

# Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

February 2009

## *Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes*

### From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

The last several troop meetings were focused on training boys how to cooking their own food. We demonstrated various ways of backpack cooking. There are different kinds of stoves and the boys need to learn how to eat better than just eating pop tarts etc. This should help prepare us for SERE Camp on February 21 & 22, 2009 and all future camping trips. It turned out very successful.

A knob was found off one of the Coleman stoves and Larry asked Jake if he could make more for our stoves. Jake is going to be making 10 more knobs for our stoves. Thank you, Jake.

**Please check to see if you have any of the tents from our troop trailer. If you have any tents or troop gear, please return it to the Scout Master.** We seem to be missing some and need them for our upcoming camping trips. It was discussed that in the future we possibly have a check out plan with a clip board in the troop trailer especially when we don't use the trailer but use the tents for camping trip.

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

### Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone

On February 4, 2009, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Shellhammer and Carol Shellhammer.

Holcomb Valley Scout Reservation near Big Bear has

been selected as the summer camp for our troop this summer. It has horseback riding, mountain biking, 30 ft. climbing wall, pool, shot gun along with other activities. You can check out the Website at [http://www.sgvcbsa.org/camping\\_hvsr.php](http://www.sgvcbsa.org/camping_hvsr.php). Our first choice for camp is the week of July 26<sup>th</sup> thru Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. We have also placed a second choice for the following week and will advise you at a later date what week our troop is scheduled to attend. The fee is \$345.00 per person. Those attending summer camp will be required to make a deposit of \$145.00 by Monday, March 23, 2009. The second amount required to be paid will be \$200.00 by Monday, April 20, 2009 in order to attend summer camp. This allows the time needed to process the paperwork.

Bob Chisholm, District Advancement Chair from LDS Church has asked our troop if there are any Merit Badges we want to work on for the District Merit Badge Night Fair in May. If there are any particular Eagle required badges that our scouts need to complete their requirements for Eagle Scout or any others badges we want offered, please contact Dawn Perfect so she can make sure they are addressed on this night.

Steve Shellhammer reported that Steve Austin is planning and organizing the Geo Beds trip. He also discussed that Larry Shepler was leading the SERE Camp trip and all is going well. It was reported that at this time we have 14 Scouts and 8 Adults signed up to attend SERE Camp on Feb. 21 & 22, 2009. Don Scott needs to follow up regarding the trip to Lost Valley or Joshua Tree. Mike Price advised Steve Shellhammer that early September is a better time to plan the Beach Camping trip than the last weekend in August. The committee also discussed looking into the BSA Oceanside camping near Camp Pendleton. It was suggested that Steve Kakacek and Don Scott talk to Tanner Perfect regarding the May Backpacking trip since it was the same location that Tanner had been for his cross country trip.

Goldie Kakacek reported that she is unaware of the status of the trailer roof repair at this time. However, the trailer is back in her yard.

One way an older scout can pay for their summer camp or earn money for trips and other activities they want to

attend is to contact Dawn Perfect regarding working with the Ramona Parks & Recreation in May, August and October at the Fair, Rodeo and October Fest.

### Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. Everything is going well. The popcorn money has been received and will be dispersed accordingly.

### Webmaster

Steve Shellhammer is the official Website contact person for Troop 768 Boy Scout Website. If you have any questions, input or changes regarding the website, please feel free to contact him.

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

### February Activities

|   |                                   |   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Monday Feb. 2   | 6:30 p.m.                         | Troop Meeting<br>SM Conf/BR<br>Class A Uniform<br>Perm Slips avail. |
| Monday Feb. 9   | 6:30 p.m.                         | No Troop Meeting  |
| Monday Feb. 16  | 6:30 p.m.                         | No Troop Meeting  |
| Depart Sat. Feb. 21<br>Return Sun Feb. 22<br>from<br>First Christian Church | 6:30 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m.<br>(Noon) | SERE<br>Survival Camp   |
| Monday, Feb. 23   | 6:30 p.m.                         | Troop Meeting   |

### March Activities

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| Monday Mar. 2                 | 6:30 p.m. | Troop Meeting<br>SM Conf/BR<br>Class A Uniform |
| Monday Mar. 9                 | 6:30 p.m. | Court of Honor/<br>Permission Slips go out     |
| Monday Mar. 16                | 6:30 p.m. | Troop Mtg/Menu<br>Planning                     |
| Fri, Sat., Sun.<br>Mar. 20-22 | TBA       | Geode Hunt & Patton<br>Museum                  |
| Monday Mar. 23                | 6:30 p.m. | Troop Mtg/ Permission<br>slips go out          |
| Monday Mar. 30                | 6:30 p.m. | Troop Mtg/Menu<br>Planning                     |

### SERE Camp - Feb. 21 - 22

On Saturday & Sunday., February 21-22, 2009, we will have Survival Wilderness SERE Camp. SERE – Survival-Evasion-Resistance-Escape is hosted by the Navy Survival School in Warner Springs, CA. Scouts will bring a sack lunch and a backpacking breakfast. Departure will be at 6:30 a.m. from the First Christian Church on Sat. Feb. 21 and we will return on Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the Church. You need to bring a permission slip and signed release form with you that morning if you have not already completed and submitted them. You can obtain the form online at our troop website. The permission slip will also give you all the details on what is needed for this trip.

### Geode Hunt & Patton Museum - Mar. 20 - 22

On Friday thru Sunday, March 20 - 22, 2009, our trip is going on the Geode Hunt & Patton Museum trip. Steve Austin is the lead person for this trip. The boys will be supplying their own food. The scouts will be doing their own cooking using what they learned during their previous training. There will be no troop trailer or patrol boxes. More information will be supplied as we get closer to this date.

### Merit Badge Counselors

Listed below are Merit Badge Counselors and their specific area(s) of expertise.

Larry Shepler – Cooking, Camping, Rifle, Shotgun and Wilderness Survival.

Dawn Perfect – Three (3) Citizenship Merit Badges (Community, World and Nation).

Dan Drago – Aviation, Communication.

Bill Modine – First Aide.

Don Scott – Hiking, Backpacking, Wilderness Survival, Radio, and Communication.

### 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

**This meeting has been changed this month only to:  
Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM**

## **2008-2009 Committee Members**

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