



# Troop Tidings

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Troop 805  
Danville, CA

## Wente Summer Camp Parent Meeting – June 9

*By Dr. Laubach*

Our second summer camp Parent meeting is Tuesday June 9th for **Camp**

**Wente**. We will meet at the library right after flags. We will go over all the

logistics, so this meeting is mandatory for the parents of the camp participants!



## Donnor Fishing – July 24-26

*By Mr. Aikin*

Donner Lake Fishing!

Lions and Tigers and ..... Trout? Ohhh Yea!

Hey all you Fish Slayers out there. Forget about lions and tigers, its Fishin' season again. Time to head back up to Donner Lake and slay us some trout! School will be out and many of you are planning July vacations, so be sure to Save the Date: Friday July 24th – Sunday July 26th. Ooooooh, I can smell those trout frying in the pan with butter and garlic already! More information to come soon.



## 25-Mile Bike Ride – June 11

*By Mr. Gary*

**Attention Troop 805 Cyclists!** We are continuing our progressive series of troop bike rides this season with a 25-mile ride on Saturday, July 11. This will be a key preparation ride for the August 22-23 two-day, 2x25 mile ride down Pacific Coast Highway from Half Moon Bay to Santa Cruz, so be sure to come, and save these dates, if you're aiming to join us on this fantastic coastal camping/cycling adventure. While the exact route for our 25-mile ride is yet to be determined, we are aiming to ramp it up with a mix of street and trail, hills and flats, and (as always) fantastic scenery. A prerequisite for this 25-mile ride is having ridden two (2) bike rides with the troop totaling 25 miles or equivalent. As always, proper safety equipment (helmet, gloves, bright jersey, sunglasses, and sunscreen) and an ABC Bike Check will be required. Riders should carry their own water and equipment to fix/change a flat tire. Plan on a four or five-hour outing with some lunch involved. Parents and leaders are welcome on all our rides, so come join the fun. Stay tuned for more details on the route...



## This Month's Theme: Camping

### Outings

Fages II - Canceled

#### Camp Cherry Valley

**When:** June 21-27

**Where:** Camp Cherry Valley

**Adult in Charge:** Mrs. Miyao

**Outing SPL:** Jacob L.

### Meetings

June 2 – PLC / BOR

June 9 – Troop Meeting / Parents Meeting

June 16 – Troop Meeting

June 21-27 – Camp Cherry Valley

June 23 – No Troop Meeting

June 30 – PLC / BOR

June 4 – ASM Meeting

## Plumas 25-Mile Backpacking – July 24-27

By Mr. R. Chan

Troop 805 will be heading on our 25 Mile Plumas Backpacking adventure in late July (24-27th). This is an amazing adventure! We will be exploring the Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges doing a 25 mile loop - doing parts of our hike on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT). This is a High Adventure outing and it gives our older scouts a chance to challenge themselves and explore the beauty of nature.



The 2014 Philmont crew did this outing last year and voted it as one of the BEST OUTINGS they have ever been on. For Scouts going on the 50 Miler, this outing is mandatory since this is our last "shake down" hike before doing the 50 Miler hike at Emigrant Wilderness.

So, scouts who love hiking, who are doing the 50 Miler, or who are doing Northern Tier next year please consider attending this awesome activity. You will not be disappointed!

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – July 4

By Mr. Evans

Save the date for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade participation and service project.



## Relay for Life: Friends of Troop 805 Team

By Mrs. Miyao

A huge thank you to our Relay for Life team members for raising money as well as walking and running! Also, thank you for those troop parents who donated money to our team. Our team raised over \$2,400 in the fight against Cancer and we had a great weekend! If you are still interested in donating to our team, we will be [accepting donations](#) until the end of August. We had such a great time, we will be doing it again next year!

### THANK YOU!

Barbara Miyao  
Dean Miyao  
Kent Screechfield  
Glen Aikin  
Pete Alexander  
Yurika Toyofuku  
Desiree Bussiere  
Gerry Crane  
Nikki Bodmer  
Hayden Curtis  
Thomas Doebeli

## Next Month's Theme: Fishing

### Outings

#### July 4 Parade

**When:** July 4

**Where:** Downtown Danville

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Evans

**Patrol in Charge:** Order of the Arrow

**Permission Slip Due:** June 30

#### 25-Mile Bike Ride

**When:** July 11

**Where:** TBD

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Jasty

**Patrol in Charge:** Lightning

**Permission Slip Due:** July 11

#### Plumas 25 Mile Backpacking

**When:** July 24-27

**Where:** Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT)

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. R. Chan

**Patrol in Charge:** BPs

**Permission Slip Due:** June 30

#### Donnor Fishing

**When:** July 24-26

**Where:** Donnor Lake

**Adult in Charge:** Mr. Screechfield

**Patrol in Charge:** Radioactive Gummy Bears

**Permission Slip Due:** June 30

### Meetings

July 3 – No School / Independence Day observed

July 7 – Court of Honor

July 12-18 – Camp Wente

July 14 – No Troop Meeting

July 21 – Troop Meeting

July 28 – PLC / BOR

July 9 – ASM Meeting

## Help wanted...Newsletter editor

*By Dr. Laubach*

Are any of you wonderful parents wondering how you can help out the Troop? We need someone to step up to eventually take over as the T805 Newsletter article editor. Please email me at [CC@Troop805.org](mailto:CC@Troop805.org) if you are interested.

## Advance Camp Sign-up – June 16

*By Mrs. Kim*

Mark your calendars for Advance Camp coming on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Sixty (60) Merit Badges and Trailhead will be offered. Permission slips and \$27 payment are due by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent Meeting Notes

*By Mrs. Kim*

April 21, 2015

T805 Committee Chair Ed Laubach **welcomed** parents at the start of the meeting.

T805 Treasurer Wayne Leong reviewed the **troop finances**. Assets consist of cash, scout store credit, prepaid rental and inventory. Inventory consists of T-shirts, neckerchief, and patches. This inventory will be significantly adjusted once the annual inventory sale count has been finalized in the coming weeks. The P&L is still net positive as of April 2015 because planned expenses have not materialized yet. For example, the summer camps bus fee and ASM expense reports have not been paid out.

Ed Laubach talked about the **summer camp medical forms**. We need the Annual Health and Medical Form Parts A, B, & C. Part C needs to be signed by a medical doctor. Also, remember to include allergies and over-the-counter medications on the forms if your scout has them. We also need a copy of the front and back of all medical cards. There will be a section in the permission slip box for your Scout & attending adults to turn in the forms.

T805 Youth Protection Coordinator Lai-King Leong reminded parents that **Youth Protection Training** is required for all T805 parents and is valid for 2 years. She will let you know if you YPT expired. If you need to renew, you can retake the course online at

<https://myscouting.scouting.org/1ayouts/MyScouting/login.aspx>.

When complete, please printout the training completion certificate. Ed Laubach then talked about our **Unit Scouter of the Year awards**. We have a lot of wonderful adult volunteers and every year we recognize someone who has gone above and beyond for our Troop. This year, we will be honoring two special volunteers, **Stella Yu Lei and Dirk Dougherty**. Stella has done such wonderful work with revamping our T805 website and Dirk has done a fantastic job the past few years as our Newsletter editor. They will be honored at the 2015 Meridian District Dinner and Awards Ceremony, Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. All are invited.

The ASMs proposed a **mileage reimbursement** of 0.57 cents per mile for events greater than 25

miles one way. This mileage cost will be incorporated into the event cost. This was approved and seconded.

Other announcements:

The **summer camp bus fees** to Cherry Valley is \$200 round trip in addition to the camp cost. The bus to Wente is \$83 in addition to the camp cost.

T805 ASM Barbara Miyao talked about how it is good for scouts to participate in other Scouts **Eagle Projects** and attend other scouts **Eagle Courts of Honor**. T805 Eagle Scouts Alex Colello & Chris Behring both have their Eagle Courts of Honor coming up in May.

Barbara Miyao also announced that the troop should come out and help support **Relay For Life**.

There will two mandatory **Summer Camp Parent Meetings**: May 19<sup>th</sup> for those scouts going to Cherry Valley Summer Camp...June 9<sup>th</sup> for those scouts going to the Wente Summer Camp.

It was decided that the **T805 Membership Chair** formerly held by ASM Pete Alexander will be filled by an uniformed adult leader.

We are adding another **Camping Trip/Hike** in the fall at **Mt. Diablo** on 9/18-9/19 (there is just no time in June or July to add

another camping trip). T805 ASM's Barbara Miyao and John Marshall will be the adult leaders & it will be sponsored by the Cobra Patrol

We are opening up the 5/30-5/31 **Pt. Reyes backpacking outing to 2nd year scouts** who have went on at least one T805 backpacking outing.

T805 Scoutmaster Ray Chan sent out an email yesterday: We have a very special guest attending one of our troop meetings in May. **Congressman Mark DeSaulnier** serving California's 11th Congressional District will be attending our Troop meeting on May 26th, 2015...All Scouts and parents are encouraged to attend.

Because of Congressman DeSaulnier's visit, we will be moving the PLC (Patrol Leader Council) to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

T805 ASM Neal Matsunaga facilitated an educational talk about the **Eagle Scout Advancement Trail**. We have three T805 Eagle advisors: Neil Matsunaga, Alan Carstensen & Sue Oki. They discussed the Eagle process where Scouts earn merit badges, complete requirements, and complete an Eagle Service Project. The scout can do the requirements in any order.

The [\*Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook\*](#) is an important and

useful working document and can be found online. When selecting a project, it should be within their interest and passion. It is typical to go through several iterations of a project idea. A project idea should demonstrate planning, leadership, and organizing skills in carrying out the project. The detailed project plan requirement can take a long time for the scout. The adult advisor's role is to make sure the Scout is successful by helping prepare documentation and help thinking through all details. After the detailed project plan is approved, the scout completes the project, then completes post-project documentation. During the Scoutmaster/Committee chair conference, they determine if the scout finished all the requirements (including writing an essay and getting several letters of recommendations), then he goes to the District Board of Review, then the documentation gets sent to the National Board of Review (which can take 4-6 weeks), then the scout plans his Eagle Court of Honor.

Meeting Adjourned.

## Educational Series: Why Do Scouts Go Camping?

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Scoutmastercg.com

It is hard to explain why we go camping beyond the typical answers about having fun, teamwork, physical activity, and I realized a lot of activities could accomplish those ends.

Why do Scouts go camping? Is it just to get outdoors? Most importantly, is camping essential to Scouting or is it just an option?

Is there anything else we could do that would have the same benefits?

I turned to a favorite book, Walden, and I had my answer;

*“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.*

*I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear; nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary.*

*I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms.”*

— Henry David Thoreau, Walden:  
*Or, Life in the Woods*

Yes, by the way, I understand Thoreau didn't camp out at Walden, (he built a cabin). What's important is why he decided to separate himself from the typical, every-day life he had known.

What happens when Scouts go camping is similar, yet it is not quantifiable or particularly easy to explain.

## Why Do Scouts go Camping?



**Camping** requires living deliberately, examining the essential facts of life.

**Camping** requires establishing an outpost of civilization, managing resources, setting routines, cooperating, and learning the practicalities of interdependence.

**Camping** requires recreating the mechanisms of survival, applying specialized skills, depending on what we can do with our hands.

**Camping** takes us to the frontier where nature and civilization meet; we can learn a lot about both if we keep our eyes open.

**Camping** separates from everyday life because camping is at odds with everyday life.

**Camping** means leaving distractions behind; it is just us, the forest, and our fellow Scouts.

**Camping** means pushing ourselves physically and mentally beyond our normal sphere of comfort.

**Camping** asks us to take ourselves as we are, it's hard to be someone you aren't in the wild.

**Camping** inspires humility, to confront our frailty in the face of the natural world.

**Camping** inspires reverence for nature and teaches us where we fit in the grand scheme of things.

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## Educational Series: How to Build a Campfire

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Scoutmastercg.com

Here's a simple formula for how to build a campfire, it's easy to remember... 'Gather' and 'Build' are the key concepts:



**GATHER**

...everything before you strike a match. The sizes and amounts are rules of thumb, don't over-engineer things. For some reason my Scouts always seem to break the sticks they gather into tiny pieces, keep them close to the sizes specified and you'll have a better chance of succeeding.

**BUILD**

...don't be overly concerned with trying to make a teepee or a log cabin or any of the traditional illustrated fire lays that look nice and neat – get the tinder burning, add the kindling and then the fuel. A fire has to have something to burn, don't be shy. Most of my fires are piles, some look a little like teepees, just do what works. Fires spread up more than out, get the kindling and fuel directly over the flame.

**HOW TO BUILD A CAMPFIRE**

**GATHER** tinder, kindling and fuel together in the sizes and quantities shown before any matches are struck. Sizes and quantities are just a 'rule of thumb' - get close to the descriptions and you'll do fine. Don't make any of it too short or too big around.

**BUILD** the fire by adding kindling wood to the burning tinder and then adding fuel to the fire as it grows. No need for a fancy fire lay, build it as you go.

**Tinder** from dead twigs found on the lower branches of trees and shrubs that snaps off easily when bent. No green wood!

**Kindling** should be dry, don't gather wet wood from the forest floor. Look for branches that are dead and down, not on the tree.

**Fuel** should be dry, split larger wood if possible and have a good sized stack on hand before you light the fire.

**TINDER**  
Around the size of a pencil lead.  
No shorter than your outstretched hand.  
Enough to fill a circle made with your hands.

**KINDLING**  
No thicker than your thumb.  
About as long as your elbow to your fingertips.  
Enough for a generous armload.

**FUEL**  
About as thick as your wrist.  
About as long as your arm.  
A stack about as high as your knee.

- 1 Bend the tinder in half and light the center.
- 2 Add kindling, keep piling it on loosely, give the fire plenty of kindling to keep growing.
- 3 As the kindling begins to burn begin adding fuel.

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**Humor: Packing for a Camping Trip**

By Dr. Laubach

Joshua and Jacob are packing for a camping trip.

Jacob: Do you have a flashlight?

Joshua: Check.

Jacob: Water bottles?

Joshua: Check.

Jacob: Compass?

Joshua: Check.

When they get to the campsite, they have none of those things.

Jacob: I thought you said we had a flashlight, water bottles and a compass.

Joshua: I checked everywhere but couldn't find them.



## 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**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CoH (01/06)

### February (Winter Sports/Kamikaze Platypi)

- 10 Mile Bike Ride (Sun 02/08) **Yellow Jackets** – **K. Chan**
- 30<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

### July (Fishing/Radioactive Gummies)

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade (Sat 07/04) – **OA** - **S. Evans**
- 25 Mile Bike Ride (Sat 07/11) **Lightning** – **C. Jasty**
- **Camp Wente (Sun 07/12 – Sat 07/18)**
- Plumas 25 Mile Backpacking (Fri 07/24 – Mon 07/27) **BPs** - **R. Chan**
- Donnor Fishing (Fri 07/24 – Sun 07/26) – **Radioactive Gummy** – **K. Screechfield**

### 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**

