

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

August 11, 2008

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

I want to thank all the adult participants who helped during our summer camp program. The boys say they had a good time. I appreciate it. I especially want to thank David Easterling for really keeping on top of it and handling all the merit badges. Thanks again.

There have been a few issues that we need to address in order to have the best scout experience possible for all members of Troop 768. For the next several outings we will be attaching a list of Information Items we want to address with all our scouts and their parents/guardians. Please read these carefully when signing up and taking part in our scouting program. For your information we will be forwarding you via email attachments of this Troop 768 Information Items and the August Newsletter.

There will be no PLC meeting for the month of August.

Be sure to watch for our upcoming events which should be really fun and a great experience for the boys. All these events will help to foster a greater independence and connection to all boy scouts and parents. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Larry Shepler, Scoutmaster

Treasurer's Report

Dawn Perfect gave the treasures report. Everything is going well. We have money in the account at this time. The July 4th activity receipts will be turned in by David Easterling to determine the amount made at this event. Through upcoming fundraisers we can and need to earn more money for our coming year events. So if you want to have a terrific year, please participate in these fundraising events.

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,

On August 6, 2008, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, David Easterling, Bill Modeen and Carol Shellhammer.

We want to thank Larry Shepler for being a great leader. He has been doing a wonderful job at leading and delegating. We appreciate having him and his support as our Scoutmaster. We couldn't do it without you Larry.

David Easterling reported on the 4th of July event. Our Boy Scout booth of games was extremely successful. It went quite well. The knocking down of the bottles game was one of the more popular games. We sold five (5) tickets for \$1.00. We made a profit but to make more money for the troop next year we need to look at expanding the games and raising the price of tickets for this activity. However, this could possibly be the last year for this activity due to the fact that the Rotary Club may be unable to support it again due to the cost.

Larry Shepler offered to call and help Steve Kakacek to get the trailer roof installed and fixed. The roof has been made but not installed. If it rains and the tents get wet, they will take the most punishment. Therefore, we need to expedite this matter.

SERE Camp went well for the boys; however, we had a few concerns regarding the training for our adults who attended this camp. We feel adults who attend need to have skills to contribute and recommended training for future parents who plan to participate in this type of outing.

Summer Camp at Emerald Bay, Catalina went extremely well. The boys got almost a perfect score every time during inspections. There was more participation this year. The only problem was a conflict in scheduling where some of the older boys didn't get to participate in all the activities they wanted. Overall the summer camp was great. We are looking at a number of

summer camps for the boys to attend next year. We have a number of possibilities which will be discussed with the boys in the upcoming troop meetings.

We are looking at three (3) fundraising activities for the coming year. Popcorn sales, candy bar sales and cell phone recycling. **POPCORN SALE** begins soon. Bill Modeen also will be coordinating the **CANDY BAR SALES**. We need to turn in a form to council for the candy bar sale fundraiser and the boys are to wear their Red T-Shirt (Not Class A Uniform) while they sale candy bars. Additionally, David Easterling will be assisting Bob Doyle in his Eagle Scout fundraising to gather **CELL PHONES** and direct them to the proper facility. These activities will start soon and there may be more fundraising as the year progresses.

Since we have not scheduled an activity for September we talked about a campout in the Santa Rosa Mountains. It would be one weekend in September for this trip. It is a great place for biking. There is no water and no restrooms in the Santa Rosa Mountains; therefore, we have to bring our own water. It is at the edge of Palm Desert and has beautiful views. It's about a 2½ hour drive from Ramona. David Easterling is going to check with the Ranger Station to see if we need a wilderness permit.

We are also looking at a **STEAM ENGINE ACTIVITY** on the weekend of October 17-19th in Vista, CA. This activity was submitted to us and looks to be very cool and well organized. The boys would receive a BSA Farm Mechanic Merit Badge.

Karl Hujsak has been working hard on his Eagle Service Project. He has been painting a massive map of the United States at the Ramona Community School/Mountain Valley Academy located at 1010 Ramona Street just east of Ramona High School. If you want to help and earn community service hours, contact him to coordinate work times and hours. Good Job Karl....it looks great so far. Can't wait to see it completed!

Scout Planning Meeting - August 11

On Monday, August 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the troop meeting the Boy Scouts will brainstorm what activities they wish to have in the coming year. These ideals will be submitted to the parents for scheduling at the All-Parents Planning meeting on September 7th 2008.

A short summary for the next two months is as follows:

August Activities

Monday August 4	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday August 11	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting/ Scout Planning Meeting
Monday August 18	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Friday, Saturday, Sunday August 22-24	5:30 p.m. Departure 1:00 p.m. Return @ First Christian Church	San Onofre Beach Campout
Monday August 25	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

September Activities

Monday Sept 1	----	Labor Day-No Meeting
Sunday Sept. 7	4:00 p.m.	All-Parents Planning Meeting (Adults Only) @ Missy Drago's house
Monday Sept. 8	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR - Class A Uniform
Monday Sept. 15	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor Root Beer Floats
	TBA	Santa Rosa Mountains
Monday Sept 22	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Sept. 29	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

August Beach Camping Trip August 22 - 24

Steve Shellhammer has booked and secured 4 regular sites at the San Onofre/San Mateo campground. The four (4) sites reserved holds 8 people each which give us space for 32 people. The cost for this trip is \$32.00 per person. We will meet at the First Christian Church Friday, August 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. to travel to the campground and return Sunday, August 24, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church. We want to extend this trip to all families to camp; however, they would have to make the arrangements for their individual sites. It is a short 5 minute drive to the San

Clemente State Beach. This beach is the best beach to go to in this area. Permission Slips will be handed out at Monday's troop meeting. Check the permission slip for what you need to bring.

Here is the link to the web site for San Onofre http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=647

All-Parents Planning Meeting – Sept. 7th

An All-Parents Planning meeting (Adults only) is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on September 7th, 2008 at Missy Drago's house. We will be going over the list submitted by the boy scouts to plan and schedule the events for the coming year.

District Merit Badge Night – Oct. 16th

Bob Chisholm, District Advancement Chair from LDS Church is asking the Boy Scouts for suggestions. If you want to see a particular merit badge offered (not Eagle required), please contact him. We have to sign up at least a week prior to this night to participate in this night's events.

District Adult Leader Training – Oct. 18th

A District Adult Leader Training course is being offered on Oct. 18th. If you are interested, please ask the Scoutmaster or Dawn Perfect.

Web Site

The Boy Scout Troop 768 website contains valuable schedule and activities information and is continuously updated. <http://www.troop768.org/>

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday September 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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