

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

January 2013

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,

Doug Crawford, Scoutmaster

Calendars:

January Activities

Monday Jan. 7	6:30 p.m.	SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Wed. Jan. 9	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Mon. Jan. 14	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Sun. Jan. 20 Depart from K-Mart <u>Parking Lot</u>	7:00 a.m.	Mountain Biking 1 Day Sunday Ride/ No Overnight
Sun. Jan. 20 Return to K- Mart parking lot	TBA	
Mon. Jan. 21	---	No Troop Meeting
Mon. Jan. 28	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

February Activities

Sun. Feb. 3	---	Scout Sunday
Mon. Feb. 4	6:30 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review Class A Uniform
Wed. Feb. 6	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Mon. Feb. 11	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Fri. Feb. 15 Depart from Church Mon. Feb. 18 Return to Church	TBA	Colorado River Canoe Trip Fee: \$75.00 due 1/28/13
Mon. Feb. 25	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

March Activities

Mar. 2-9	TBA	Scouting For Food
Monday Mar. 4	6:30 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review Class A Uniform
Wed. Mar. 6	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Mon. Mar. 11	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Mon. Mar. 18	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor, Dessert Potluck/ Uniform Inspection
Mon. Mar. 25	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

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

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,

On January 9, 2013, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Doug Crawford, Rose Crawford, Carol Shellhammer, Steve Shellhammer, Don Scott, Michelle Scout, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, Bob Dobson, Greg Hietala, Eda Baldauf, and Dawn Perfect.

The Recharter is complete. However, Jeff Young informed us that Youth Protection Training is required. We recommend that all adults go online and complete their Youth Protection Training passed and get their certification as soon as possible. At the end of February, we will get the list with this information along with a troop master roster. We have 19 scouts and 24 adults at present. We will be acquiring approximately 2 new Webelos in our troop who have bridged over this past week.

The Mud Caves were a ton of fun and the kids said it was a blast. After this event, we looked at appointing one youth to get involved in the planning for our next Mountain Biking trip. The appointed scout prepared a schedule and what type of skills are going to be performed on this activity. This will help with the organization and direction of the scouts during this activity.

The December Court of Honor was fun. We still have a couple of Merit Badges and Awards to present.

The Mountain Biking/Camping Trip has been changed to a one (1) day Sunday Ride with No Overnight due to a conflict in many of the scouts schedules.

The Colorado River Canoe Trip is coming up very soon. There is a lot of planning and we need a headcount of how many scouts are attending as soon as possible in order to calculate the number of canoes for rental. Scouts attending are required to be the Rank of First Class or higher or be capable and strong enough to canoe on the river with winds and current. A Fee of \$75.00 is due January 28, 2013. Bob Dobson recommended that a Day Activity in Ramona be planned for Scouts not attending the River Trip. He will look into organizing an activity for this time.

Steve Shellhammer will be reserving 6 kayaks, 1 canoe, and 1 sailboat for the upcoming Fiesta Island trip. He will also look into renting paddle boards, however, there is no listing of this at the rental site. He will also see about reserving the canoes at the Scout Headquarters for the Colorado River Canoe Trip at the same time.

So far we have 9 Scouts and 3 Adults signed up for Summer Camp. All but one have paid their first installment. We may be able to add a few more scouts especially the new scouts who will be joining the troop after their bridging. This is a great way to earn merit badges along with having a great time.

Bob Dobson announced that there is a week long Boy Scout Day Camp at Balboa Park for 11 years old. You can acquire your swimming merit badge and they also have fun activities like pelt guns for the boys. Please check the Boy Scouts of America Web Site for details.

Bob Dobson also wanted to compliment Don Scott on giving a great meeting where he brought a bike and taught the scouts how to change a tire.

As many of you may know, Nick Escoto has completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on 12/17/12. Congratulations Nick! Planning for his Eagle Court of Honor is underway. We discussed that there are many boys coming to this point and that we need to possibly come up with a Script or Check List of the responsibilities of the Troop and Parent. Even possibly appoint an Eagle Court of Honor Coordinator. Dawn Perfect mentioned that there are many different ways an Eagle Court of Honor can be handled and each Scout may want different things at their Court of Honor. She has graciously said she will help the Escoto family and our troop in this area. We

are hoping to create a basic Check List for the Scout and then they can research the rest online for their perfect Court of Honor. Hopefully, this will help all future Eagle Scouts.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the Treasurer's report. The first installment of Summer Camp has been paid. Doug Crawford needs to set up a time to collect Rodeo money from John Callan. Goldie has set up a time to go over treasurer's responsibilities-duties with Eda Baldauf who is taking over the Treasurer's position. Goldie Kakacek and Eda Baldauf need to schedule a time for Doug Crawford, Bob Dobson, and Larry Shelper to meet at the Bank to sign the new committee members/card holder for signature on the Troop 768 account.

Mountain Biking January 20, 2013

On Sunday, January 20, 2013, we will be having our Mountain Biking trip. Don Scott is the Lead Person for this trip. Unfortunately, this trip had to be changed to a one (1) day Sunday Ride/ No Overnight due to a conflict with many scouts schedules. However, this should still be a great fun trip. See Don Scott's email regarding Troop 768 Mountain Bike Rules and Recommendations and Schedule of Events for details regarding this trip.

Scout Sunday Feb. 3, 2013

Please be aware Scout Sunday is on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013.

Colorado River Canoe Trip Feb. 15 thru 18, 2013

On Friday, Feb. 15 thru 18, 2013, we will be having our 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. Please notify Doug Crawford as soon as possible if you are planning on participating in this trip. We need a head count in order to reserve the proper amount of canoes. Additionally, there is a fee of \$75.00 per person due no later than January 28, 2013. More details will be provided as the trip becomes closer.

Scouting for Food
March 2 thru 9, 2013

On Saturday, March 2 thru March 9, 2013, will be having our Scouting for Food drive. We will need a volunteer to head this activity.

Court of Honor/Dessert Potluck/
Uniform Inspection
March 18, 2013

On Monday, March 18, 2013, we will be having our Court of Honor/Dessert Potluck/Uniform Inspection. More details will be given at a later date.

Fiesta Island/Kayaking/Sailing
April 12 thru 14, 2013

Due to schedule conflicts with the San Diego Council we had to move the date of the Fiesta Island trip. It is now a week earlier than the previous schedule. On Friday, April 12 thru 14, 2013 we will be having our Fiesta Island/Kayaking/Sailing trip. Steve Shellhammer is the lead person for this trip. This trip was a lot of fun last year so we decided to do it again this year for those of you who could not attend at that time. Hopefully, you will be able to make it this year.

Scout Fair
April 20, 2013

On Saturday, April 20, 2013, the Boy Scouts of America host a Scout Fair for boys around the San Diego area.

Memorial Day Services
May 24 thru 29, 2013

On Friday, May 24 thru 29, 2013, we will be having our Memorial Day Services. We have lots of activities for this weekend to honor our servicemen. On Friday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m., we are placing poppies and flags at the grave sites at the cemetery. On Sunday, May 26 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 27 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 29 at 4:30 p.m. we will put away the flags and poppies.

Beach Water Activity
June 8, 2013

On Saturday, June 8, 2013, we will be having a Beach Water Activity. More details will be given at a later date.

District Cub Scout Day Camp
June 16 thru 22, 2013

On Monday, June 16 thru 22, 2013, the Boy Scouts of America hosts a District Cub Scout Day Camp. This is an opportunity for our scouts to obtain community service hours by working and helping the younger scouts at this camp. It is a great experience for both the younger scouts as well for our older boy scouts.

July 4th Scout Activities
July 4th, 2013

On Thursday, July 4, 2013, we will be having our July 4th activities. More details will be given at a later date.

Camp Whitsett Summer Camp
July 28 – August 3, 2013

On Sunday, July 28, 2013 we will be leaving for Camp Whitsett Summer Camp. We will return on Saturday August 3, 2013. Steve Shellhammer is the lead person for Summer Camp. We will be collecting the payments for this trip in the coming months.

San Onofre Beach Camping
Date: TBA

This trip is not yet scheduled, however, we are going to try to obtain beach camping sometime in late August 2013. We will notify you if and when this activity is scheduled.

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, Feb. 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM

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