

Troop 41 Newsletter

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APRIL EVENTS

(Dates below supersede those in the Annual Program Plan if different)

Monthly Theme: Backpacking

Reminder: The *field uniform* is to be worn from Labor Day to Memorial Day at each meeting

- Apr 4 (Wed) - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 11 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC meeting/SPL & PL Elections
- Apr 18 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Apr 20-22 (Sat-Sun) - AV District Camporee
- Apr 25 (Wed) - Scout Meeting
- Apr 28 (Sat) - ILST – at Mr. Cooper’s House 9:00 a.m. – Noon (for the newly elected/appointed to office)
- Apr 28 (Sat) - Newspaper Recycling (Driver: Open) – Sign up on the Activity Clipboard

AV District Camporee – Camp Three Falls – April 20-22, 2018

Located approximately 18 miles west of Frazier Park. Theme: “Adventure Starts Here”

- Last Day for Signups: Mar 28 - **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE** – rare exceptions are at SM’s discretion!
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE Apr 5** – \$28 (\$10 food+\$8 gas+\$10 site fee) – **Cash only - two exact amounts (\$10 grubmaster & \$18 troop)**
- Pack Checks: **Apr 18 (Mandatory – no pack check and you don’t go!)**
- Meet: **4:45 p.m. Apr 20 @ Rec Bldg. (Wear Field Uniform!)** Eat dinner before leaving home, and be on time or be left behind!
- Return: **Approximately Noon. Apr 22 @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early)**
- Special Equipment: **Activity Shirt for day and jacket for night.**
- Other Expenses: None
- Drivers: **Only the driver pulling the trailer will be reimbursed for gasoline for any activity (per Troop 41 Guidebook). All other drivers are to consider their gasoline expenditure a donation to the troop.**
- Emergency Contact: Charla Troup – 256-8652 (home) or 609-7436 (cell)

PARENTS NOTE! Any Scout who owes dues in arrears or any other monies owed to the Troop, whose parent has not signed the activity sheet, or who has not paid his food/gas money or had a pack check by the due date will not be allowed to attend!

USS Midway – (Feb 16-18) A total of 22 people, including eight from Pack 41, made the trip to San Diego to experience an overnight stay on the USS Midway, a carrier built near the end of WW II. While it never saw battle in that war, it did participate in other wars and provided rescue support for thousands of Vietnamese fleeing the country as the U.S. pulled out of Vietnam. The Scouts began the evening by being assigned to a squadron called “Champs,” followed by roll call and then “Navy chow,” which they enjoyed a lot. After dinner, the large tour of the ship began, presented by a staffer stationed at each location, such as the engine room. The staffer in each section talked about how the area worked; what working conditions were, such as noise or heat; and the hours a sailor had to work during a shift. The Scouts were able to tour parts of the ship that the public doesn’t get to see. The last tour they took in the evening was to learn about the wire that stopped a plane as it landed by grabbing it with its hook. It was fascinating to see how this worked. After this the Scouts went to bed and enjoyed some sound sleep, before being awakened at 6 a.m. with lights and reveille. In 15 minutes they dressed and went to breakfast. The tour then continued with a hands-on display of the bridge, and finally a tour down on the flight deck, to get a feel for it and also view the planes before heading home. The weekend was a fun-filled adventure full of memories, and the experience of seeing how an aircraft carrier works.

A Big Welcome to Our Four Newest Scouts – At the Blue and Gold banquet on Feb 24, four of the five Webelo II’s crossed over to Boy Scouts and joined our troop in an impressive ceremony put on by the Order of the Arrow. This brought home the heart and meaning of what it means to be a Boy Scout. The four Scouts, Damian Leon, Brenden Taylor, Arturo Villanueva, and Landon Wyckhuys, proudly crossed the bridge and donned the troop neckerchief and forest green shoulder loops signifying their entrance into Boy Scouting. It was the first time in over two years we had any Webelos join us and it was a very proud moment for the troop. These fine young Scouts are the future of the troop. Welcome Scouts, to Troop 41 and we wish you the best as you begin your Scouting adventure along the trail to Eagle.

Parents – Heads-Up - May Backpacking trip – due to some unusual scheduling conflicts the May 18-20 backpacking trip may be postponed to a later date possibly June 2. If there is a change it will be in the May newsletter. Please note that on your calendars. Thank you.

Curb Stenciling – Four Scouts earned **\$151**, or an average of \$31 per Scout for a few hours of work painting curbs. While they painted a total of 15 curbs, they took in additional money from the tips they received. Many people love to see the Scouts do the work, and are grateful for their dedication in doing a good job that gives the homeowner a great-looking curb that under normal use lasts about five years. Many of the customers were repeats from about five years ago, which shows how much they appreciate the Scout's work. Nice going Scouts – you make us proud!

Camp Cards – Optional fund raiser – a supplementary fund raiser sponsored by the Council began **March 7** and ends April 27. Cards are \$5 each with each Scout earning \$2.50 from each sale. The cards can be used at various places for different discounts. For example, someone who purchases one card for \$5 and uses it at Albertson's gets \$5 off their purchase of \$50 or more so it pays for itself. They can only use it once.

Camp Chawanakee – July 15-21, 2018. It is not too late to sign up, but if you do you must make the first and second payments of \$200. The price is **\$400** per Scout and \$220 for adults. The final payment is due June 13.

Newsletter in PDF – Several parents have asked that the newsletter be sent electronically. It is in PDF format so it's easy to open on any device. If you are interested in receiving it electronically, please let Anthony know. Thank you.

Fund Raisers – Parents, did you know that BSA wants every Scout to earn their own way to camp through money they earn? If not, per BSA, "the boy will not learn how to pay his own way." Also, "anticipated expenses not covered by dues...must be raised through troop money-earning projects." We offer three fund raisers throughout the year, Christmas Trees, curb stenciling, and camp cards, and it is very important that you encourage your son to participate in them to earn all he can for summer camp with maximum effort.

Tent Policy – Per Troop Guidebook: All troop tents will be lent to a Scout and a buddy, in good condition with no rips, tears, broken poles or zippers. The tent will be in the charge of the Scouts who will care for it. Should any damage occur through other than normal use, the Scout is responsible for the repair or replacement of the tent. The Scoutmaster, along with the Equipment Coordinator, will determine if the damage was done by the Scouts mishandling the tent or through normal use. If determination is made that the Scouts did the damage, the parents will be notified, and an arrangement will be made for the repair or replacement of the tent.

PLC Meeting Mandatory Attendance – The Troop policy is as follows: "As part of their duties, attendance at the monthly PLC meeting is MANDATORY for all Scouts who are members of the PLC - the SPL, ASPL, PL's, Troop Guide and Scribe who is not a member, but must attend. Failure to attend a minimum of four meetings in a six-month period will affect the Scout Spirit requirement on the rank they are working on, thereby causing a delay of from four to six months to be eligible for that rank. If unable to attend due to illness or family vacation, they MUST have their assistant attend the meeting. If the assistant then does not attend the meeting, no credit for attendance will be given - simply asking someone to attend is insufficient. A Scout may only substitute for one absent leader at a time – each absent leader must send his own substitute."

Mandatory Scout Parent Participation – Every parent must sign up for at least one short-term project during the year. It can be anything from transportation on a campout to a fundraiser or Scouting for Food. You may be contacted at any time.



Eagle Summit

George McNamee 1948	Brenden Troup 2009
Murray Omer Williford 1977	Cesar Renteria 2010
Bruce Eliotte Tipton 1982	Matthew Bryant 2011
Daniel C. Perkins 1986	Tyler Kurtz 2012
Nikki Johnson 1990	Michael Bedard 2012
James Spear 2000	Doug Long 2013
Chris Shaw 2001	Geoffrey Holmes 2013
William Lostumbo 2001	Sean Cooper 2015
Arturo Renteria 2008	



April Birthdays

None

Uniform Closet – Uniform and uniform parts are available at the District Office for those in need. Please donate to the closet if you have used uniforms – they are greatly needed. Thank you!

TROOP 41 STAFF

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New Member Coordinator - Vacant

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If you have any questions about information in this newsletter, please call Anthony Moreno