



Troop Tidings

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5 Mile Hike – May 15

By Mr. Carstensen

A combination day hike and training hike of just over 5 miles will be held on Sunday May 15, 2011 in the Las Trampas Wilderness. The specific trail we hike will be of moderate difficulty, but appropriate for the many younger scouts we hope will participate. Joining our hike will be many older scouts who will be using this day hike to prepare for the Camp Kern High Adventure program or the Philmont 2012 expedition.

We'll meet at the Sycamore Park and Ride at 1:00 pm, leaving promptly at 1:15 pm. Scouts will be returned at their homes between 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

All participants will need sturdy hiking boots or good walking shoes day pack, trail snacks, a minimum 2 liters of water, compass, pencil, first aid kit, hat, sunscreen and a pocket knife. In order to minimize the chance of developing foot blisters, please use hiking boots/shoes that are "broken in."

Wear Class B uniforms (scout or light colored T-shirt made from non-cotton moisture wicking material) for hiking along with extra layers as needed.

The troop will furnish maps for this outing as we practice land navigation skills using our map and compass.

Scouts using this as a training hike for either Camp Kern High Adventure or Philmont will need to wear appropriately weighted backpacks rather than a daypack. Please contact Mr Carstensen for further information regarding this requirement.

Permission slips are to be returned no later than the Troop meeting on Tuesday, May 11th. Questions: contact Mr. Carstensen at adcarsten@pacbell.net

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.

Permission slips are due May 10.

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.

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.

Court of Honor – May 3

By: Mrs. Lofe & Mrs. Kenessey

Don't miss the Court of Honor on Tuesday. We hope our new scouts and their families will join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and have a bit of "social" time together.

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This Month's Theme: Cooking

Outings

Troop Leadership Training

When: Saturday, May 14

Location: East Bay Fellowship Church

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

5-Mile Hike

When: Sunday, May 15

Location: Las Trampas Wilderness

Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstensen

Patrol in Charge: Cobrasharks

Permission Slip Due: May 10

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 , 6:30 p.m.

May 10 – Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School (MPR)

When: 7:00-8:30 pm

Opening: Pine Trees

Closing: Panthers

Activities: SPL/ASPL Elections,
cooking games

May 17 – Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School (MPR)

When: 7:00-8:30 pm

Opening: Kamikaze Platypi

Closing: Wolverines

Activities: Tenderfoot requirements,
cooking presentation

Patrol Corners: Planning for Yosemite

May 24 – Troop Meeting & Parent Meeting

Where: Sycamore School (MPR)

When: 7:00-8:30 pm

Opening: Dino-Walruses

Closing: Flaming Arrows

Activities: Cooking demonstration;
rank advancement

May 31 – PLC/BOR only

May 12 – ASM

May 26 – District Dinner

May 26 - OA Apanuc

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.

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.

Music Museum Trip

By Mr. Chew

Music and a museum? What could be better. Mark your calendars now as the Flaming Arrows pull together this unique outing.

Parent Meeting – May 24

By Mrs. Miyao

We have added a Parent Meeting in May. Along with our regular troop business, our Parent Educational Topic will be “Youth Training”. We will focus on what type of training is available for your scout on a Troop, Council and National Level.

Please try to attend.

Save the Date – Fages II Day Hike

By Mr. Carstensen

On Saturday June 4th, OA will sponsor a district wide 20 mile hike known as Fages II. This 20 mile, all day hike begins at Camp Herms in El Cerrito, looping through Wildcat Canyon Regional Park and Tilden Park through a very scenic portion of the East Bay that few of us have hiked. Since this hike is considered an endurance hike, equipment is limited to daypack, trail snacks, plenty of water and first aid kit. Order of Arrow will staff several safety checkpoints along the route and provides a well-deserved lunch on the trail near the midpoint of the hike.

It has been well over 5 years since Troop 805 has participated in Fages II, but this would be a great year for us to return. First of all, the Fages II hike represents a great training and conditioning opportunity for Camp Kern High Adventure participants who will be backpacking 30 miles during their week at summer camp. Also, for those scouts interested in the Hiking merit badge, completing Fages satisfies what is probably the toughest requirement of completing a 20 mile continuous hike in one day.

I will prepare and publish a permission slip as soon I receive more specific Fages II information from OA. Meanwhile, please contact me if you are interested or would like additional information.

Goin' Fishin' and Campin'

By Mr. Aikin

Like fishing? Like camping? Like Fun? Well, mark June 24-26 on your calendars and look for the permission slip!

Next Month's Preview Theme: Music

Outings

Music Museum Trip

When: Saturday, June 11
Location: TBA
Adult in Charge: Mr. Chew
Patrol in Charge: Flaming Arrows
Permission Slip Due: June 7

Relay for Life

When: June 18/June 19
What: Morning Flags
Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield
Patrol in Charge: OA
Permission Slip Due: June 14

Fishing/Camping

When: June 24-26
Location: TBA
Adult in Charge: Mr. Aikin
Patrol in Charge: Kamikaze Platypi
Permission Slip Due: June 14

Meetings

June 7 – Troop Meeting

June 14 – Troop Meeting

June 21 – Troop Meeting

June 28 – PLC/BOR

ASM – June 16

OA Apanuc – June 23

Philmont and Camp Kern High Adventure Training Hikes

By Mr. Carstensen

One of the keys to getting the most out of any high adventure program is proper physical and mental conditioning. To prepare for the upcoming 2011 Camp Kern High Adventure program and begin preparing for Philmont 2012, the Philmont 2012 adult leaders met to schedule several training hikes/outings. Although we have not yet selected the specific locations for all outings, we are asking Philmont and Camp Kern High Adventure participants to set aside as many of the following specific dates as possible:

May 15 th	Las Trampas Day Hike
June 4 th	Fages 20 Mile Day Hike
June 25 -26	Local backpack overnight (site to be determined)
July 16-17	Backpack overnight (site to be determined)
August 13-14	Backpack overnight (site to be determined)
Sept. 9-11	Backpack 2 nights at high altitude.
Sept. 23-25	Point Reyes Backpacking (2 nights)
October 22-23	Local backpack overnight (site to be determined)
November 12	Day hike/planning event
January 14 th	Day hike/planning

More Philmont specific training dates will be scheduled with the crew later in calendar 2011. A special note regarding training for the Camp Kern High Adventure program. Although the above schedule provides 4 training opportunities prior to summer camp, I would like to add one additional date of high altitude specific backpacking during June or July. I will be working with our troop ASM's during the upcoming weeks to discuss scheduling this additional date.

Summer Camp Medical Forms are *NOW DUE!*

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 C 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.scouting.org/files/tore/HealthSafety/pdf/part_a_bc.pdf

ONLY TYPED FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PARTS A & B.

Part C that is completed by the physician can be handwritten but must be legible. Incomplete forms or messy copies will be returned to the families to be redone. ***Deadline for all forms is May 31.***

Please complete the form in total (no partial forms will be accepted), make a copy of the back and front of the insurance card on ONE 8-1/2 x 11 piece of paper and give one neat and legible copy to Joan Martin. You can bring to any troop meeting, mail or drop off at Mrs. Martin's house:

Joan Martin

1012 Barrenger Drive

Danville CA 94506.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Martin dmartin804@aol.com

Troop 8

2011 Calendar

May (Cooking)

- 5 Mile Hike (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 (6/18 - Sat & 6/19 - 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**
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Troop 805 – Leadership Organization Chart

