

# Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

November 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:

#### November Activities

Sat.-Sun. Nov. 2-3	TBA	<b>Plaster Blaster Rocketry</b>
Mon. Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review Class A Uniform
Thurs. Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Mon. Nov. 11	---	<b>NO MTG – Veterans Day</b>
Sat. Nov. 16	TBA	<b>Shooting Day at Mataguay</b>
Mon. Nov. 18	7:00 p.m.	PLC
Mon. Nov. 25-29	---	<b>NO MTG – Thanksgiving Vacation</b>

#### 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.	<b>Open House – Scout Hut</b>
Wed. Dec. 11	TBA	<b>VFW Gift Wrapping</b>
Sat.-Sun. Dec. 14-15	TBA	<b>Mud Caves/(Backpacking Backup)</b>
Mon. Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	<b>Court of Honor/Pasta Potluck/Gift Exchange</b>
Mon. Dec. 23	---	<b>NO MTG – Xmas Vacation</b>

### January Activities

Mon. Jan. 6	7:00 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	<b>Biking/Camping Trip Santee Lakes</b>
Mon. Jan. 13	7:00 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Mon. Jan. 20	---	<b>NO Troop Meeting</b>
Mon. Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.	PLC

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

### Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,

On November 7, 2013, we held our committee meeting at the VFW. In attendance were Doug Crawford, Rose Crawford, Larry Shepler, John Callan, Mike Wagner, Don Scott, Michelle Scout, Greg Hietala, Ron Underwood, Josh Underwood, Crystal Leon, Leland Rolling, Tracy Rolling, Eda Baldauf, Steve Shellhammer, and Carol Shellhammer.

John Callan reported that the Poway Rodeo cleanup was a big success. We collect a large amount from this activity. They used blowers to blow it down, sweep it up and then clean it out. There was great participation and it was awesome. Thank everyone for their participation. It really helps the troop overall.

The Beach camp out turned out awesome as well. There were approximately 15 people in all. This year was a little more difficult to make reservations but thanks to Doug Crawford we were able to reserve this site.

It was brought up that we would like to use the Obstacle Course we used at Webelos Woods at the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Plaster Blaster was great! We had a good turn out. The wind blew hard later in the night but it was a good outing.

Unfortunately, we had to delay the Mataquay Shooting Day until another time. Ron Underwood will be looking into this activity for a future day.

**Recharter time is upon us!** Every scout and adult who is actively participating in the troop will need to recharter for the year. The fees are as follows:

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

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. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Dawn Perfect has cleared our Troop to use the Scout Hut for our Monday night meetings at 7:00 p.m. Therefore from this date on, we will be meeting at the Scout Hut near Collier Park, 626 E St., Ramona, CA behind the Girls & Boys Club. However, the Committee Meetings will be held at the VFW, 2247 Kelly Ave., Ramona, CA on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Please see above calendar for specific dates and times of meetings.

Bob Richardson is looking into using a Classroom at RHS for the VFW Gift Wrapping activity on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. We will be notified at a later date of a more specific time and place.

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.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Eda Baldauf gave the Treasurer's Report. All is well. John Callan did a great job organizing, handling and collecting money from the Poway Rodeo cleanup. This activity brings our troop additional funds for merit badges and other items we do not collect money for. Thank you John Callan for your participation in this activity.

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

On Monday, December 9, 2013, we will be hosting an Open House for all Scouts. 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. In the past we have had lights brought for the outdoor lighting and possibly a slide show for the parents. Also we have had the troop trailer and have made grill cheese sandwiches. Backpacks should be displayed at this time. So now all the boys have to do is get together and plan what they want to do during this special time for our visitors. Do you want to cook in the Dutch Oven? Make grill cheese sandwiches? Play games? I'm sure you have some great ideas. Let's make this the best Open House ever.

### **VFW Gift Wrapping** **December 11, 2013**

On Wednesday, December 11, 2013, we will be having a VFW Gift Wrapping night. Our Scouts will be wrapping gifts for children to be delivered for Christmas. Bob Richardson is the lead person for this activity and will be providing more information at a later date.

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

On Saturday thru Sunday, December 14 thru 15, 2013, we will be having a trip to the Mud Caves. In the event the weather is not accommodating to go to the Mud Caves, we will provide an alternate Backpacking trip. We usually leave in the morning on Sat so we do not have to drive there and find it in the dark. Past trips to the Mud Caves were a ton of fun and the kids said it was a blast. Greg Hietala is the Lead Person for this Activity. He will provide more information at a later date.

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

On Monday, December 16, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. we will be having our Court of Honor, Pasta Potluck and Gift Exchange. 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.

**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 farther your path to becoming an Eagle Scout. Steve Shellhammer is the lead person for this activity. He will be providing information and a sign up sheet with a payment schedule soon.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM  
at the VFW**

**2012-2013 Committee Members**

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