

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

January 2009

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

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 January 7, 2009, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Michelle Scott, Donald Scott, Steve Shellhammer and Carol Shellhammer.

Missy Drago has the recharter packet and is awaiting a call back from Russ Christianson. She will call him again to recharter the troop. Dawn Perfect needs to check with Missy regarding questions about adult leaders to recharter and training. The Recharter fees and Annual Dues go towards merit awards, badges, tents, and supplies for our Court of Honor nights. Scouts that do not pay the fees and dues are not in good standing and can not participate in activities. Thank you Missy for all your hard work...nice job.

Goldie Kakacek reported that Steve Kakacek is still working on getting the trailer fixed. However, she believes David Easterling might have the trailer because it is not currently at their house.

The next several troop meetings will be focused on training boys how to cooking their own food. We will be demonstrating various ways of backpacking 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 prepare us for SERE Camp and future camping trips.

Steve Shellhammer discussed that we need lead people

for the up coming trips/activities. We discussed possible candidates who would lead the varies trips: SERE Camp - Larry Shepler; Geo Beds – Steve Austin; Lost Valley or Joshua Tree – Don Scott; Kayaking – Steve Shellhammer and Don Scott; Beach Camping - Mike Price; Poway Rodeo – Kimberly Escoto Larry Shepler, Steve Shellhammer, Don Scott and Kimberly Escoto are confirmed representatives for the trips listed. We have to contact the others to see if they are still interested in leading these activities.

There were three Summer Camps we are looking at for the Scouts this summer. They are Emerson at Idllywild, Holcomb Valley Scout Reservation near Big Bear, and Camp Tahquitz near Redlands Big Bear area. We have decided to eliminate Emerson as a possibility and look specifically at Holcomb Valley and Camp Tahquitz as the possible site for this year's summer camp. You can also check them out online for information.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. Everything is going well. The popcorn money has not been received as of yet. The Mason Valley truck trip was a no cost event; therefore, our budget is good.

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. Additionally, it was discussed that scouts who are looking to get leadership credit for there Eagle Scout prepare a one or two paragraph article about an activity they had just attended. The scout would have to print a copy for the Binder and submit it to the Website. This is a great way to obtain leadership credit and get the scouts perspective which also performs a good service to our troop.

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

January Activities

Monday Jan. 5	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday Jan. 12	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Jan. 19	6:30 p.m.	No Troop Meeting
Sun. Jan. 25	5:00 a.m.	Ski/Snowboard trip

February Activities

Monday Feb. 2	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform Perm Slips avail.
Monday Feb. 9	6:30 p.m.	No Troop Meeting
Monday Feb. 16	6:30 p.m.	No Troop Meeting
Sat. & Sun. Feb. 21-22	TBA	SERE Survival Camp
Monday, Feb. 23	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

Ski/Snowboard Trip - January 25

On Sunday, January 25, 2009 there will be a Ski/Snowboard trip at Bear Mountain Ski Area that the BSA San Diego Council is hosting. We have decided to go with the BSA bus; therefore, all scouts will have to set up the trip for themselves. **This trip is for scouts that are 13 years of age or older, Adult leaders and Parents. Reservations must be received at the council Scout Shack by Jan. 16th for the Jan. 25th trip.** Scout/Parents can contact the BSA offices for information and sign up. We recommend you download the forms online and either mail or submit them in person at the Scout Offices in San Diego, CA. Scouts seeking a Merit Badge must bring your own SM-signed Merit Badge card if you want to work on the merit badge. You are also responsible for getting it signed by the merit badge counselor. Scouts under 13 years old would be on their own and have to travel up separately with their parent(s)/families. They would also be responsible for contacting the Merit Badge Class to see if they could obtain a merit badge during this trip.

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.

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. 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

Wednesday February 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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