



Troop Tidings

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Troop 805
Danville, CA

January Court of Honor

Make sure to RSVP to your evite for the January Court of Honor and Potluck if you haven't already. It will be held on Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 pm in the Sycamore MPR.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor



Announcing Garrison W.'s Eagle Scout Court of Honor!

When: Sunday, January 3, 2016
Where: Canyon Creek Church

RSVP directly to Mr. Harper Wong by December 30 (look for the invitation in the mail).

Congratulations again Garrison!

Mt Saint Helena Hike & Overnighter



A hike to Mount St. Helena and an overnighter at Bothe-Napa Valley state park. (We will also tour a Petrified Forest!) This is an 11-mile round trip hike, with an elevation gain of 1,384 feet. At 4,343 feet, Mt. St. Helena is the highest peak in the East Bay. Completing the hike earns you the Mt. St. Helena leg of the Rim of the Bay hike series.

Dates: Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17, 2016

Meet: Saturday, Jan 16th 7:30AM @ Sycamore Park & Ride

Pickup: Sunday, Jan 17th 3:30PM @ Sycamore Park & Ride

Cost:

– \$110

– Optional [Rim of the Bay patch](#) (\$5.50) and Mt Saint Helena rocker (\$1.50)

Attire:

- Class B uniform is to be worn traveling to and during the hike.
- Class A is to be worn during the Petrified Forest tour and the return home.

Required: [Permission slip](#) due 01/05/2016 at Troop Meeting

Contact [Mr. Ray Chan](#) if you have questions.

This Month's Theme: Science and Academics

Outings

Exploratorium

When: December 12

Where: SF Exploratorium

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Miyao, Mrs. Wong

Sponsored by: Mutant Narwhals

Meetings

December 1 – Troop Meeting

December 8 – Troop Meeting

December 15 – PLC / BOR

December 10 – ASM Meeting

LEAD Training

By Mr. Chan and Mr. Screechfield

I know many of you adults really enjoy scouting - helping to support the program and volunteering to make this program fantastic for our scouts.

What better way to support Scouting than to attend TRAINING! Not just any training, but the BIGGEST Training event of 2016 -- Leader Education and Discovery (L.E.A.D).

This training event is OPEN to all adults in our troop. You do not have to be a uniformed leader. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can learn how to be a Merit Badge Counselor, how to cook with a Dutch oven, how to become CERT trained, and much more.

The format of the day is just like going back to school. You can select up to six classes and go from class to class (just like back in your college days!) You can use this [course list](#) to help with registration.

Cost is \$45 and includes lunch but the price goes up January 4, 2016.

**MAY THE
TRAINING
BE WITH YOU**

Details

EVENT: Leader Education and Discovery (L.E.A.D)

DATE: January 30th, 2016

TIME: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (on-site registration opens at 7:00 am)

LOCATION: Diablo Valley College (DVC) - 321 Golf Club Rd. Pleasant Hill, CA

Registration for L.E.A.D is here: [LEAD REGISTRATION](#)

Please sign up EARLY -- courses they fill up very fast! Just a quick bonus -- The Person who is the Course Director of L.E.A.D. (the guy in charge) is our very own Mr. Screechfield! So, we have the "inside scoop!" If you have any questions about L.E.A.D, please let Kent know.

Beginner and Intermediate Snow Camping



Save the dates:

Beginner - Feb 13th – 14th

Intermediate - Feb 13th – 15th

Intermediate Backpacking Training



Save the date: Feb 27th – 28th

New Leadership Team

The new Leadership chart is included in this newsletter. Congrats to all the new leaders! Outgoing leaders: Thank You for your service!

Next Month's Theme: Business

Outings

Federal Reserve Tour

When: **Postponed to Later Date**

Where: SF Fed Reserve

Adult in Charge: Mr. Evans

Mt Saint Helena Hike & Overnighter

When: January 16-17

Where: Mount St. Helena

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan

Permission Slip Due: January 5, 2016

L.E.A.D.

When: January 30

Where: DVC Pleasant Hill

Meetings

January 5 – COH

January 12 – Troop Meeting

January 19 – Troop Meeting

January 26 – PLC / BOR

January 28 – Roundtable

January 14 – ASM Meeting

Silver Beaver Among Us

By Mr. Chan

The Silver Beaver award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an adult volunteer within the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. Recipients of this award have dedicated years to supporting the Boy Scout program and have influenced many youths in so many positive ways.

For 2015, I am extremely proud to announce that our own **Rand Mahoney** will be receiving the Silver Beaver.

I can't begin to tell you how excited and proud I am for Rand. For many who know Rand, scouting is a passion for him. He dedicates his time, energy, and soul to make the scouting program a great experience for our boys - truly a great leader and friend.

For Troop 805, it's a great honor... Rand will be our sixth Silver Beaver. We are by far one of the best troops in our council. It's not too often you have a troop with this many Silver Beaver recipients.

The Silver Beaver Dinner will be 6:30pm on Saturday, February 20th, 2016 at the Contra Costa Country Club, 801 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA. If you would like to attend, email Mr. Chan directly with number of people attending. Cost is \$75 per person, checks payable to Troop 805. Money must be collected by January 19, 2016.

EVERYONE - Please join me in
CONGRATULATING RAND
FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Camp Wentle Details



Here are important details regarding this summer's Camp Wentle outing.

Date: June 26 – July 2, 2016
(Sunday – Saturday)

Drop off: Sunday, June 26,
8:00AM @ Sycamore Park n Ride

Pick up: Saturday, July 2,
4:00PM @ Sycamore Park n Ride

Location: [Wente Scout Reservation](#), Willits, CA ([map](#))

Cost: \$450 + \$? Transportation
Cost + extras for merit badges

Required:

– A check of \$200 nonrefundable
deposit made out to Troop 805

– [Camp reservation form and
Permission slip](#) due December
15th at PLC

– [BSA Health Form \(All parts A,
B, and C\)](#) due June 7th at Troop
Meeting

Details:

– [Presentation deck](#) – General Info
on Summer camp

– [Suggested packing list](#) – This is
just a suggestion. Most scouts
won't bring all of them.

– [Wente Leaders guide](#) – Last
summer's but contains loads of
info on Wentle

– [Daily schedule at camp](#) – Last
summer's (for reference only).

– [Merit badge schedule](#) – Last
summer's (for reference only).

Timeline:

12/15/2015: Reservation form,
permission slip, and 1st payment
of \$200 due

1/26/16: 2nd payment of \$100 due

2/23/16: 3rd payment of \$150 due

6/07/16: BSA Health Form due

6/26/16: Departure

7/02/16: Return

New Troop 805 Tents!

By Dr. Laubach



As discussed in the last Parent meeting, our current tents were in need of replacement. The ASM's created a 4 person tent task team to research & seek out the best tent value for our Troop. We brought several models to a recent Troop meeting and all decided to purchase the Taurus 3 Outfitter Tent.

The Taurus 3 Outfitter tent is a high quality three man tent that has many features that make it an ideal Scout tent. It is a 3-season tent made of an all nylon tent body (most tents now are made of polyester). It has clips to attach to the poles instead of sleeves you pass the poles through. This prevents a lot of wicking when the tent body isn't touching the fly due to the way the poles go through the tent pole sleeves. The tent fly goes all the way down to protect from wind blowing the water through the wall seams. It has heavy duty BIG Jumbo zippers (#10) that are easy to open and close. It has excellent ventilation capabilities.

The Taurus 3 is light enough (9lb, 8 oz) so a small 12 year old boy won't be strained by having it added to his backpack on a hike. It features strong aluminum tent

poles that won't allow the tent to collapse during the wind and rain. The Taurus 3 Outfitter tent has only two poles, which makes for very easy setup! The bottom of the tent is extra durable. It is made of heavy duty nylon, which is twice the weight of normal nylon floor material and is shaped like a tub so that there are no seams touching the ground. It has two doors & two vestibules that close up so they can leave dirty shoes and other gear outside their tent safe from weather. Best of all, we got an excellent price & a great value...a Scout has to be thrifty!

Our goal is to inspect our present tents & slowly phase them out depending on their conditions. As we roll out the new tents, be sure that your Scouts take extra care of them.



September 15th Parent meeting

T805 SM Ray Chan went over the proposed 2015-2016 Troop 805 Outings. Scouts voted on the events. The Parent Committee approved the Outings. The complete 2015-2016 Troop 805 Outings can be found on the T805 website.

ASM's John Marshall & Dan Benveniste went over the new Scout recruitment plans for the incoming 5th grade Scouts. The goal is to maintain a healthy Troop size, so we are estimating that we will accept 1 new patrol of 8 new Scouts, with siblings getting priority.

T805 Treasurer Wayne Leong went over the Troop finances & budget thru the fiscal year ending 8/31/15. Tent & equipment spending was budgeted but not spent, but we plan on spending it in this coming fiscal year as the tents need replacing.

The T805 Hospitality team of Karen Alexander & Mary Chan asked for help (picking up pizza, collecting money, setup, cleanup, etc.) with the upcoming October COH

ASM & Webmaster Stella Yu went thru handouts on how to upload pictures to the Troop website smugmug account. Parents were encouraged to take pictures of the Scout events & upload pics/videos to the site. no need to shrink the size, full resolution is okay as we have unlimited space. The password to access the Troop pictures on the website is "extra special" (all lower case, space in between). Email Stella at webmaster@troop805.org is any questions

ASM & Troop Quartermaster Scott Evans talked about the Troop equipment. He emphasized that the equipment needs to be properly cleaned & returned the following Tuesday after the outing. Unfortunately we are not getting the tents & equipment properly cleaned when they are being returned. He also mentioned that we need 3-4 parent volunteers to help clean out & organize the storage shed. Please contact him if you can help out.

T805 Committee Chair Ed Laubach took a moment to thank all the current Troop Committee Members & thanked them for their hard work & efforts!

Chartered Organization Rep- Doug Gin
Committee Chair- Ed Laubach
Advancement Chair- Frances Yee
Treasurer- Wayne Leong
Secretary...taking minutes- Celia Lee
Webmaster- Stella Lei
Newsletter- Dave Morrow
Merit Badge Chair- Bernard Kiriakos
Friends of Scouting Chair- Sherrie Osmond
Popcorn Chairs- Karen Alexander, Mary Chan

Health & Safety Chair- Tracy Marshall
Hospitality Crew- Mary Chan, Karen Alexander
Court of Honor Programs- Susie Hwang
Troop apparel- Elizabeth Gary
Library Reservations- Margaret Fong
Recruiting helper & Graphic artist specialist-
Lai-King Leong
YPT coordinator- Lai-King Leong
Recruiting helper- Raymond Cheng

T805 Committee Chair Ed Laubach went over the Troop 805 growth strategy. In order to provide a nurturing and exciting boy scout program to our youth membership, we managed the growth of T805 by proactively maintaining a ideal member population of 80 scouts (+- 5%). Presently we have 80 Scouts. Two Scouts are aging out (turning 18) by the end of the year, so our numbers will be 78 in December 2015. In order

to maintain an age continuity, it is necessary to update our 2015-16 scout growth strategy annually so that we maintain an ideal member population of scouts.

T805 Committee Chair Ed Laubach announced that the T805_rechartering paperwork will be given out at the 10/06/15 COH. We need a count of returning scouts to get better sense of how many new scouts to accept. Presently we are estimating we will have an incoming Patrol of 8 scouts in February, depending on how many returning scouts we have.

T805 Committee Chair Ed Laubach reminded all the parents that Scouts & adults may have money available in their scout account (money earned from participating in events like popcorn fundraiser. In each Scouts registration packet, it lists how much money is available in their Scout accounts. We encourage families to use these funds toward registration fees, or other big ticket outing costs like Summer Camp or High Adventure Camp. We will also contact those who have a substantial amount prior to Summer Camp. You can also Contact Ed at cc@troop805.org if you would like to know how much you have in your account

T805 Committee Chair Ed Laubach reached out to parent for help with certain outings throughout the year. We need volunteers to help out with the hike on this weekend for the Mt. Diablo overnight outing. Parents can also help out during the July 4th parade, Kiwanis Service project & School Service project. Please refer to the 2015-2016 Troop 805 Outings list on the website or the Troop calendar for the specific dates

T805 Committee Chair Ed Laubach also mentioned that there are still some adult & scout openings for Northern Tier high adventure outing in Summer 2016 (4th year+ - Goodman or above). It is an 11 day, high adventure canoeing expedition in the Canadian/US border near Minnesota. For details, please refer to Todd Gary's email on September 9th.

Nov 10th Parent meeting

T805 ASM Dave Colello discussed the current state of the Troop equipment & tents. Our current tents are getting old & we need new tents. We will target getting 25-30 new tents depending on their size & cost. The proposal to reallocate the budget to allow for \$3800 for additional equipment for approved by the parent committee. We will phase out the old grey/green 3 season tents. They are in various conditions, so will have a "tent party" to inspect what we have in place now. We'll have a meet & greet...invite all families & have a cookout breakfast or lunch...parents can meet Troop leaders, etc...

We will have Patrol equipment inventory inspections to see what we have in place now...each Patrol to bring in their Patrol boxes, red kits, green kits & cooler for inspection to see what needs replacing, etc...

during January Troop meetings. We will inventory during the regularly schedule Troop meeting time, as coming early does not work.

T805 Treasurer Wayne Leong reviewed the reallocated budget & income/outflow estimates.

T805 ASM Stella Lei went thru the Scouting for Food plans & stressed that we needed more adult & scout volunteers as we have a bigger area to cover this year.

T805 ASM Dave Colello went over the Summer Camp 2016 details. We are going to Camp Wente, 3.5 hrs away, north of Willits, from 6/26/16 to 7/2/16. Cost is \$450 + transportation. Scoutmaster Ray Chan is in charge this upcoming year. Further details are on the T805 website.

T805 ASM John Marshall went over the new Scout recruiting. We will have one new incoming 5th grade patrol of 8 Scouts. Siblings will have priority, the others will enter a lottery.

T805 SM Ray Chan reported on the state of the Troop. New boy leadership will start 12/01/15. Jacob L is the incoming SPL. We will have an ILST (Intro to Leadership Scout Training) this Friday for all the Patrol leaders & other leadership positions. SM Ray Chan also went over some of the new 2016 Rank requirement changes that are spelled out in the new Scout handbook.

For 2016, we are assigning specific scouts to outings earlier to all more time for them to plan.

The boys selected a new Troop class B Tshirt at today's troop meeting. We are also looking at sweatshirt options. Elizabeth Gary is our Troop apparel coordinator & new orders will be available ~February.

We are looking for adult leaders, uniformed & non-uniformed for coordination type responsibilities. Adult quartermaster ASM Scott Evans is stepping down from his QM position & we are looking for a new one. It can be split into a multiple person job. We need adults to coach the boys to take care of the equipment & items in the patrol boxes. We need adult help with the Patrol equipment inspections. Please contact Ray Chan if you can help out.

LEAD (Leadership Education and Discovery) training is available to all parent & adult leaders on 01/30/16 at DVC. There are over 125 courses available in every aspect of scouting. All are welcome to attend. You can get more information & sign up online at <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/adult/leader-education-and-discovery-lead>

Educational & Fun Series: Christmas Jokes... December 2015

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Boy's Life

Happy Holidays! Count down the days until Christmas. These Christmas jokes will help you “Ho Ho Ho” like a certain jolly old elf.

Christmas Jokes

Sean: Knock, knock.

Fawn: Who's there?

Sean: Murray.

Fawn: Murray who?

Sean: Murray Christmas, one and all!



Will: What's a good time for Santa to come down the chimney?

Bill: What?

Will: Anytime!

Will: Where do snowmen keep their money?

Bill: Beats me.

Will: In a snow bank.

Tim: Did you know Santa had only eight reindeer last Christmas?

Jim: Huh?

Tim: Comet stayed home to clean the sink.

Chris: What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?

Chrissy: What?

Chris: Chill out.



Josh: What does Jack Frost like best about school?

John: What?

Josh: Snow and tell.

Zoey: What do you get if you cross an iPad with a Christmas tree?

Johnny: I don't know. What?

Zoey: A pineapple!

Moe: What are you going to give your little brother for Christmas this year?

Joe: I haven't decided yet.

Moe: What did you give him last year?

Joe: The measles.

Pedro: What has a jolly laugh, brings you presents and scratches up your furniture?

Ordep: Beats me. What?

Pedro: Santa Claws.



Teacher: Johnny, define claustrophobia.

Johnny: Fear of Santa Claus?

Santa: Knock, knock.

Elf: Who's there?

Santa: Olive.

Elf: Olive, who?

Santa: Olive the other reindeer.

Luke: What do elves do after school?

Jeffrey: I don't know. What?

Luke: Their gnome work!

Joe: What nationality is Santa Claus?

Moe: What?

Joe: North Polish.

Amanda: What's the difference between Santa's reindeer and a knight?

Robert: What?

Amanda: One slays the dragon, and the other's draggin' the sleigh.

Warped Wiseman wonders: "Does Santa Claus refer to his elves as 'subordinate clauses'?"



Darth Vader: I know what you're getting for Christmas.

Luke: How do you know?

Darth Vader: I can feel your presents.

When asked about his job, Frosty always replies, "There's no business like snow business."

Josh: Knock, knock!

Samantha: Who's there?

Josh: Dexter.

Samantha: Dexter, who?

Josh: Dexter halls with boughs of holly.

Trey: What do you get when you cross a snowman and a dog?

Brandon: I give up.

Trey: Frostbite.

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain."

His wife asked, "How do you know?"

"Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."



Josh: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Mark: Dunno. Why?

Josh: Because he had low elf esteem!

A book never written: "What Did I Do Wrong THIS Year?" by Kole N. Stocking.

William: What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

David: What?

William: Do you smell carrots?

Pee Wee: What did the reindeer say to the football player?

Westy: I don't know.

Pee Wee: "Your Blitzen days are over!"

Colton: How does a sheep say "Merry Christmas"?

Tammi: How?

Colton: "Fleece Navidad!"



TROOP 805 2015/2016 Outings Activities Calendar

November (Team Building/Radioactive Gummy Bears)

- Webelos Open House (Tue:11/03) Scout: TBD - Adult: J. Marshall
- Indoor Rock Climbing (Sat:11/7- Sun: 11/8) Scout: TBD – Adult: TBD
- Scouting for Food (Sat: 11/14 – Distribute Flyers – Sat: 11/21 – Food Pickup) – OA Adult: S. Yu, E. Laubach
- Mini Golf (Sun: 11/15) Scout: Brian L. - Adult: J. Garrahan

December (Science and Academics/Mutant Narwhals)

- Exploratorium (Sat:12/12) Scout: Sam M. – Adult: B. Miyao, H. Wong

January (Business/Yellow Jackets)

- Mt. Saint Helena Camping/Hike (Sat: 01/16 – Sun: 01/17) Scout: TBD - Adult: R. Chan
- San Francisco Federal Reserve Tour (POSTPONED) Scout: TBD – Adult: S. Evans, S. Yu

February (Winter Activities/Flaming Arrows)

- Intermediate Snow Camping (Sat: 02/13 – Mon: 02/15) Scout: TBD – Adult: TBD
- Beginner Snow Camping – Snow Shoe (Sat: 02/13 – Sun: 02/14) Scout: TBD – Adult: TBD
- Intermediate Backpacking Training Hike/Camp Out (Sat: 02/27 – Sun: 02/28) Scout: TBD – Adult: T. Gary

March (Shooting Sports/Yellow Jackets)

- Kiwanis Service – DATE TBD – OA – Adult: N. Matsunaga
- Shooting Sports Day (Sat: 03/19) Scout: TBD – Adult: T. Huen

April (Backpacking/Goodmen)

- Scout Skills (Fri: 04/01 – Sun: 04/03) Scout: TBD – Adult: R. Chan, D. Benveniste
- School Service Project (Tue: 04/05) – OA – Adult: J. Ghatta
- Sunol Beginner Backpacking (Sat: 04/16 – Sun: 04/17) Scout: TBD – Adult: S. Kim, D. Benveniste
- Intermediate Sunol to Del Valle Backpacking (Sat: 04/16 – Sun: 04/17) Scout: TBD – Adult: T. Gary
- Meridian Camporee (Fri: 04/29 – Sun: 05/01) Scout: TBD – Adult: R. Chan

May (Animal Science/Cobras)

- Fages II Training Hike (Sat: 05/07) Scout: TBD – Adult: K. Chan
- Yosemite – (Fri: 05/13 – Sun: 05/15) Scout: Jimmy B. – Adult: S. Evans, J. Garrahan
- Monterey Bay Aquarium (Sat: 05/21- Sun: 05/22) Scout: Jacob L. – Adult: C. Jasty, H. Wong
- Art & Wind Festival – Flag Ceremony (Mon 05/30) – OA Adult: E. Laubach, Y. Yamada
- Relay for Life (Sat 05/20 – Sun: 05/22) – OA Adult: B. Miyao, A. Mo

June (Climbing and Exploration/Dragons)

- Fages II (Sat 06/04) – OA – Adult: K. Chan
- Spelunking/Campout (Sat: 06/04 – Sun: 06/05) Scout: TBD – Adult: T. Huen
- Camp Wente Summer Camp (Sun 06/26 – Sat 07/02) (R. Chan)

July (Aquatics/Huskies)

- July 4th Parade (Mon 07/04) – OA – Adult: P. Alexander
- Sea Kayaking (Fri 07/08 – Sun 07/10) Scout: TBD – Adult: TBD
- Northern Tier (Sat: 07/16 – Mon: 07/25) Scout: TBD – Adult: T. Gary, S. Evans
- Donner Fishing (Fri: 07/22 – Sun: 07/24) Scout: TBD – Adult: D. Benveniste, H. Wong, Y. Yamada

August (Cardiovascular Fitness/Goodmen)

- Troop Olympics (Tue 08/02) Scout: TBD – Adult: R. Chan
- Pt. Reyes (Fri: 8/12 – Sun 8/14) Scout: Nolan Y. – Adult: P. Alexander

September (Citizenship/Wolverines)

- 9/11 Memorial Service (09/11) – OA – Adult: E. Laubach
- Fall Camp Out (Fri 09/16 – Sat: 09/17) Scout: TBD – Adult: A. Mo
- Advance Camp – (Sat 09/24) – Adult: E. Laubach

October (Navigation/Wolverines)

- Camping and Orienteering “Scouting O” (Fri 10/14 – Sun 10/16) Scout: TBD – Adult: S. Kim
- San Jose Tech Museum (Sat: 10/22) Scout: TBD – Adult: C. Jasty, Y. Yamada

