

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

February 2014

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

We had a great bike trip to Santee Lakes. Lots of fun for all. We also had a great time on the San Jacinto Hike.

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:

February Activities

Sat. Feb 1	1:00 p.m.	Matt Shellhammer's Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony @ Ramona Public Library
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	Mt. San Jacinto Day Hike
Mon. Feb. 10	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Sat. - Sun. Feb. 15 - 16	TBA	(SERE Camp) Navy Survival Training at Mataguay
Mon. Feb. 24	6:30 p.m.	PLC
?	TBA	Grunion Run

April Activities

	TBA	Scout Fair
Thurs. Apr. 3	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting @ VFW
Mon. Apr. 7	6:30 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review Class A Uniform
Mon. Apr. 14	---	NO Troop Mtg. - EASTER
Mon. Apr. 21	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Sat. Apr. 26	TBA	White Water Rafting Day Trip
Mon. Apr. 28	6:30 p.m.	PLC

March Activities

Sat. thru Sat. Mar. 1-8	---	Scouting for Food
Mon. Mar. 3	7:00 p.m.	SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform @ Scout Hut
Thurs. Mar. 6	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting @ VFW
Sat. Mar. 8	TBA	Mataguay – Intro to Backpacking Training Trip
Mon. Mar. 10	7:00 p.m.	PLC
Mon. Mar. 17	7:00 p.m.	Court of Honor/Dessert Potluck/Uniform Inspection
Sat.-Sun. Mar. 22-23	TBA	Corrizzo Gorge Backpacking Trip
Mon. Mar. 24	7:00 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Mon. Mar. 31	7:00 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 February 6, 2014, we held our committee meeting at the VFW. In attendance were Rose Crawford, Bob Richardson, Dawn Perfect, Don Scott, Michelle Scott, Greg Hietala, Leland Rolling, Tracy Rolling, Crystal Leon, Steve Shellhammer, and Carol Shellhammer.

Don Scott reported that the Santee Lakes Bike trip was nice. The boys had a good time despite a few falls and repairs for flat tires and chains. Overall it was a great trip.

Steve Shellhammer reported that there are 7 Scouts and 2 Adults signed up for Summer Camp so far. The troop needs to pay the remainder by March 8th in order to get the discount for Summer Camp. We will be putting in Camperships for scouts having a difficult time paying for camp but really want to go. We can still add people to the list. Additionally, Steve Shellhammer will be talking to Bill Modeen regarding scheduling our CPR training. Due to the fact we are attending Emerald Bay Summer

Camp this year with all of their water activities as well as our White Water Rafting Trip scheduled later this year, Bob Richardson is going to look into scheduling a Swim Test and Swim Merit Badge night sometime in March at the RHS pool. Bob Richardson and Tracy Rolling have volunteered to look into becoming Swim Merit Badge Counselors for these events.

We requested a volunteer to coordinate our Scouting for Food. Crystal Leon has volunteered to handle this for our troop. She will be contacting you regarding this activity.

Treasurer's Report

Eda Baldauf was unable to attend this meeting, therefore, no Treasurer's report was given. However, it was mentioned that we do have money in our Scout account to cover some of our upcoming trip expenses.

Mt. San Jacinto Day Hike **Feb. 8, 2014**

On Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, we had our Mt. San Jacinto Day Hike. Don Scott is the Lead for this trip. This trip to Palm Springs included a Tram ride and hike to Round Valley. Mr. Scott has put together an excellent slide show for this trip showing the Tram ride and Hike to Round Valley. As the scouts hiked, the trail had more snow covering at the higher elevation and had colder weather conditions. The scouts did a good job and had a great time.

SERE Camp – Navy Survival **Training at Mataguay** **Feb. 15 thru 16, 2014**

On Saturday, Feb. 15 thru Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, we will be having SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance & Escapes) Camp – Navy Survival Training at Mataguay. Ron Underwood is the Lead Person for this trip. Scouts will bring a sack lunch and a backpacking breakfast. Departure will be at 6:30 a.m. from the K-Mart parking lot on Sat. Feb. 15 and we will return on Sunday Feb. 16 at approximately 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the K-Mart parking lot. After the church departure, we will arrive at Mataguay at 8:00 a.m. and stay overnight at the Bullfrog Campsite. It's a privilege to be able to attend this type of training and is a great opportunity for the boys to take advantage of it at this time.

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.

Scouting for Food **March 1-8, 2014**

On March 1-8, 2014, we will be having our Scouting for Food. Crystal Leon is the Lead for this activity. She will be contacting you with more information soon.

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. This hike is where they break into two groups and hike 6 miles which 1 mile is with equipment. The fee is \$2.00 per scout and they will receive a patch. We need Parents to help participate in this activity. The more parents the more successful this trip will be for the scouts. Please let Greg or Don know if you are available to help.

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

On Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23, 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 23-28, 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. At present there are 7 Scouts and 2 Adults signed up to attend Summer Camp.

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.

If you are interested in signing-up your scout and/or yourself for summer camp, you can email me or see me at one of the Monday night meetings.

The cost of Camp Emerald Bay Summer Camp is as follows: Scouts: \$599/ Adults: \$399. However, like at Camp Whitsett there are camperships available if funding is an issue.” Just let me know and we can submit it for approval.

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, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM
at the VFW

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