

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

July 2009

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

The Cub Scout Day Camp from June 22, 2009 thru June 26, 2009 was a huge success. There were almost 100 cub scouts, 30 staff, and 30 boy scouts at the camp. We want to thank Beth Johnson, Camp Director, for the excellent job she did and for all her hard work. Our boys not only helped out throughout the camp but also set up an obstacle course for the cub scouts. They had tons of fun.

The Kayaking trip on June 27th was also a great success. The swim test was completed prior to this trip which proved to be useful for a couple of kayaks were turned over in the waves. All the boys did an excellent job and learned a lot about kayaking. Two of our eagle scouts were also able to kayak through the caves. It was really fun. The families brought there lunches to the beach and enjoyed the time after the tour. The weather was perfect and it turned out to be a great day. Next year we are talking about kayaking at Fiesta Island as one of the trips.

Two of our troop members, Tyler Perfect and Tanner Perfect, received their Open Water Certification at Emerald Bay through the program Rough Scuba. They had to complete 16 hours of bookwork online prior to camp as part of the certification. This one week program permits them to scuba anywhere in the world with their certification. Congratulations.

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 July 1, 2009, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Steve Shellhammer, and Carol Shellhammer.

We have not heard anything about SERE Camp as of yet.

Missy Drago will be call the council and get a list of what training all the parents have had, and the expiration dates on their training. Additionally, she ordered more Red Scout T-Shirts. They should be here prior to summer camp. This should take care of shirts needed for summer camp.

Larry Shelper has five 32 Gallon trash cans of Flags to retire. He is going to contact the VFW to try to set up a ceremony with them to retire the flags.

Dawn Perfect provided a list of who needs physicals for summer camp.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek was on vacation; therefore, we will be having our treasure report next month.

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

July Activities

Sat. July 4	TBA	Game Booth
Sun. July 5	9:30 a.m.	Flag Ceremony at First Christian Church/ Class A Uniforms
Mon. July 6	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Mon. July 13	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg.
Mon. July 20	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg.
Sun. July 26 thru Sat. Aug. 1	12 noon	Summer Camp

August Activities

Monday August 3	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday August 10	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting /Permission Slips go out
Monday August 17	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Fri. August 21 Sun. August 23	TBA	Beach Camping
Monday August 24	6:30 a.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday August 31		No Meeting – 1 st Day of School

Fourth of July Celebration – July 4

David and Candace Easterling led this event. Thank you for all your hard work. There were games, an obstacle course, and prizes for our community to enjoy. We want to thank all the scouts for helping at each station. They did a great job.

Flag Ceremony – July 5

Sunday July 5 the scouts held a Flag Ceremony at the Church. We had a good turn out and the Church members were very appreciative.

Holcomb Valley Scout Summer Camp near Big Bear – July 26 thru August 1

Holcomb Valley Scout Reservation near Big Bear has been selected as the **summer camp** for our troop this year. 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.sgvcbbsa.org/camping_hvsr.php. **Summer camp is now paid in full and all the paperwork is completed. We are scheduled for the week of July 26th thru Aug. 1st, 2009. The fee is \$345 per person.** If you have paid for a summer camp and have reconsidered whether you're going or not, there is no refund from our troop. However, you may sell your spot to another scout within our troop. It is your responsibility to sell the camp spot as long as you have the committee's approval and it's timely for physical for the new candidate. Your money will have to be collected directly from the individual attending summer camp not from the Boy Scout account. Physicals must be completed prior to summer camp.

The web page for the summer camp now has a link to the new medical form. Scouts and Parents need to

have their physicals before summer camp.

<http://www.troop768.org/SummerCamp.html>

Scouts 14 years old and over might want to look into the ACE Program at summer camp especially if they have already received most of the merit badges offered. However, scouts can earn merit badges twice if there is a particular merit badge they enjoy accomplishing.

Beach Camping – August 21 thru 23

Our troop can only schedule this camping a month in advance; therefore, we will be keeping you informed.

Web Site

The Boy Scout Troop 768 website contains valuable schedule and activities information and is continuously updated. Steve Shellhammer is the official Website contact person. If you have any questions, input or changes regarding the website, please feel free to contact him. <http://www.troop768.org/>

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING **Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM**

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