

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

October 8, 2008

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

During our All-Parents Planning meeting September 7th, 2008, we went over the list submitted by the Boy Scouts to plan and schedule the events for the coming year. There were many items approved and we have assigned a number of parents to head and be the point person for the different activities. For example, David Easterling for the Santa Rosa hiking campout, Steve Shellhammer and Don Scott for ocean kayaking, Steve Austin and Steve Kakacek for the Mason Valley Geo beds. Those are just a few of the activities listed so please let us know if you are interested or have any experience in leading any of the activities on our upcoming calendar. We would greatly appreciate it.

Additionally, the following Committee Members and Members have agreed to hold the following positions for the coming year: Missy Drago - Committee Chair; Dawn Perfect - Advancement Chair; Goldie Kakacek - Treasurer, Carol Shellhammer – Newsletter; Francis Silva and Michelle Scott – Hospitality; Stephanie Haas - Community Service; Joey Evola - Popcorn Kernal along with Becca Sebenius and Don Scott's help, and Don Scott - Fundraising.

The Santee Sycamore Canyon mountain bike ride and cleanup day trip was very successful. The boys and adults rode there bikes, some bikes having to be fixed along the way, but all made it to their destination. After the ride they did a cleanup around the Santee Lakes then had a barbeque. The Park Rangers rewarded them with free paddle boat rides. It was a great day.

I want to thank those boys who helped with the Poway Rodeo cleanup and the cleanup after at our Troop Meeting on Monday. We received a good donation from the Poway Rodeo and we are able to keep whatever money we receive from the recycling. We are looking at signing a three-year contract with them. The cleanup didn't take that long and next year with more preparation and advance scheduling; we should have more boys which will enable us to do the job

much quicker. This donation and recycling money will help fund our troop for the upcoming events/activities.

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 well. We have money in the account at this time. Since school started there hasn't been a specific breakdown of the amounts, however, the approximate expenditures are Camping 50% to 60%, Summer Camp 20%, and Misc. 5% cost. These costs include fixing the trailer, purchasing tents and supplies for our troop trailer boxes, and supplies for our trips. 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 October 1, 2008, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, Stephanie Haas and Carol Shellhammer.

David Easterling has taken a trip to scout out the Emerson Boy Scout Camp in Idlewild to see if it is a place we would want to go for this coming year's Summer Camp. He will report back to us soon. The committee has also approved that the older boys attend the High Adventure Camp in Catalina this coming summer with Bill Modeen as the troop leader.

Steve Kakacek reported that the trailer roof had inadvertently gotten damaged and needed to be fixed and installed again. He is working on getting this done.

Webmaster

Kevin Dorst has asked us if someone else could take over the Web page for our Boy Scout troop. He is no longer able to provide us with this service. Please if you have any experience in this area, let Dawn Perfect or Larry Shepler know if you would be able to take over this as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

October Activities

Monday October 6	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday October 13	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Wed. October 15 @ Dawn Perfect's house	7:00 p.m.	PLC
Thursday October 16	LDS Church	District Merit Badge Night (For Boys who already signed up)
Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 17, 18 & 19	TBA	Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
Saturday October 18	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	District Adult Leader Training
Monday October 20	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday October 27	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting - Turn In Popcorn Orders

November Activities

Monday Nov 3	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Nov 10	6:30 p.m.	No Troop Meeting
(Tentative Schedule) Friday, Sat. & Sun. Nov. 14, 15, & 16	TBA	Santa Rosa Mountains
Monday Nov 17	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Nov 24	6:30 p.m.	No Troop Meeting

District Merit Badge Night – Oct. 16

Bob Chisholm, District Advancement Chair from LDS Church is leading this Merit Badge night. This should be a great time for those boys who have already signed up for this activity.

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Campout/ Activity – Oct. 17^{thru} Oct. 19

The Antique Gas & Steam Engine campout activity is on the weekend of October 17-19th in Vista, CA. The boys will be receiving a BSA Farm Mechanic Merit Badge. Permission Slips will be available on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Troop Meeting.

District Adult Leader Training – Oct. 18

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 November 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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