

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

January 2011

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

Congratulations, Dan Drago, for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout!

Be sure to watch for our upcoming events which should be really fun and a great experience for the boys. All these events will help to foster a greater independence and connection to all boy scouts and parents. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Larry Shepler, Scoutmaster

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,
On January 5, 2011, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Rose Crawford, Larry Shepler, Missy Drago, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, Bill Modeen, John Callan, Don Scott, Steve Shellhammer and Carol Shellhammer.

The topics of discussion where as follows: Fiesta Island Canoe trip, Recharter, Summer Camp, SERE camp, and the Colorado River Canoe trip.

The Fiesta Island Canoe trip was discussed. The scouts camped at Fiesta Island and canoed in Mission Bay, to prepare for the Colorado River Canoe trip. It was recommended that next year we require the scouts to bring gear to better prepare for the River trip.

Missy Drago turned in the Recharter on Friday.

Bill Modeen has been collecting the Summer Camp fees. He needs to call people attending camp.

Bill Modeen is the contact person for SERE Camp. He is going to contact Mr. Price regarding our arrival at the camp. Larry Shelper reported that another Troop with 4 or 5 Scouts will be joining us this year at SERE Camp. It was discussed Cub Scouts attending, however, the committee determined that it was not

appropriate for Cub Scouts to attend this event. You must be a registered Boy Scout with our troop to attend this activity. We will have to leave Ramona approximately 6:00 a.m. and be at the gate at 7:30 a.m. ready to walk out of the parking lot by 8:00 a.m. We will be feeding the staff using Dutch Ovens making Lasagna and Garlic Bread.

Larry Shelper mentioned that the Scouts who are not interested in attending SERE Camp on January 29 and 30th, there is another activity the same weekend with a Compass Course. You can ask Larry Shelper about it at Monday's regular meeting.

Steve Kakacek discussed the Colorado River trip. The canoes are lined up for this trip. John Callan will call Mike at Enterprise to see if we are able to get two 16 passenger Vans prices at \$300 a piece totaling \$600. We are planning on not having a shore party this year. Jake Shelper and Tim volunteered to camp at Squaw Lake (the final destination) and they would shuttle and power boat up and down the river to the other end.

Important: Mandatory Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church during regular Boy Scout meeting for all people attending the Colorado River Canoe Trip. We will be assigning canoeing partners and getting a head count of who will be attending this trip. Austin Koch, Senior Patrol Leader, will be calling the phone tree to contact our scouts. Additionally, we will be collecting a minimum deposit of \$50.00 per person at this time.

John Callan talked about having a tradition of ordering the Buck Eagle Scout Knife for our Eagle Scouts. It's a special knife that can only be obtained for Eagle Scouts. Karen is the contact person for this knife at Buck Knives. The committee agreed that it sounds great to keep this tradition. However, it takes a while to get the knife. About approximately two weeks, therefore, if you want it by a certain time you have to order it in advance.

Don Scott asked about our Community Service coordinator. We told him that Stephanie Haas is assigned to be our Point Person for Community Service.

He would like to volunteer to assist her because he has a lot of areas for community service the boys could participate in. He said he would contact Stephanie Haas.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the Treasurer's Report. She has made the first payment for Emerald Bay Summer Camp and the Recharter. We still have enough money in the account for the upcoming expenses.

A short summary for the next two months is as follows:

January Activities

Monday, Jan. 3	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Wed., Jan. 5	7:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Monday Jan. 10	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting Mandatory - Colorado River Trip Meeting
Monday Jan. 17		No Troop Meeting
Monday Jan. 24	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Troop Meeting (Scouts not in leadership released at 7:30 pm) PLC Meeting
Sat. Jan. 29 Depart Sun. Jan. 30 Return @ First Christian Church	TBA	SERE Camp
Monday Jan. 31	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

February Activities

Wed. Feb. 2	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Mon. Feb. 7	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Thurs.Feb.10 Depart Sun. Feb 13 Return @ First Christian Church	TBA	Colorado River Canoe Trip Weekend
Monday Feb. 14	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Feb. 21		No Troop Meeting
Monday, Feb. 28	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

Court of Honor Dates

The following are the scheduled upcoming Court of Honor Dates: December 13 2010, March 14, 2011, and June 20, 2011.

SERE Camp – January 29– 30, 2011

On Saturday January 29 thru Sunday January 30 we will be having SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance & Escapes) Camp trip which is wilderness survival training at the Navy Training Center in Warner Springs. This is a great opportunity for the boys.

Colorado River Canoe Trip - February 10-13, 2011

On Thursday, February 10, 2011 thru Sunday, February 13, 2011, we will be having a Colorado River/Canoe trip. Steve Kacacek is the lead person for this trip. The scouts meeting the identified requirements for the rank of First Class will be able to canoe on the Colorado River trip. Please attend mandatory meeting January 10, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Ghost Mountain - March 18 thru 20, 2011

On Friday, March 18, 2011 thru Sunday, March 20, 2011, the troop will be having a backpacking trip to Ghost Mountain.

Mud Caves - April 8 thru 10, 2011

On Friday, April 8, 2011 thru Sunday, April 10, 2011, we will be having our Mud Caves camping trip.

Mason Valley Trail - May 13 thru 15, 2011

On Friday, May 13, 2011 thru Sunday, May 15, 2011, we are planning a backpacking trip on the Mason Valley Truck Trail.

Memorial Day Weekend – May 27 - 30

We have lots of activities for this weekend to honor our servicemen. On Friday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m., we are placing poppies and flags at the gravesites at the cemetery. On Sunday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a flag ceremony at the First Christian Church. The service starts at 10:00 a.m. We are asking the scouts to please stay through the service. On Monday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a ceremony at the cemetery. There will be a VFW Picnic where the scouts can earn some service hours by emptying trash, being kind to everyone, being on their best behavior and picking up. Scouts are to wear their full Class A uniforms to the ceremonies. On Wednesday, June 1 at 4:30 p.m. we will put away the flags and poppies.

Laguna Mountain - June 17 thru 19, 2011

On Friday, June 17, 2011 thru Sunday, June 19, 2011, more details will be presented at a later date regarding this trip.

July 4th Activities - July 4, 2011

On Monday, July 4, 2011, the scouts will be participating in our annual 4th of July activities. More details to come at a later date.

Emerald Bay Summer Camp – July 24 thru 30, 2011

On Sunday, July 24, 2011 thru Saturday July 30, 2011, our boy scouts will be attending summer camp. So far, we have nine to ten scouts and three adults signed up to attend Emerald Bay Summer Camp this summer. We are on tract as far as payments are concerned. We have extended the time frame for payment so if you are still interested in attending this camp we have until Jan 1, 2011 to make our payment. Please contact Bill Modeen and make your payments if you would like to attend. The total amount for the camp is \$580 per scout. Please check our web site for the payment schedule.

Web Site

The Boy Scout Troop 768 website contains valuable schedule and activities information and is continuously updated. Steve Shellhammer is the official Website contact person. If you have any questions, input or changes regarding the website, please feel free to contact him. <http://www.troop768.org/>

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 2 at 7:30 PM

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