



Troop Tidings

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Troop 805
Danville, CA

Eagle Scout COH



When: Sunday, May 22, 2016
Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Place: Danville Veterans Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Ave, Danville
RSVP to Vishnu
Congratulations Vishnu!!



Flag Ceremony for Art & Wind Festival – May 30th

By Dr. Laubach

Please join us in the Memorial Day Tribute flag ceremony at the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival on Monday, May 30. This will also help fulfill the second class rank requirement for an outdoor flag ceremony. Look for details in the [permission slip](#).

Participating Scouts will also earn service time hours. An outdoor flag ceremony also fills a second class advancement requirement!

Scouts and families are welcome to enjoy the Art & Wind Festival before

and after the ceremony! This family-friendly festival features professional kite flying demonstrations, arts & crafts booths, entertainment on 3 stages, food booths by local non-profits and more!



The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival is held at San Ramon's Central Park, 5/29-5/30 from 10am to 5pm.



Danville Half Marathon Service

All Scouts are encouraged to help out at this year's [Danville Half Marathon Run](#). Troop 805 will manage the "Aid Station" on at Iron Horse Trail and Del Amigo Road, with tables serving refreshments for the runners.

We need Adult Volunteers as well to help our scouts and to provide adequate supervision. Event is May 28th. [Permission slips](#) due May 24th.

This Month's Theme: Shooting Sports

Outings

Danville Half Marathon Service

When: May 28

Where: Iron Horse Train & Del Amigo Rd

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan

Portola State Park

When: Postponed

Where: Portola State Park

Adult in Charge: TBD

Art & Wind Festival

When: May 30

Where: San Ramon Central Park

Adult in Charge: Mr. Laubach

Meetings

May 3 – Troop Meeting

May 10 – Troop Meeting

May 17 – Troop Meeting

May 24 – Troop Meeting

May 31 – PLC / BOR

May 26 – Roundtable

May 12 – ASM Meeting

Unit Scouter of the Year

By Dr. Laubach



We have a lot of wonderful adult volunteers to make our Troop the best it can be. Every year, we have a very special award called the **Unit Scouter of the Year** that we present to someone in our Troop that has gone above & beyond.

This year, we are very proud to announce that **Frances Yee** is the recipient of this year's **T805 Scouter of the Year!** Frances has done such wonderful job serving as our advancement chair. Congratulations!! Well deserved!

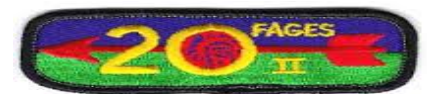


Mrs. Yee will be honored at the 2016 Meridian District Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Thursday May 26, 2016. All are welcome, but RSVP to Mr. Laubach is required by the 5/17 troop meeting.
When: May 26, 7:00-9:00 pm
Where: San Ramon LDS Church, 5025 Crow Canyon Rd
Cost: \$10, payable to BSA-MSDC.

Fages II Hike

By Mr. K. Chan

On Saturday June 4th, Troop 805 will join the Order of the Arrow Ut-in Selica Lodge for a day of hiking on the Fages II Trail. The hike starts and ends at Wildcat Canyon Alvarado Staging Area and includes very scenic areas in both Wildcat Canyon and Tilden Parks. Covering a distance of 22 miles, this hike is the toughest hike our troop schedules each year. Successful completion of Fages II satisfies the Hiking merit badge requirement of a 20-mile day hike.



The Fages II Hike is open to scouts 12 years or older who have adequately trained for this distance. "Adequately Trained" means that you **MUST** have completed a BSA sponsored backpacking trip or day hike of at least 10 miles.

The cost of the outing is \$15, and includes a very unique Fages II patch and a sponsored lunch midway through the hike. Each participant must also bring \$10 for dinner on the way home. This will be a long day hike. We will meet at Sycamore Park and Ride at 6:00 am, and return at around 8:00 pm.

See the [permission slip](#) for additional details concerning recommended gear and other important information. Permission slips and a copy of your current [medical forms](#) (parts A, B and C) are due no later than troop meeting of May 24th.

Next Month's Theme: Climbing and Exploration

Outings

Fages II Hike

When: June 4

Where: Wildcat Canyon

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan

Summer Camp Wente

When: June 26 – July 2

Where: Wente Scout Reservation

Adult in Charge: Mr. Chan

Spelunking

When: June 11 – June 12

Where: California Cavern

Adult in Charge: Mr. Huen

Meetings

June 7 – Troop Meeting

June 14 – Troop Meeting

June 21 – PLC / BOR

June 30 – Roundtable

June 9 – ASM Meeting

Donner Memorial State Park Fishing & Camping Expedition

Join us for a fishing and camping trip to Donner Memorial State Park on July 22nd – 24th, 2016.



Last year, Troop 805 caught 44 fish, with almost every scout catching at least one. Thirteen scouts completed the hardest part of the Fishing Merit Badge – cleaning and gutting the fish!



Space is limited to 24 scouts, so turn in your [permission slips](#) ASAP and join the fun, where you'll not only have the chance to work on your Fishing Merit Badge, but you can have ice cream and enjoy one of the best troop camp fires of the year! Get more details [here](#) or contact ASM Mr. Benveniste with any questions at danieljbenveniste@gmail.com.

Save the Date ... for Spelunking!

Mr. Huen



Save the date for 6/11 to 6/12!

We have reserved a group tour for 10 people for the [Mammoth Cave Expedition](#). This is 3 hour cave exploring tour that requires crawling, wriggling, and squirming through natural passages that connect through thirteen chambers. Cost is \$130.00 for the tour.

For those that are not able or willing to get muddy, a lower stamina 1 hour walking tour has been reserved for the remaining group of 22 for \$17.50.

We will be camping for one night at Glory Hole Recreation Area which is 45 minutes from the caves.

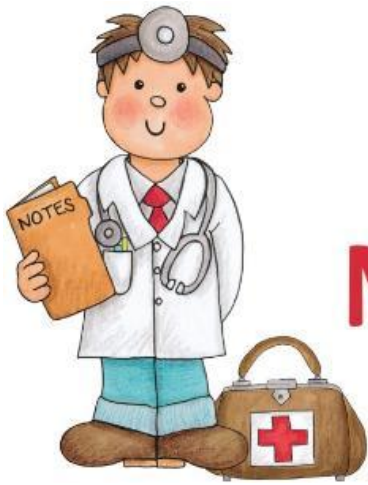
Permission slip with more details is coming soon. Please email tat@huen.com to stake your spot.

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Coming up...

- Sea Kayaking
 - July 4th Parade
 - Relay for Life
- ...and much more

Summer Camp Medical Forms Due No Later Than June 7, 2016

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: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

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.



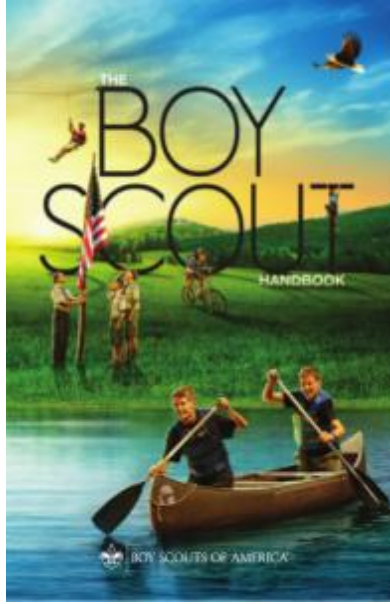
Note: Please list all medications expected to be sent to camp. If you son has food allergies/restrictions, please include this information. This would be a good time to be sure you have enough of any prescription or OTC medications needed. These should be in their original containers and will be given 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 **June 7th, 2016.**

Educational Series: New Boy Scout Handbook...May 2016

By Dr. Laubach, Adapted from Bryan on Scouting

13 Things to Love About the 13th-edition Boy Scout Handbook



1. It could save somebody's life.

Chapter 4 is a lifesaver. Literally.

The section on first aid teaches Scouts how to respond to a range of injuries both serious (bone breaks, heart attacks or hypothermia) and less-serious (splinters, minor burns or fishhooks caught in the skin).

If you read only one chapter, make it this one. That applies to everyone — not just Scouts.



2. It'll help you predict the weather.

Step aside, Mr. Roker.

Page 217 gives you a rundown of weather lore that has proven surprisingly accurate over time.

Take, for example, this one: “If smoke goes high, no rain comes by.” In other words, if your campfire smoke rises straight up, it's because there's no wind. No wind means no rain on the way.



3. It has video-ready content.

You can read the Handbook from cover to cover or — the more likely scenario — you can consume it in small bites. It's those small bites that inspired the BSA's #HandbookHacks series. These straight-from-the-Handbook videos offer shareable nuggets of Scouting at its best.

And the best part: You can join the fun by creating and sharing your own #HandbookHacks videos. No Spielberg-level cinematography is needed. Shoot 'em with your phone and share 'em using the hashtag #HandbookHacks.

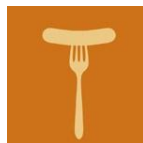


4. It talks about the “Bearmuda Triangle.”

Anybody who has been to Philmont knows about the “Bearmuda Triangle” — that three-sided area in which no tents should be set up.

The cooking area, the sump and the bear bag make up the three points of the triangle, and tents should be set up at least 50 feet away.

The 13th-edition Handbook is the first edition to mention the triangle. Flip to page 285 for a diagram and more info.



5. It helps you know how long food stays fresh.

Jerry Seinfeld does a great routine on expiration dates.

“How do they know that is the definite exact day? ... Maybe the cows tip them off when they're milking them. ... ‘July 3rd.’”

Sell-by dates, best-before dates and use-by dates have confounded grocery shoppers (and comedians) for years.

Page 300 of the Handbook helps demystify those dates. It even includes a chart on how long food will stay fresh when refrigerated. Basically, food bought a day or two before a campout should be safe to eat.



6. It could help you excel on Survivor.

In more than 30 seasons of Survivor, one thing has been a constant (well, other than Jeff Probst's never-ending supply of baseball caps): lots of people don't know how to start a campfire.

Don't be voted off the island. Flip to page 388 — “How to build a campfire” — and watch your value to the team skyrocket, be it on Survivor or elsewhere.



7. It helps you sound smart on the water.

Boating has its own vocabulary, and if don't know your port (left) from your starboard (right), you could be, well, out to sea in a canoe, kayak or rowboat.

Flip to pages 174 and 175, part of the chapter on aquatics, to master the wide world of water words.



8. It helps you survive in the water.

When that boat capsizes, it won't matter whether you fell out on the port or starboard side, will it?

So the Handbook features a section on floating — “a good way to rest in deep, calm water.” Head to pages 170 to 171 to learn how, for example, to use your clothing as a flotation device.

This is stuff you don't learn in school, and it just might be the most important thing you ever learn.



9. It teaches you how to treat the flag.

Scouts have been perfecting the art of the flag ceremony for more than 100 years. The information on pages 56 to 61 helps keep it that way.

You'll find instructions for folding a flag and even a simple sample flag ceremony script.

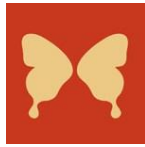


10. It helps you read a nutrition label.

Sometimes reading a nutrition label can feel like interpreting hieroglyphics. No more, thanks to the Boy Scout Handbook.

Flip to page 86 for a simple six-step guide to reading the label the right way.

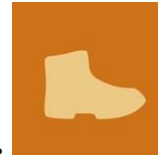
Plus, a box called “Math and nutrition labels” helps Scouts use STEM-approved techniques to further interpret the label. For example (and this is purely hypothetical!), if the serving size is 25 M&Ms, but I just ate 60 M&Ms, how many calories did I consume?



11. It helps you track and identify animals.

By looking, listening, smelling and — in some cases — touching, you can identify which animals roamed a particular spot outdoors.

Pages 203 and 204 of the Handbook turn Scouts into wildlife detectives, equipping them with skills that help them read clues animals leave behind.



12. It reminds you to leave a place better than you found it.

There's a whole chapter on Outdoor Ethics with excellent reminders that help Scouts minimize their impacts on our world.

My favorite part, though, is a box called “Biodegradability” on page 230. It really opened my eyes to how long it takes items to break down.

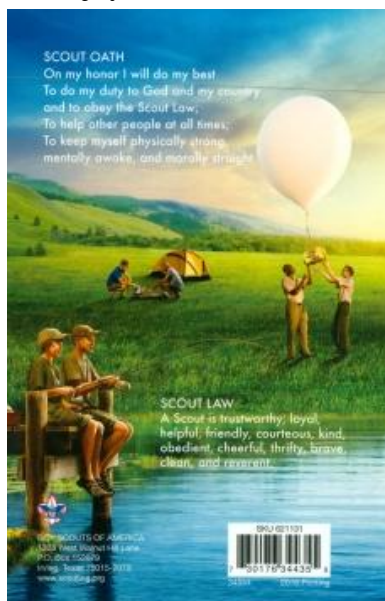
Knowing that a wool sock sticks around for up to five years or that aluminum can could last for 200 years will motivate Scouts to take those police lines more seriously.



13. It was written by Mark Ray.

Finally, I have to give a nod to Mark Ray, contributor to Scouting and Eagles' Call magazines. Ray wrote the 13th-edition Boy Scout Handbook.

Ray, an Eagle Scout and lifelong Scouting volunteer, seems a perfect fit to write this volume of Scout skills. He's created a phenomenal resource your Scouts will enjoy.



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 – (POSTPONED)
Scout: **Jimmy B.** – Adult: **S. Evans, J. Garrahan**
- Monterey Bay Aquarium (Cancelled or postponed)
Scout: **Jacob L.** – Adult: **C. Jasty, H. Wong**
- Art & Wind Festival – Flag Ceremony (Mon 05/30) – OA
Adult: **E. Laubach, Y. Yamada**

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**
- Relay for Life (Sat 07/29 – Sun: 07/31) – OA Adult: **B, Miyao, A. Mo**

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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