

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

March 2011

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

Doug Crawford, Troop 768 Scoutmaster, is being shipped to the Mediterranean by the Navy. His leave will be approximately a month. Larry Shepler has agreed to step back in as Scoutmaster and keep things on track. Thank you Larry! Larry Shepler, John Callan, and Greg Hiatela are going to take the scouts on the campout to Ghost Mountain this weekend. Any adults who can help would also be appreciated.

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,
Doug Crawford, Scoutmaster/
Larry Shepler, Scoutmaster

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,
On March 9, 2011, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Doug Crawford, Rose Crawford, Larry Shepler, Bill Modeen, John Callan, David Easterling, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Shellhammer and Carol Shellhammer.

The Colorado Canoe River Trip was great! It was a good thing we decided to go the weekend before because we had beautiful weather unlike the weekend after which it rained and rained. Our last bit of business regarding this trip is that we need to return the canoes to the owner in El Cajon.

We want to thank Fred Haas and Karl Haas for putting out the flyers for the Scouting for Food activity. On Saturday, March 12, 2011 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Fred Haas will be at the Church to collect any food and go to the Black Canyon Mobile Home Park to pickup the food. Those of you who are not going on the Ghost Mountain campout would be greatly

appreciated if you could attend the pickup at the trailer park. This is your Good Turn effort and our troop's tradition to donate the collected food to our own Ramona Food & Clothes Closet right here in town. Please make sure you wear your Class A uniform for pictures may be taken for the newspaper and meet at the Church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

In addition to Chairing the Scouting for Food activity, Fred Haas is our Chairperson for Scout Fair Tickets.

Our next Court of Honor is scheduled for March 14, 2011. We will be having a Potluck dinner. Look for the upcoming email regarding this activity.

Bill Modeen is still collecting the Summer Camp fees. We now have 9 scouts and 3 adults. We possibly can add more people if you are interested. Just contact Bill Modeen and let him know. Bill will also be attending a Summer Camp Merit Badge meeting in approximately 10 days. After the meeting, he will let us know the times and merit badges offered. He will then have us sign up for the merit badges prior to summer camp.

We are looking for someone to Chair the 4th of July event. David Easterling and family will be out of town during this time and unable to Chair this activity. Please contact Doug Crawford or Larry Shepler if you would be able to help us out for this activity. Thank you.

On April 25, 2011, at our regular Troop meeting, we will be having the Elections for the following positions: Senior Patrol Leader, two Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, three Patrol Leaders and three Assistant Patrol Leaders.

There will be IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) training on March 25-26 in Ramona at the LDS Church. If you are interested, please check the District Website.

From District - You can now enter your service hours at scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence. Scroll down the page to see the link on the right hand side. Users of www.goodturnforamerica will be redirected to the Journey to Excellence page. Promote this update in your

newsletters and council websites to encourage your districts and units to use the JTE Service Hours. If you have any questions, please contact the national service desk.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the Treasurer's Report. She collected money for the various activities, gave Bill Modeen a check for another Summer Camp deposit, and reported that our accounts seem to be maintaining at the average level.

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

March Activities

Monday, Mar. 7	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Wed., Mar. 9	7:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Sat. Mar. 12 Depart Sun. Mar. 13 Return @ First Christian Church	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Ghost Mountain Backpacking Trip
Saturday Mar. 12	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Scouting for Food Meet at Church
Monday, Mar. 14	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting Court of Honor Potluck Dinner
Monday, Mar. 21	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday, Mar. 28	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

April Activities

Mon. Apr. 4	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Mon. Apr. 11	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Wed. Apr. 13	7:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Fri. Apr. 15 Depart Sun. Apr. 17 Return @ First Christian Church	TBA	Mud Caves Camping Trip
Monday Apr. 18		No Troop Meeting
Monday Apr. 25	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting Elections for Leadership Positions

Court of Honor Dates

The following are the scheduled upcoming Court of

Honor Dates: December 13 2010, March 14, 2011, and June 20, 2011.

Ghost Mountain - March 12 thru 13, 2011

On Saturday, March 12, 2011 thru Sunday, March 13, 2011, the troop will be having a backpacking trip to Ghost Mountain. We have 10 scouts attending this so far. Larry Shelper, John Callan and Greg Hiatala are going to take the scouts on this campout. You can check the troop website for the permission slip and the details of the trip.

Mud Caves - April 15 thru 17, 2011

On Friday, April 15, 2011 thru Sunday, April 17, 2011, we will be having our Mud Caves camping trip.

Mason Valley Truck 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 Mountain - 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. Again, we are looking for a person to lead this activity. 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. Please contact Bill Modeen and make your payments if you would like to attend. The total amount for the camp is \$580 per scout. Bill Modeen will be in contact with us after he attends a meeting regarding the merit badges offered and the times for scheduling. If anyone is still interested in attending this camp, please contact Bill Modeen and let him know.

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 13 at 7:30 PM

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