livermore. We will be joining about 500 Boy Scouts from San Ramon, Danville, and Alamo. This year's theme is "The 13th Law of Scouting – A Scout is Hungry". Several of the activities will be completely different than two years ago including a "Good Eats – Patrol Activity" Friday night, an "Ace of Cakes" cooking contest for Saturday at dinner, a "Meridian's got Talent" event Saturday night and a Troop contest Sunday morning.

We will depart Danville on Friday, May 29th at 4 p.m. and return on Sunday, May 31st between 1 and 2 p.m. More information is on the permission slip on the troop website:

<http://www.troop805.org/forms/2011-04-29%20Camporee.pdf>

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This Month's Theme: Leadership

Outings

Kiwanis Service Project

When: April 2

Adult in Charge: Mr. Matsunaga

Patrol in Charge: OA

Scout Skills

When: April 8-10

Location: Sugar Loaf, Walnut Creek

Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin

Patrol in Charge: Kamikaze Platypi

Camporee

When: April 29-May 1

Location: Rancho Los Mochos

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Patrol in Charge: Panthers

Permission Slip due: 4/12/11

Meetings

April 5 – NO Troop Meeting

April 12 – Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School (MPR)

When: 7:00-8:30 pm

Opening: Pine Trees

Closing: Panthers

Activities: Finalize Camporee ideas and attendance; game

Patrol Corners: Yes

April 19 - PLC

Where: Sycamore School (MPR)

When: 7 p.m.

April 26 – Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School (MPR)

When: 7:00-8:30 pm

Opening: Dino-Walruses

Activities: Camporee inspection (patrols show up at assigned ½ hour increments for inspection)

Patrol Corners: No

April 19 – PLC/BOR only

April 21 – ASM

April 28 – District Roundtable

April 28 - OA Apanuc

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

By Mr. Screechfield

This is your chance to nominate yourself to attend the summer National Youth Leadership Training scheduled for June/July.

This training course is an intensive practical experience in Scoutcraft and Leadership Skills set in a model troop situation. It is intended for mature Scouts who are at least 13 years old by the start of the course, have achieved the First Class rank and is required to be the Senior Patrol Leader.

The Mount Diablo Silverado Counsel offers two summer courses as follows:

June NYLT (Camp Lindblad near Boulder Creek, CA):

First Conference Meeting: May 12, 2011 (Thursday)

Course: June 13, 2011 @ 12pm (Monday) thru June 18, 2011 @ 8pm (Saturday)

Last Conference Meeting: November 30, 2011 (Wednesday)

July NYLT (Camp Herms in El Cerrito, CA):

First Conference Meeting: June 23, 2011 (Thursday)

Course: July 17, 2011 @ 9am (Monday) thru July 22, 2011 @ 5pm (Friday)

Last Conference Meeting: October 22, 2011 (Thursday)

The cost to attend either course is \$227. We are only able to send three scouts to the June course and three to the July course. Early registration ends April 15th for both the June and July course and then after that, registration is open to all scouts with no limits. If you'd like to hear more about past experiences, talk to one of the scouts who attended in a prior year: Gautam R., Willie W., Alex C., Hayden C., Marc T., Ryan M., Donny L., Chase C., Wesley H. and Krishna P. If you'd like to be CONSIDERED as a candidate for NYLT, contact the Scoutmaster.

SPL and PL Election

By Mr. Screechfield

Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for **May 10th**. The new leadership team will start its term on June 1st. The job descriptions for the leadership positions can be found on the Troop Website at:

It is critical to have good representation and Troop leadership. Please make your vote count by attending this important meeting. Also, if you are interested in the following leadership positions: Quartermaster, Librarian, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Historian, Scribe, Webmaster or Bugler, please contact your new SPL before the elections.

All scout interested in running for the SPL position **MUST** meet the Scoutmaster before or at the **April 19th** PLC.

The new leadership team is **REQUIRED** to attend Troop Leadership Training (aka TLT) on Saturday, May 14th. **This is the weekend after elections.** 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.

Court of Honor – May 3

By: Mrs. Lofe & Mrs. Kenessey

Yes, it's here. The spring Court of Honor will be held on Tuesday, May 3. Look for more details, but do mark your calendars for the event of the spring.

15-Mile Bike Ride – Sunday, May 15

By Mr. Aikin

Spring will be in full bloom as we venture on a 15-mile hike on Sunday, May 15. The Cobrasharks will lead this event along the Iron Horse Trail. Keep a look out for the permission slip.

Next Month's Preview Theme: Cooking

Outings

15-Mile Bike Ride

When: Sunday, May 15
Location: TBD
Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin
Patrol in Charge: Cobrasharks
Permission Slip Due: May 10

Troop Leadership Training

When: Saturday, May 14
Location: East Bay Fellowship Church
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Yosemite Service Project

When: May 20-22
Location: Yosemite
Adult in Charge: Mrs. Miyao
Patrol in Charge: Ligers
Permission Slip Due: May 10

Meetings

May 3 – Court of Honor

May 10 – Troop Meeting

May 17 – Troop Meeting

May 24 – Troop Meeting

May 31 - PLC/BOR

ASM – May 12

District Roundtable – May 26

OA Apanuc – May 26

Troop Leadership Training (TLT)

By Mr. Screechfield

Our next Troop Leadership Training (TLT) is now set for Saturday, May 14. The new leadership team is **REQUIRED** to attend Troop Leadership. **This is the weekend after elections.** 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.

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 so that the Troop has a record of your completion.

Yosemite Service Project – May 20 – 22

By Mrs. Miyao

Camp in beautiful Yosemite National Park and participate in a Service Project. We will be working on Litter Removal at Mirror Lake while staying in a volunteer camp service area of the Yosemite Valley.

Please note: Due to the nature of this project and space limitations, this trip is recommended for older scouts (2nd year and up). Participation will be on a first come, first serve basis based on rank. Permission Slip with all the details will be out shortly. Don't miss the chance to experience a different side of one of the country's most amazing National Parks.

April (Leadership)

- Scout Skills - Sugar Loaf (4/08 - Fri: 4/10 - Sun) – **Kamikaze Platypi**
- Camporee (4/29 - Fri: 5/01 - Sun) – **Panthers**

May (Cooking)

- 15 Mile Bike Ride (5/15 - Sun) - **Cobrasharks**
- Yosemite/Service (5/20 - Fri: 5/22 - Sun) – **Ligers**

June (Music)

- Music Museum Trip (6/11 - Sat) - **Flaming Arrows**
- Relay for Life Flag Ceremony (6/17 - Sat & 6/18 - Sun) – **OA**
- Camping/Fishing (6/24 - Fri: 6/26 - Sun) – **Kamikaze Platypi**

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

