

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

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

Dawn Perfect reported that she needs the number of Camping Nights and number of miles hiked for the boy's records. The last trip was approximately an 8 mile hike.

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. **We are scheduled for the week of July 26th thru Aug. 1st, 2009. The fee is \$345 per person. Those attending summer camp will be required to make a deposit of \$145 by Monday, March 23, 2009. The second amount required to be paid will be \$200 by Monday, April 20, 2009 in order to attend summer camp.** This allows the time needed to process the paperwork.

Larry Shepler was the lead person for the SERE Camp trip. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances this trip was cancelled and replaced with a campout. SERE Camp has not been reschedule as of yet,

however, he will keep you informed as to any updates in the status of this activity.

Steve Kakacek reported that the roof of the troop trailer is now repaired and completed. Larry Shelper announced that Mike Price had made a donation for the troop trailer of a big stove and recommended we send a Thank You letter. Thank you Mike!

Steve Austin has planned and organized the trip to the Geode Beds for this coming weekend. Kim, a Geologist is coming to help assist us. Steve would like to present him with a Hat and Shirt for his assistance. It should be really fun. See information under Geode Hunt & Patton Museum - Mar. 20 – 22 below.

The April campout is schedule for the same weekend as the Scout Fair. Due to the fact that our troop has not participated in the Scout Fair activity for sometime, there will be no change for the date of the April campout. Scout Fair tickets are like dog tags and sell for \$10.00 for community discounts & internet coupons.

Don Scott has reported that the roads are closed for the trip to Lost Valley and/or Joshua Tree, therefore, we need to make other arrangements for another location or activity for that date.

Dawn Perfect reported that not enough leaders have done the training for our tour permits to be accepted by Council. Please go online and do training. We need more to do training in the area of Hazard Weather. There are 6-10 training sessions. Please try to complete as many as you can. Additionally, Wednesday, May 20, 2009 is Merit Badge night and we need Merit Badge Counselors to do the training for that night.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. All money has been deposited. The popcorn money has been received; however, Goldie doesn't have the breakdown to enter their money into the scout accounts.

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

March Activities

Monday Mar. 2	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday Mar. 9	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor/ Dessert Potluck Permission Slips go out
Mon. Mar. 16	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg-Troop Elections/Possible Order of Arrow Selection/Menu Planning
Wed. Mar. 18	7:00 p.m.	Patrol Leader Council (PLC) Location to be determined
Thurs. Mar. 19	7:00 p.m.	Shopping @ Stater Bros. for Geode campout
Depart Fri. Mar. 20 Return Sun. Mar. 22 from First Christian Church	5:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Geode Hunt & Patton Museum
Mon. Mar. 23	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg/ Permission slips go out
Sat. Mar 28	Evening/Dusk @ Collier Park	District Campfire – Order of the Arrow
Mon. Mar. 30	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg/Menu Planning

April Activities

Monday April 6	---	No Troop Meeting
Monday April 13	---	No Troop Meeting
Depart Fri. April 17 Return Sun April 19 from First Christian Church	TBA	Lost Valley or Joshua Tree/Closed Reschedule Another Trip
Monday April 20	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg.
Monday April 27	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg/Permission slips go out

Geode Hunt & Patton Museum

- Mar. 20 - 22

Our troop is going on the Geode Hunt & Patton Museum trip. Steve Austin is the lead person for this trip. On Friday, March 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m we will depart from the First Christian Church and return at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2009. There is a \$20.00 fee per person. The boys are to wear their Class A uniform for travel and Class B for camp. Scouts need to bring a sack dinner for Friday night. The boys will be supplying their own food which they will meet at Stater Bros. on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. to shop for the food. See the permission slip for all other items needed to bring. The emergency contact is Dawn Perfect.

Order of the Arrow -District Campfire

- Mar. 28

On Saturday, March 28, 2009 at dusk/evening at Collier Park there will be a Campfire for the Order of the Arrow. They will be announcing the scouts who made it into the Order. We encourage all of the Scouts to attend and to wear their Class A uniforms. Siblings are welcome and you can bring chairs.

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, April 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM

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