

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

March 24, 2008

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

Congratulations Dawn Perfect

We want to Congratulate Dawn Perfect on receiving the Silver Beaver Award presented to her at the annual meeting of the San Diego-Imperial Boy Scout Council. Way to go Dawn! The award is the highest award a council can give, and was in recognition of Dawn's many years of dedicated leadership with the Ramona Boy Scouts. Troop 768 especially appreciates all the hard work, planning, scheduling, leadership and dedication Dawn has performed over the past years for our troop. Thank you Dawn!

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. Everything is going good. Summer camp money is due. Goldie is to write a check to WLACC for \$5,100.00 for Summer Camp and place the account number on the check. Please check your records and make sure you have made the necessary payment in order to attend camp. Thanks. John Callan gave Goldie receipts for the Plaster Blaster trip.

So far, the roof and the tire for the trailer have not been fixed. David Easterling will be handling the fixing of the tire and Steve Kakacek will be handling the fixing of the roof of the trailer. We want a self tapping system with nails on the sides only for the roof when the trailer is fixed.

Neckerchiefs have been ordered by Missy Drago. They will be ready on March 11th for pickup. The cost is \$347.49 for 100 neckerchiefs or \$3.47 a piece. There will be some sewing involved after they are picked up. They need six (6) neckerchiefs for Monday, March 10th for a Webelos Bridging. Missy will call and try to get them for the bridging ceremony. They also need two (2) more neckerchiefs for another bridging ceremony on March 17th.

We are approximately \$190 in the hole from the canoe trip. However, there are a couple of people who still owe money which should take care of the overall cost.

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,

On February 6, 2008, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Stephan Kakacek, Steve Austin, John Callan and Carol Shellhammer.

We want to congratulate Daniel Austin for taking the time to decorate his canoe paddle for the Paddle Decorating contest during the canoe trip. Great Job! The overall canoe trip went very well. The boys had a lot of fun. Justin Wagner stepped up and we saw many changes in the boys this year regarding responsibilities. Great Job Scouts!

The Court of Honor is Monday, March 10, 2008. There will be a Dessert Contest. So bring your best desserts and most creative ones too. There will be prizes for the desserts. In addition, there will be Webelos Woods and River Rat Patches presented. New Scouts from Troop 630 will be introduced to the troop and also be receiving a our troop number patch for their sleeves. Larry Shepler will accommodate those scouts with their board of review and whatever they need for their Eagle Scout. Goldie will be bringing her computer for Steve Austin to show a slide show of the River Trip.

Dan Drago, Landon Jones and Cody Escoto will be calling Tommy Perfect, Brenen Kakacek and Nick Escoto up to take there places as new Senior Patrol Leaders and Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders. Congratulations new leaders.

Noble Canyon Hike is set up for Saturday, March 15th at 6:00 a.m. to meet at the church. The scouts have food partners for the overnight stay. Noble Canyon trail is a 10 mile hike. The boys are to be back at 12:00 p.m. Sunday. However, due to the poor weather conditions in the mountains the backpacking activity will not include overnight camping. Instead there will be a Day Hike only. The scouts are to arrive at the church at 6am with outdoor essentials, lunch, water, and snacks. They will return to the church Saturday late afternoon/early evening for pick up. This hike is open to all scouts.

Contact Steve Kakacek or John Callan for driving information.

John Callan or Larry Shepler will be attending the March 10th @ 6 p.m. the Webelos Bridging Ceremony at James Dukes Elementary School. Tyler Perfect and Daniel Austin will also be assisting in this ceremony. The scouts bridging are as follows: Joel Austin, Max Edwards, Daniel Hallman, Austin Koch, Anthony Silvaggio and Wyatt Scott. Congratulations Scouts!

March 17th another Webelos Bridging ceremony will be taking place with another troop.

We have had complaints from the Church that our Bathroom facilities are not kept clean after our meetings. Please take care in using the bathroom and make sure to clean up after yourself when using the restrooms. Thank you.

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.

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

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

April Activities

Monday April 7	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR
Monday April 14	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting
Saturday April 19	TBA	Scout Fair
Monday April 21	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting
Fri.Sat.Sun April 25, 26, 27	TBA	Desert Camping Mudd Caves
Monday April 28	6:30 PM	Troop Meeting

Desert Camping – Apr. 25, 26 & 28

Reservations for the Mudd Caves are needed. Steve Austin will lead this event. Patrol boxes and possibly five (5) Dutch Ovens are needed for a Cook off by Patrols. Each patrol will have a dutch oven for the cook off. John Callan will make the permission slips for April 25, 26, and 27th (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday) for the Mudd Caves. Steve Austin is friends with Jim Carter a Firefighter and will ask him to bring his telescope truck. The Troop will provide food for him and Steve Austin will pay for his gas during this trip.

District Dinner – May 9th

May 9th, 2008 is the District Dinner where the Pathfinder and Red Hawk Awards are presented. This is a Potluck where each unit/troop pays \$25.00. You can bring kids. We are looking for names of who will attend and we need key leadership.

Lake Morena – May 16, 17 & 18

John Callan will get reservations for 30 people at Lake Morena's Youth Group Camping site for the month of May. There will be fishing and biking.

Indoor Sky Diving – June 20, 21 & 22

We need to discuss the possibility of getting reservations in June for the day activity of indoor sky diving or just camping only.

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.

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.

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

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 April 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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