



Troop Tidings

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Troop 805
Danville, CA

50-Mile Bike Ride

Calling all experienced cyclists!
Our 50-Mile Bike Ride will be Saturday October 24 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will start at Los Lomas High School in the southern part of Walnut Creek, and travel through the San Ramon valley to the town of Sunol... and back! Riders will eat lunch in Sunol to fuel up for the return trip. Note that there are eligibility requirements associated with this trip, and it takes place on the first day of the Hornet overnighter. Please contact Mr. Gary immediately if you plan on riding. Get all the details [here](#).

USS Hornet Overnight

Just a reminder that the USS Hornet Overnight outing is coming up 10/24-10/25! For those scouts who turned in permission slips by the deadline, get ready for a Hauntingly good time!



Black Diamond Mines Campout

The trip to the Black Diamond Mines is this weekend and participants will have a blast!



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Popcorn Sale Update



The annual BSA popcorn sale is well underway. Scouts who sell popcorn earn commissions that can be used for camps and other scout activities. Sales end on October 20, so you have just under two weeks to go!

Still have questions or need an order form? Get it [here](#).

This Month's Theme: Haunted

Outings

October Court of Honor

When: October 6
Where: Sycamore Elementary
Host: Troop 805
RSVP: Evite

Black Diamond Mines

When: October 10-11
Where: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve
Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen
Sponsoring Patrol: RGB

USS Hornet

When: October 24-25
Where: USS Hornet Museum
Adult in Charge: Mr. Yamada
Patrol in Charge: Goodmen

50 Miler Bike Ride

When: October 24
Where: Las Lomas High School
Adults in Charge: Mr. Marshall, Mr. Chan
Patrol in Charge: Wolverines

Meetings

October 6 – COH

October 13 – Troop Meeting

October 20 – Troop Meeting

November 19 - Roundtable

October 27 – PLC / BOR

October 8 – ASM Meeting

Scouting for Food

November 14th & 21st

- By Mrs. Yu and Dr. Laubach



October is here and the harvest season has begun! What will be on your table this season? Apples? Pumpkins? Turkeys? And maybe popcorn?! The array of food is limitless but don't let it blind us from those who are struggling. Do you know as many as one in eight Contra Costa residents relies on the Food Bank for healthy meals?

With your help, we can make a difference! Mark your calendar now and come join us in this annual BSA food drive.

We will be distributing door hangers on November 14th (Sat), collecting and delivering food donations on November 21st (Sat). We need drivers on both days. Details and permission slip are forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Mini Golf



Mark November 25 on your calendars for the annual mini-golf event. More details to follow...

9/11 Memorial

By Mrs. Kim

On Friday, September 11, 2015, scouts Andrew K., Joshua M., Jason S., Aidan M., Nolan Y. and ASMs Susan Kim and Tony Mo participated in the Community Remembrance event at Oak Hill Park. Along with other troops in the area, they held flags at the All Wars Memorial.



Several community leaders spoke about the importance of never forgetting the tragedy and the San Ramon Valley High School chamber choir sang musical tributes. We were honored by the presence and words of the keynote speaker, Bert Upson, a survivor of the south tower. He signed copies of his book, while community supporters served free hamburgers, chips, apples, ice cream and water. This is a wonderful community event the troop should be proud to be a part of.



Friendly Reminder

Everyone needs to make sure to help take proper care of troop equipment. Please make sure it is always returned clean and intact. Your fellow scouts thank you!

Next Month's Theme: Service

Outings

Indoor Rock Climbing

When: November 7-8

Where: Diablo Rock Gym (Meet at Sycamore Park & Ride)

OSPL: (needed)

Permission Slip Due: 10/20/15

Scouting For Food

When: 11/14 Door Hanger Distribution
11/21 Food Collection

Where: Local neighborhoods TBD

Adults in Charge: Mrs. Yu, Mr. Laubach

Mini Golf

When: November 25

Meetings

November 3 – Webelos Open House

November 10 – Parents Meeting

November 17 – Troop Meeting

November 19 - Roundtable

November 24 – PLC / BOR

November 12 – ASM Meeting

Indoor Rock Climbing



This overnight event is going to be loads of fun, and scouts will have a chance to complete requirements for the Climbing Merit Badge. [Get complete details](#). Don't delay... the [permission slip](#) and [liability form](#) are due on October 20th.

Advance Camp Review

By Mrs. Kim



What a productive Saturday our scouts had on September 26th at AdvanceCamp in Antioch! By the end of the day, 46 of our Troop 805 scouts completed 37 Merit Badges and 47 Partial Blue Cards. Over 2,000 scouts from various districts gathered together to learn about a multitude of subjects and skills from dedicated volunteers who staffed all the Merit Badge classes and served spaghetti lunch. This was a large outing that depended on Owen Hitchcock as OSPL and also on our Troop parents who stayed the day and those who drove. Thank you to Ada Ma, Joe Ghatta, Russ Pon, Bernard Kiriakos, Yan Xiu, Barry Brents, Don Bussiere, Keith Chan, Marilyn Mathis, Arline Siu, Maria Brandica, Larry Leong, Dan

Benveniste, Peter Ngo, and Yuji Yamada. The scouts could not have gone to this event without your help and your time. If your scout is interested in attending next year, save the date: September 24, 2016.

Parent Meeting November 10, 2015 7:05-8:00pm



Dear Parents, please come to the Troop 805 Parent Meeting in the Sycamore Library. It's during the regular Tuesday meeting time, so since you'll be here anyway, why not join us? Find out how you can stay connected to your scout's accomplishments and activities throughout the year!

Adventure is Calling...



Interested in an 11-day canoeing trek along the US/Canada border? There are openings in the Northern Tier High Adventure trip in July 2016, for 4th year and above scouts, and parent volunteers. The experience will be epic, and the memories will last a lifetime. For info, see Mr. Todd Gary's email from September 9th.

Educational Series: Haunted... October 2015 Theme

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from *Boy's Life*

35 funny Halloween jokes

Happy Halloween! Here are 35 funny Halloween jokes by *Boys' Life* readers that will make you scream with laughter.



Michael: What treat do eye doctors give out on Halloween?

Matthew: I don't know. What?

Michael: Candy corneas.

Submitted by Michael and Matthew A., Elba, N.Y.

A photographer goes to a haunted castle determined to get a picture of a ghost. The ghost he encounters turns out to be friendly and poses for a snapshot. The happy photographer dashes to his studio, develops the film and...learns that the photos are underexposed and completely blank.

Moral to the story: The spirit is willing, but the flash is weak.

Submitted by Jacob S., Lebanon, Ore.

Brett: What do mummies like listening to?

Brent: I don't know.

Brett: Wrap music!

Submitted by Brent J., Upper Arlington, Ohio

Bill: Why did the policeman ticket the ghost?

McKenzie: Why?

Bill: It didn't have a haunting license.

Submitted by Howard H., Newark, Calif.

Sarah: What are a ghost's favorite rides at the fair?

Brian: Tell me.

Sarah: The scary-go-round and rollerghoster!

Submitted by Sarah O., Springfield, Mo.

Max: What would you find on a haunted beach?

Sam: I'm stumped.

Max: A sand-witch!

Submitted by Maxwell C.

Chris: What's worse than being a five-ton witch?

Jill: No clue. Hit me with it.

Chris: Being her broom!

Submitted by Christian H., Fredericksburg, Va.

Daffynition: Pocahontas — A card game that comes back to scare you.

Submitted by Omkar S., San Jose, Calif.

Jake: Why couldn't the ghost see its mom and dad?

Philip: I don't know.

Jake: Because they were trans-parents!

Submitted by Jacob C., O'Fallon, Ill.

Brandon: Which ghost is the best dancer?

Nolan: I don't know.

Brandon: The Boogie Man!

Submitted by Chris S., Centennial, Colo.

Everett: What's a ghou's favorite game?

Francisco: What?

Everett: Hide-and-ghost-seek.

Submitted by Everett C., Tequesta, Fla.

Jerry: Why do ghosts like to ride in elevators?

Woody: Why?

Jerry: It raises their spirits.

Submitted by Matthew R., Dix Hills, N.Y.

Joshua: What do you get if you cross Bambi with a ghost?

Belia: What?

Joshua: Bamboo.

Submitted by Joshua T., Cheltenham, Pa.

Tim: What is a ghost's favorite dessert?

Tom: What?

Tim: Booberry pie.

Submitted by Joshua N., Napoleon, Ohio

Tom: What's a ghost's favorite room?

Jerry: I dunno.

Tom: The living room!

Submitted by Steven G., Virginia Beach, Va.

Tom Swiftie: "That ghost movie was horrible!" Tom booted.

Submitted by Zakir G., Los Angeles, Calif.

Aidan: What is a ghost's favorite Cub Scout event?

Taylor: What?

Aidan: Boo and Gold.

Aidan: What is a witch's favorite Cub Scout event?

Taylor: I give up.

Aidan: Brew and Gold.

Aidan: What is a werewolf's favorite Cub Scout event?

Taylor: What?

Aidan: Pack meetings, of course!

Submitted by Aidan T., Mount Airy, Md.

A book never written: "Ghost Hunting" by E. Gadd.

Submitted by Jet S., Ooltewah, Tenn.

Jess: Why don't ghosts like rain?

Thomas: Why?

Jess: It dampens their spirits!

Submitted by Jess W., Spartanburg, S.C.

Race: What is a goblin's favorite cheese?

Nathan: What is it?

Race: Monster-ella!

Submitted by Daniel B., Tyler, Tex.

Joker: Why did the monster's mother knit him three socks?

Harvey: I have no clue.

Joker: She heard he grew another foot!

Submitted by Matthew C., Gladstone, Mo.

Two monsters went to a party. Suddenly one said to the other, "A lady just rolled her eyes at me. What should I do?"

"Be a gentleman and roll them back to her."

Submitted by Billy J., Hershey, Pa.

Jack: Whom do monsters buy their cookies from?

Jill: Who?

Jack: The Ghoul Scouts.

Submitted by Jack R., Lake Villa, Ill.

Sam: What is Dracula's favorite circus act?

Ethan: Tell me.

Sam: He always goes for the juggler!

Submitted by Sam C., San Antonio, Tex.

Dale: What do you do if you want to learn more about Dracula?

Gayle: You join his fang club.

Submitted by Dale K., Somerset, Pa.

Bill: What can you say about a horrible mummy joke?

Bob: What?

Bill: It Sphinx!

Submitted by Eric H., San Diego, Calif.

Chris: What's a vampire's favorite fruit?

Taylor: I have no idea.

Chris: A necktarine!

Submitted by Christopher F., Wildwood, Mo.

Gracie: Why do vampires need mouthwash?

Selena: Why?

Gracie: Because they have bat breath.

Submitted by Gracie Y., Los Gatos, Calif.

A book never written: “Did a Vampire Bite Me?” by Chick Yerneck.

Submitted by Coleton M., Cary, N.C.

Bruce: What is a vampire’s favorite dance?

Kevin: I don’t know. What?

Bruce: The Fang-Dango.

Submitted by Zac D., Danville, Calif.

Trent: Why are vampires so easy to fool?

Brent: Why?

Trent: Because they’re suckers.

Submitted by Trenton G., Shaftsbury, Vt.

Eddie: What do you call a vampire that lives in a kitchen?

Red: What?

Eddie: Count Spatula.

Submitted by Sam M., Greensboro, N.C.

Tim: What would you get if you crossed a vampire and a teacher?

Tom: What?

Tim: Lots of blood tests!

Submitted by Tim T., Whitehall, N.Y.

Daffynition: Retreat—To get another piece of candy.

Submitted by Anthony P., Watkinsville, Ga.

Tom Swiftie: “I’m not eating too much candy,” Tom said sweetly.

Submitted by Kevin A., St. Louis, Mo.

How to carve the perfect pumpkin

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Boy’s Life

PICKING A PUMPKIN

- If you want your Jack-O-Lantern to have character, start with a pumpkin that already has character. An elongated pumpkin is perfect for a laughing face; a short, fat pumpkin could lend itself to a wide toothy grin. Bumps on the surface might turn into a nose or warty chin.

- Choose a pumpkin in good condition. The entire surface should be firm.

PREPARING YOUR PUMPKIN

- Draw a pattern directly on the pumpkin. Let the shape be your guide. A long pumpkin deserves a long face. Some pumpkins work better upside down. “Move it around and create the best effect,” Farmer Mike says.



- Use two felt-tipped pens, one a water-based temporary marker, the other permanent. The water-based pen is erasable and will allow you to modify your design.
- With the water-based pen, draw a line down the center of the face. This will help you to stay balanced. Mark the position of the nose a little below the middle of your line. Then mark a line for the height of the eyes. Determine the width of the eyes and make your marks. (The great artist Leonardo da Vinci believed the centers of the eyes and the center of the nose should form a perfect triangle.)
- Draw out the eyes and nose. Overdo the features—a large flat nose will show better than a small one. Draw the mouth and eyebrows. Complete the rest of the features, including wrinkles. Play with it until you are satisfied. When finished, redraw over your creation with the permanent marker. Wipe off your temporary marks with a damp cloth.



- Clean out your pumpkin—the messy part! If you plan to light the pumpkin with a candle, cut a hole in the top (to allow heat and smoke to escape) and take out the insides with a spoon. If you do not plan to light the pumpkin, you can cut a hole in the back where it will not be seen.

CARVING YOUR MASTERPIECE

- Use as much depth as possible without needlessly cutting through the pumpkin. To do this you need to know the thickness of the pumpkin. Cut a core sample from an area that will not be seen—the center of one eye, if you plan to leave it open, or the inside of the mouth). Note that the thickness can vary from one part of the pumpkin to another. Inspect the inside to see if there are thin spots.
- Carve using a “chip” method. The base of the nose is a logical place to start because the nose requires depth around it so it can look as though it is protruding from the face. Without cutting all the way through the rind, use in-and-out movements to create a cut around the outline of the nose. Then, angle in with a second cut (about three-quarters of an inch to the outside of the first cut) to notch out a wedge around the bottom of the nose. If done correctly, the wedge will fall out without leaving a hole in the pumpkin.
- Once the outline of the nose is exposed, cut off the orange rind and begin giving the nose its shape. Gently taper the bridge of the nose back into the head. Nostrils can be cut clear through the shell. Create freckles by leaving small circles of orange rind while removing the surrounding areas



- A candle or light bulb inside the pumpkin may add a great effect, but it will reduce the carving to mush in a matter of hours instead of days.
- Take plenty of photos.

- Cut the holes for the inside of the eyes and mouth. Leave the teeth intact. Later you can give shape to the teeth by cutting off the rind to recess them back from the lips and into the mouth. Continue with the cheeks, round the lips and finish the rest of the face.

- Set the eyes back into the pumpkin a little to make the face look more lifelike.

- Attempt to blend the features together and make any required changes. Give the pumpkin worry lines and wrinkles. Cut eyeballs from the back of the pumpkin to place in the eye sockets with toothpicks, or use “googlie eyes” from a craft store.

DISPLAYING YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN

- Display your carved pumpkin in a cool, dry location to make it last as long as possible—four to seven days is a long time.

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All You Need To Know About Halloween Candy



The M's in **M&M's** stand for Mars and Murrie, as in Forrest Mars and Bruce Murrie, the creators of the bite-size candy.

600
million pounds
The amount of **Halloween candy** sold each year.

During World War II **Tootsie Rolls** were included in soldiers' rations because of their durability under any weather conditions.



\$44

The amount that the average household spends on **Halloween candy**.

364

Number of licks it takes, on average, to get to the center of a **Tootsie Pop**.

When first introduced, **3 Musketeers** consisted of three separate chocolate, vanilla and strawberry pieces.



9
billion

Number of kernels of **candy corn** produced each year.

Top Five Best-Selling Halloween Candies

1. Candy Corn
2. Snickers
3. Reese's
4. Kit Kat
5. Milky Way



The name comes from the **German** word for **peppermint**: "Pfefferminz."

Candy I.D.

Identify the following chocolaty sweets:



ANSWERS: 1. Snickers, 2. Kit Kat, 3. Reese's, 4. Milky Way, 5. 3 Musketeers

W. GARTH DOWLING

TROOP 805 2014/2015 Outings Activities Calendar

November (Service/tbd)

- Indoor Rock Climbing (11/7-8 – Sat)
- Webelos Open House (11/03 – Tue)
- Scouting for Food (11/14 – Sat: Distribute Flyers – 11/21 – Sat: Food Pickup)
- Mini Golf (11/25 – Wed)

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)

- Canceled: 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) **Goodmen** – 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** – G. Aikin, K. Screechfield

August (Science/Dragons)

- Emigrant Wilderness 50 Miler Backpacking (Sat 8/08 – 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
- Mt. Diablo Overnighter (Fri 9/18 – Sat 9/19) – **Cobras** – J. Marshall, B. Miyao
- Advance Camp – (Sat 09/26) **Dragons** – S. Kim

October (Haunted/Goodmen)

- **Black Diamond Mine (Sat 10/10 – Sun 10/11) – Radioactive Gummy – T. Huen**
- **USS Hornet (Sat 10/24 – Sun 10/25) – Goodmen – New ASM**
- **50 Mile Bike Ride (Sat 10/24) – Wolverines J. Marshall, R. Chan**

