

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

June 2009

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

Everyone loved the May backpacking outing. The scouts thought it was great. Additionally, the Memorial Day activities were very successful. Thanks to all the boy scouts who participated. We had the best attendance at the church flag ceremony in years.

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 June 4, 2009, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, John Callan, Steve Shellhammer, Carol Shellhammer, Colleen Hujsak and Karl Hujsak.

John Callan reported that scouts could receive service hours by working the Immaculate Church Old Time Country Fair located on D Street. Several of the boys are signed up. They are to wear their Class B shirts.

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

Steve Shellhammer will take care of the tour permit for La Jolla Shores.

Larry Shepler will be taking care of the ordering of the Red Scout T-Shirts. We are going to order 10 Large, 10 Ex-Large and 5 XXL shirts. This should take care of shirts needed for summer camp. Additionally, Larry 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.

Steve Shellhammer is organizing a Kayaking trip on June 27th. A swim test is needed for the scout wanting to attend the Kayaking trip. Watch for emails regarding the swim test time and location. This is going to be a family beach day also. Therefore, bring your own food and beach accessories for the day. If you are dropping off your scout, make sure he has his own food for the day. Come and join us for a great day even if you are not going to kayak. See below for more details.

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.sgvbsa.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.

Cub Scout Day Camp is June 22, 2009 thru June 26, 2009. You can sign up with Beth Johnson to help and get service hours. We are contemplating having Dutch Ovens during this camp for the younger boys.

As per David Easterling, it looks like Ramona is going to have a 4th of July activity after all. We are going to be representing the Boy Scouts with game booths. There is a high restriction on preparing food, therefore, we will only be feeding our boy scouts that work the booths. We also have to look into possible refurbishing the games. John Callan reported that all stuff has been

ordered, permission slips completed, and all paperwork filled out for the Rotary/Chamber of Commerce.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. There was no money collected last trip, therefore, there were no deposits. The scout accounts are all up-to-date and current. We need to buy Red Scout T-Shirts for summer camp; however, we are not to spend more than \$200 to \$250 for them. Receipt over 30 days old will no longer be accepted or put on scout accounts. Therefore, please be timely when turning in your receipts.

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

June Activities

Monday June 1	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday June 8	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor (Potluck Dinner) /Permission Slips go out
Monday June 15	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday June 22	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Sat. June 27	7:00 a.m.	Kayaking
Monday June 29	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

July Activities

Sat. July 4	TBA	Game Booth
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	TBA	Summer Camp

Court of Honor Potluck Dinner – June 8

We had the Court of Honor Monday, June 8th. We had a potluck dinner this evening. We also had Friends with Scouting at this meeting. Larry Shepler had a number of rank advancements for the new scouts joining the troop along with more for the other scouts. Our appreciation and thanks to Michelle Scott for handling the hospitality.

La Jolla Kayaking Trip – June 27

Our troop is going on a kayaking adventure at La Jolla

Shore. Steve Shellhammer is the lead person for this trip. If you are going on the Kayaking Tour on June 27, Steve needs the following by Monday June 22 (Next Monday).

- Filled out Permission Slip
- Signed Liability Form from OEX
- \$30 per person

On Monday June 22, we are going to meet at the Church at 6:30 PM and then drive over to the Ramona Village Apartments where the boys who are going Kayaking will be taking a Scout Swimming Test. They need to pass this swimming test so please plan on attending next week. They should wear a bathing suit and bring a towel.

All the information about the Kayaking Tour can be found on the web site,

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

-Steve Shellhammer

Troop Library In Need of Donations

Our troop library recently completed an evaluation of the troop's library and unfortunately the vast majority of merit badge books are seriously out of date. The troop is in need of new, up to date merit badge book donations for our scouts. These books provide valuable information for the completion of merit badges, and many counselors refuse to work with a boy who does not have the book. In order to keep boys moving towards the merit badge requirements at higher ranks having up to date books are essential. If you have any merit badge books that you are willing to donate, please check them in with the Troop Librarian, Karl Hujsak, at our regular Monday Night Meetings.

If you are currently working on a merit badge with a book from our library, make sure to check to see if it is in date. The actual requirements do not change often but a great deal of our books are behind on these requirement updates. In addition, if you know of someone who is interested in vintage Boy Scout Merit Badge Books please contact the troop committee or the troop librarian.

-Karl Hujsak

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, July 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM

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