



Troop Tidings

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Troop 805
Danville, CA

Two New Troop 805 Eagle Scouts

Please join the Troop in congratulating

Darren Chan

and

Blake Dougherty



on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Look for the details of their Eagle Courts of Honor in the coming months.

Tour Nike Missile Site - September 6-7

By Mr. Jasty

Tour [Nike Missile Site SF-88](#) in Golden Gate National Recreational Area! Mark your calendars for this exciting tour for a brush with Cold War history. Did you know that during the tense years from 1953 to 1979, the United States Army built and operated close to 300 Nike missile-firing batteries in the United States? These missile sites were placed as the last line of defense against Soviet bombers. Today, a dedicated group of volunteers works in partnership with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area on the continuous task of restoration at site SF-88, which has been turned into a museum. This valuable historical resource is the only restored Nike missile site in the entire country.

You will also get to participate in the open house, where docents, some of them Nike veterans, tell stories about real life experience at Nike missile sites. And yes, there are some cool patches available!

We will camp overnight at [China CampState Park](#) and [do a hike](#) Sunday morning. Space is limited. [Permission slip](#) is online and due August 26th. Contact Mr. Jasty at cjasty@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Court of Honor – October 7

By Mrs. Alexander & Mrs. Chan
Please join the Troop 805 family on Tuesday, October 7, 2013, at 6:30 pm in the Sycamore Elementary MPR for our biggest Court of Honor of the year. An Evite will be coming soon to your inbox with all of the details.



Update...The date for the Troop 805 30th Anniversary party has been changed!

By Mr. Laubach

Are you ready to celebrate Troop 805's 30th Anniversary in style? We have made some changes. We will be kick up our heels at the San Ramon Marriott on the evening of Saturday February 07, 2015...Please re-mark your calendars. Further details to come

This Month's Theme: Archery

Outings

Muir Woods / Nike Missile Site

When: September 6-7

Where: China Camp State Park

Adult in Charge: Mr. Jasty

Patrol in Charge: Dragons

Permission Slip Due: August 22

9-11 Memorial

When: September 11

Where: Oakhill Park

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Wong

Patrol in Charge: OA

Permission Slip Due: September 9

Advance Camp

When: September 27

Where: Contra Costa Fairgrounds

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan

Patrol in Charge: Wolverines

Permission Slip Due: Past due

Meetings

September 1 – Labor Day

September 2 – Troop Meeting

September 9 – Troop Meeting

September 16 – Troop Meeting

September 23 – Troop Meeting

September 25 – Roundtable

September 30 – PLC / BOR

September 18 – ASM Meeting

Angel Island Camping / Hike – October 10-12

By Mr. Gary

The Scorpions are sponsoring a two-night backpack trip on Angel Island the weekend of Fleet Week (October 10-12). We'll have a clear view of the Fleet Week airshow, including the famed U.S. Navy Blue Angels, from nearby our campground on the west shore of the island. This local action-packed two-night backpack trip is a don't miss event!

We'll depart the Park & Ride Friday afternoon to meet our privately chartered vessel, the HyperFish, at Jack London Square and ferry over the S.F. Bay to Angel Island.

Our campsite is on the West shore facing the Golden Gate Bridge. Saturday morning we'll have the opportunity to hike around the island, and pick an unobstructed spot to watch the airshow and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels on Saturday afternoon. We'll return Sunday afternoon via the Blue & Gold Ferry arriving back at the Park & Ride Sunday evening. The cost will be \$60.



This outing is limited to 20 participants. Participation will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, although priority may be given to scouts whose parents can provide transportation. We'll need six

drivers to get us to Jack London on Friday evening, and six more to pick us up at Jack London on Sunday evening.

[Permission slips](#) for this event are online, and are due September 16, 2014. Mandatory planning sessions will be held at the Troop meeting on September 23, and the PLC on September 30.



Parent Meeting – September 16

By Mr. Laubach

Our next parent meeting will be on Tuesday September 16th, right after flags in the library. We'll be talking about Rank Advancement, Preparation for Scoutmaster Conferences...and POPCORN! All parents are encouraged to attend!

Library Reservations

Help wanted... Library Reservations

By Mr. Laubach

We need a parent to help out to be the liaison to the school and make online reservations for the library for all our Parent meetings throughout the year. It is a small commitment type of a position. Please email me @ izdoctor@gmail.com if you can help out the Troop.

Next Month's Theme: Cinematography

Outings

Angel Island Camping / Hike

When: October 10-12

Where: Angel Island

Adult in Charge: Mr. Gary

Patrol in Charge: Scorpions

Permission Slip Due: September 23

Diablo Bowman

When: October 18

Where: Diablo Bowmen Archery Club,
Clayton

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Oki

Patrol in Charge: Honey Badgers

Permission Slip Due: October 14

Spelunking

When: October 25 - 26

Where: California Caverns

Adult in Charge: Mr. Carstensen

Patrol in Charge: Flaming Arrows

Permission Slip Due: TBD

Meetings

October 7 – Court of Honor

October 14 – Troop Meeting

October 21 – Troop Meeting

October 23 – Roundtable

October 28 – PLC / BOR

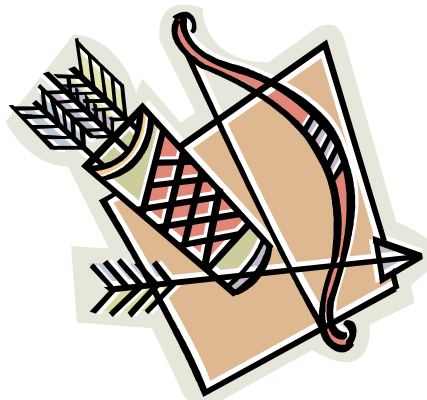
October 9 – ASM Meeting

Popcorn Sales Are Starting!

By Mrs. Alexander and Mrs.
Querubin

Troop 805 will again be participating in the Trails-End Popcorn sale. This is a great opportunity for scouts to earn money to help offset next year's registration and pay for scout outings and summer camp. This year scouts will receive their order forms at the troop meeting on September 16th. We will also have information about the sale at the Parent Meeting on the 16th. The selling period will run through October 24th. The great part about the sale is that there is no cost to the Troop to participate and the popcorn tastes great! In addition, your scout can earn some great prizes.

Questions? Contact Popcorn Chairs Karen Alexander (karen.alexander@ymail.com) or Connie Wan-Querubin (connie.wan-querubin@cengage.com)



Archery Fun – October 18!

By Mrs. Oki

Calling all “Robin Hoods”, sign up for our day of Archery Fun sponsored by the Honey Badgers. Save the date for this great day of

fun!

The event will be a day of archery and learning supervised by trained NADA coaches/instructors.

The morning will start with testing your knowledge of archery history, terminology, basic shooting technique, and of course SAFETY! We will then proceed to are shooting activities in the practice area so that we can all get familiar with the equipment and how to shoot. We'll take a break for a picnic lunch and in the afternoon, if the coaches determine you are ready; you can try your hand at shoot a qualifying round of 14 field targets which is part of the Archery Merit Badge requirements. Of course those not qualified can continue to practice so that they are more prepared for archery at summer camp.

Mark your calendars for a great outing and day of archery! Permission slips will be on the web shortly. If you'd like to be included get your signed permission slip back to your patrol leader by October 14th.

Due to the range capacity limitations, this outing is limited to 20 youth, on a first-come, first served basis.

Archery here we come!

Spelunking Outing – October 25-26

By Mr. Carstensen

Save the weekend of October 25th and 26th for an exciting Spelunking outing. We will be driving up on Saturday to California Caverns for an afternoon of exploring both the Mammoth Cave and Jungle Room area of California Caverns. We will be walking, crawling and wiggling through the various passages of the both areas on our two to three hour tour. If you don't find this tour appealing, we will try and schedule a shorter walking only tour, which still permits you to experience very scenic portions of this area. This tour will be offered only if we have enough demand and the required number of adults for two deep leadership for both tours.

We will camp nearby Saturday night, and return back home late Sunday morning or afternoon.

Permission slips, with more information on cost and other important items will be available mid September. Until then, please feel free to email me at adcarsten@outlook.com with any general questions regarding this upcoming outing.

Philmont Journey...

By Mr. Chan

Philmont was a journey of a lifetime. For fourteen days, seven scouts and two adults went on an adventure that spanned 70 miles. We hiked majestic mountains and ridges, climbing up Mt. Philips, over 11000 feet high, scaling the jagged rocks of The Tooth of Time, feeling the warm breeze of a lazy summer afternoon, hearing the tranquil water of endless streams, and listening to the chatters of youthful scouts, sharing bonds of friendship and fellowship. This is our Philmont 2014 Adventure!

Collin French, Owen Hitchcock, Jacob Laubach, Josh Laubach, Jared Osmond, Vishnu Peri, and Garrison Wong, along with Mr. Carstensen and myself, all headed out to New Mexico on Friday morning, August 1st. It was great exciting morning!



We spend a day and half playing tourist and explored Albuquerque. Afterwards, we drove three and a half hours to reach Philmont Scout Ranch. This place is AMAZING and it was everything we thought it would be and more. The boys started our trek as “boys” and ended our trek as young men. The days were long and hard at times. We were physically and mentally exhausted. What kept us going was knowing that each day brought new discoveries and new adventures. Philmont was a pleasant dream... we didn't want it to end... we wanted to live and experience all that it has to offer.



We started our journey with the Philmont song during the kick off campfire... with graceful melody... words echoing in our minds...

“Silver on the sage,
 Starlit skies above,
 Aspen covered hills,
 Country that I love.
 Philmont, here's to thee,
 Scouting Paradise,
 Out in God's country, tonight

It is a song that touches the soul and excites the imagination! We lost ourselves into the Philmont lore, singing its songs and reciting its grace... “For Food for Raiment, For Life, for opportunity, for Friendship and Fellowship we thank thee O Lord... Amen”

So as with all great stories, our journey weaved through chapters of countless adventures of high and low proportions. We finally came into a soft landing when our journey ended on August 15th. We arrived safely back in Oakland. As all the boys headed home, I can't help but imagine that a part of all of us stayed behind at Philmont... we remember, we feel, we lived Philmont... we have never left... “Scouting Paradise... Out in God's country, tonight...” it is a place of friendship and fellowship and we thank thee O Lord...”



Educational Series: Archery...September 2014 Theme

By Mr. Laubach, Adapted from Scouting magazine
**How to best capitalize on archery interest inspired
 by ‘The Hunger Games’**



Thanks to *The Hunger Games*, archery is cool again! In the megahit film and book, the character Katniss Everdeen (above) uses a bow and arrow to hunt for food...and she does it in style.

Sounds like a great opportunity for Scouters to get their troop excited about Archery merit badge, right?... Turns out it's not that simple.

As the movie (and book) progresses, the teenage heroine must turn that same bow and arrow on humans as she's forced to fight for her survival.

So that's the rub: How can Boy Scout leaders capitalize on this new enthusiasm for archery without drawing attention to the violence in the PG-13 movie?...Or maybe the question is, should Scouter leaders mention *The Hunger Games* at all?



Here are some thoughts:

Let them do the heavy lifting “You don't have to tie them together at all. If the kids are interested for that reason they will make the connection themselves.”

Talk it out “I think that the violence (which is a naturally occurring thing to many) could easily be turned into a teaching tool for citizenship and the importance thereof. Lord Baden-Powell really wanted

Scouting to be a thing to connect all people and bring common sense to the future leaders. The dystopian society that Katniss is in is a great example of what happens when there is the lack of that common sense. Either way it is a conversation of Boy Scouts, not Cubs.” —

A tool, not a weapon “It’s the same as with knives or firearms. You have to teach it as a tool or a sport, not as a weapon of violence.” —

Keep the aim on archery “Why mention the movie? If kids are watching the movie and interested in Archery, focus on the interest (and skill) — [focus on] the archery.”

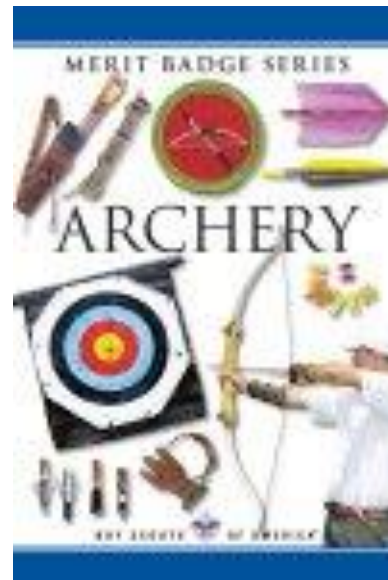
More food for thought “The violence in the movie (and more so in the book) presents an opportunity to discuss violence on many levels — if you care to go that direction. In the story, the children are forced into a situation that the protagonist (and most “tributes” from the Districts) does not look forward to. She would rather use her tools (archery and other outdoorsy knowledge) to feed her friends and family. Violence is forced on them for the entertainment of others (those in the Capital). I see this as a great way to foster that discussion. If you choose to.”

Which came first? “My boys are very excited about learning this new skill. But they don’t seem to be into it because of *The Hunger Games* or the violence you speak of. They simply think it is cool and have since before the movie was thought about.”

Get your facts straight “Why not just teach them that *The Hunger Games* just a movie and not real life? If they are old enough for archery they should know the difference between fiction and nonfiction.”

Real-world lessons “I’m an archery instructor and have already seen a big increase in interest in archery, especially in Boy Scouts. So much so that I’ve been asked to become an Archery merit badge counselor to help some boys get their badge. I always intended to become a counselor for it, but my own boys are still Cubs so I wasn’t in any rush. With the movie out I’m becoming one earlier than I’d planned so I can pass on the tradition of archery while interest is high. And I agree that you don’t necessarily need to talk about the movie much, if they are interested in it because of the movie (or books) then they will make their own connections.”

Safety reminder



Before Scouts pick up a bow and arrow, they’re told the safety rules of archery. In fact, explaining these precautions is first in the list of [Archery merit badge requirements](#).

And it’s been that way for a while. Archery is one of the BSA’s original 57 merit badges, part of Scouting since 1911. I interpret that to mean the BSA has sharpened its safety standards during the past 100 years.

TROOP 805 2013/2014 Outings Activities Calendar

July (Summer Camp/Yellow Jackets)

- July 4th Parade (07/04 – Fri) – OA - Ed L.
- Summer Camp at Kern (07/20 – Sun: 07/26 – Sat) – Todd G.

August (River Adventure/Wolverines)

- Philmont trip (08/01 – Fri: 08/15 - Fri) – Ray C.
- Big Basin (08/01 – Fri: 08/03 - Sun) – **Wolverines** – Barbara M.
- White Water Canoeing (08/15 – Sat: 08/18 Mon) – **Kamikaze Platypi** – Todd G.

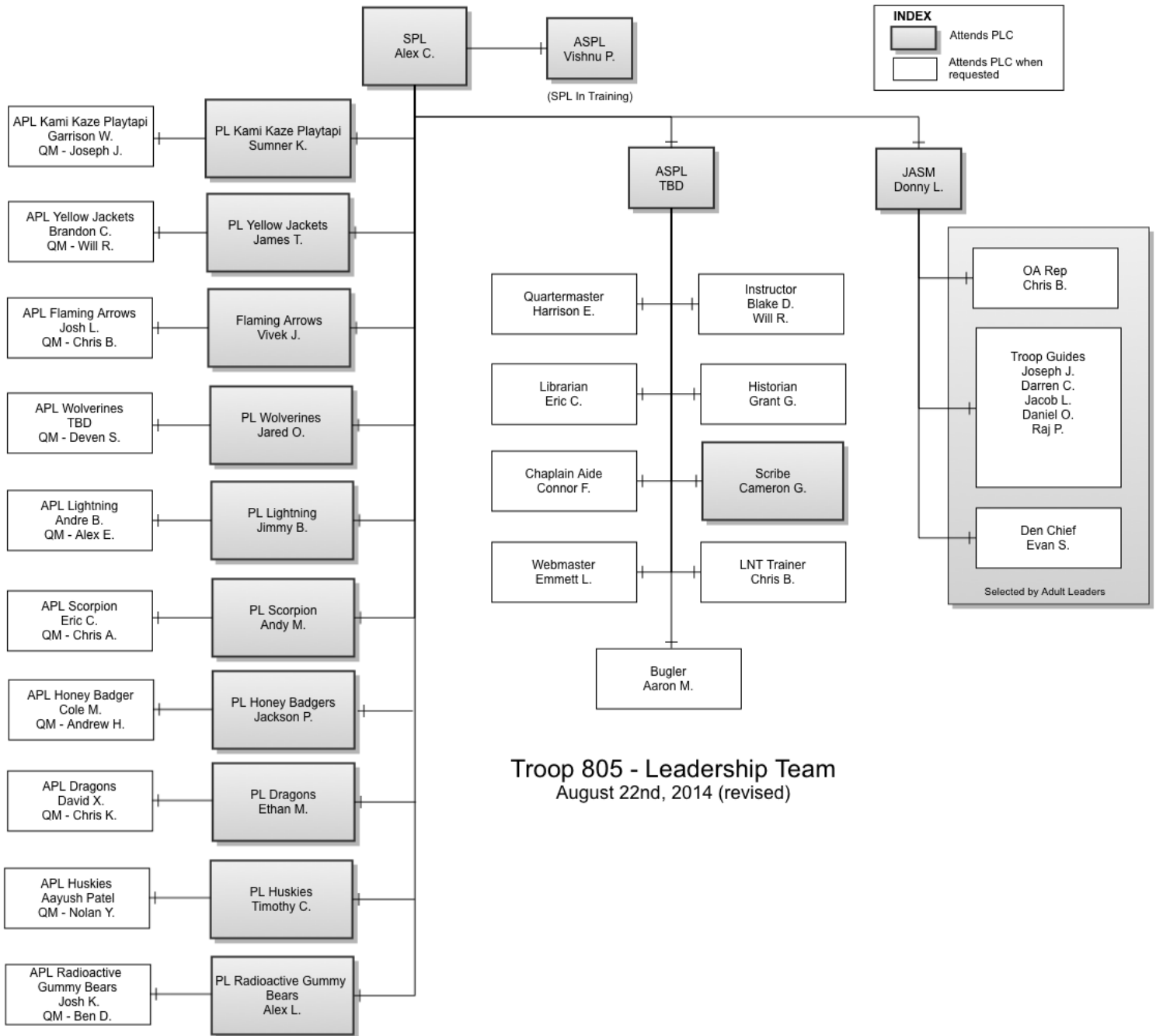
September (Archery/Kamikaze Platypi)

- Muir Woods/Nike Missile Site (09/06 – Sat: 09/07 Sun) – **Dragons** - OPEN
- 9/11 Memorial Service (09/11) – OA – Harper W.
- Sequoia/Kings Canyon – (09/27 Sat: 09/28 Sun) – **Wolverines** – Pete F.

October (Cinematography/Scorpions)

- Angel Island (10/10 – Fri: 10/12 Sun) – **Scorpions** – Todd G. and Scott E.
- Diablo Bowman Archery (10/18 – Sat – **Honey Badgers** – Sue O.
- Spelunking (10/25 – Sat: 10/26 Sun) – **Flaming Arrows** – Alan C.

Troop 805 2014 Leadership Chart



Troop 805 - Leadership Team
 August 22nd, 2014 (revised)