



Troop Tidings

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Court of Honor

By Mrs. Lofe & Mrs. Kenessey

Save the date for our next Court of Honor set for Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. January is our traditional desserts potluck. See the evite to RSVP.



Geocaching Hike to Start the Year – Saturday, January 7

By Mr. Ruskin

Experience the vast beauty on our own doorstep in the Bay Area and discover the joys of geocaching. This is a short ½ day hike of approx. 2.2 miles along the Short Ridge Trail above Sycamore Sports Park in Danville. Our trek will conclude with each patrol preparing lunch for themselves and for Webelos who will be joining us in this recruiting hike!

LEAD (Leader Education & Discovery)

By Mr. Screechfield

Registration for LEAD (Leader Education and Discovery) on January 21, 2012 is now open. LEAD is not just for adult leaders, there is something for all parents of scouts and scouters like how to be a Merit Badge Counselor, how to cook with a Dutch oven, how to become CERT trained, and much more. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch until January 2 and then it goes up to \$ 45. Go to <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/scout-leader-education-and-discovery-lead> to register.

Skiing Outing – January 21 - 23

By Mr. Huen

The Dino Walruses are sponsoring a Troop skiing trip on January 21-23, 2012 (That's a Saturday to Monday). We will be heading up to NorthStar Ski Area and staying at the cabin within the ski resort. We will leave on Saturday morning at approximately 9:30am and return to Danville at about 4pm Monday afternoon. There is no school on Monday as it is a teacher work day. Trip is limited to a max of 12 scouts (Scouts 13 years or older) and 3 adult leaders. There also might be an opportunity to work on the Snow Sport Merit Badge during the outing.

The approximate price is \$60 for scouts. Everyone will need \$80 for lift ticket plus additional money if you need equipment rental. One dinner and two breakfasts 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



This Month's Theme: First Aid

Outings

Hike

When: Saturday, January 7
Where: Short Ridge Trail above Sycamore Sports Park, Danville
Adult in Charge: Mr. Ruskin
Patrol in Charge: Pine Trees

Skiing

When: January 21- 23
Location: North Star
Adults in Charge: Mr. Huen
Patrol in Charge: Dino-Walruses
Permission Slip due: January 10

Meetings

January 3 - **No Meeting**

January 10 - Court of Honor, 7:00 p.m.

January 17 - Troop Meeting

Opening: Pine Trees
Closing: Dino Walruses
Activities: skiing and snow sports round robins
Patrol Corners: Yes (skiing outing)

January 24 - Troop Meeting

Opening: Wolverines
Closing: Flaming Arrows
Activities: Snow camping preparation, including power point by Mr. Mahoney; first aid; and game of dodge ball

January 31 - PLC & BOR

January 12 - ASM

January 26 - District Roundtable

January 28 - OA Apanuc

January 3 and January 23 – No SRVUSD

2012 Summer Camp

By Mr. Colello

Troop 805's 2012 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 29th through August 4th** so mark your calendar now, requests for commitment to participate have been e-mailed to all parents and will be posted on our website as well.

Commitment forms need to be returned by the Court of Honor on **January 10th**. Troop 805 has a limited number of slots for scouts and adult leaders.

This year's camp will be held at Wente Scout Reservation operated by the San Francisco Bay Area Council. Wente offers tall Douglas Fir trees and golden meadows. The 80-acre lake offers a natural setting for swimming, sailing, boating, and canoeing. I00t is considered one of the warmest lakes in the state. Wente offers a chance to backpack, sail, mountain bike, fish, ride horses, and go rock climbing all in one week. Scouts may try their hand at black powder musket firing, kayaking and rappelling. Wente is rich in wildlife and allows for the study of conservation, re-forestation, wildlife management, woodcraft and nature study. Rifle, shotgun, and archery shooting are also popular activities. The campsites have tents on platforms. There are showers and meals are served in a dining hall.



Snowshoe Outing February 11-12

By Mr. Colello

The Flaming Arrows are sponsoring a snowshoe outing to Truckee on February 11-12. We'll be leaving Saturday morning, driving to the Colello house in Tahoe Donner and filling our afternoon with practice at building snow caves and other snow fun.

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.

Keep an eye out for the permission slip and further info. Cost TBD. Space is limited...priority will be given to younger scouts 13 and under, although older scouts are welcome as well.

Scouting on Ice (a/k/a Snow Camping)

By Mr. Mahoney and Mr Martin

When is sleeping in a snow shelter warmer than a tent? Can shoes shaped liked tennis rackets be better than hiking boots? And, why is this the only campout of the year you'll not be bitten by mosquitoes?

All of the questions, and more, will be answered at the high adventure snow camping trip scheduled for Feb 17-20th. This is a high adventure outing for scouts 14 and older. Make plans now. Permission slips will be available real soon.



Next Month's Preview Theme: Winter Camping

Outings

Snowshoe Outing

When: Saturday, February 11-Sunday, February 12

Adult in Charge: Mr. Colello

Patrol in Charge: Flaming Arrows

Permission Slip due: TBD

Snow Camping

When: February 17-20

Adults in Charge: Mr. Mahoney

Patrol in Charge: Panthers

Permission Slip due: TBD

Meetings

February 7 – Troop Meeting

February 14 - Troop Meeting

February 21 - Troop Meeting

February 28 - PLC & BOR

February 9 - ASM

February 23 - District Roundtable

February 23 - OA Apanuc

National Youth Training Conference

By Mr. Screechfield

Time is running out to nominate yourself to attend the winter National Youth Leadership Training scheduled for February 2012. 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, and have achieved the First Class rank. Scouts must complete NYLT prior to becoming a Senior Patrol Leader.

The Mount Diablo Silverado Counsel offers the winter course at Camp Herms, El Cerrito CA as follows:

First Conference Meeting: January 19, 2012 (Thursday) @ 7 to 8:30pm

Weekend # 1: February 18, 2012 @ 9am (Saturday) thru February 20, 2012 @ 4 pm (Monday)

Weekend # 2: February 24, 2012 @ 7pm (Friday) thru February 26, 2012 @ 2:30 pm (Sunday)

Last Conference Meeting: May 17, 2012 (Thursday) @ 7 to 8:30pm

The cost to attend the course will be \$227 and is due by January 10, 2012 on a first come – first serve basis. 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., Krishna P., Mitchell M., Kyle H. or Darren C.

Remember, if you'd like to be CONSIDERED as a candidate for NYLT, contact the Scoutmaster. The Troop is only allowed to send two participants from the candidate list.



Order of the Arrow Elections

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Founded in 1915, it uses American Indian traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on Scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

To be eligible for election the scout must have achieved the First Class rank and must have complete 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The camping must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of 6 consecutive days and 5 nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Each candidate must also have the approval of the scoutmaster and be elected by the majority of their troop scouts as meeting the ideals of the OA, having the Scouting Spirit (including brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service), living the Scout Oath and Law, and actively participating in troop activities.

The OA election date has not been finalized but will be at a troop meeting in late January or February. It will be conducted by a visiting election team from our local OA Apanuc.

Troop 805 2011/2012 Outings

January 2012 (First Aid/Dino-Walruses)

- Hike (1/07 - Sat) - Pine Trees
- Skiing (1/20 - Fri: 1/23 - Mon) - Dino-Walruses

February (Winter Camping/Panthers)

- Intro Snow Camping (2/10 - Sat: 2/11 - Sun) - Flaming Arrows
- High Adventure Snow Camping (2/17 - Fri: 2/20 - Mon) - Panthers

March (Pioneering/Pine Trees)

- Bike Ride (3/03 - Sat) - Panthers
- ***School Service Project (3/27 - Tue) - OA

April (Tracking/Yellow Jackets)

- Kiwanis Big K (4/21 - Sat) - OA
- Scout Skills - Sugar Loaf (4/20 - Fri: 4/22 - Sun) - Pine Trees

May (Wilderness Survival/Panthers)

- “Day Outing” (5/06 - Sun) - Wolverines
- High Adventure Camping (5/18 - Fri: 5/20 - Sun) - Panthers
- Dino-Walruses
- **Relay for Life Flag Ceremony (TBD Sat) - OA

June (High Adventure/Kamikaze Platypi)

- Camporee (6/01 - Fri: 6/03 - Sun) - Yellow Jackets
- Fages 20 Mile Hike (6/02 - Sat) - OA
- White Water Rafting (6/22 - Fri: 6/24 - Sun) - Kamikaze Platypi
- Rock Climbing (6/30 - Sat) -

July (Backpacking/Pine Trees)

- 4th of July Parade (7/04 - Wed) - OA
- Backpacking (7/13 - Fri: 7/15 - Sun) - Pine Trees
- Summer Camp - Wente (7/29 - Sun: 8/04 - Sat) - SPL/ASPL

August (Aviation/Flaming Arrows)

- USS Hornet (8/25 - Sat: 8/26 - Sun) - Flaming Arrows

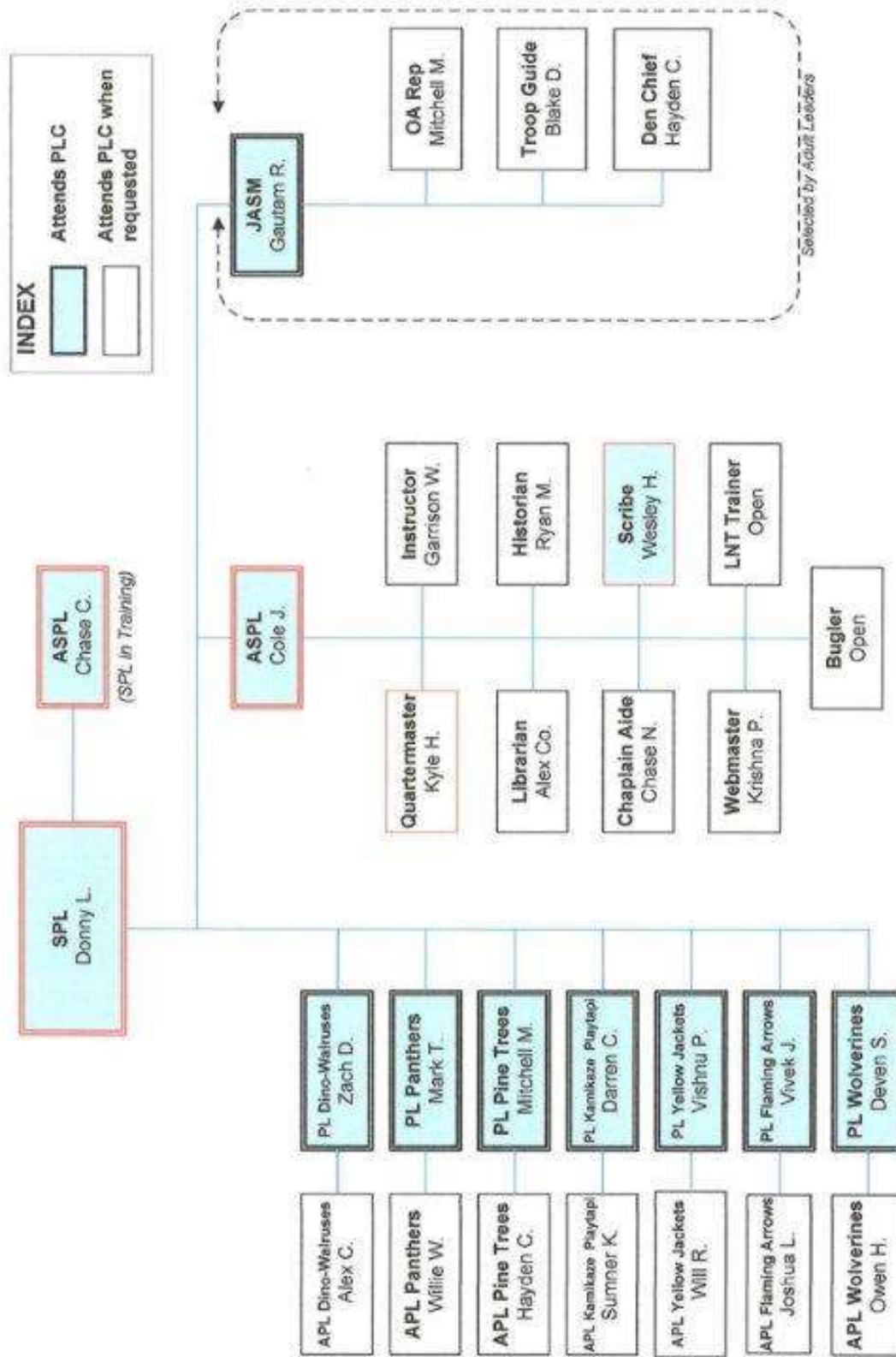
September (Orienteering/Kamikaze Platypi)

- 9/11 Memorial Service (9/11 - Tue) - OA
- Spelunking (9/14 - Fri: 9/16 - Sun) - Kamikaze Platypi
- Orienteering Hike/Camping (9/28 - Fri: 9/30 - Sun) - Panthers

October (Shooting/Dino-Walruses)

- Archery Overnighter (10/12 - Sat: 10/14 - Sun) - Dino-Walruses
- Rifle Outing (10/27 - Sat.) - Kamikaze Platypi

Troop 805 – Leadership Organization Chart



Troop 805 – Leadership Team
(December 2011)

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