

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

May 2011

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

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,
Doug Crawford, Scoutmaster/
Larry Shepler, Scoutmaster

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone,
On May 4, 2011, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Doug Crawford, Rose Crawford, Larry Shepler, John Callan, David Easterling, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, Dawn Perfect, Sean Franklin, and Carol Shellhammer.

On April 25, 2011, at our regular Troop meeting, we held the Elections for our leadership positions. Pursuant to the elections the following positions are held as follows: Dominic Easterling - Senior Patrol Leader, Matt Shellhammer - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Justin Wagner - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Austin Koch - Chaplain Aide, Doug Crawford - Historian, Seals: Erik Hietala - Patrol Leader, Donald Scott - Assistant Patrol Leader, Rangers: Michael Baldauf - Patrol Leader, Nick Escoto - Assistant Patrol Leader, Vipers: David Ryan - Patrol Leader, Hank Dobson - Assistant Patrol Leader.

The Mud Caves Camping trip was a success. We found the place even though it looked different from last year. It was all overgrown. We had approximately 16 scouts and adults in attendance. It was recommended, that in the future, we could use dry ice from Albertson's to help keep our food cold for the weekend. There were a lot of people there other than our troop. The kids got along good and had a good time. Overall it was a good trip.

We are still collecting Summer Camp fees. If you have

not completed your payment, please do so as soon as possible. Bill Modeen sent out an email that list the Merit Badges for this camp.

It was discussed that we need to have the Pastor of First Christian Church sign papers to recharter our troop. Additionally, we also need to have a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Also it was discussed that if your scout has service hours, you may report them to Stephanie Haas or Doug Crawford. Stephanie Haas keeps the records for Troop 768 service hours and reports those hours to Council.

Sean Franklin has volunteered to Chair the 4th of July event. He mentioned the possibility of getting a slide and obstacle course from his wife's business for this event. It was also discussed that her company carries the insurance for the use of these items.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the Treasurer's Report. She reported that our accounts seem to be maintaining at the average level. Additionally, she is ordering new checks and a register. Missy Drago has received a check towards the donation for a new troop trailer which will be placed in the account.

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

May Activities

Monday, May 2	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Fri. May 3	6:30 p.m.	Annual District Dinner @ Lutheran Church on 16 th Street
Wed., May 4	7:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Monday, May 9	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Sat. May 14 Depart Sun. May 15 Return @ First Christian Church	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mason Valley Backpacking Trip
Monday, May 16	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting

Saturday May 21	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Ramona Rodeo Parade - Meet at Church
Monday, May 23	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
		<u>Memorial Day weekend</u>
Friday May 27	4:00 p.m.	Put out poppies at Cemetery
Sunday May 29	9:30 a.m.	Flag Ceremony @ 1 st Christian Church -Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Monday May 30	9:00 a.m.	Ceremony @ cemetery Full Class A Uniform
Monday May 30	TBA	BBQ @ VFW
Wed. June 1	4:30 p.m.	Put away flags & poppies

June Activities

Wed. June 1	7:30 p.m.	Committee Meeting
Mon. June 6	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Mon. June 13	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Fri. June 17 Depart Sun. June 19 Return @ First Christian Church	TBA	Laguna Mountain
Mon. June 20	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor
Mon. June 20 thru Fri. June 24	TBA	Summer Day Camp - Service Hours Opportunity
Monday June 27	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.

Mason Valley Truck Trail - May 14 thru 15, 2011

On Saturday, May 14, 2011 thru Sunday, May 15, 2011, we are planning a backpacking trip on the Mason Valley Truck Trail. Doug Crawford is the lead person for this trip. This trip starts at the Pedro Fages historical monument along Sunrise Highway, hiking downhill through Oriflamme Canyon approximately

five miles to Mason Valley in Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The temperature begins cooler at the beginning of the hike and as you hike down the mountain it gets warmer. Therefore, please dress accordingly. Additionally, the scouts want to make sure that they bring a gallon of water per day and backpacking food. Departure will be at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday at the First Christian Church and the return is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the K-Mart parking. Please see the permission slip for more details regarding this trip.

Ramona Rodeo Parade - March 21, 2011

On Saturday, March 21, 2011, our scouts will represent Troop 768 in the Ramona Rodeo Parade by presenting colors via color guard as well as provide Trash/Debris clean up along the route. The parade route is Albertson's Parking lot to Aqua Lane. Mike Wagner is the lead person for this event. The scouts need to wear their Class A uniform for the Color Guard activity and Class B T-Shirt for trash collecting. We will meet at the First Christian Church at 8:30 a.m. and return to the Church at 12:00 p.m. for pick up. Sunscreen, water bottle and a signed Release of Liability form is needed. You can check the troop website for the permission slip and the details of the trip.

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.

**Summer Day Camp -
June 20 thru 24, 2011**

On Monday, June 20, 2011 thru Friday, June 24, 2011, summer day camp for the cub scouts will be held at the same location as last year. This is a great opportunity for all of our Boy Scouts to receive service hours. More details will be provided at a later date regarding this activity.

**July 4th Activities -
July 4, 2011**

On Monday, July 4, 2011, the scouts will be participating in our annual 4th of July activities. Sean Franklin is the lead person for this activity. 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. Please contact Bill Modeen and make your payments if you would like to attend. The total amount for the camp is \$580 per scout. Bill Modeen will be in contact with us after he attends a meeting regarding the merit badges offered and the times for scheduling. If anyone is still interested in attending this camp, please contact Bill Modeen and let him know.

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, June 1 at 7:30 PM

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