

# Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

February 9, 2008

## *Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes*

### Welcome New Scouts

We want to welcome all the new scouts that have joined our Troop 768 recently.

From Pack 780 we have three Webelos that received their Arrow of Light and bridged into our troop. They are **Nate Sebenius, Sean Long, and Joseph Martins**. Congratulations on receiving your Arrow of Light and welcome to our troop.

From Troop 630 we have received three boy scouts joining our troop and they are **Robert Price, Chris Boyle** and **Dominique Turgeon**. Welcome, it's a pleasure to have you in our troop.

We also have three Brand New Scouts, new to scouting altogether, and they are **Isaiah Spilman, Landon Steele, and Camden Steele**. Welcome and we wish you the best scouting in the future with our troop.

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.

### Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. Everything is going good. We have received deposits for the river trip and summer camp. The next payment for Summer Camp is due February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. At that time, each scout/adult should have paid \$415.00. Please check your records and make sure you have made the necessary payment in order to attend camp. Thanks.

So far, the roof of the trailer has a green tarp which is strapped down and still needs to be fixed. David Easterling will be taking care of getting the roof of the trailer fixed. We want a self tapping system with nails on the sides only when the trailer is fixed.

David Easterling has purchased two new stoves with the hose attached to the stove for our troop trailer. He

will also be testing the trees to see which ones leak. We also need to purchase two plastic lantern cases before the river trip and Steve Austin has volunteered to take care of that purchase.

### Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,

On February 6, 2008, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Dawn Perfect, David Easterling, Goldie Kakacek, Stephan Kakacek, Steve Austin, Sean Franklin, Heidi Franklin, Shannon Spilman and Carol Shellhammer.

**Reminder:** Monday, February 11, 2008 there will be a Troop Meeting at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Gear Inspection for those attending the River Trip on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be inspecting for pants, shoes, rain gear and 2 five gallon buckets per Boy Scout. If you don't have 5 gallon buckets, it was suggested that you might ask Subway or any Deli if they have any that you could have. Additionally, the river scouts are responsible for their own grocery shopping with their river partners. Dawn Perfect will be giving Stephen Kakacek a list of boys who need to take a swim test prior to this trip

**Another reminder:** Troop Leadership Elections and Order of the Arrow Elections take place at the beginning of March 2008.

Unfortunately, there has been a problem with the March Camporee event. We don't foresee this event happening, therefore, we are discussing the possibility of changing and moving the April event of going to the desert to March instead. There are two possibilities for the March date which are as follows: 1. Cal Cite Mine or 2. Mud Caves. The Boys will decide at the next meeting which one they would prefer to go.

Missy Drago has received the red T-Shirts and will be delivering them to our next troop meeting. However, we have had a problem obtaining Neckerchiefs. We are still looking into this matter. Sean and Heidi Franklin will be looking into another possible source for the Neckerchiefs.

Summer Camp is coming along. We have filled all of our youth and adult designated spots. If we need more spots, we will be requesting them in March. Please let us know by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 if you are interested in camp and are not signed up as of yet. Thanks.

Those of you who are interested in receiving your Geologist Merit Badge during summer camp, Steve Austin has agreed to work with you to help with the rock collection prior to Emerald Bay. Therefore, if you do the prep work (collecting the rocks) it should make it much easier to accomplish the merit badge while at camp. You must first get a Blue Card from Scoutmaster Larry Shepler in order to start working on this badge.

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

### **February Activities**

Monday February 4	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR
Monday February 11	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting Gear Inspection
Mon. Feb. 15, 16, 17	TBA	Canoe Trip
Monday Feb. 18		No Meeting President's Day
Wednesday Feb. 20	7:00 PM	PLC Meeting
Monday Feb. 25	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting

### **March Activities**

Monday Mar. 3	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR
Monday Mar. 10	6:30 PM	Court of Honor
Fri., Sat., Sun Mar. 14-16	TBA	Possible Cal Cite Mine or Mud Caves
Monday Mar. 17	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting
Wed. Mar. 19	7:00 PM	PLC Meeting
Monday Mar. 24	6:30 PM	No Troop Meeting Spring Break
Monday Mar. 31	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting

### **Canoe Trip - Feb. 15, 16 & 17**

Steve Kakacek will be putting together a river packet for you regarding this trip. He has reserved 15 canoes for this trip. There will be a shore group and a river group. We want to extend this trip to all families to camp on the river even if they don't plan to canoe on the river. So far, everything is good as for the towing, drivers and shuttling for the trip. We will leave Friday night and return on Monday. Please attend the Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting if you are planning to come on this trip. There will be a basic swim test administered prior to the trip for those who have not received any type of swim badge. The Scoutmaster will have the ultimate decision/confirmation as to who will be able to attend as far as rank is concerned.

### **Summer Camp Emerald Bay, Catalina July 27 - Aug. 2**

The fee for Emerald Bay Summer Camp is \$515.00. Summer Camp is reserved and the dates are Sunday, July 27, 2008 thru Saturday, August 2, 2008. So far we have Nineteen (19) scouts and seven (7) adults signed up for this trip. Please contact Dawn Perfect if you have any questions regarding summer camp. This should be an outstanding location for summer camp this year. John Callan is also receiving duplicate mailing from Emerald Bay; therefore, he has information as well as Dawn Perfect.

### **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 arrival date is Friday, August 22, 2008 and the departure date is Sunday, August 24, 2008. Check in time is 2:00 p.m. and Check out time is 12.00 p.m. 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 nice campground. Our family usually camps there every summer. It is a short 5 minute drive to the San Clemente State Beach which is the best place to go to the beach there.

Here is the link to the web site for San Onofre  
[http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=647](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=647)

## 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 March 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM

### 2007-2008 Committee Members

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