



Troop Tidings

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Troop 805
Danville, CA

New Troop 805 Website ... still at Troop805.org

By Mr. Laubach

Be sure to check out our brand new Troop 805 website! Special thanks to Stella Lei for the countless hours she put into making our website truly fantastic. Much appreciated!

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 were due September 16, 2014. Mandatory planning sessions were held at the Troop meeting on September 23, and the PLC on September 30.



Troop 805 30th Anniversary party

By Mr. Laubach

Are you ready to celebrate Troop 805's 30th Anniversary in style? We will be kicking up our heels at the San Ramon Marriott on the evening of Saturday, February 07, 2015...Please mark your calendars. Tickets to be on sale soon. Further details to come.

This 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: October 14

Meetings

October 7 – Court of Honor

October 14 – Troop Meeting

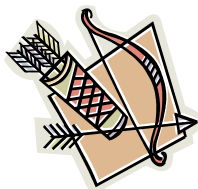
October 21 – Troop Meeting

October 23 – Roundtable

October 28 – PLC / BOR

October 31 – School Holiday /
Halloween

October 9 – ASM Meeting



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 archery 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 shooting 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 and the required release form are online. If you'd like to be included, get your signed permission slip and release form 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 at New Melones Recreation Area, and return back home early Sunday afternoon.

Cost for the full Mammoth Cave expedition is \$120. Charge for the shorter Trail of Lights walking tour is \$50 for adults and \$44 for scouts. Please see the permission slip, currently posted on the troop website for more detailed information. Remember, completed permission slips and payments are due back no later than the troop meeting of October 14. Until then, please feel free to email me at adcarsten@outlook.com with any general questions regarding this upcoming outing.

Next Month's Theme: Service

Outings

Easy Hike

When: November 1

Where: To be Announced

Adult in Charge: To be Announced

Patrol in Charge: To be Announced

Permission Slip Due: To be Announced

Mini Golf

When: November 15

Where: To be Announced

Adult in Charge: To be Announced

Patrol in Charge: To be Announced

Permission Slip Due: To be Announced

Meetings

November 4 – Troop Meeting /
Webelos Open House

November 10 – School Holiday

November 11 – Veterans Day /
No Meeting

November 18 – PLC / BOR

November 20 – Roundtable

November 24-28 – Thanksgiving
Break, No Troop Meeting

November 13 – 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)



Scout Funds

By Mr. Laubach

Did you know that you & your Scout could earn money from fund raising events (like Popcorn sales)? These funds are stored in their Scout or adult account and can be used for annual registration fees or any Scout outings throughout the year. Simply put "Use Scout Funds" on the permission slip.

Please contact me at CC@Troop805.org if you want to know how much is in your Scout or adult account.

Webelos Open House – November 4

By Mr. Alexander

Please mark your calendar and have your scout(s) welcome several Webelos who are considering joining our great troop. The more scouts we have attend, the better the impression we give!

Scouting for Food

By Mrs. Miyao

Exact times are yet to be determined and the permission slip is coming soon. However please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- Door hanger drop off – Saturday, November 8th
- Food pick up – Saturday, November 15th

Troop 805 Parent Meeting Minutes

By Mrs. Ip

Sycamore Library September 16,
2014 7:15 – 8:00PM

Eileen presented financial as of 8/31/14. She will be ending her volunteering role as the troop treasure. She has been with the troop for many years, and we all very much appreciate all her time and effort. Wayne Leong is the troop's new treasurer.

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Troop 805 Parent Meeting Minutes - continued

Karen / Connie presented Popcorn sales information:
Sales begin NOW!

Forms are due to PL by 7pm at 10/21 meeting or to Karen Alexander by 10/25.

Popcorn pick up at either Conner or Karen's house on 11/15-16.

All remaining money is due at the 12/2 meeting.

Major changes to our troop website by our new Webmaster, Stella Lei. New URL is www.troop805.org/wordpress. After October, the current site will not be live. The new site is easier to navigate, better organized, and mobile devices are recognized.

Peter Alexander discussed about the ongoing recruiting activities. He is also looking for a couple of volunteers to assist him with recruiting. Currently we are projecting to accept two patrols of 8 scouts for 2014-15.

Troop 805 30th Anniversary is on 2/7/15. We will be kicking up our heels at the San Ramon Marriott on the evening of Saturday, February 07, 2015...Please mark your calendars. Further details to come.

Bernard Kiriakos is our Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator. He talked about the process of earning a merit badge. MB booklet checkout process – if scout knows whom the librarian is, if not scout -> PL -> SPL -> Scoutmaster -> librarian.

Scott Evans, Adult Quarter Master, reported on the storage of equipment. He is looking for parents to potentially head up a parent tents inspection committee.

Ed / Dave talked about the Rank Advancement process. Parents should encourage younger scouts to talk to older boys about signoff. It is part of the training.

Ray talked about the Scoutmaster conference – Tenderfoot to First Class, any ASM or Ray can conduct the conference. It is mainly skill based, knots / lashing / cooking / first aid. Star / Life / Eagle is with Ray only. It is mainly goal setting.

Alex, SPL presented the draft 2014 – 15 Outing Activities Calendar. A major change is there will be TWO summer camps, Camp Cherry Valley (6/21 – 27), and Camp Wente (7/12 – 18). More details to come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Educational Series: Cinematography...October 2014 Theme

By Mr. Laubach, Adapted from Boy's Life magazine



MOVIEMAKING

Like a lot of classic Hollywood movies, the Cinematography merit badge is being remade.

The new badge will be called Moviemaking, because, technically, cinematography is just one of the many things that goes into making a motion picture.

Moviemaking is a way to tell stories visually through the art and science of motion picture photography. A cinematographer uses framing, camera movement, and lighting to set a mood and tell a story. Although "canned" or stock photography and technical processes are vital to moviemaking, the art and science of the moving picture are truly what give life to a picture. In fact, did you know that Steven Spielberg credits Scouting for getting him interested in **cinematography** and making movies?

If you've already completed your Cinematography badge, or are currently working on it, don't worry: You don't have to do anything different. The requirements are basically the same.

Moviemaking merit badge requirements

1. Discuss and demonstrate the proper elements of a good motion picture. In your discussion, include visual storytelling, rhythm, the 180-axis rule, camera movement, framing and composition of camera shots, and lens selection.
2. Do the following:
 - a. In a three- or four-paragraph treatment, tell the story you plan to produce, making sure that the treatment conveys a visual picture.
 - b. Prepare a storyboard for your motion picture. (This can be done with rough sketches and stick figures.)
 - c. Demonstrate the following motion picture shooting techniques:
 - (1) Using a tripod

- (2) Panning a camera
- (3) Framing a shot
- (4) Selecting an angle
- (5) Selecting proper lighting
- (6) Handheld shooting

d. Using motion picture shooting techniques plan ONE of the following programs. Start with a treatment and complete the requirement by presenting this program to a pack or your troop, patrol, or class.

- (1) Film or videotape a court of honor and show it to an audience.
- (2) Create a short feature of your own design, using the techniques you learned.
- (3) Shoot a vignette that could be used to train a new Scout in a Scouting skill.

3. Do ONE of the following:

- a. With your parent's permission and your counselor's approval, visit a film set or television production studio and watch how production work is done.
 - b. Explain to your counselor the elements of the zoom lens and three important parts.
4. Find out about three career opportunities in moviemaking. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this career with your counselor. Explain why this profession might interest you.

Educational Series: Cinematography ... October 2014 Theme

By Mr. Laubach, Adapted from *Scouting magazine*

Videography tips from Scouting's black-and-white film era



In the age of Smartphones and GoPros, the concept of documenting Scouting adventures in video format isn't a novel idea.

But in the 1930s, capturing troop meetings and outdoor

activities posed a bit more challenge. (Think heavy 16-millimeter-film cameras using portable projectors and screens to show footage.)



Yet, even with these technical hurdles, Scouters and Scouts of the era realized that showing Scouting on film was not only a way document activities, but also a way to help recruit more boys to the movement.

In the **April 1930 issue** of Scouting, the column "Motion Pictures in Scout Work," by Allan A. Carpenter, examines the value of capturing Scouting on film. The article also points out some timeless cinematography tips that GoPro-wearing Scouts can use today to help make excellent videos.

In the days of the 1930s Scout, recording film meant lugging around a heavy (and bulky) camera equipped with 16-millimeter film. To playback the footage, Scouts would use a portable projector and, oftentimes, a "screen" created by a white sheet. According to the *Scouting* article, "these cameras can be easily carried and easily operated."

Run out of film? Too bad. No extra memory card could help you in a pinch. And sound? Forget about it. "Talking films" were just hitting the big screens in Hollywood at the beginning of the decade.

(Cost-wise, the film cost \$.06 per foot. A camera cost about \$250 and a portable projector would set you back about \$275.)

Educational Series: Cinematography ... October 2014 Theme - continued

Yet these black-and-white, blurry, bumpy films became a hit among troops looking to have “records showing the history of the activities of the Troop or Patrol of boys.” This could be “done better with the motion picture.”

Some of the tips for recording excellent Scouting films still stand true today, including:

- Use a plot or story to help hold viewers’ interest, keeping them engaged from start to finish.

1. “If a picture has no other feature than entertainment, then it should be clever.”

- Use these films to help show the development of an activity. Bring the activity to life for viewers.

Show these films at meetings, recruitment activities and in the community not only to draw interest to your troop, but to show others what Scouting is all about.

Cinematography Merit Badge Becomes Moviemaking Merit Badge

By Mr. Mahoney

Think of it as the long-awaited sequel.

Cinematography merit badge is now Moviemaking merit badge, effective immediately. The design of the badge won’t change, and new pamphlets are available in Scout shops. Moviemaking is a way to tell stories visually through the art and science of motion picture photography. A cinematographer uses framing, camera movement, and lighting to set a mood and tell a story. Although “canned” or stock photography and technical processes are vital to moviemaking, the art and science of the moving picture are truly what give life to a picture.

Why make this change? Well, anyone who sticks around to watch a movie’s credits know that cinematography is just one specific part of making a movie. So calling a merit badge that covers all of moviemaking “Cinematography” was something of a misnomer.

The BSA’s merit badge team also saw this as a chance to make a few other changes, including:

- Tweaked requirements in light of the title change and focus away from cinematography and more toward moviemaking in general (find the new requirements after the jump)
- Updated text in a number of places to reflect the name change and address newer technology
- New information about intellectual property

More merit badge information can be found at:

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-MOVIE.aspx>

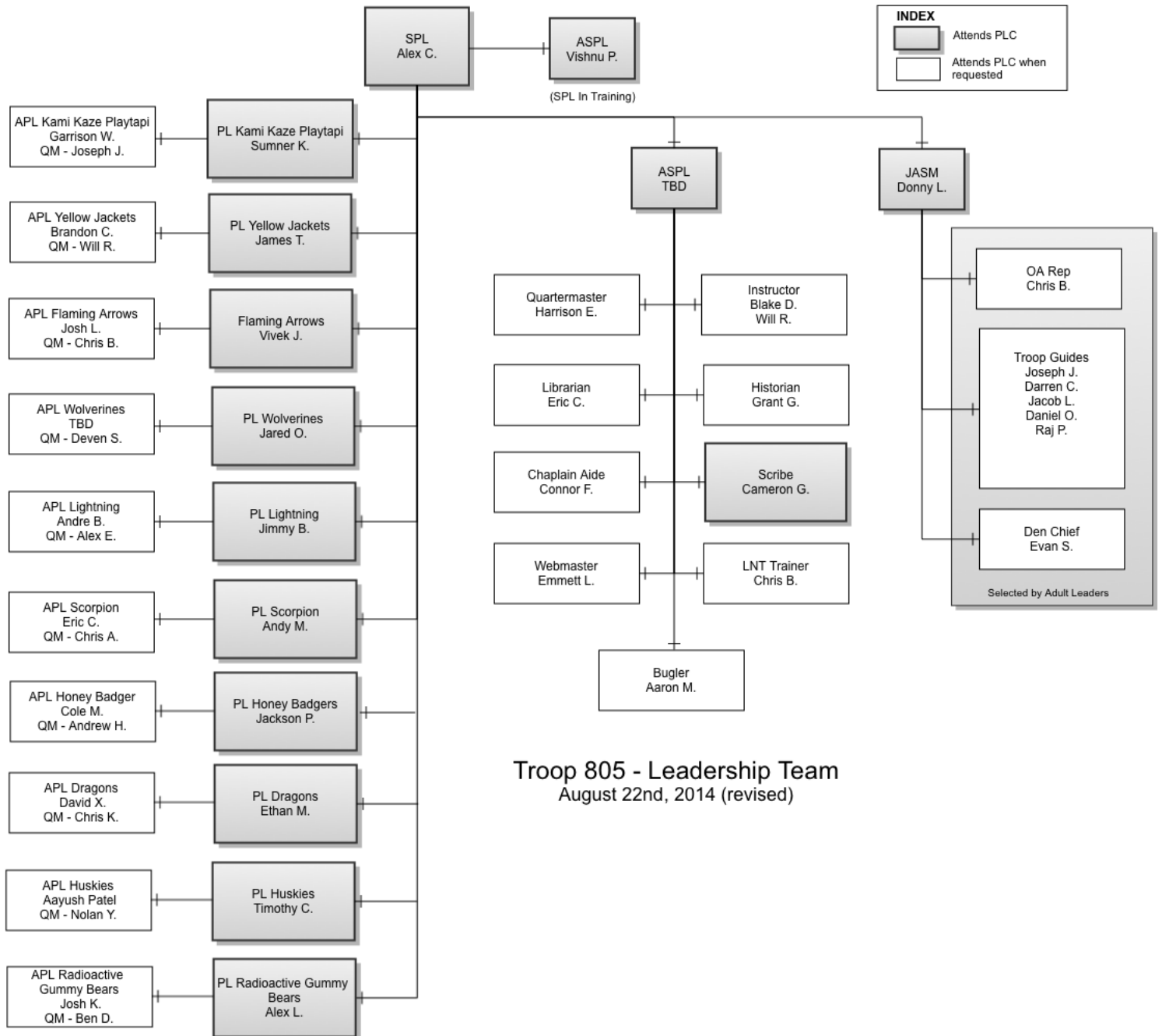
Trivia

Did you know that Steven Spielberg (one of the most popular and influential filmmakers in the history of cinema) was a Boy Scout and under the encouragement of his father, Spielberg decided to make a movie for his Boy Scout troop? An active Scout, Spielberg would later go on to develop the requirements for the Boy Scout Cinematography merit badge!

TROOP 805 2013/2014 Outings Activities Calendar

New Outing Calendar coming soon!

Troop 805 2014 Leadership Chart



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