BSA Troop 84 Newsletter

MARCH 23, 2017

Upcoming Events

March
25-26 Pre-Camporee
25-26 Snow Camping
28 Troop Meeting

April
1-2 Pre Camporee
3-5 Henry Coe
Backpacking
8 Swim Day, Cal High
8 Clean Up Day COV
10-Jun/Jul Conditioning

Hikes
22 Tree Planting
23 Plant Hike
28-30 Camporee

Summer Camps
6/17-24 Camp Lassen
7/2-8 Camp John
Mensing
7/16-22 Mt Lassen,
50-Miler Intro

Scoutmaster Corner – Tom Azzopardi

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Friends of Scouting: Christine Tong (WOW)
A big thanks to Christine for doing a fabulous job on FOS!

Committee Chair Report – Jeannie Ornowski

Troop Membership

- 17 additions, bringing us to 95 Scouts total; 2 more may join this month
- 4 Scouts age out this year
- Membership is now closed until August/September

Parent Information Nights

- Learn about Equipment in March
- Then hear all about Summer Camp, Advancement in April/May, possibly June
- Topics vary by month. All new and experienced Scout parents are welcome!

Upcoming Scouting Events

- April 8 (am): COV cleanup - Let’s give back! We’re thankful to the church for letting us use their facilities. We require each Scout to complete at least 1 COV Cleanup per year. If you cannot attend this one, please help out in November.
- Swim Day is on April 8 (pm): This is a great opportunity to complete this requirement. No minimum rank is required. We may need more parents, ASMs, depending on number of Scouts signed up.
- Attention new Scouts: Pre-Camporee and Camporee is a great opportunity for new Scouts. For details, read the emails sent previously.
- Conditioning Hikes with Scott Perkins are for everyone but are specifically designed for Scouts planning to attend a 50-miler trek. Hikes and treks are designed for success. A Scout that joined last week and attempts a 50-miler will most likely be frustrated to go 50 miles in 7 days. 1st 50-miler is Mt. Lassen July 16-22; 2nd opportunity is Kaweah Gap where we cross 2 passes at 10K and 11K foot elevation. For conditioning hikes, meet at Scott’s house. In April, meet at 6:40 at corner of Ellingson and Hawkins and start climbing. See email from Tom Azzopardi for more details. Important! Bring a water bottle and good shoes. No sign up is required, and
you don’t need to sign up for a 50-miler to join; but come for fitness and camaraderie. Hike is approximately 3-miles round trip, climbs 700 ft to Norris Canyon Estates.

- **Tree Planting** is another service opportunity. Sign up through East Bay Parks.
- Join us at **Huckleberry Botanical Preserve** for a 2 mile **Plant Hike**, located above Caldecutt Tunnel. Hike lasts about 2 hours and covers 10 plants. This is a 1st class requirement and ideal for Scouts that are 2nd class and below. Join us April 23 at 1pm.
- **Summer Camps:** Camp Lassen and Camp John Mensinger are planned for June and July. These are lots of fun, so be sure to sign up. Read Tom A’s email for specifics, and plan to sign up by next week.

**Youth Protection Training (YPT):** Anyone that does anything with the Scouts, including driving to events, needs to take YPT. It’s valid for 2 years, takes 30 minutes to complete online. YPT covers how to keep Scouts safe, and everyone should plan on doing this. It also gives new Scout parents a comfort level of what is expected on all events. Note: You do not need to be a registered leader with BSA to take YPT.

**Treasurer Report** – Julie Reith
Balance: January $24,452; February $20,044
Income: $662.94
Expenses: $5070
Shed: $2,220
Scout Account: $671

Thanks for reading!