



Troop Tidings

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Mt. Diablo Day Hike – September 10th

By Mr. Carstensen and Mr. Mahoney

It's coming – the September 10 Mt. Diablo Day Hike, sponsored by the FM Radio Patrol. The objective of this hike will be to provide a hike which will be a prep hike for the Sept Pt. Reyes Backpacking trip and on developing hiking skills. We will also assess your ability for the Point Reyes backpacking event. Total trail time about 6 hours.

Philmont participants please note. Although this is a troop wide outing, we still are treating this as a Philmont shakedown event.

The permission slip is on the website and due 9/6/11.

Parent Meeting – September 20th

By Mrs. Miyao

Calling all Troop parents – **Mark your calendars for our next parent meeting.** Topics include:

--Reviewing and Approving 2012 Troop budget

--Popcorn sales!

--2012 Activity Calendar

--Troop Updates

Don't Miss It!!!

9/11 Memorial – September 11th

By Dr. Laubach

Ten years ago on September 11, 2001, there was an attack on America & thousands of people lost their lives. We will honor & remember them during the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in Danville on Sunday, 9/11. All of you are invited to participate in this meaningful patriotic ceremony. Scouts will meet at Oak Hill Park next to Monte Vista High School at 5:00 pm. Scouts need to be in their Class A and will parade in holding American Flags at the All Wars Memorial. The event is scheduled to start at 5:50 pm & the program features special guest speakers Rear Admiral Winston Copeland & Joe Viscuglia, a 9-11 Survivor. Immediately following the hour long ceremony there will be a free community "American picnic" featuring hot dogs and ice cream.

In addition, there will be an essay contest on the event with cash prizes for high, middle and grade school student residents of the 5 San Ramon Valley communities. The essay theme is "9-11 Lessons for Future Generations." The essay forms and instructions will be distributed at the event but are available online at <http://srvexchangeclub.org/exchpdf/2011StudentApp.pdf> <<http://srvexchangeclub.org/exchpdf/2011StudentApp.pdf>>

Scout signups for the 9/11 event will be posted on the permission slip found at <http://troop805.org/>

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This Month's Theme: Geocaching

Outings

Mt. Diablo Day Hike

When: Saturday, September 10
Location: Mt. Diablo
Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstensen
Patrol in Charge: FM Radio
Permission Slip due: 9/6

9/11 Memorial

When: Sunday, September 11
Location: Monte Vista High School
Adult in Charge: Dr. Laubach
Patrol in Charge: OA
Permission Slip due: 9/6

Philmont/High Adventure

When: September 23-25
Location: Point Reyes
Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstensen
Permission Slip due: 9/13

Meetings

September 6 – Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:00-8:30 pm
Opening: Pine Trees
Closing: FM Radio
Activities: Geocache MB

September 13 – Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:00-8:30 pm
Opening: Panthers
Closing: Kamikaze Platypi
Activities: Geocache MB Scavenger hunt

September 20 – Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:00-8:30 pm
Opening: Wolverines
Closing: FM Radio
Activities: Backpacking round robins; blind volleyball

September 27 – PLC & BOR

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:00 p.m.

September 14 – ASM Meeting

September 22 – District Roundtable

September 22 – OA Apanuc

Indoor Rock Climbing – October 15th to 16th

By Mr. Chew

"Does hanging out all night with your buds in T805 at one the best indoor rock climbing gyms in the Bay Area sound like fun?

Back by popular demand is the ever popular overnight outing at Diablo Rock Gym in Concord. Pizza, Rock Climbing Skills Clinic followed by an all night Rock Climbing Session.

Mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday October 15 through Sunday morning.

This outing is sponsored by the one and only Dino-Walrus Patrol.

Emergency Prep Fair – September 10th

By Mr. Laubach

Get prepared in case of an area-wide disaster!

The San Ramon Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair is the place to get all the information you need on how to be ready in the event of an earthquake or other natural disaster. The annual fair will be Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is located at the Danville LDS church, 655 Old Orchard Rd., Danville.

Free BBQ lunch

Free Demonstrations

Free Emergency Prep Classes

Free Emergency Supply Gift (to first 500 guests)

Discounted Mobile Pet Microchipping

Detailed information at
www.bereadysrv.org
<http://www.bereadysrv.org>

Point Reyes Backpacking – September 23rd to 25th – Philmont High Adventure

By Mr. Carstensen

This trip will provide an opportunity to learn how to properly pack and wear a backpack, use the backpacking tents and equipment, and experience the wide variety of backpacking food options. And more important, we will have an opportunity to spend 3 days in an area known worldwide for its beauty.

We will leave late afternoon on Friday the 23rd spending the night at a private campsite in Olema. Early the next morning, we will pack up camp and head to the trailhead, and begin our 7 mile backpack hike through Pt Reyes for our destination at Wildcat backpacking camp. Depending on the time we arrive, and the length of time it takes to set up camp, we should have opportunities for short side hikes that may be of interest. We will break camp Sunday morning, hiking out and returning home early Sunday afternoon.

Philmont participants please note. Although this is a troop wide outing, we still are treating this as a Philmont shakedown event.

As with most backpacking trips, we are limited to the number of people we can have at the campsite. We will be limited to 25 scouts and adults at our site, which should not be an issue. Due to the length of the hike in, and the requirement to be able to hike with a 20 to 30 lb backpack, there will be special age/and or experience requirements to participate on this outing. At a minimum, scouts will need to demonstrate either by participation on the September 10th day hike or previous hikes/backpacking that they are capable of handling a hike of this level. Permission slips will be available mid to late August. Contact me by email with any questions at adcarsten@pacbell.net.

Permission slips are now available.

Next Month's Preview Theme: Climbing

Outings

Rock Climbing

When: October 15-16
Where: Diablo Rock Gym, Concord
Patrol: Dino-Walruses
Adult in Charge: Mr. Chew
Permission Slip Due: TBD

Meetings

October 4 – Troop Meeting

October 11 – Troop Meeting

October 18 – Court of Honor

October 25 – PLC & BOR

October 13 – ASM

October 27 - OA Apanuc

October 27 – District Roundtable

Philmont Update

By Mr. Carstensen

Now that our Philmont trek is a year away, we will need to begin crew planning and stepping up our training. I cannot stress enough that getting the most out of any high adventure program is proper physical and mental conditioning gained through the shakedown outings. During the next two months, we are planning the following shakedown events:

September 10th Troop Outing
 Mt. Diablo Day Hike

September 23rd to 25th Point Reyes
 Backpacking (2 nights)

Please see the separate newsletter articles on the September 10th day hike and Pt Reyes Backpacking for details for each of those outings.

I would like to plan our first crew wide meeting during the month of October. The purpose of this meeting is to begin creating the scout leadership team within the crew, and to have the scouts take on a much more active role in planning the monthly shakedowns, and to begin discussion of specific Philmont treks the crew is interested in.

If you are not currently signed up for Philmont and are interested in participating, please contact me at one of our weekly meetings or by email. Although we do have a waiting list for the crew, I encourage you to join us on the shakedowns trips. Not only will this give you the opportunity for more backpacking, but you will have the proper conditioning and have worked with the crew participating on should enough slots open.

Popcorn Sales Start In October

By Mrs. Ramesh and Mrs. Marvin

Troop 805 will again be participating in the Trails-End Popcorn sales. This is a great opportunity for the scouts to earn money in order to offset next year's registration and pay for scout outings and summer camp.

This year scouts will receive their order forms in mail sometime in September. The selling period will run from October 1st through October 25th. No selling outside this window, please.

The great part about the sale is that there is no cost to the Troop to participate and the popcorn tastes great! In addition, your scout can earn some great prizes.

Questions? Contact Popcorn Chairs:

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2011 Calendar

September (Geocaching)

- Hike (9/10 - Sat) – FM Radio
- 9/11 Memorial Service (9/11 - Sun) – OA
- Pt. Reyes Backpacking (9/23 - Fri: 9/25 - Sun) – Dino-Walruses

October (Climbing)

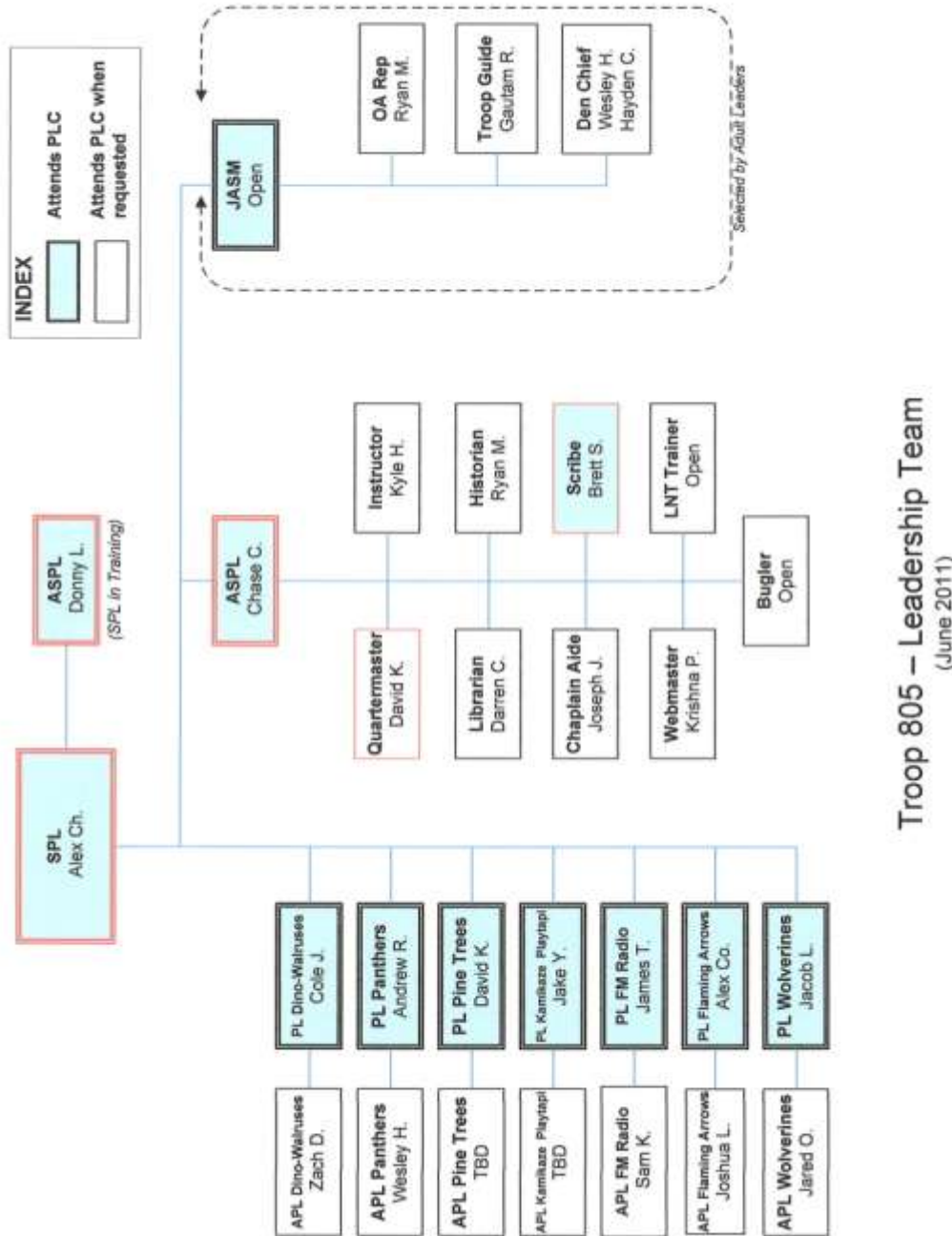
- Rock Climbing (10/15 - Sat: 10/16 - Sun) – Dino-Walruses

Court of Honor

By Mrs. Lofe & Mrs. Kenessey

You have seen the pictures and videos, now you can see the awards for our scouts' accomplishments at Camp Kern. Please join the Troop 805 family on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 6:30 pm in the Sycamore Elementary MPR for our biggest Court of Honor of the year. An Evite will be coming soon to your e-mailbox with all of the details.

Troop 805 – Leadership Organization Chart



Troop 805 – Leadership Team
(June 2011)