

Troop News



NEWS BRIEFS

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CANOE TRAINING

Canoe training is upon us. Scheduled for the last weekend in Sept and the first weekend in October - details inside.

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MOTHER GOOSE PARADE

The Annual Mother Goose Parade in El Cajon is scheduled in November. All Scouts must participate in this annual service project for our community.

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THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE TO HOMELESS

Feeding the homeless and needy in San Diego on Thanksgiving Day - make plans to help out now - details inside.

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RECHARTER TIME HERE

Every year each member of the Troop needs to renew membership in the BSA and Troop. Details are inside. Please be prompt in submitting your recharter fees.

Recent peaks bagged!

San Gorgonio and San Jacinto Hikes

Scouts on two separate treks - one to Mt. San Gorgonio and the other to Mt. San Jacinto deemed each of the outings a success. Great weather and wonderful scenery made each of these outings memorable and enjoyable. Older "more experienced" (*sometimes debatable*) Scouts ascended San Gorgonio and younger Scouts ascended San Jacinto in an attempt to signal each other across the valley with mirrors. The experience gained by the younger Scouts will undoubtedly help them to seek more adventuresome outings in the future. This year's outing was notable in that all were "prepared" for rain showers. Last year's outing found several "older" Scouts under-prepared for rain and cold.

Paddling in the Bay

Salty Rat

Several hearty Scouts and leaders recently earned the High Adventure Award called the "Salty Rat." They camped overnight at Fiesta Island and embarked early in the morning on a 14 mile loop in Mission Bay with a stop on Santa Clara Point for lunch. They even portaged across Fiesta Island to prove they could do it. The skill of

portaging will be needed in the future when they go to the Boundary Waters. No canoes were swamped and everyone had a great time.

Living History

Mountain Man Rendezvous

The Mountain Man Rendezvous was held at Mataguay Scout Reservation on Sept 19-20. The Eagle patrol once again attended this event which is sponsored by Varsity Scouts for older Scouts. The Rendezvous activities are focused on the era of the Mountain Men circa 1840 to 1850: black powder, tomahawks, knife throwing, and period clothing and implements. Needless to say the Scouts had a great time and came back a little rougher around the edges!



MOTHER GOOSE PARADE NOVEMBER 23, 2008

The Annual Mother Goose Parade is scheduled for November xx, 2008. There will be a practice for the whole Troop on the day prior to the parade at Avocado School. All Scouts are expected to participate in this annual event to benefit our community. Full uniform with neckerchiefs but no merit badge sashes are required.

Sign up for Camp ASAP

Summer Camp 2009- Emerald Bay planned

Summer camp for 2009 will be at Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. The Troop's reservation for camp is due on October 10th 2008! Registration for camp will begin ASAP. All Scouts and adults who wish to attend summer camp will need to register ASAP and make a \$50 deposit with the Troop in order for the Troop to reserve space at Emerald Bay this coming summer. Scouts who are interested in the High Adventure programs at Emerald Bay can find more information at www.youwillexplore.com. There are rugged programs for Scuba, canoeing, oceanography, and

explorers (varied activities). The "Rugged" programs need to be separately registered for by the Troop. If any Scout is interested in those programs please email the Scoutmaster directly troop362@cox.net ASAP. The dates for summer camp will be either July 26th - August 1st or August 2-8, 2009 depending on availability. Sign up now - do not put off the decision to attend summer camp at Emerald Bay in 2009. The cost for summer camp has not yet been determined.

Paddle Up!

Canoe Training

Canoe training is scheduled for late September - early October on Mission Bay.

Orientation for this training has already been held, so if any Scouts or leaders are interested in joining the training, please contact Mr. Montesorro by email (amontes10@cox.net) in order to register. Prerequisites include first class rank, swimming and first aid merit badges.

Be Prepared

District First Aid Meet

The Annual Heartland District First Aid Meet is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:30 PM at the Latter Day Saints Church on Orange Ave in El Cajon, south of Chase Avenue. This event is a patrol competitive event with first aid scenarios to practice and hone the first aid skills of Scouts. WEBELOS Scouts will also be in attendance. Each patrol should register for this event separately, forms available at PLC.

NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE 2010

Attending a National Jamboree is a once in a lifetime event for any Scout. In order to attend the 2010 Jamboree a Scout must register to attend on the National website: www.bsajamboree.org/register.html then click on SELECT PARTICIPANT button - Boy Scout or Adult Leader (if adults want to attend as staff or leaders), then complete the online form. The registration fee will be \$10 paid by parents' credit card and then the Scout needs to print out the application and obtain the Scoutmaster's signature and then submit the signed form to our local Council downtown. Each Scout will be assigned to one of four troop in our Council - if enough Scouts from T362 register - they will all be assigned to the same troop. All Scouts in T362 are encouraged to make plans to attend the Jamboree more information available at Troop meetings.



New Uniforms

New Centennial Uniform is here!

The new uniforms are available in the Scout Shop. The Troop is not requiring any Scouts or leaders to change to the new uniform except for new Scouts who do not already have a uniform. Before purchasing the new uniforms be advised to try them on first as the sizing is slightly different than the previous uniform. All of us will change the red shoulder loops to the new green ones. These new green shoulder loops will be available at Troop meetings soon. Cost for the shoulder loops will be \$2.

Adults Needed

Troop Committee Meets Monthly

The Troop Committee meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 7 PM at the home of Mrs. Ellen Brady. All adults involved with the Troop and all parents of Scouts are invited to attend and participate in the Committee and help the Troop continue to provide a high quality program for the Scouts. The continued success of the program depends on the involvement from all sectors of the Troop. Please call Ellen Brady 442-5670 for her address.

Recharter forms will be mailed to each family

Troop Recharter Process

Every year each Scout and adult leader needs to recharter (reregister) with the Troop. Because of the size of

our Troop, this process is almost impossible to accomplish without everyone's cooperation. This year each family will receive an "invoice" to pay their fees to the Troop for the calendar year 2009 along with a return envelope. Every family is asked to return their forms and fees by **October 31st**. If, for any reason, you cannot meet this deadline please contact the Scoutmaster: troop362@cox.net. If the fees and forms are not returned by October 31st, the Scout and/or adult will not be registered with the Troop and will have to re-submit paperwork to activate their membership in the Troop.

EASY AND PAINLESS WAYS

RAISING FUNDS

Scouting costs like everything else seem to be sky rocketing. Providing opportunities for families and Scouts to help pay for Scouting is important to the Troop Committee. The scrip program is offered to provide a way to fund the many different outings and activities as well as some equipment. The scrip program with cards from grocery stores, gas companies, restaurants, office supplies, and even iTunes can help with the expenses of summer camp, high adventure, and training for every Scout. Every family is invited to participate in buying scrip at the Troop meetings. Monies made from the scrip program are deposited directly into the Scout's account by the Troop Treasurer quarterly. Everyone needs to buy gas and groceries - why not use scrip?



Items of Interest

Boards of Review

Boards of Review are held once a month during the first meeting of the month. Scouts must request a Board of Review by email to Mrs. Ashbacher who will schedule the Board of Review.

(Tashbach@aol.com)

Tour Permits for Patrol Outings

Patrol advisors are reminded to file tour permits for patrol outings at least 2 weeks prior to the planned outing. Committee signatures can be obtained at Troop or Committee meetings

Photos for Outings

Scouts and leaders are asked to submit photos for outings to the Scoutmaster for inclusion in the Troop archives and possible usage in future newsletters or slide shows for Courts of Honor. Submit them on a CD or DVD disk, labelled with the outing(s) and date. Thanks in advance.

Friends of Scouting Campaign

The *Friends of Scouting* (FOS) Campaign is important for the continued support of Scouting in our Council. Each year the support given to Scouting by the families who benefit from the program ensure that other less fortunate have the opportunity to participate in Scouting programs. The contribution of Scouting to the future go without saying. Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving Day Service - Serving Homeless Downtown

Once again this year Scouts and Scouters have the opportunity to help the Salvation Army serve food to the homeless and needy at Golden Hall in downtown San Diego. If you are interested email ASM Joe Ruckberg

jruckberg@sbcglobal.net with your name, email address and phone number ASAP. The project will be from 9 AM to 3 PM. Dress for this activity will be dark trousers (no jeans), a white shirt and comfortable shoes. Bring a small flashlight. Adults are needed to help drive.

Unit Backpack Training

Unit BP training will be held at Mataguay October 11 & 12. Newer patrols who have not attended are encouraged to attend to gain more knowledge, insight, and experience in the art and science of backpacking. More information at Troop meetings. Patrol advisors are urged to sign up ASAP.

Trail Building

Trail building resumes as the weather cools off. Scheduled dates so far are Oct 11 & 25, and Nov 15, and Dec 6. Earn the Trailblazer award! For more information see ASM Dan Marks at a Troop meeting.

Fishing Outing Being Planned

There is a planned fishing camping/outing in early November. Planning and information will be available at the PLC meetings. Make sure your patrol is represented at the PLC meetings in order for your patrol not to be left behind!

Popcorn Sales

Opportunity to contribute to your Scout account abound with the upcoming Trail's End Popcorn sale. Be sure to pick up a sales "kit" at a Troop meeting and start early to sell popcorn to friends, family, and neighbors. All proceeds from the sale of popcorn go directly to the individual Scout's account with the Troop. This is an excellent way for Scout to help pay their own way to summer camp or the Grand Canyon!

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Serving the Scouts in the East County of San Diego in the communities of El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, La Mesa, La Mesa, and Spring Valley

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TROOP CALENDAR IS ON
GOOGLE Calendar (ask for details
at Troop meeting)

Photos in this newsletter are
from many sources. Thanks for
submitting them.