



Troop Tidings

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Troop 805
Danville, CA

Welcome New Scouts!

Please give a big welcome to the newest Boy Scouts in Troop 805!

Introducing the *Flaming Phoenix* patrol:

Patrol Leader: Cody M.
Assist Patrol Leader: Drew G.
Patrol QM: Brandon C.

Patrol Members:
Shane B.
Theo L.
Stanley M.
Erik R.
Derek W.

We are glad to have such fine additions to the troop!



March Parent Meeting

By Dr. Laubach

On Tuesday March 8th, we have a T805 Parent meeting. The meeting will be right after flags in the library. All parents are encouraged to attend!

Mt Saint Helena CANCELLED



Due to bad weather, Mount St. Helena Hike and Overnighter is cancelled this weekend

The plan is to reschedule. Stay tuned..

Remember:

Meet: TBD

Pickup: TBD

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 trip home.

Swimming Advancement

Do you need to complete swimming requirements for 2nd and/or 1st class? Maybe requirements for Swimming Merit Badge? If you do, this event is not to be missed. We will work on [several requirements](#) at the Blackhawk Country Club pool.

When: Sat, March 19, 2016, 2-4pm

Where: Blackhawk Country Club Pool, 1098 Eagle Nest Pl, Danville ([map](#))

Prerequisite: Scouts 2nd year and above (Mutant Narwhals, Cobras and older scouts)

Cost: \$15 covers pool use, snacks and drinks

Attire: Swim attire

Required: [Permission slip](#) and [waiver](#) due at Troop Meeting on 03/15

This Month's Theme:

Shooting Sports

Outings

Kiwanis Service Project

When: March 5

Where: Dougherty Valley High School

Adult in Charge: Mr. Matsunaga

Shooting Sports Day

When: March 5

Where: Ranchos Los Mochos

Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen

Mt. Saint Helena

When: TBD

Where: Mt Saint Helena

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan

Swimming Advancement

When: March 19

Where: Blackhawk Pool

Adult in Charge: Mrs. Ma

Meetings

March 1 – Troop Meeting

March 8 – Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting

March 15 – Troop Meeting

March 22 – Troop Meeting

March 29 – PLC / BOR

March 31 – Roundtable

March 10 – ASM Meeting

Scout Skills Weekend



Scout Skills Weekend is coming up! This year, it will be held on April 1st – 3rd for second year and above scouts; first year scouts join in on April 2nd. The event is going to be at an AWESOME new location, George Ranch in Fremont.

Join us for this fun-filled weekend, where you can learn new camping and outdoor skills. Don't wait— get your [permission slip](#) turned in soon because the deadline is March 22 at the Troop meeting.

Here are important dates to know:

- 03/22 (Tue) – Permission slip due at Troop meeting
- 04/01 (Fri) 05:00pm – 2nd year and above scouts meet at Sycamore Park & Ride
- 04/02 (Sat) 09:00am – 1st year scouts meet at George Ranch
- 04/03 (Sun) 11:30am – All scouts pick up at George Ranch

Get the complete details [here](#). All scouts are encouraged to attend!

Sunol Beginner Backpacking



On April 16th-17th, 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, and we'll pitch our backpacking tents at Stars Rest Campsite with views of Mission Peak. We'll also try different backpacking foods and water purification methods.

This trip is open to 2nd year scouts and above (Mutant Narwhales, Cobras and above), and is for first time backpackers and geared as an introductory backpack outing.

[Permission slips](#) and payment are due Mar 22nd, when we will do initial planning and discuss equipment.

The scouts will have a backpack check on April 12th, which is the last troop meeting before the outing. If you cannot make that meeting, you may contact Mrs. Kim or Mr. Benveniste to make a special appointment for a backpack check. At the backpack 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.

There is a lot more information that you need to know about this fun outing [here](#). Check it out!

Next Month's Theme: Backpacking

Outings

Scout Skills Weekend

When: April 1 - 3

Where: George Ranch Fremont

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan

Ohlone Wilderness Backpacking

When: April 16 - 17

Where: Sunol-Ohlone-Del Valle

Adult in Charge: Mr. Gary

Sunol Beginner Backpacking

When: April 16 - 17

Where: Sunol Regional Park

Adults in Charge: Mrs. Kim, Mr. Benveniste

Meetings

April 5 – Spring Break: NO Troop Meeting

April 12 – Court of Honor

April 19 – Troop Meeting

April 26 – PLC / BOR

April 28 – Roundtable

April 14 – ASM Meeting

Ohlone Wilderness Backpacking

Experienced backpackers are invited to go on a very challenging 20-mile two-day backpack from Sunol Regional Park through the beautiful Ohlone Wilderness to Del Valle Regional Park. The outing will take place April 16-17. Day 1 will involve approximately 4,000 vertical feet of climbing over 10 miles, in about 7 hours of hiking. Day 2 is about as much descending over another 10 miles. This strenuous intermediate-level backpack is open to scouts with significant troop backpacking experience.

- Dates you need to know:
 - 3/22 [Permission slip](#) due at Troop Meeting
 - 3/22 Mandatory planning meeting at Troop meeting
 - 4/12 Mandatory pack check at Troop meeting
- Details you need to know [here](#).

New T805 Parent Support Group

By Dr. Laubach



We have created a support group to help the parents of the new scouts transitioning into T805. They will meet with the new

parents at the Troop meeting on Tuesday March 15th. A big THANK YOU to the T805 parent volunteers that stepped forward to assist with this initiative: Stephanie Hitchcock, Ada Ip, Grace Dagen, & Arline Siu

How to Sleep With the Fishes

...and Live to Talk About it

By Mr. Jasty



We have an exciting sleepover coming up on Friday, May 27th. You will get to sleepover in the Monterey Bay Aquarium on Friday night and explore more on Saturday. There will be activities for you both Friday evening and Saturday morning. This is extremely popular and space is limited.

If you are interested please email Mr. Jasty at cjasty@gmail.com or Mrs. Wong at

harperiwong@gmail.com

as soon as possible. We need a firm headcount by March 20th. This is Memorial Day weekend (no school Monday) so let's make it memorable! Cost is \$115, including late night snack, breakfast, transportation, and aquarium admission on Saturday

Coming up...

- Camporee
- Portola State Park
- Relay for Life

...and much more!

Educational Series: New Lion Kindergarten program...March 2016

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Bryan on Scouting

Lions, a New Pilot Program for Kindergarten Boys, to Begin This Fall



Lions, a new Boy Scouts of America pilot program for kindergarten boys, will begin in our Mt. Diablo Silverado Council this fall.

Why go younger? Research shows that a child's development accelerates at age 4 and 5 — about the time these youngsters begin their formal education in kindergarten. That's also the time when families start looking for after-school activities for their children. While 5-year-olds could join a soccer team or karate studio, they couldn't yet join Scouting. That's about to change in pilot councils across the country. Parents will welcome a program that introduces Scouting concepts and values to 5-year-olds in a fun, age-appropriate way.

The kindergarten-age boys themselves will enjoy exploring the world around them with friends. Lions promises to expand imaginations, spark creativity and amplify fun.

At the end of the Lion year, boys will graduate to Tiger and advance through Cub Scouting. Lions will be piloted in select councils across the country including our very own Mt. Diablo Silverado Council.

Participating councils will share feedback with teams of volunteers and professionals for further study. This is just the beginning of an exciting program sure to grow Scouting.

Educational Series: Eagle Scout Trivia...March 2016

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Bryan on Scouting

What was the average age of 2015 Eagle Scouts?



Eagle Scouts are getting older. In 1949, the average age of Eagle Scouts was 14.6 years. In 2015, that number was 17.34 years old.

There are two factors at play here. For starters, young men are staying in Scouting longer, meaning they’re enjoying the program for a longer amount of time and not feeling the rush to earn Eagle until they see their 18th birthday on the horizon.

But also there are more pulls on their time — school, sports, church, friends, etc. — meaning more to do in the same amount of time.

That average Eagle Scout age has been pretty consistent in recent years:

2009	17.32
2010	17.24
2011	17.32
2012	17.23
2013	17.24
2014	17.31
2015	17.34

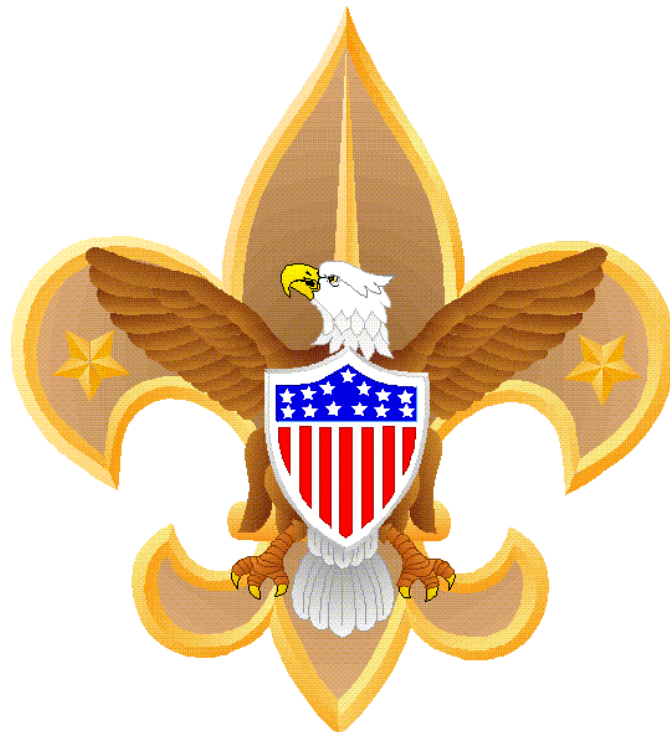
Which state had the most Eagle Scouts in 2015?

Once again, Utah takes the crown. No state produced more Eagle Scouts in 2015 than Utah. Thanks in large part to the strong support Scouting receives from the LDS church there, 5,765 young men became Eagle Scouts in Utah in 2015.

Utah is No. 1 on the list for at least the seventh year in a row. That’s every year since 2009 — the first year for which detailed Eagle Scout statistics were made available.

California, Texas, Pennsylvania and North Carolina round out the top 5. Here are the top 10 states:

1	Utah	5,765
2	California	4,887
3	Texas	4,125
4	Pennsylvania	2,378
5	North Carolina	2,066
6	Virginia	2,035
7	New York	1,949
8	Ohio	1,834
9	Illinois	1,663
10	Arizona	1,632



TROOP 805 2015/2016 Outings Activities Calendar - Version 7

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 (RESCHEDULED)
Scout: **TBD** - Adult: **R. Chan**
- San Francisco Federal Reserve Tour (RESCHEDULED)
Scout: **TBD** – Adult: **S. Evans, S. Yu**

February (Winter Activities/Flaming Arrows)

- Snow Fun – Snow Shoe (Sat: 02/13 – Sun: 02/15)
Scout: **TBD** – Adult: **T. Huen**
- Intermediate Backpacking Training Hike/Camp Out (Sat 02/27 – Sun 02/28)
Scout: **TBD** – Adult: **T. Gary**

March (Shooting Sports/Yellow Jackets)

- Kiwanis Service – (Sat: 03/05– OA)
Adult: **N. Matsunaga**
- Shooting Sports Day (Sat: 03/05)
Scout: **TBD** – Adult: **M. Hudson**
- Mt. Saint Helena Camping/Hike (TBD)
Scout: **TBD** - Adult: **R. Chan**

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**
- Portola State Park – (UPDATED & RESCHEDULED)
Scout: **Jimmy B.** – Adult: **S. Evans, J. Garrahan**
- Monterey Bay Aquarium (Fri: 05/27- Sat: 05/28)
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: 06/11 – Sun: 06/12)
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: 07/23 – Tue: 08/2)**
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**

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