

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

May 18, 2008

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

Our Mudd Caves trip went pretty good. The kids had a great time. There were 40 kids 20 adults 60 people in all. With a missed turns on the way there, we finally reached our destination. Steve Austin's friend brought his telescope to gaze at the stars. The new scouts (Scorpions) did fine. We discovered that we need a better accounting of the cars and people checking in and out with the leaders, therefore, in the future the Scoutmaster is in charge of assigning seating. We also needed 2 way radios. Additionally, anyone leaves camp early needs to check in with the leaders before leaving. When you leave you are on your own if you don't leave with the group. Scouts should ride home in the car they came in unless otherwise approved by the Scoutmaster. After our first trip with the new scouts which went well, we thought it was worth mentioning again.

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. Everything has cleared. We have had some problems with John Callan's Scout card; therefore, he has returned his card to Goldie. Goldie will return the card to the bank.

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,
On May 7, 2008, we held our committee meeting. In

attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Stephan Kakacek, Steve Austin, John Callan, David Easterling and Carol Shellhammer.

Steve Kakacek and David Easterling are taking care of getting the trailer roof and tire fixed. The roof is being made and the tire has been fixed.

Missy Drago has 27 Neckerchiefs left to sew out of 100.

Someone asked if Mataguay Summer Camp would be a possibility for those scouts unable to attend Emerald Bay Summer Camp. We discussed it and we would need at least one or two Scout Leaders and at least five kids to make this happen. We are still looking into the matter. Dawn will look into the cost for the camp.

We discussed having Troop Merit Badge opportunities. One merit badge would be for the Antique Gas Engine Museum in Vista where Mrs. Huijak would have an Open House sometime in October. We have decided to invite Mrs. Huijak to come and talk about it to our Scouts to see if they would be interested in this merit badge. The other merit badge would be Horsemanship where Mrs. Wagner would take small groups to learn about horses. We would have to pick dates and times with Mrs. Wagner. We will be discussing these ideas with the boys.

On Wednesday, May 21st before the PLC Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Dawn Prefect's house, she will be providing the opportunity for the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. You will need to bring a clip board, print out of the merit badge, and a map of Ramona (See Orange Ramona Book for map). This will be a part of the Memorial Day plus 8 hour service requirement. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Perfect for details.

If you are interested in receiving the Catholic Religious Emblem, contact David Easterling. Additionally, June is the sign up for summer camp. David Easterling will be handling the merit badges for summer camp.

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

May Activities

Monday May 5	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Thursday May 8	7:00 p.m.	Trail to Eagle Workshop – For Life & Star scouts
Friday May 9	6:30 p.m.	District Dinner (Potluck)
Monday May 12	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Thursday May 15	TBA	Merit Badge Night
Fri., Sat., Sun May 16-18	Departure Fri., 6:30 p.m. @ 1 st Christian Church	Lake Cuyamaca Fishing Weekend - Return time 11:00 a.m. Sun., May 18 th @ 1 st Christian Church
Monday May 19	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Wed. May 21	7:00 p.m.	PLC Meeting
<u>Memorial Day weekend</u>		
Friday May 23	4:00 p.m.	Put out poppies at Cemetery
Sunday May 25	9:30 a.m.	Flag Ceremony @ 1 st Christian Church -Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Monday May 26	9:00 a.m.	Ceremony @ cemetery Full Class A Uniform
Wed. May 28	4:30 p.m.	Put away flags & poppies

June Activities

Monday June 2	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday June 9	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor (Potluck Dinner)
Monday June 16	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Fri., Sat., Sun June 20, 21, 22	TBA	Indoor Sky Diving
Monday June 23	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Saturday June 28	1:00 p.m.	Robert Price Eagle Ceremony
Monday June 30	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

Trail to Eagle Workshop – May 8

This workshop is specifically designed to cater to the Life & Star scouts seeking Eagle Scout. For those of you interested in attending this workshop, it should help you on your journey to becoming an Eagle Scout. It's one that you should not miss. It's at 7:00 p.m. at

the Latter Day Saints Church between 9th and 10th Street.

District Dinner – May 9th

Mr. Austin and Mr. Kakacek will be recognized at the May 9th, 2008 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.

Merit Badge Night – May 15th

Scouts may chose from 5 merit badges offered. This will be held at the Latter Day Saints Church. The time will be announced at a later date.

Lake Cuyamaca – May 16, 17 & 18

Bill Modine has reserved 3 spots but someone needs to go up early because it's first come first serve. It takes approximately an hour or less to get there. David Easterling volunteered to go up early and also call to see if bicycling is available. Dan Drago went on line and there are bike trails available. We will be departing Friday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church to Lake Cuyamaca. Our return is Sunday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church. The fee is \$20.00 per person. Scouts eat dinner on their own prior to leaving Friday evening. Breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday, will be provided by the Troop. The activities include camping and fishing at Lake Cuyamaca; participate in lake grounds beautification (service time); Scouts skills training; and fishing skills training. Scouts are to wear their Class A uniform for travel and their Class B uniform for fishing and camping. They will need to bring fishing pole, bait and tackle; a fishing license if they are 16 years of age or older; sleeping bag, warm clothing, rain gear, shade hat and sunscreen; 10 essentials; and insect repellent. The assistance requested is for drivers and adult leadership. If you have any questions regarding this matter or can assist in anyway, please contact Dawn Perfect, (760) 788-1983. Thank you.

Memorial Day Weekend – May 23 - 28

We have lots of activities for this weekend to honor our servicemen. On Friday, May 23rd at 4:00 p.m., we are placing poppies and flags at the gravesites at the cemetery. On Sunday, May 25th at 9:30 a.m. there will be a flag ceremony at the First Christian Church. The service starts at 10:00 a.m. We are asking the scouts to please stay through the service. On Monday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m. there will be a ceremony at the cemetery. There will be a VFW Picnic where the scouts can earn some service hours by emptying trash, being kind to

everyone, being on their best behavior and picking up. Scouts are to wear their full Class A uniforms to the ceremonies. On Wednesday, May 28th at 4:30 p.m. we will put away the flags and poppies.

Court of Honor Potluck Dinner – June 9

We will be having our Court of Honor Monday, June 9th. We will be having a potluck dinner this evening. David Easterling will call the Catholic Church to see if it would be possible to use there Church Hall for this function.

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. John Callan has to talk to someone to get the exact pricing for the sky diving and camping before any decisions can be firmed up. The cost of this trip seems to be very expensive and with the gas prices going up it might be a trip we should reconsider. It takes approximately 1 and ½ hours to get there. It was also discussed to make it a day trip with a packed lunch rather than staying overnight camping.

Eagle Scout Ceremony – June 28

Robert Price will be having his Eagle Scout Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center (Senior Center). Our troop has extended to offer to provide the punch and cake for this ceremony to the family.

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 all of the spots have been taken. 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 June 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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