

January/February 2008

TROOP 362

Summer Camp at Emerald Bay

All Scouts going to Summer Camp need to ensure their Scout account is up to date.



Camping in freezing temperatures demands special skills.

SNOW CAMPERS SURVIVE...RETURN ALIVE AND WELL!!

Snow camping is fun and exciting but tests the mettle of both Scouts and adults. Preparation and planning as well as conditioning and proper gear spell success when Southern California Scouts brave the deep freeze!

Scouts and leaders from T362 camped in the snow in the Sierras over the MLK weekend. Temperatures were sub-zero at times but with the proper gear and the right mindset everyone had a great time. Hiking in snowshoes is harder than it looks and the Scouts carried most of their gear in on sleds which they had made in preparation for this trip. Snow shovels came in handy when they had to dig themselves out in the morning after a new snowfall during the night.

The weekend was filled with fun in the snow: sledding, snowballs, toboggan runs, snowshoeing, and enjoying the High Sierras in the winter. The thermometer

hit a low of -7 degrees Fahrenheit. Some of the Scouts dug a covered kitchen in the snow which provided them a toasty den for some "indoor" activities in the "kiva."

SPL Robby Eller had a great time and is already planning to return to the snow next year. He will be well prepared and is already planning on building a "quinzhee."

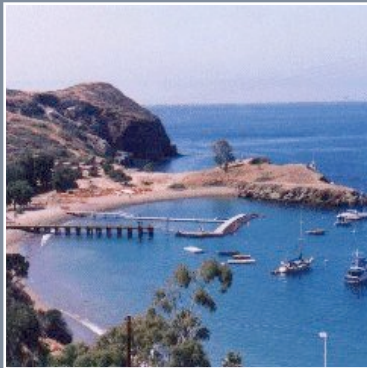
Hopefully next year there will be snow in the Sierras during this weekend to make another trip possible. Start making plans to include this snow camp outing in 2009.

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Digging a Snowcave Can Be Fun!
Zac Steen takes a break but all the hard work has dividends in a nice warm lair in which to sleep or play. A Scout can work up quite a sweat!

EMERALD BAY



Summer Camp 2008

Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island will be the scene of Troop 362's summer camp: July 6-12, 2008. Fees for summer camp have been posted: \$525 for Scouts and \$325 for leaders. Payment schedule: \$300 in Scout account by March 15th and balance by June 10th. Make your deposits to the Troop treasurer at any Troop meeting.

Summer Camp promises to be fun and exciting this summer at Emerald Bay on Catalina.

There are many programs that will be available to the Scouts who attend summer camp this year at Emerald Bay. Becoming a PADI certified Scuba diver is just one of several "high adventure" programs available to Scouts who meet the age requirements as well as the physical fitness requirements for participation.

A keen effort has been made to ensure that the facilities and program equipment fully support and surpass the needs of campers. The Pennington Marine Science Center offers scouts a chance to experience over 200 species of sea life, view microscopic organisms, and gain insight into the challenges facing our oceans. The Solursh Field Sports Area makes the most of high quality Kimber and Mossberg military target rifles to support ethical and responsible gun use. The aquatics program is a diverse mix of multiple island sites coupled with a broad range of boating and in-water activities. The camp offers scouts the chance to overnight using canoes, practice safe motor boating habits, become a certified lifeguard or SCUBA diver, sail, snorkel, and just play in the water.

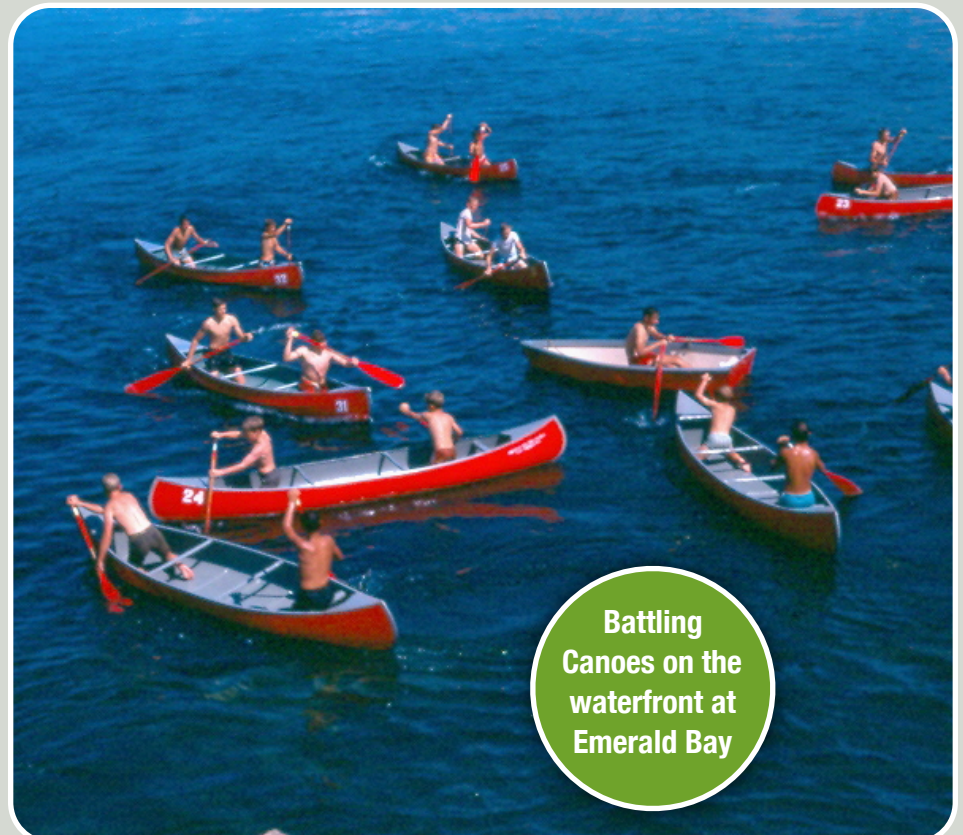
More than 28 merit badges are offered in the superb merit badge program. Among the many special programs are BSA Lifeguard, Snorkeling BSA, BSA Naturalist, kayaking, BSA Oceanography, SCUBA, Mile Swim BSA, and mountain biking.

Another event that Emerald Bay is known for is the War Canoes. The war canoe trip is an outpost experience which is offered to each troop in the camp. You will have the opportunity to spend a night away from camp and enjoy the rugged interior of Catalina Island.

Sign up for summer camp is still possible contact ASM Rob Eller or the Scoutmaster. Do not miss out of this opportunity of a lifetime on Catalina Island.

Transportation to San Pedro and back will be arranged by the troop. Volunteer drivers will be needed to accomplish this roundtrip.

Fees for Emerald Bay will be \$525 with the expectation that Scouts will have deposited \$300 into their accounts by March 15th and the balance by June 1st.



Future Plans for High Adventure and Other Exciting Trips:

Looking over the past few years in the Troop history: we have been to Philmont, the Boundary Waters, Alaska, Sea Base in Florida, and the National Scout Jamboree in 2005. If we consider in the mix our treks to the Grand Canyon, the Sierras, the Redwoods, and the Black Canyon we are definitely a busy lot.

Summer 2008 includes a trek to Philmont and summer camp at Emerald Bay. After the grueling summer of 2007 when we sent Scouts to NAYLE, 2 crews to Philmont, and 5 crews to the Boundary Waters the troop deserved some well earned "downtime" in 2008 to recover from all the activity. However, now it is time to "gear" up and start planning for the future!

ALASKA 2009: A return trip to Alaska is being slated for summer 2009 with the tentative dates of 6/24-7/14/09. Our skilled and knowledgeable guides have been contacted and are on board with us returning to Alaska. The trip will be limited to 2 crews with the maximum per crew of 12. Scouts must be at least 14 years old, very experienced campers and backpackers, Life rank and **advancing** as well

as meet the participation requirements. The other skill requirements will be posted soon. Registration for this trip will begin March 3, 2008.

NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE 2010:

Troop 362 has sent contingent troops to the National Jamboree in 1997 and 2005. It is now time to determine if there is any interest in gathering a contingent troop from this troop for the National Jamboree in 2010. The trip would include 10 days at the Jamboree and a tour of the East Coast. The tour could be as long as 10 days of shorter depending on the desires of the Scouts and the final cost of such a trip. There will be a presentation about the Jamboree at a troop meeting in March. The National Jamboree is the largest gathering of Scouts in the country if not the world. Scouts from many nations come to participate in the many activities offered at the Jamboree. The Jamboree is held every 4 year but this time in 2010 it is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in the United States - hence the 5 year term between the last Jamboree in 2005.

Jamboree
Color awaiting
the President
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ALASKA GEMIS



Denali, the SM, the Goal!

Alaska beckons with the "call of the wild" and presents unmatched scenery and unrivaled wilderness at every turn. The views of Denali captured above provide one with the feeling of grandeur that can only be communicated by the experience of Alaska. These photos were all taken by Scouts in Troop 362 during our 2006 trip to the Last Frontier.

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANZA TRAIL Trek - Feb 16-18, 2008

This trek is an 18 mile mostly downhill 3 day backpacking outing during which Scouts will travel through some of early California's historical routes as well as includes some native American sites and art. Sign-up for this trip might be still possible. We are in need of drivers to help drop off and pick up hikers. Drivers are absolutely necessary in order to make this trek succeed. If you can help please contact ASM Bob Wade bwade@cox.net.

Grand Canyon Trek Training Hikes

In order to help get everyone in shape for the hike into the Grand Canyon there are several conditioning hikes which have been scheduled.

Feb 2 we will be hiking Middle Peak in the Cuyamacas, meet at at 6:30 AM in Hillsdale parking lot. Feb 9 we are going to do the Hauser Wilderness, meet at Hillsdale 6:30 AM. Feb 16-18: ANZA Trail Trek (required), Feb 23 is open still, March 1 Cowles Mountain or McGinty (check calendar)

Pancake Breakfast: February 24th

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2008 at Foothills United Methodist Church. Tickets will be \$3 and each Scout family is expected to sell 10 tickets and participate in the work of the morning. SPL Robby Eller will make patrol assignments at the PLC meeting. Tickets will be available starting February 4th.

Youth Aquatic Center Clinics

March 1-2, 2008 offers canoeing, kayaking, small boat sailing and May 17-18, 2008 offers the same plus motorboating and rowing. The cost for these clinics is \$35 per Scout, per class. Pre-registration is required, for questions or information call (619) 298-6121 x 246. Sign up sheet at <http://sdicbsa.org/camping/sdyac/forms/2008%20Spring%20Aquatics%20Clinics.pdf>

Scouting for Food

This year our troop will participate in the "Scouting for Food" Campaign by collecting food at the troop meetings on February 4th, 25th, and March 3rd. The food we collect will be delivered to the Salvation Army on March 8th.

Spring Break Trips: Grand Canyon and Redwoods

The spring break trips to the Grand Canyon and to the Redwoods are just around the corner in the last week of March. Training and planning for these backpacking trips have been underway for months. It is almost too later for a Scout to sign up at this time but if you are interested in these trips contact ASM Bob Wade for the



Grand Canyon and ASM Chris Jungman for the Redwoods. In any event plan for next year starting now.

Philmont 2008

There is still room on the Philmont crew for 1 or 2 Scouts to participate. Scouts must be age 14 and have experience backpacking and must participate in the conditioning and training hikes of the crew. For further information, contact ASM's Martin Frischknecht or Andy Montesorro.

Medical Forms:

During February medical forms will be distributed to all members of the troop, Scouts as well as leaders, The forms must be returned by March 31st. Adults over the age of 40 must complete a Class 3 form and Scouts must complete Class 1 & 2. These forms will be returned to ASM Steven Barr.

Life Scouts

Plan on your Eagle project soon. Seek an appropriate project. Talk over your ideas with the Scoutmaster and seek guidance from an Eagle counselor. Mr Flip Brady is an Eagle counselor. After your project is approved by the SM, the Eagle counselor and the Troop Committee only then can you begin the project. Be prepared!

Troop Calendar Now Available on Google Calendar.

- To access calendar visit: calendar.google.com
- login using troop362@cox.net as the email address
- password may be obtained at troop meetings or by emailing the Scoutmaster at troop362@cox.net

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