

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

November 2014

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

Mon. Nov. 3	6:30 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review - Class A Uniform
Thurs. Nov. 6	6:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting @ VFW
Sat. & Sun. Nov. 8 & 9	9 – 12 p.m. 12 – 3 p.m.	Poppy Sales at Stater Bros. (Community Service)
Sat. Nov. 8	9 - 3 p.m.	Poppy Sales at Albertsons (Community Service)
Mon. Nov.10	6:30	NO MTG – Veterans Day
Sat. Nov. 15		Shooting Day at Mataguay
Mon. Nov.17	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Sat. & Sun. Nov. 22-23	TDB	Mud Caves
Nov. 24-28	---	NO MTG - Thanksgiving

December Activities

Mon. Dec. 1	6:30 p.m.	SM Conf./Board of Review - Class A Uniform
Thurs. Dec. 4	6:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Sat. Dec. 6	Sign Up Online Now	Geology Day – District Wide Geology Merit Badge Day
Mon. Dec. 8	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Sun. Dec. 14	TBD	Eagle Rock Day Hike
Mon. Dec. 15	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor/Pasta Potluck/Gift Exchange
Thurs. Dec. 18	6:30 p.m.	VFW Gift Wrapping
Sat. Dec. 20	TBD	Deliver Presents to kids
Dec. 22-31	---	NO MTG – Xmas

January Activities

Thurs. Jan. 8	6:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting @ VFW
Sat. Jan. 10	TDB	Biking Trip Santee Lakes
Mon. Jan. 12	6:30 p.m.	Scout Master Conf./Board of Review - Class A Uniform
Mon. Jan. 19	---	NO Troop Meeting
Mon. Jan. 26	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 November 6, 2014, we held our committee meeting at the VFW. In attendance were Eda Baldauf, John Callan, Doug Crawford, Rose Crawford, Greg Hietala, Crystal Leon, Jim Radtke, Bob Richardson, Tracy Rolling, Don Scott, Michelle Scott, Carol Shellhammer, and Ron Underwood.

RECHARTER/FEES Due NOVEMBER 17, 2014

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:

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 Recharter, 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.

Don Scott will set up a CPR training class soon. Adults planning on attending scout outings should have CPR training. Please make sure you have your YPT and CPR training. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

John Callan reported that the Poway Rodeo Cleanup was a big success again this year. We collected our donation fee as well as our recycle fee. He gave the money to Eda Baldauf our treasurer for deposit. He reported that the blowers helped with the cleanup and made it much easier than last year. He also reported that the Poway Rodeo wants us back again next year. This is one of our most profitable fundraisers. Great Job to all who participated in this cleanup. Thank you John for organizing this activity. It is greatly appreciated.

It was reported that there were approximately 5 scouts who participated in the Lytle Creek Hike. It was great for they got water training and some orienteering experience. The first part of the hike was pretty steep for about a ½ mile but got better after that uphill part. It was good training for our future hiking. Thank you Don Scott and all who participated in planning, organizing and participating in this trip.

The Iron Mountain Hike and pumpkin carving was a lot of fun. This trip will also help prepare our scouts for our upcoming longer hiking trips.

It was discussed that we could maybe take portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and divide them up for more training hikes. It was also suggested that we could maybe walk in varying hiking level groups at different paces for the scouts. Some of these hikes would be just day hikes with a day pack just to get the scouts out there hiking. These hikes don't have to be on the calendar or agenda but just planned on a Saturday or Sunday when scouts could attend in preparation for our longer hikes.

Open House had a good turnout. All but one Pack came. We believe there are approximately 3 scouts interested in joining our Troop. We are excited to have newcomers joining. Our Scouts enjoyed the new scouts coming to see our Troop. They seemed to get along very well with all the interested scouts.

It was reported that the trailer fender needed to be ordered because it was a special size.

Tracy Rolling brought up possibly changing the Mud Caves trip from Saturday and Sunday to Friday and Saturday. Doug Crawford mentioned that he wanted to keep the trip on Saturday and Sunday as already scheduled.

Bob Richardson has called regarding acquiring Canoes for our February 2015 Colorado River Trip. The canoes are \$20 per canoe for all 3 days.

Crystal Leon is taking over for Michelle Scott as Hospitality Chair and Kerry Radtke has also volunteered

to be the Co-Chair for Hospitality. Thank you both for stepping up and taking over these positions. It is greatly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

Eda Baldauf gave the Treasurer's Report. We are running around the same each month regarding funds. Eda is going to have our Bank of America accounts changed to Chase Bank sometime in January. Due to the money in our account at present, there was a discussion regarding if we should pay for certain trips/merit badge fees. It was determined that we need to look at our overall trips for the year and subsidize some of the trips that have large fees, such as, Grand Canyon and Colorado River trip. Eda will be looking into our budget and determine what trips and how much we are able to allocate towards those trips or any trips the committee deems appropriate in order to lower the cost so more scouts and adults may attend.

Poppy Sales - November 8 and 9, 2014

On Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, 2014, the Boy Scouts will be selling poppies for the VFW.

The boys will earn community service for this activity.

Location and times are listed as follows:

Stater Brothers – Sat. & Sun. - November 8 and 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. To 3:00 p.m.

Albertsons – Sat. only - November 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shooting Day at Mataguay - November 17, 2014

On Saturday, November 17, 2014, we will be having our Shooting Day at Mataguay. Greg Hietala and Ron Underwood are the leads for this activity. Ron Underwood reported was only had a few spots left for Shooting Day and the scouts needed to sign up as soon as possible if they want to participate. More information will be given at a later date.

Mud Caves - November 22 thru 23, 2014

On Saturday and Sunday, November 22 thru 23, 2014, we will be having our Mud Caves camping trip. Leland Rolling and Larry Shelper are the leads for this activity.

**Geology Merit Badge Day -
December 6, 2014**

On Saturday, December 6, 2014, the District is having a Geology Merit Badge Day. Please sign up online as soon as possible in order to obtain a spot for this merit badge. You need to go to the Boy Scouts website in order to sign up if you are interested in this merit badge.

**Eagle Rock Day Hike -
December 14, 2014**

On Sunday, December 14, 2014, there will be a Eagle Rock Day Hike. Tracy Rolling is the lead person for this activity.

**Court of Honor/ Pasta Potluck/
Gift Exchange
December 15, 2014**

On Monday, December 15, 2014, we will be having the Court of Honor Pasta Potluck and Gift Exchange. Crystal Leon and Kerry Radtke are the Hospitality Chairs. More information will be updated at a later date.

**VFW Gift Wrapping -
December 18, 2014**

On Thursday, December 18, 2014, we will be having our Gift Wrapping at the VFW at 6:30 p.m. Bob Richardson and Greg Hietala are the leads for this activity.

**Delivering Gifts to Kids -
December 20, 2014**

On Saturday, December 20, 2014, we will be delivering the gifts we wrapped to the kids. Bob Richardson and Greg Hietala are the leads for this activity.

**Biking Trip Santee Lakes
January 10, 2015**

On Saturday, January 10, 2015, we will be having our Biking Trip Santee Lakes. Don Scott is the lead person for this trip.

Scout Sunday – February 1, 2015

On Sunday, February 1, 2015, please observe Scout Sunday.

**Colorado Canoe River Trip
February 6-9, 2015**

On Friday, February 6, 2015 thru Monday, February 9, 2015, we will be having a Colorado River Canoe trip. Bob Richardson and Greg Hietala are the leads 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.

**Scouting for Food
March 1-31, 2015**

On March 1-31, 2015, 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.

**Deep Sea Fishing – Fisherman's Landing
March 7, 2015**

On Saturday, March 7, 2015, we will be having our Deep Sea Fishing Trip at Fisherman's Landing. Rose Crawford will call and ask for spinner fishing poles for the Fisherman Landing Deep Sea Fishing trip.

**Court of Honor/ Dessert Potluck/
Uniform Inspection
March 16, 2015**

On Monday, March 16, 2015, we will be having the Court of Honor Dessert Potluck and Uniform Inspection. Crystal Leon and Kerry Radtke are the Hospitality Chairs. More information will be updated at a later date.

**Desert/River Camping
April 11-12, 2015**

On Saturday and Sunday, April 11 thru 12, 2015, we will be having the our Desert/River Camping. Don Scott is the lead for this activity.

**Scout Fair
April 18, 2015**

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, The District host a Scout Fair. Tickets will be sold for the event. It is a great opportunity to interact with Scouts from all over and earn various merit badges as well.

Scout-O-Rama
May TBD 2015

On Saturday, May TBD 2015, we will be having the our Scout-O-Rama. Doug Crawford and Larry Shelper are the leads for this activity.

Mataguay – Shooting Sports Day
May 2, 2015

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, we will be having our Mataguay – Shooting Sports Day. Ron Underwood is the lead for this activity.

Mystery Hiking/Camping
May 16-17, 2015

On Saturday and Sunday, May 16 thur 17, 2015, we will be having our Mystery Hiking/Camping trip. Don Scott is the lead for this activity.

Memorial Day Activities
May 20 thru 25 , 2015

On Wednesday thru Monday, May 20-25, 2015, we will be having our Memorial Day Services. Bob Richardson is the Lead Person for this activity. We have lots of activities for this weekend to honor our servicemen. On Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m., we are placing poppies at the grave sites at the cemetery. Greg Hietala will be picking up the poppies from the VFW and meeting the Scouts at the cemetery. On Monday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a ceremony at the cemetery. The Scouts will be setting up chairs, handing out programs and assisting people at the ceremony. There will be a VFW Picnic following the ceremony. 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 27 at 4:30 p.m. The scouts will be meeting at the cemetery to put away the flags and poppies.

District Cub Scout Day Camp
June TBD, 2015

On Monday thru Friday, June TBD, 2015, there will be a District Cub Scout Day Camp. This is an opportunity for our boy scouts to earn service hours by working and helping out at this Cub Scout Summer Camp.

Court of Honor – Root Beer Floats
June 8, 2015

On Monday, June 8, 2015, we will be having the Court of Honor Root Beer Floats. Crystal Leon and Kerry Radtke are the Hospitality Chairs. More information will be updated at a later date.

Grand Canyon Havasupai
June 12-16, 2015

On Friday thru Tuesday, June 12-16, 2015, we will be having our Grand Canyon Havasupai Backpacking and Hiking trip. Ron Underwood is the lead for this trip. Ron informed us that all the boys need are hiking boots and a camel back for the 9 mile hike down the Grand Canyon. The mules carry all other stuff. The trip costs approximately \$150 per person. The boys should take advantage of all the pre-hiking trips to get ready for this trip. This trip will be a memorable and great experience for all the scouts.

4th of July Activities – July 4, 2015

On Saturday, July 4, 2015, we will have our 4th of July activity. Tracy Rolling and Leland Rolling are the leads for this activity. More Information will be presented at a later date.

Camp Chawanekee Summer Camp
July 26 thru August 1, 2015

On Sunday thru Saturday, July 26 thru August 1, 2015, we will be having our Summer Camp at Camp Chawanekee. It was reported that the cost for Camp Chawanekee is \$390 per scout and \$245 per adult. Steve Shellhammer reserved our campsite.

Indoor Sky Diving
August TBD, 2015

In August TBD, 2015, we will be having our Indoor Sky Diving activity. Lezley Knott is the lead for this activity.

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
Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM
at the VFW Post 3783,
2247 Kelly Ave., Ramona, CA 92065

**Reminder, Each of you, as scout parents are the Committee Members of the Troop. Many tasks are being handled behind the scenes to make the troop successful. Please attend the committee meetings and assist us in the planning and future progress of your scout. We are working on a list & a description of the various duties that need handled. We look forward to seeing each of you at the next Committee Meeting. Thank You Mr. Scott*

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