



Troop Tidings

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Troop 805
Danville, CA



TROOP 805 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Mrs. Miyao

Please join us as we celebrate 30 years of Scouting adventures and service to our community.

This event will include past alumni, as well as, our newest families. We are proud of Troop 805's rich and diverse legacy, both past and present.

The event will be held on Saturday evening, February 7th at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon. It will be a non-uniform event for adults only. The reception will begin at 6:00 with a no-host bar and light hors d'oeuvres. Dinner and the program will commence at 7:00. (There will be a youth scout celebration at the Court of Honor on January 6th.)

Reservations and payment can be made through Eventbrite.

Due to seating limitations, the event will be limited to 200 attendees, so make your reservations today.

For further information or questions, please contact Barbara Miyao at (925) 556-0602 or barbara.miyao@gmail.com.

Scouting for Food Results

By Mrs. Miyao

The Mount Diablo Silverado Council "Scouting for Food" drive collected 133,202 pounds of food! Troop 805 was part of this fantastic success benefitting five Bay Area Food Banks. Thanks to all of you that participated and supported this effort!



CO₂ Car Race – December 6

By Mr. Alexander

Scouts and Webelos will race CO₂ cars that were designed during the November Open House.

[Permission slips](#) are due by the December 2nd Troop meeting.

Beginner Snow Camping / Snow Shoe – January 31-February 1

By Mr. Colello

Save the date for Beginner Snow Camping – Snow Shoe next month. Learn the basics of cold weather camping and qualify for the intermediate snow camping later in the year. More details to follow.

This Month's Theme: Easy Holidays

Outings

C0₂ Car Racing

When: December 6

Where: Canyon Creek Church

Adult in Charge: Mr. Alexander

Patrol in Charge: Dragons

Permission Slip Due: December 2

Bowling

When: December 7

Where: Danville Bowl

Adult in Charge: Mr. Jasty

Patrol in Charge: Yellow Jackets

Permission Slip Due: December 2

Sacramento Tour

When: December 13

Where: Sacramento

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan and Mr. Marshall

Patrol in Charge: Scorpions

Permission Slip Due: December 2

Meetings

December 2 – Troop Meeting

December 9 – Troop Meeting

December 16 – PLC / BOR

December 20 – January 4 – No School Winter Break

December 4 – ASM Meeting



Capitol Tour – December 13

By Mr. Chan & Mr. Marshall

A train trip to Sacramento to tour the State Capitol, visit historic Old Sacramento and explore the Train Museum! We will travel by train (Amtrak) on Saturday December 13th, returning on the same day.

This trip satisfies requirements 2a (touring the Capitol) and 2b (visiting a Historical Landmark) for the Eagle-required Citizen in the Nation Merit Badge – take advantage of this trip, as we may not return for a few years!

Parents who can drive to/from the Amtrak station in Martinez, CA, please fill out the information especially giving us your cell phone number.

Note: Due to the popularity of this outing, parents and sibling participation may be limited. Once we have final numbers, we will determine how many can participate.

Contact Mr. Chan (cell: 925-548-6179) or Mr. Marshall (cell: 925-200-3715) for questions or review the permission slip



Bowling – December 7

By Mr. Natesen

Come Join us and have fun bowling 3 games while getting to know and welcoming Webelos who are considering joining Troop 805 when they bridge next year. There are a limited number of lanes, so registration is on a first received priority basis. All equipment is included. However, if you want a snack or drink, please bring money for the vending machines or grill. **All scouts should arrange their own transportation to and from Danville Bowl.**

Date: December 7th (Sunday)

Time: 2:45pm – 5:00pm

Location: Danville Bowl, 200 Boone Court, Danville, CA 94526 (map)

Cost: \$20 per participant

Attire: Class A

Please check out the website and submit your [permission slips](#).

Next Month's Theme: Blasting into the New Year

Outings

Easy Hike

When: January 10

Where: TBD

Adult in Charge: Mr. New ASM

Patrol in Charge: Huskies

Permission Slip Due: January 6

Chabot Science Overnight

When: January 16-17

Where: Chabot Space & Science Center

Adult in Charge: Mr. New ASM

Patrol in Charge: Flaming Arrows

Permission Slip Due: January 6

Shooting Outing

When: January 24

Where: TBD

Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen

Patrol in Charge: Wolverines

Permission Slip Due: January 6

Beginner Snow Camping

When: January 31 – February 1

Where: TBD

Adult in Charge: Mr. Colello

Patrol in Charge: Honey Badgers

Permission Slip Due: January 13

Meetings

December 20 – January 4 – No
School Winter Break

January 6 – 30th Anniversary
Court of Honor

January 13 – Troop Meeting

January 19 – No School, Martin
Luther King Day

January 20 – Troop Meeting

January 22 - Roundtable

January 26 – No School

January 27 – PLC / BOR

January 8 – ASM Meeting

Register Now

Annual registration due December 9

By Mr. Laubach

Each year, the Troop updates our membership information for each family. The 2015 Troop annual registration is now due. Each families membership packet will be passed out at the November 4th Troop meeting.

We ask that you review and update any information and return it no later than December 9, 2014. Youth Protection Training Certificate for each parent needs to be renewed every two years. YPT registration & training details will be listed on the form. If you have funds in your Scout account, you can use that toward your 2015 registration.

If you do not attend the November 4th Troop meeting, please email me at CC@Troop805.org to make arrangements to pick up your packet.

LEAD (Leader Education and Discovery)

By Mr. Screechfield

Registration for LEAD (Leader Education and Discovery) on January 31, 2015 is now open. LEAD is not just for adult leaders, there is something for all parents of scouts and scouters like how to be a Merit Badge Counselor, how to cook with a Dutch oven, how to become CERT trained, and much more. Cost is \$45 and includes lunch. Go to <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/adult/leader->

[education-and-discovery-lead](#) to register.

Easy Hike – January 10

By Mr. Dougherty

Save the date for an easy hike to start the year. Details will be provided soon.

Educational Series: Easy Holidays

*By Mr. Laubach, Adapted from
Excelle*

25 Festive Things To Do This
Winter

With Thanksgiving behind us, it's time to start looking forward to Winter Break – once we get past those lousy finals, of course. With all of the stress surrounding the end of the semester, it can be difficult to get excited about the holidays: our days are spent cramming for exams and finishing up essays, and when we finally get home, all that we want to do is lay in bed and relax.

Trust me, I'm all about sleeping over break. But spending the entire vacation in bed or on the Internet is kind of boring, especially when there are so many fun things to do during the holidays that we can't enjoy during other times of the year.

So start infusing some holiday spirit and get ready for the most fun-filled Winter Break ever! Read on for 25 things you can do to make this holiday season a little merrier.

Educational Series: Easy Holidays - continued



1. Get cozy and watch a classic holiday movie.

It's A Wonderful Life, The Santa Claus, Miracle on 34th Street, Elf, The Holiday...you've got to add at least one of these holiday classics to your Netflix queue in December! For serious holiday movie buffs, check out ABC Family's 25 Days of Christmas, beginning December 1st, and TBS's A Christmas Story marathon on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



2. Decorate your house.

Why not make your residence a little more festive. Think miniature Christmas trees, a strand of multicolor lights, paper snowflakes, etc. Beyond making your place look pretty, decorating can be a great way to bond with your family! And you don't have to break the bank in the process – supermarkets tend to have a great selection of inexpensive decorations, as do stores like Target and Christmas Tree Shops.



3. Play in the snow.

If we are lucky to get local snow this winter & you live only a few hours away from some fun snow – so take the time to enjoy it while it's still exciting and new! Make a snow angel, build a giant snowman, or have an epic snowball fight with friends or family.



4. Beat the cold with a warm drink.

When you come home from class with frozen hands and lips, the best way to warm up is with a hot holiday drink. Check out the favorite seasonal drinks from Starbucks, or if you're into classic hot chocolate like me, stock up on some Swiss Miss and make some in your microwave when you get home! To really get in the spirit, find a festive mug and add mini-marshmallows or a candy cane – pure bliss!



5. Drive around and look at Christmas lights.

Perfect for a (free!) fun time with the family. Enjoy how beautiful your neighborhood looks all lit up at night, and argue about whether white lights or colored bulbs are prettier. For the record – colored lights totally win, if you ask me!



6. Visit Santa at the mall.

Yeah, all of the parents waiting with their toddlers will be glaring at you – but so what? The pictures will be priceless, you'll get to feel like a little kid again.



7. Attend (or throw) an ugly sweater party.

That bright green sweatshirt with Rudolph's face embroidered on it that Aunt Trudy gave you three years ago? Such a fashion nightmare might be socially unacceptable, but it'll fit right in (and maybe win first place!) at an ugly sweater party. If you're fortunate enough to not get ugly sweaters for the holidays, hit up Salvation Army or a local consignment shop to find some contenders.



8. Bake cookies (yum!).

Spend an afternoon baking cookies, trying out new recipes in addition to family favorites. Definitely save some to munch on

later, but consider giving cookies as gifts, as well.



9. Do a Secret Santa exchange with friends.

Grab a big group of friends, pick names out of a hat, and stick with a manageable

price limit (maybe \$10 or \$20). Depending on your friends, you could stick with gifts that are sweet and sentimental, or you could be a little wild...



10. Learn about a holiday different from the one you traditionally celebrate.

It can be easy to get caught up in the holiday we grew up

with, but between Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and all the different ways to observe the holidays, there's a lot to celebrate in December. Spend some time with a friend of a different faith and see how they celebrate the holidays – who knows, you might even want to incorporate some elements of their celebration into your own traditions.



11. Head to the theatre for a seasonal play.

Whether at a well-known venue downtown or at your school's auditorium, there

are tons of holiday productions taking the stage this time of year. "Every year, I check out a local theater's rendition of A Christmas Carol.



12. Enjoy your favorite holiday tunes.

Although you might be sick of them by New Year's, the fact remains that you can't listen to these tunes any other time of the year (without facing some serious

ridicule, that is). So take advantage of them while you can! Whether you love classic crooners, religious hymns, or more modern songs (Mariah Carey, anyone?) crank up the volume and belt 'em out like nobody's listening. If you don't have a lot of holiday music on your iPod, plug your favorite tune into Pandora and let it create a holiday station personalized just for you!



13. Shovel some snow.

If you go on one of the T805 Snow outings this year, shovel some snow. Shoveling is a great workout and

good for your arms – just make sure to bend at the knees, not at the hip!



14. Go shopping – for yourself!

Around the holiday season, our shopping lists can be out of control and money can be tight. But make it a point to show yourself some

love when you're hitting the stores – by buying something really cool... cozy holiday pajamas



15. Hit the slopes.

The skiing and snowboarding faithful might do it for months, but hitting the local slopes seems even more enjoyable

around the holidays. If you've never done it before, go with more experienced friends and give it a shot! Sure, you might fall a couple times, but you can laugh it off in the lodge later over hot chocolate.



16. Send cards to friends and family.

Everyone loves holiday greetings, so spread the cheer! Don't feel like you have to buy cards from the store – make cards out of construction paper and tape them to

your friends' doors. It's much cheaper and more personal – and your friends will hang on to them forever!



17. Have an "Iron Chef" competition.

Use your time at home to have fun in the kitchen. Have a crazy competition with friends or family.

Use your imagination with a "secret" ingredient.



18. Go ice skating.

Go to the local ice rink & have fun. Ice-skating around the holidays just feels right. Grab a big group of friends and laugh the night away.



19. Give back to the community.

The holidays are the best time to remember those who need our help. Volunteer at the local soup kitchen, give some change

to those Salvation Army bell-ringers, or buy some gifts for a family that can't afford a Christmas. You'll be glad you did. For local volunteer opportunities, check out websites like Volunteer Match or ask around at your place of worship.



20. Be artsy and make holiday crafts.

Craft stores like Michael’s are downright hopping this

time of year, and the holidays give artsy people some new pieces to play with. Incorporate pinecones, holly, mistletoe, and berries into your art. Crafts can make for heartfelt gifts to give to friends or to charity.



21. Curl up with a blanket and read a good book.

With all of the required reading that we have to do for school, it can be hard to think of

reading as “fun.” But reading a book that interests you – whether it’s a novel, a biography, or a book about a subject you love – can actually be quite relaxing.



22. Have a dinner party with your friends.

With all of the family events that come with the holiday season, it can

be nice to enjoy a low-key dinner party with your friends. Make it a potluck, show off that family recipe you mastered, and swap holiday stories with two (or twenty) of your closest friends.



23. Make ornaments.

Add your personal style to the Christmas tree by making creative holiday ornaments – there are tons of cute ideas online! If

making them isn’t your thing, consider buying a new ornament every year. That way, when you have a tree of your own, you’ll have something to remind you of Christmas past.



24. Go to the movies.

Is it just me, or do the best movies of the year come out around the holidays? Spend an afternoon at your local movie theater and check out potential blockbusters.

25. Spend time with the people that you love.

Help your dad put the lights on the garage, or just chat with your mom and look at the Christmas tree lit up in the dark (my favorite holiday tradition – I love you, Mom!). Spending quality time with your friends and family is really what makes the holiday season so magical, and you’ll make memories that you’ll cherish for the rest of your life.



TROOP 805 2014/2015 Outings Activities Calendar

November (Service/Kamikaze Platypi)

- 5 Miles Easy Hike (11/1 – Sat) – Yellow Jackets – J. Garrahan
- Webelos Open House (11/04 – Tue) P. Alexander
- Scouting for Food (11/08 – Sat: Distribute Flyers – 11/15 – Sat: Food Pickup) – OA – B. Miyao
- Mini Golf (11/15 – Sat) – Kamikaze Platypi – P. Alexander

December (Easy Holidays/Scorpions)

- CO2 Car Racing (12/6 – Sat) Dragons – P. Alexander
- Bowling (12/7 – Sun) - Yellow Jackets C. Jasty, G. Natesen
- Sacramento Tour (12/13 – Sat) – Scorpions – R. Chan, J. Marshall

January (Blasting into the New Year/Yellow Jackets)

- New Year – Easy Hike (01/10 – Sat) Huskies – New ASM
- 30th Anniversary CoH (01/06)
- Chabot Science Overnight (01/16 – Fri: 01/17 - Sat) Flaming Arrows – New ASM
- Shooting (01/24 - Sat) – Wolverines - T. Huen
- Beginner Snow Camping – Snow Shoe (01/31 – Sat: 02/1 Sun) – Honey Badgers – D. Colello

February (Winter Sports/Kamikaze Platypi)

- 10 Mile Bike Ride (02/08 – Sun) Yellow Jackets – K. Chan
- 30th Anniversary Party (02/07 – Sat)
- Intermediate Snow Camping (02/13 – Fri: - 02/16 – Mon) – Kamikaze Platypi – R. Mahoney, D. Martin, K. Screechfield

March (Trek Lightly/Dragons)

- Kiwanis Service – Youth to Youth (03/07 – Sat) – OA – N. Matsunaga
- 10 Mile Bike Ride and Angel Island Bike Ride Day Trip (03/21– Sat) – Lightning – T. Gary
- Scout Skills (03/27 – Fri – 03/29 Sun) Wolverines – J. Marshall

April (Skillz/Wolverines)

- School Service Project (04/07 – Tue) – OA – T. Huen

- Sunol Backpacking & Sunol to Del Valle (04/11 – Sat: - 04/12 Sun:) – BPs – K. Screechfield, R. Mahoney, R. Chan and T. Gary
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (04/18 – Sat) – Huskies – TBD
- Camporee (04/24 – Fri: 04/26 – Sun) – Scorpions – J. Garrahan and R. Chan

May (Water Fun/Lightning)

- 15 Mile Bike Ride (05/09 Sat) – Dragons -TBD
- Art & Wind Festival – Food Booth (05/24 – Sun: - 05/25 Mon) – OA – E. Laubach
- Pt. Reyes – 10 Mile Backpacking (05/30 – Sat: 05/31 Sun) – BPs – T. Gary and K. Screechfield

June (Camping/Huskies)

- Donnor Fishing (06/06 – Sat: 06/07 Sun) – Radioactive Gummy – G. Aikin, G. Coughlin
- Fages II (06/06 – Sat) – OA – A. Carstensen
- Relay for Life (06/05 – 06/06) – OA – K. Screechfield
- Camp Cherry Valley (06/21 – 06/27)

July (Fishing/Radioactive Gummies)

- July 4th Parade (07/04 – Sat) – OA - S. Evans
- 25 Mile Bike Ride (07/11 – Sat:) Lightning - TBD
- Camp Wente (07/12 – Sun: 07/18 – Sat)
- Pulmas 25 Mile Backpacking (07/24 – Fri –07/27 Mon) BPs- R. Chan

August (Science/Honey Badgers)

- Hiller Aviation (08/01 – Sat) - Honey Badgers – New ASM
- Emigrant Wilderness 50 Miler Backpacking (8/09 – Sun – Sat: 8/15) – BPs – R. Mahoney, R. Chan
- 2 x 25 Bike Ride - (08/22 – Sat: - 08/23 Sun) Flaming Arrows - T. Gary, R. Mahoney

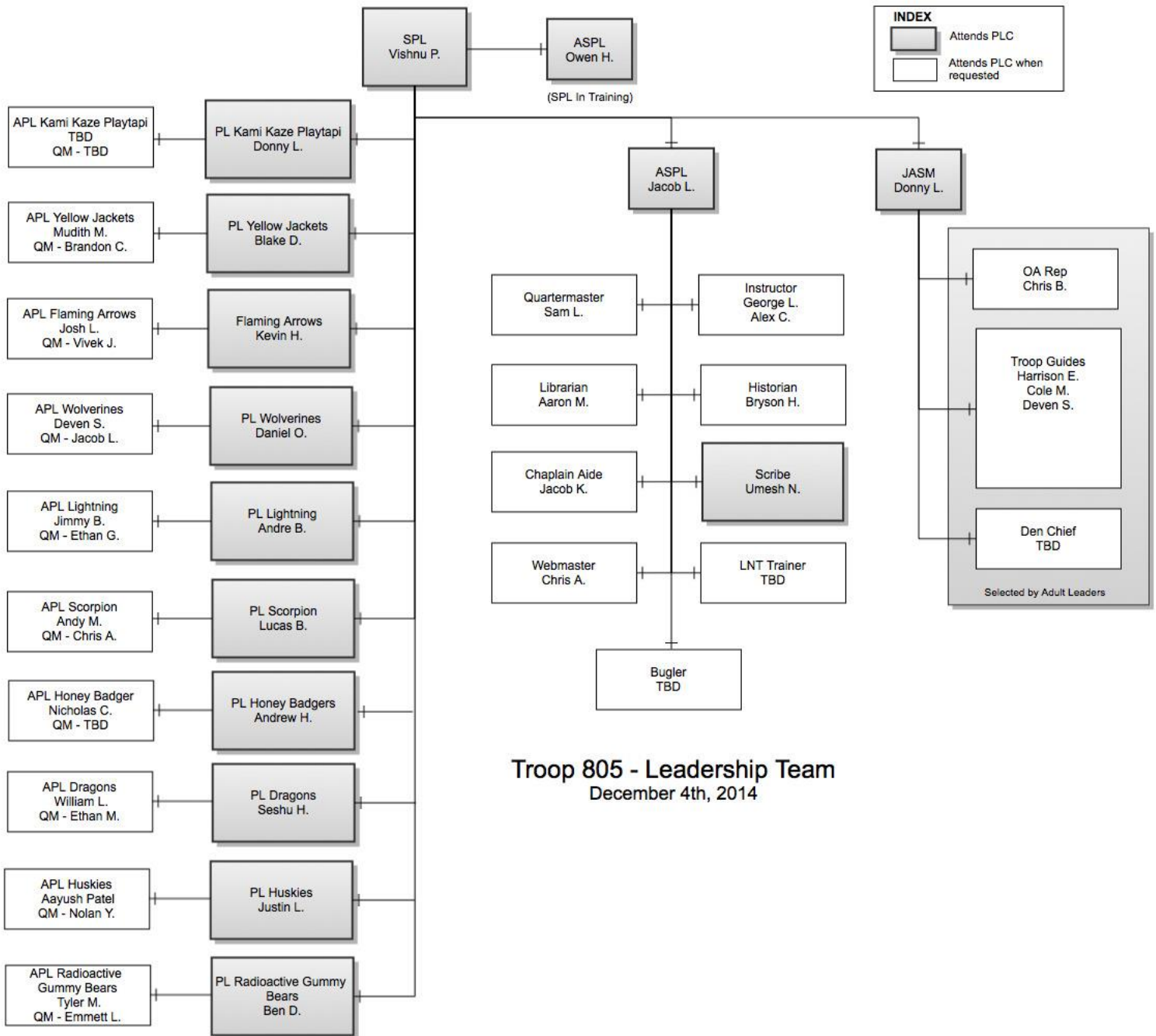
September (Rocking it/Dragons)

- 9/11 Memorial Service (09/11) – OA – New ASM
- Advance Camp – (09/26 Sat:) Dragons –New ASM

October (Haunted/Scorpions)

- Black Diamond Mine (10/10 – Sat: 10/11 – Sun) – Radioactive Gummy –T. Huen
- USS Hornet (10/17 – Sat: 10/18 Sun) – Scorpions – New ASM
- 50 Mile Bike Ride (10/24 – Sat) – Wolverines J. Marshall, R. Chan

Troop 805 2014 Leadership Chart



Troop 805 - Leadership Team
 December 4th, 2014