



Troop Tidings

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Introduction to Backpacking at Sunol– April 11-12

By Mr. Screechfield

On April 11-12th, we have a great backpacking trip through the green, wildflower covered hills of Sunol. We'll check out Alameda County's largest stream, Alameda Creek, as it flows through Little Yosemite and we'll pitch our backpacking tents at Stars Rest with views of Mission Peak. We'll also try different backpacking foods and different water purification methods. This trip is open to 2nd year scouts (RGB's, Huskies) and above, and is an introductory backpack outing.

The [permission slip](#) is posted on the website. The permission slip and payment is due Tuesday, March 31st. The scouts will need to have a pack check on Wednesday, April 1st, 7pm behind Sycamore Elementary's MPR. If you cannot make that day/time, you may contact Mr. Screechfield to make a special appointment for a pack check at his house. At the pack check we will make sure your backpack fits you properly, that you have everything you need, and that you don't have anything you don't need. We'll also divide the food and tent equipment.

For questions, contact Mr. Screechfield (kscreechfield@trcsolutions.com) or Mrs. Kim (dasrkims@yahoo.com)

Sycamore School Service Project – April 10 and 12

By Mr. Huen

We have an opportunity to pay back Sycamore Elementary School with service hours and projects for hosting our troop's weekly meetings in the school's MPR. We will be doing four projects during Spring Break in the schoolyard area. The projects are:

1. Repainting the map of U.S. States.
2. Repainting the red lines on the ground.
3. Clearing bushes and affixing stepping-stones on the path between the parking lot near the Kindergarten area.
4. Building a curb to stop balls in baseball field area.

The Service Project dates are Friday April 10 starting at 9 am to late afternoon and Sunday April 12 if additional work time is needed to finish the projects. We will need lots of parental help. The [permission slip](#) is available on the website and you can sign up for specific projects.

15-Mile Bike Ride – April 18

By Mr. Jasty

Join us for a ride along the Contra Costa and Ygnacio canal routes. This is the next ride in our biking program this year and will give us the experience to progress to longer rides.

Contact ASM Mr. Chau Jasty at cjasty@gmail.com with any questions.

This Month's Theme: Skillz

Outings

School Service Project

When: April 10 & 12

Where: Sycamore Valley Elementary

Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen

Patrol in Charge: Order of the Arrow

Permission Slip Due: March 31

Sunol Backpacking

When: April 11-12

Where: Sunol

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Patrol in Charge: BPs

Permission Slip Due: March 31

Morgan Territory Backpacking

When: April 11-12

Where: Morgan Territory

Adult in Charge: Mr. Gary

Patrol in Charge: BPs

Permission Slip Due: March 31

15 Mile Bike Ride

When: April 18

Where: Contra Costa & Ygnacio Canal

Adult in Charge: Mr. Jasty

Patrol in Charge: Huskies

Permission Slip Due: TBD

Camporee

When: April 24-26

Where: Rancho Los Mochos Scout Camp

Adult in Charge: Mr. R. Chan

Patrol in Charge: Scorpions

Permission Slip Due: March 24

Meetings

April 6-10 – Spring Break

April 14 – Troop Meeting

April 21 – Troop Meeting

April 28 – PLC / BOR

April 30 – Roundtable

April 2 – ASM Meeting

Explore Archery BSA – April and May

By Mr. Huen

Our council is proud to present a UNIQUE and INNOVATIVE program in Archery.

This six-session course is designed to teach scouts of all ages the fundamentals of archery based on concepts developed in the National Training System.

Through exercises, fun games & friendly competitions, participants of Explore Archery BSA will learn the Shot Cycle developed by USA Olympic Training Program Head Coach Kisik Lee.

By demonstrating their understanding of the Shot Cycle, participants can earn up to 5 levels of achievement awards. At the completion of the course, interested potential archers will be advised how to proceed to the next level of this sport.

We will be providing and teaching with **recurve** bows only. Prior archery experience is not required. However, maturity, ability to follow instructions, and a calm attitude are a must!

This is not a “shoot-n-leave” event. All participants are required to learn and assist in setting up and breaking down the archery range and archery equipment.

This is **not** designed for earning merit badge requirements although we might provide an open station for bowstring and arrow making, depending on staff availability.

The first session on April 4th is **mandatory** as we cover important material such as safety, proper form, and equipment that is

essential in earning the achievement awards.

Schedule:

Saturdays 9 am to 12:30 pm

April 4th (Mandatory), April 11th, April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th.

All six sessions are held at historic Camp Herms.

Please go to <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/explore-archery?did=1084> to sign up for this opportunity.

Parent Meeting – April 21

By Dr. Laubach

Our next Parent meeting will be Tuesday April 21st right after flags. We will meet at the library. We welcome all families to attend!

Meridian District

Camporee – April 24-26

By Mr. R. Chan

Spring is coming and with spring every year, we have Camporee. ALL SCOUTS are encouraged to attend. There is something for EVERYONE.

Camporee is a weekend overnight outing for your scouts. They spend late Friday, Saturday and parts of Sunday at Los Mochos participating in friendly competition with other troops, play lots of games, shooting, archery, and friendly cooking competition. All troops in our area participates at Camporee!

Permission slips are available on the web site for the [Camporee](#) and a [firearm permission](#) form

Contact Mr. R. Chan (925-548-6179) if you have questions.

Next Month's Theme: Water Fun

Outings

15-Mile Bike Ride

When: May 9

Where: TBD

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Kim

Patrol in Charge: Dragons

Permission Slip Due: TBD

Art & Wind Festival Flag Ceremony

When: May 24-25

Where: San Ramon Central Park

Adult in Charge: Mr. Laubach

Patrol in Charge: Order of the Arrow

Permission Slip Due: TBD

Relay for Life

When: May 30-31

Where: California High School

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Patrol in Charge: Order of the Arrow

Permission Slip Due: TBD

Point Reyes Backpacking

When: May 30-31

Where: Point Reyes

Adult in Charge: Mr. Gary

Patrol in Charge: BPs

Permission Slip Due: TBD

Meetings

May 5 – Troop Meeting

May 12 – Troop Meeting

May 19 – Troop Meeting / Parents Meeting

May 25 – Memorial Day – No School

May 26 – PLC / BOR

May 29 – Roundtable

May 14 – ASM Meeting

Morgan Territory Backpacking – April 11-12

By Mr. Gary

On April 11-12, we'll have a two-day backpacking trek through the Morgan Territory Preserve, the Los Vaqueros Watershed, and into Round Valley Regional Preserve. We'll hike approximately 5-6 miles each day, with little climbing, and a net elevation loss from start to finish. This is beautiful country in spring, and we'll have a chance to warm up our legs for the coming season. This trip is open to 3rd year scouts (HB's, Dragons) and above who have been on prior backpacks.

The permission slip is posted on the website here. Note: The permission slip and payment is due next Tuesday, March 31st at our Court of Honor.

Scouts will need to have a mandatory pack check after the Court of Honor Tuesday March 31, or on Tuesday April 7 (during spring break) at 7:00 pm at Mr. Mahoney's house, or by special appointment prior to April 7.

For questions, contact Mr. Gary (todd@thegarys.net) or Mr. Mahoney (randmaho@pacbell.net)

15-Mile Bike Ride – May 9

By Mrs. Kim

Save the date of May 9th for another bike ride sponsored by the Dragons patrol. Keep your bikes tuned and watch out for more details coming soon.

Final Jelly Belly Order Delivery - April 14th.

By Mrs. Kim

Don't forget!

Summer Camp Medical Forms due no later than May 28th

By Tracy Marshall



BSA Medical Forms

MEDICAL FORMS: Please remember medical forms are required for all scouts and adults attending summer camp. Please plan accordingly as doctor appointments may need to be planned. They also require a Tetanus booster shot within the **LAST 10 YEARS**.

We need the following:

1. Fill out the latest Medical Form Part A, B, and C

You can get a copy of the latest medical form by following this [link](#).

2. For Part "B" - please remember to **have BOTH parents SIGN** the form
3. For Part "C" - please have your son's doctor fill this portion out and **the doctor must SIGN part C** If you have not done so already, Make sure to schedule your doctor's appointment ASAP



4. We need a **ONE PAGE** photo copy of your primary Insurance Card (FRONT and BACK) attached to the medical forms.

In summary, we need all parts (A, B, and C) filled in (SIGNED by a parent on part B and SIGNED doctor in part C AND photo copy of your insurance card (one page) - front and back of the card.

Note: Please list all medications expected to be sent to camp. If you son has food allergies/restrictions, please include this information. This would be a good time to be sure you have enough of any prescription or OTC medications needed. These should be in their original containers and will be given to one of our summer camp medical ASM the morning of camp departure.

PLEASE REMEMBER: All **MEDICAL FORMS** and copy of the insurance card are **DUE** no later than **May 28th, 2015**

Flag Ceremony for Art & Wind Festival – May 25

By Dr. Laubach



Please join us in the Memorial Day Tribute flag ceremony at the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival on Monday, May 25. This will also help fulfill the second class rank requirement for an outdoor flag ceremony. Look for future details in the upcoming permission slip.

Point Reyes 10-Mile Backpacking – May 30-31

By Mr. Gary

Save the weekend of May 30th for the Pt. Reyes backpacking outing. This trip will provide an opportunity to learn how to properly pack and wear a backpack, use backpacking tents and equipment, and experience the wide variety of backpacking food

options. And more important, we will have an opportunity to spend time in an area known worldwide for its beauty.

Details coming soon.

Relay for – May 30-31

By Mr. Screechfield



We will be assisting the American Cancer Society at their premiere local fund raising event Relay for Life. We will need scouts to help with set-up and take down for the event. Participation will count for Service Hours needed for rank advancement. This is also a great opportunity to earn your 8 hours for the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. The shifts needed will be decided in the future.

The event will be held at Cal High School, 9870 Broadmoor Drive, San Ramon at the Football Stadium.

For questions, please contact Kent Screechfield at 925-570-1999 or kscreechfield@trcsolutions.com.

Permission slips and more details will be available soon.

Educational Series: Skillz Phase One

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Examiner.com



First phase of Boy Scout rank advancement teaches early scout skills

The Scout method identifies rank advancement as one of its seven core elements. Scouts advance progressively in a self-paced, self-governed manner through participation, study, activity and education. For their efforts, scouts are eventually awarded by ranking-up, with a series of symbolic uniform patches, merit badges and a formal advancement ceremony called a Court of Honor.

Advancement is considered to have two phases: the first phase spans four ranks, from Scout to First Class, and the second phase focuses on leadership and responsibility to the troop and community.

The first four rank advancements are pivotal to the future of the young boy scout. Each rank teaches progressively challenging lessons about scouting principles and self-reliance.



Scout- Initial rank awarded after joining

The scout has to meet a minimum age requirement of eleven years old, or ten years old and completion of the 5th grade. He has to locate a nearby active troop. He'll learn scout lingo, signs, salutes, and

handshakes. The youngster will memorize the scout oath, scout motto, slogan, and scout promise. He'll even

become proficient in tying a basic square knot.



Tenderfoot- Personal safety and fitness

This is where it starts to get fun. The tenderfoot scout learns how to prepare and pack for camping trips. During an overnight camping trip, he'll help pitch the troop tent, prepare troop meals and participate in a flag ceremony. The tenderfoot

will learn safety on the trail, during hikes and while in camp. To do all of these things, of course, the scout will need to be proficient in more complicated knot-tying and first-aid. By this time, he has shown improvement in his physical fitness.



Second Class- Wildlife, outdoors and camping

It's why they join! Hiking, swimming, camping and wilderness adventure. The Second Class scout knows his way around the forest. He can work a compass and read a map. He's hiked at least 5 miles.

The scout will build a fire, sharpen an axe and prepare troop meals. By now he can swim safely and identify hazardous forest conditions and wildlife. For the first time, the young man learns the importance of conducting one of Scouting's greatest foundations; the service project.



First Class- The independent, self-reliant spirit

Being part of a group and a member of a troop is important to a scout. So too, is learning how to rely on one-self. Independence is a key-learning of this rank. The boy scout can now take care of himself in the

great outdoors. If he loses his compass, he can still navigate in the woods. He can cook and prepare food for a whole day; not just one meal. The developing scout has attempted to recruit new boys into the troop, participated in nearly a dozen troop events and held a position of authority among his peers. He has even met with an elected official in the community.

Educational Series: Skillz Phase Two

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Examiner.com



Phase two of scout rank advancement focuses on leadership

When your young scout attends his first troop meeting, he symbolically steps foot on his first scout trail, and first phase of advancement; the trail to first class. It may take one to three years, but eventually he completes that first phase. During phase two of scout rank advancement, the maturing Boy Scout spends his time and energy honing his leadership skills.

Phase two spans three rank advancements, from Star to Eagle. Rife with opportunities to learn life-lessons in leadership, service, and self-sufficiency, your older Boy Scout branches out into the community beyond the comfort of his troop. To advance, your scout must complete community service requirements and hold positions-of-authority within the troop. The Eagle project awaits, as the consummate community service project that paves the way to the Eagle board of review.



Star Rank - a scout in transition

The troop begins to expect more from the scout, once he earns the Star rank. He'll need to earn six merit badges, 4 of which are carefully selected Eagle-required merit badges. Because merit badges are awarded in

recognition of participation, focus and organization, this requirement is a fitting benchmark for this rank. Reaching out to the community, your Star scout provides several hours of valuable community service. As well, he holds a leadership position in the troop.



Life Rank - leadership

He is a leader now, and his actions matter. He's proving to be a valuable asset to the troop, a fine representative of Boy Scouts America, and a budding pillar in his community. Your scout is comfortable in his skin as a mentor to younger scouts, and learning to accept more responsibility. Now, he sets his sights on his path to Eagle; the hallmark of scouting.



Eagle Rank - legacy

To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout - the pinnacle of scout rank advancement - your young man will complete 21 merit badges - some specifically required by the BSA - during his years in scouting. As if that achievement isn't robust enough, the Eagle Scout must lead and complete a challenging community service project that benefits a non-profit or civic organization in his community. The project leaves a lasting legacy in the community, long after your boy has grown and left the youth ranks of scouting. According to the Boy Scouts of America, in 2014, only five percent of all boy scouts earn the rank of Eagle.

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)

February (Winter Sports/Kamikaze Platypi)

- 10 Mile Bike Ride (Sun 02/08) Yellow Jackets – K. Chan
- 30th Anniversary Party (Sat 02/07)
- Intermediate Snow Camping (Sat 02/14 – Mon 02/16) – Kamikaze Platypi – T. Gary, R. Mahoney
- Beginner Snow Camping – Snow Shoe (Sun 02/15 – Mon 02/16) – Honey Badgers – K. Screechfield, B. Miyao

March (Trek Lightly/Dragons)

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

April (Skillz/Wolverines)

- School Service Project (Tue 04/07) – OA – T. Huen
- Sunol Backpacking & Morgan Territory Backpacking (Sat 04/11 – Sun 04/12) – BPs – K. Screechfield, R. Mahoney, R. Chan and T. Gary
- 15 Mile Bike Ride (Sat 04/18) – Huskies – TBD
- Camporee (Fri 04/24 – Sun 04/26) – Scorpions – J. Garrahan and R. Chan

May (Water Fun/Lightning)

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

June (Camping/Huskies)

- Fages II (Sat 06/06) – OA – A. Carstensen
- Camp Cherry Valley (Sun 06/21 – Sat 06/27)

July (Fishing/Radioactive Gummies)

- July 4th Parade (Sat 07/04) – OA - S. Evans
- 25 Mile Bike Ride (Sat 07/11) Lightning - TBD
- Camp Wente (Sun 07/12 – Sat 07/18)
- Pulmas 25 Mile Backpacking (Fri 07/24 – Mon 07/27) BPs- R. Chan
- Donnor Fishing (Fri 07/24 – Sun 07/26) – Radioactive Gummy – G. Aikin, G. Coughlin

August (Science/Honey Badgers)

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

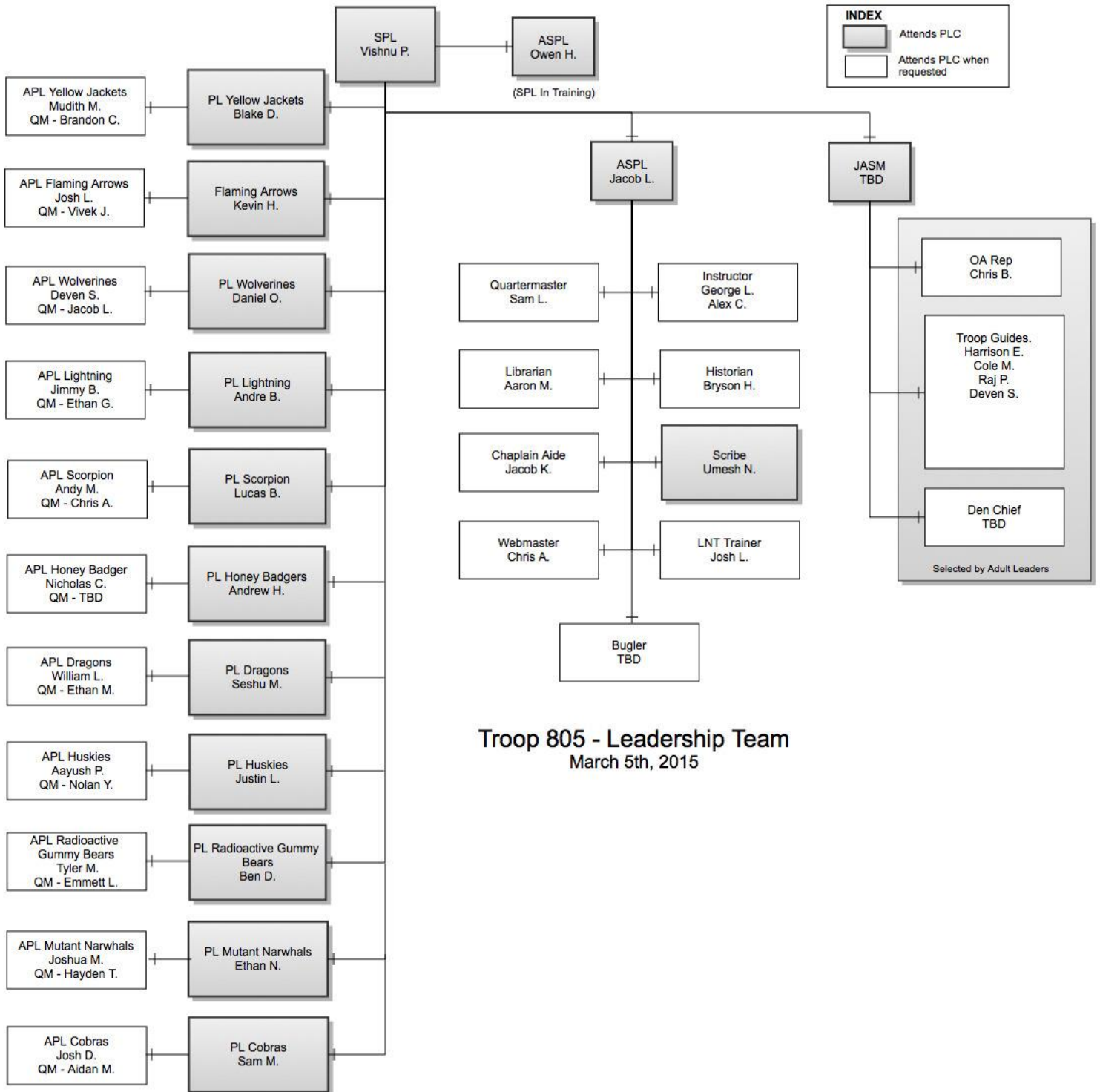
September (Rocking it/Dragons)

- 9/11 Memorial Service (09/11) – OA – S. Kim
- Advance Camp – (Sat 09/26) Dragons – S. Kim

October (Haunted/Scorpions)

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

Troop 805 2014 Leadership Chart



Troop 805 - Leadership Team
March 5th, 2015