

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

December 2010

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

The Plaster Blaster trip in November was awesome! There were 12 scouts in attendance. Even though the troop rocket blew up and there was a wind storm the scouts had a blast. It was a good campout. The boys did some cooking with Donald Scott doing a lot of the cooking. Thanks Donald for your cooking. There were many huge and exciting rockets. The Battle Star Galactic had three pieces that came down with parachutes. However, Jeffrey Monroe's uncle had a home made rocket which to our surprise worked great! It was made with 2 liter Pepsis bottles and engine glued together. Great job!

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 December 1, 2010, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Doug Crawford, Rose Crawford, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, Bill Modeen, and Carol Shellhammer.

The topics of discussion were as follows: Plaster Blaster, Fiesta Island trip, Court of Honor (dessert & gift exchange), patrol roster with phone numbers, recharter/annual dues, summer camp, SERE camp, and the Colorado river trip.

The Plaster Blaster, Fiesta Island trip and Court of Honor have all passed and went very well. Austin Koch gave Larry Shelper a phone tree list and Missy Drago has a couple more people to contact regarding their recharter. See Emerald Bay Summer Camp below for information. Bill Modeen is planning SERE

Camp and asked who is the contact person. It was suggested to contact Mr. Price. Doug Crawford said he will get the number for SERE camp.

Steve Kakacek discussed the Colorado River trip. We are planning on not having a shore party this year, so we need to find someone who would be willing to camp at Squaw Lake (the final destination) and power boat up and down the river to the other end. Is anyone interested?

Bill Modeen took Wilderness training near Clairemont a couple of weekends ago. The training focused on "leave no trace". They built a fire, put it out and then disbursed the ashes. We appreciate and thank you Bill for taking training to help assist our scouts.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the Treasurer's Report. She has made all the deposits; all is well and looking good. Goldie has set aside the money needed for the summer camp deposit to be made soon. Bill Modeen turned in receipts for canoe rentals for the Fiesta Island trip.

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

December Activities

Wed. Dec. 1	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Fri. Dec 3 Depart Sun. Dec 5 Return @ First Christian Church	6:30 p.m.	Fiesta Island Canoe Weekend
Monday Dec. 6	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday Dec. 13	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting Court of Honor Dessert Potluck & Gift Exchange
Monday Dec. 20		No Troop Meeting
Monday, Dec. 27		No Troop Meeting

January Activities

Monday, Jan. 3	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Wed., Jan. 5	7:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Monday Jan. 10	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Jan. 17		No Troop Meeting
Monday Jan. 24	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Troop Meeting (Scouts not in leadership released at 7:30 pm) PLC Meeting
Sat. Jan. 29 Depart Sun. Jan. 30 Return @ First Christian Church	TBA	SERE Camp
Monday Jan. 31	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

Court of Honor Dates

The following are the scheduled upcoming Court of Honor Dates: December 13 2010, March 14, 2011, and June 20, 2011.

SERE Camp – January 29 – 30, 2011

On Saturday January 29 thru Sunday January 30 we will be having SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance & Escapes) Camp trip which is wilderness survival training at the Navy Training Center in Warner Springs. This is a great opportunity for the boys.

Colorado River Canoe Trip - February 10-13, 2011

On Thursday, February 10, 2011 thru Sunday, February 13, 2011, we will be having a Colorado River/Canoe trip. Steve Kacacek is the lead person for this trip. The scouts meeting the identified requirements for the rank of First Class will be able to canoe on the Colorado River trip.

Ghost Mountain - March 18 thru 20, 2011

On Friday, March 18, 2011 thru Sunday, March 20, 2011, the troop will be having a backpacking trip to Ghost Mountain.

Mud Caves - April 8 thru 10, 2011

On Friday, April 8, 2011 thru Sunday, April 10, 2011, we will be having our Mud Caves camping trip.

Mason Valley Trail - May 13 thru 15, 2011

On Friday, May 13, 2011 thru Sunday, May 15, 2011, we are planning a backpacking trip on the Mason Valley Truck Trail.

Memorial Day Weekend – May 27 - 30

We have lots of activities for this weekend to honor our servicemen. On Friday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m., we are placing poppies and flags at the gravesites at the cemetery. On Sunday, May 29 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 30 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, June 1 at 4:30 p.m. we will put away the flags and poppies.

Laguna - June 17 thru 19, 2011

On Friday, June 17, 2011 thru Sunday, June 19, 2011, more details will be presented at a later date regarding this trip.

July 4th Activities - July 4, 2011

On Monday, July 4, 2011, the scouts will be participating in our annual 4th of July activities. More details to come at a later date.

**Emerald Bay Summer Camp –
July 24 thru 30, 2011**

On Sunday, July 24, 2011 thru Saturday July 30, 2011, our boy scouts will be attending summer camp. So far, we have nine to ten scouts and three adults signed up to attend Emerald Bay Summer Camp this summer. We are on tract as far as payments are concerned. We have extended the time frame for payment so if you are still interested in attending this camp we have until Jan 1, 2011 to make our payment. Please contact Bill Modeen and make your payments if you would like to attend. The total amount for the camp is \$580 per scout. Please check our web site for the payment schedule.

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, January 5 at 7:30 PM

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