

# Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

June 19, 2008

## *Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes*

### From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

We would like to remind Scouts that the first Monday of each month is Class A Uniform night. We would like to see the boys take pride this night and wear their full uniform including neckerchiefs. We will be checking periodically to see if they have them on. During the Memorial Day weekend events some of the boys had no neckerchiefs. We want our troop to present itself with pride and respect by wearing their full Class A uniform at upcoming events.

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

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. Everything is going good. We had one returned check that Goldie needs to follow up on. Larry Shepler gave the VFW contribution money to Missy Drago to be placed in the General Fund. Thank you VFW for your contribution. Scouts from Troop 630 need to recharter. Dawn Perfect gave cash for patches to Goldie.

### Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,  
On June 4, 2008, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Stephan Kakacek, Steve Austin, David Easterling and Carol Shellhammer.

Steve Kakacek and David Easterling are taking care of getting the trailer roof fixed. The roof is on order and

we have to figure out how to get it to the house to put on the trailer for it is 6ft long.

Missy Drago reported that the sewing of the Neckerchiefs are complete. Yeah!

The VFW is checking to see if we can do a flag retirement ceremony at their location on a Monday night soon. We would like to have a good ceremony; therefore, we would like to have a practice prior to it. We need four (4) boys to put the flags in the fire ring. We will burn each flag individually. We would like to do a little more the VFW. Additionally, they will be ordering more poppies and are happy about our boys making poppies for next years Memorial Day ceremony.

It was discussed that Don Scott give some hiking and backpacking training at our troop meetings. He would be the boys mentor prior to summer camp then follow up with them after camp to end with a merit badge. Bill Modeen will also be doing training during the troop meetings. Steve Austin is also willing to teach navigation, map and compass during the troop meeting.

The Order of the Arrow, a service organization, is having there elections soon. They are looking for leadership transition scouts that are illegible for their elections.

Friends of Scouting, District Representative is going to attend our Court of Honor on Monday June 9, 2008 and ask of donations. These donations are tax deductible.

Dawn Perfect suggested that if the boys needed money to pay for some of the trips in the future that they should look into working the Rodeo and Fair parking jobs. However, they would have to be recommended by the Scoutmaster and old enough to handle a job of this type. Steve Kakacek suggested having a separate adult meeting to discuss getting the boys to try to buy their own equipment, such as, tents, etc.

Reminder: Physicals are needed prior to summer camp. You may email Dawn Perfect for the Boy Scout Physical forms.

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

## Eagle Court of Honor – June 28

## June Activities

|                  |                                                                                 |                                                                      |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday June 2    | 6:30 p.m.                                                                       | Troop Meeting                                                        |
| Monday June 9    | 6:30 p.m.                                                                       | Court of Honor<br>(Potluck Dinner)                                   |
| Monday June 16   | 6:30 p.m.                                                                       | Troop Meeting                                                        |
| Saturday June 21 | 9:30 a.m.<br>Departure<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Return<br>@ First<br>Christian<br>Church | Perris Valley<br>Indoor Skydiving<br>and Swimming                    |
| Monday June 23   | 6:30 p.m.                                                                       | Troop Meeting                                                        |
| Saturday June 28 | 1:00 p.m.                                                                       | Robert Price<br>Eagle Court of<br>Honor @ Ramona<br>Community Center |
| Monday June 30   | 6:30 p.m.                                                                       | Troop Meeting                                                        |

**Robert Price** will be having his Eagle Court of Honor at 1:00 p.m. at the Ramona Community Center. Congratulations Robert Price! Our troop has extended to offer to provide the punch and cake for this ceremony to the family.

## Community Event – July 4th

David Easterling is organizing and scheduling this event. This event starts approximately 4:00 p.m. and ends around 9:00 p.m. We will have food for the boys that work this event but there will be no food sales for the public this year. We have decided just to have games at this event. Here is a list of the games and we need two to three boys to handle each game. Sponge Throw, Plastic Ducks, Miniature Golf, Stand Up Bottles, and Ring Toss. Please contact David Easterling if you have any suggestions for other carnival games, we would like to have 2 to 3 more games.

## July Activities

|                                           |           |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Friday July 4                             | TBA       | Booth @ Community<br>Event          |
| Monday July 7                             | 6:30 p.m. | Troop Meeting                       |
| Monday July 14                            | 6:30 p.m. | Troop Meeting                       |
| Sat & Sun<br>July 19 & 20                 | TBA       | SERE                                |
| Monday July 21                            | 6:30 p.m. | Troop Meeting                       |
| Sunday thru<br>Sat. July 27 –<br>August 2 | TBA       | Emerald Bay Catalina<br>Summer Camp |

## SERE Camp - July 19 – July 20

On Saturday & Sunday, July 19 & 20, 2008, we will be having wilderness survival training with the Navy at Warner Springs. SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance & Escapes) is a physical summer camp which may be to difficult for the younger/newer scouts. Please consult your scoutmaster if you are interested in this camp.

## 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. 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.

**Reminder:** 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.

## Perris Valley Indoor Skydiving – June 21

**Our scheduled time has been pushed back two hours. Therefore on Saturday, June 21, 2008 we will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church for departure to the Perris Valley Indoor Skydiving event.** We will be returning at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$50.00 per person fee for this event and must be prepaid prior to going. No late sign-ups. Scouts are to wear their Class A uniform for travel and Class B for the activity. There will also be swimming so bring swim suit and towel. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact Mr. Callan or Mrs. 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 July 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM

### 2007-2008 Committee Members

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|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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