

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

December 2013

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

The Scout Hut seems to be working out well. However, there are still a few conflicts to work through on certain dates in the future.

We need to recruit some younger scouts. Hopefully, the open house will have a good attendance.

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

Calendars:

December Activities

Mon. Dec. 2	7:00 p.m.	SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform @ Scout Hut
Thurs. Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting @ VFW
Mon. Dec. 9	6:30 p.m.	Open House – Scout Hut
Wed. Dec. 11	5:00 p.m.	VFW Gift Wrapping @ VFW (Optional -Bring Unwrapped Gift)
Thurs. Dec. 12	TBA	Stater Brothers Food Shopping for Mud Caves
Sat.-Sun. Dec. 14-15	6:30 a.m.	Mud Caves/(Backpacking Backup)
Mon. Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor/Pasta Potluck/Gift Exchange Location: TBA
Mon. Dec. 23	---	NO MTG – Xmas Vacation
Mon. Dec. 30	---	NO MTG – Xmas Vacation

Please Note: The Newsletter Calendars are the most up-to-date current calendars when planning your schedules.

January Activities

Mon. Jan. 6	6:30 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review Class A Uniform
Thurs. Jan. 9	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting @ VFW
Sat. - Sun. Jan. 11-12	TBA	Biking/Camping Trip Santee Lakes
Mon. Jan. 13	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Mon. Jan. 20	---	NO Troop Meeting
Mon. Jan. 27	6:30 p.m.	PLC

February Activities

Sun. - Feb. 2	---	Scout Sunday
Mon. Feb. 3	6:30 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review Class A Uniform
Thurs. Feb. 6	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting @ VFW
Sat. Feb. 8	TBA	Ski/Snowboarding Day Trip
Mon. Feb. 10	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Fri. - Mon. Feb. 14 - 17	TBA	Death Valley Trip
Mon. Feb. 24	6:30 p.m.	PLC
?	TBA	Grunion Run

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,

On December 5, 2013, we held our committee meeting at the VFW. In attendance were Bob Richardson, Rose Crawford, Larry Shepler, Mike Wagner, Don Scott, Michelle Scout, Greg Hietala, Ron Underwood, Leland Rolling, Tracy Rolling, Steve Shellhammer, and Carol Shellhammer. Bob Richardson hosted the meeting for Doug Crawford.

Recharter time is upon us! We are still working on and in progress of completing our Recharter. If you haven't turned in your paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. Every scout and adult who is actively

participating in the troop will need to recharter for the year. The fees are as follows:

Recharter Fee: Adults: \$25.00
Scouts: \$24.00 + \$1.00 (Insurance)
Troop Fee: \$30.00
Total: \$55.00 (Without Subscription)
(Optional): \$12.00 (Boys Life Subscription)
Total: \$67.00 (With Subscription)

Additionally to Rechartering, we need each adult actively participating in the troop to go online and take the Youth Protection Training (YPT) so we may update our records and have the necessary adults trained for our outings. Steve Shellhammer will talk to Bill Modeen regarding CPR training. Don Scott has emailed an Adult Information Sheet for your convenience. This form is needed when requesting a Tour Permits. Please complete the form and return it to Don Scott. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Treasurer's Report

Eda Baldauf was unable to attend this meeting, therefore, no Treasurer's Report was given.

Open House @ Scout Hut **December 9, 2013**

On Monday, December 9, 2013, we will be hosting an Open House for all Webelos. We will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. this night so we can prepare for the visiting Webelos. Open House is a great time to show what you're made of. Webelos from various Cub Scout packs will be visiting our troop to see if we are the troop they want to call home. Don Scott and Doug Crawford have moved most of the operational supplies for this event to the Scout Hut. Mr. Underwood will have the trailer at the Scout Hut early Monday afternoon. We will have the Patrol box along with lashings, knots, and 10 essential displayed. Tracy Rolling has completed a DVD for this presentation. Michelle Scott and Rose Crawford will providing the Hot Chocolate for this event. This should be a fun event for all visiting Webelos. We look forward to meeting you and hope you enjoy our troop.

VFW Gift Wrapping **December 11, 2013**

On Wednesday, December 11, 2013, we will be having a VFW Gift Wrapping night. This event will take place at the VFW located at 2247 Kelly Ave., Ramona, CA at

5:00 p.m. We ask all scouts to arrive promptly at 5:00 p.m. Wearing the Red (Class B) uniform. Please bring a pair of scissors with your name on them as well. It is optional, however, you may also bring an unwrapped gift to be donated for these children. Our Scouts will be wrapping gifts for children to be delivered for Christmas. Bob Richardson is the lead person for this activity if you have any questions.

Mud Caves/(Backpacking Backup) **December 14-15, 2013**

Mud Caves: On Saturday thru Sunday, December 14 thru 15, 2013, we will be having a trip to the Mud Caves. Please have your permission slips and money (\$10.00 per person) returned on Monday Dec. 9, 2013 if possible. If that is not possible, please turn it in by Sat. Dec. 14, 2013. We will be having our **Stater Brothers food shopping** on Thursday, **Dec. 12, 2013**. We will meet and leave from the **K-Mart Parking Lot by 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning**. We we return on **Sunday, December 15, 2013 between 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. At the K-Mart Parking lot by the Taco Shop**. Please check permission slip for items needed for this trip. Past trips to the Mud Caves were a ton of fun and the kids said it was a blast. Don Scott and Greg Hietala are the Leads for this Activity. He will provide more information at a later date.

Backup Plan if it rains: If it rains, we will change from **the Mud Caves to a Day Hike into Mountain Palm Canyon** in the same general area. We will monitor the weather by **Friday, Dec. 13, 2013 at NOON**, we will send out an email if the trip will change. Regardless of the weather...We will meet and leave from the **K-Mart Parking Lot by 7 a.m. on Saturday morning**. We hope to arrive back at K-Mart by 7:00 p.m. Saturday night.

Court of Honor/Pasta Potluck/ **Gift Exchange** **December 16, 2013**

On Monday, December 16, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. we will be having our Court of Honor, Pasta Potluck and Gift Exchange. Bob Richardson is looking into using a Classroom at RHS for the Court of Honor/Pasta Potluck/Gift Exchange on Wednesday, December 16, 2013. We will be notified at a later date of a more specific location. This is a great night. Our Scouts receive there awards, our hospitality host will be contacting you regarding the food items to bring for the potluck, and each scout will bring a \$5.00 gift wrapped with no name on it to place in the exchange if they want to participate. It's a lot of fun.

**Biking/Camping Trip to
Santee Lakes
January 11-12, 2014**

On Saturday thru Sunday, Jan. 11 thru 12, 2013 we will have a Biking/Camping Trip to Santee Lakes. We have biked there before but not camped. This time we are going to Bike and Camp at Santee Lakes. Don Scott is the lead person for this trip. More information will be given at a later date.

Scout Sunday – Feb. 2, 2014

On Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, is Scout Sunday. Every scout is encouraged to recognize this day.

**Ski/Snowboard Day Trip
Feb. 8, 2014**

On Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, we will be having our Ski/Snowboard trip. Bob Richardson and Leland Rolling are the Leads for this trip. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Death Valley Backpacking Trip
Feb. 14 thru 17, 2014**

On Friday, Feb. 14 thru 17, 2014, we will be having our Death Valley Backpacking Trip. Ron Underwood is the Lead Person for this trip. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Grunion Run
Feb. (TBA) 2014**

Sometime in February 2014, we will be having our Grunion Run activity. Bob Richardson is the Lead Person for this activity. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Mataguay – Introduction to
Backpacking/Training
March 8, 2014**

On March 8, 2014, we will be having our Mataguay – Introduction To Backpacking/Training. Greg Hietala and Don Scott are the Leads for this activity. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Corrizo Gorge Backpacking Trip
March 22 thru 23, 2014**

On Saturday and Sunday, March 22 thru 23, 2014, we will be having our Corrizo Gorge Backpacking trip. Don Scott and Larry Shepler are the Leads for this trip. More information will be provided at a later date.

**White Water Rafting Trip
April 26, 2014**

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, we will be having our White Water Rafting Trip. Bob Richardson and Ron Underwood are the Leads for this trip. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Scout-O-Rama
May (TBA), 2014**

On Saturday, May (TBA), 2014 @ 8:00 a.m. Thru 2:00 p.m. at the K-Mart Parking lot we will be having Scout-O-Rama. This is an activity to recruit new scouts to our troop. Larry Shepler is the Lead Person for this activity. It should be a fun experience for both the scouts and possible new recruits. We will need to show off our great troop, our skills/activities and recruit new scouts.

**Mataguay – Shooting Sports Day
May (TBA), 2014**

On Saturday, May (TBA), 2014, we will be having our Mataguay – Shooting Sports Day. Ron Underwood is the Lead Person for this activity. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Ramona Main Street Parade
May (TBA), 2014**

On Saturday, May (TBA), 2014, we will be having the Ramona Main Street Parade. Don Scott is the Lead Person for this activity. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Memorial Day Activities
May 23 thru 28, 2014**

On May 23 thru 28, 2014, we will be having our Memorial Day Activities. Bob Richardson is the Lead Person for this activity. More information will be provided at a later date.

Fiesta Island Day Trip

June 7, 2014

On Saturday, June 7, 2014, we will be having our Fiesta Island Day trip. Don Scott and Bob Richardson are the Leads for this trip. More information will be provided at a later date.

Coronado Parade with Troop 679

July 4, 2014

On Friday, July 4, 2014, we will be having the Coronado Parade with Troop 679. Bob Richardson is the Lead Person for this activity. More information will be provided at a later date.

4th of July Activities – July 4, 2014

It was brought up that we would like to use the Obstacle Course we used at Webelos Woods at the 4th of July activity. John Callan will check with the Easterlings to see if they still have the Obstacle Course. We either need to recover it or we need to make another tunnel for that community event. The kids love it and it can also bring in funds for the troop.

Camp Emerald Bay Summer Camp

July 27 thru August 2, 2014

On Sunday thru Saturday, July 27 thru August 2, 2014, we are going to Camp Emerald Bay for Summer Camp. Summer Camp is a great way to obtain many of the merit badge's needed to further your path to becoming an Eagle Scout. Steve Shellhammer is the lead person for this activity.

Steve's email:

"Information about the camp can be found on their web site. <http://www.campemeraldbay.org/emerald-bay/boy-scout-camp>

It is a great summer camp and if you have not had the opportunity to go before I encourage you to go. We will not go to this camp again for at least three years so this is a great opportunity to attend Camp Emerald Bay.

I know it is difficult to think about summer camp in the middle of winter but we are now signing up Scouts and Adults for summer camp.

I will be coming to some of the Monday night meetings in December to sign up Scouts and Adults. We will be taking a \$100 deposit per person which we need to pay the camp by early January. If you want to sign-up your scout and/or yourself for summer camp you can email me or see me at one of the Monday night meetings in December.

We need to get Scouts and Adults signed-up in December

so we have an idea of who is going to camp, so we can give the camp a headcount.

Like at Camp Whitsett there are camperships available if funding is an issue."

The cost of Camp Emerald Bay Summer Camp is as follows: Scouts: \$599/ Adults: \$399.

Steve Shellhammer has booked and Eda Baldauf placed a deposit for Emerald Bay as our next Summer Camp site. More information will be coming at a later date.

Beach Camping Trip

August 23 thru 24, 2014

On Saturday and Sunday, August 23 thru 24, 2014, we will be having our Beach Camping Trip. Greg Hietala and Bob Richardson are the Lead Persons for this activity. More information will be provided at a later date.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM
at the VFW**

2012-2013 Committee Members

Doug Crawford	Scoutmaster	crawford5@yahoo.com
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