

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

May 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 May 6, 2009, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, John Callan, David Easterling, Steve Shellhammer and Carol Shellhammer.

The April campout at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Paso Picacho Campground went very well. However, the food cost was a little in excess of what was charged for this trip. Therefore, we need to be a little more cautious when shopping at Strater Brothers and only spend \$3.00 per meal per scout for our upcoming outings. It was also determined that we need to have staple items, such as; milk, ketchup, mayo, and bread purchased by one person instead of ending up with five ketchup bottles when only one was needed. This also will cut back on the cost of food.

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. Depending on the camp, physicals are not required every year. Therefore, you need to check to see if you need one for this year. John Callan is going to take an inventory of how many red T-Shirt we have and how many we need.

The trailer roof is STILL done!

Stephanie Haas and Dawn Perfect are working on the schedule for the Memorial Day Service activities for Memorial Day. See the calendar below for more details for dates and times. In order for you to obtain service hours this year, you must sign in and out at each activity on a sheet which will be prepared by Stephanie Haas.

Dawn Perfect will be offering the Citizenship in the Community merit badge on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. just before the PLC meeting at the scout hut.

On Friday, May 8, 2009, a District Potluck dinner will be held at the LDS Church at 6:30 p.m. The fee has been paid for Troop 768 to attend. Just bring your favorite potluck item.

Cub Scout Day Camp is June 22, 2009 thru June 26, 2009. You can sign up 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.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. All money has been deposited. 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:

May Activities

Mon. May 4	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Friday May 8	6:30 p.m.	District Dinner (Potluck)
Mon. May 11	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg.
Thursday May 13	TBA	Merit Badge Night
Sat. - May 16 Depart: 7:00 a.m. / Sun. May 17 Return: 4:00 p.m.	First Christian Church	Lion Peak Backpacking Trip
Monday May 18	6:30 p.m.	Troop Mtg./Uniform Inspection
Wed. May 20	6:00 p.m.	Citizenship Merit Badge
Wed. May 20	7:00 p.m.	PLC Meeting
		<u>Memorial Day weekend</u>
Friday May 22	4:00 p.m.	Put out poppies at Cemetery
Sunday May 24	9:30 a.m.	Flag Ceremony @ 1 st Christian Church -Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Monday May 25	9:00 a.m.	Ceremony @ cemetery Full Class A Uniform
Monday May 25	TBA	Bar-b-que @ VFW
Wed. May 27	4:30 p.m.	Put away flags & poppies

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 20 or 27	TBA	Kayaking
Monday June 29	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

Merit Badge Night - May 13, 2009

Pacific Crest Merit Badge night registration is now open. Slots will be filled first come first serve. Merit Badge Night will be in Ramona, Wednesday evening May 13, 2009.

Register at:

<http://www.troop679.org/mbnight/>

Lion Peak Backpacking - May 16 - 17

Our troop is going on a backpacking adventure in San Bernardino National Forest. Steve Shellhammer is the lead person for this trip. On Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. we will depart from the First Christian Church and return at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2009. The scouts are to bring their own food. A sack lunch for Saturday, backpacking food for Saturday night and Sunday breakfast and a sack lunch for Sunday lunch. The boys are to wear their Class A uniform for travel and Class B for the backpacking. See permission slip located on website for all the details regarding this trip. The emergency contact is Dawn Perfect.

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge - May 20

Dawn Perfect will be offering the Citizenship in the Community merit badge on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. just before the PLC meeting at the scout hut.

Memorial Day Weekend - May 22 - 27

We have lots of activities for this weekend to honor our servicemen. On Friday, May 22nd at 4:00 p.m., we are placing poppies and flags at the gravesites at the cemetery. However, they may change this date to Thursday. You will be notified if the date changes to Thursday otherwise assume it will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. On Sunday, May 24th at 9:30 a.m. there will be a flag ceremony at the First Christian Church. The service starts at 10:00 a.m. We are asking the scouts to please stay through the service. On Monday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m. there will be a ceremony at the cemetery. There will be a VFW Picnic where the scouts can earn some service hours by emptying trash, being kind to everyone, being on their best behavior and picking up. Scouts are to wear their full Class A uniforms to the ceremonies. On Wednesday, May 27th at 4:30 p.m. we will put away the flags and poppies.

Court of Honor Potluck Dinner – June 8

We will be having our Court of Honor Monday, June 8th. We will be having a potluck dinner this evening. Missy Drago will be preparing a Flyer for this activity. We will also be having Friends with Scouting at this meeting. More details will be coming as the date gets closer.

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, June 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM**

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