

# Newsletter – Scouts BSA Troop 41 for Boys

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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 3 (Wed)** - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 10 (Wed)** - Scout Meeting/PLC meeting/SPL & PL elections
- Apr 12-14 (Sat-Sun)** - AV District Camporee – Camp Three Falls
- Apr 17 (Wed)** - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Apr 20 (Sat)** - ILST - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops – Gary Cooper’s 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. REQUIRED for newly elected.
- Apr 24 (Wed)** - Scout Meeting

### AV District Camporee – Camp Three Falls – April 12-14, 2019

Located approximately 18 miles west of Frazier Park. Theme: “Camp Wars – The Forest Awakens”

- Last Day for Signups: **April 3 - ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE – rare exceptions are at SM’s discretion!**
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE Apr 10** – \$37 (\$10 food+\$7 gas+\$20 site fee) – **Cash only - two exact amounts (\$10 grubmaster & \$27 troop)**
- Pack Checks: **Apr 10 (Mandatory – no pack-check and you don’t go!)**
- Meet: **4:45 p.m. Apr 12 @ Rec Bldg. (Wear Field Uniform!)** Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!
- Return: **Approximately 11 a.m. Apr 14 @ 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 – it gets cold at 5,000 ft.**
- 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, nor will he receive any awards.

### Camp Cards – Keep selling! Sales end May 1 and all unsold cards must be turned in.

**Death Valley Campout - Stovepipe Wells**– (Mar 15-17) One could not ask for a nicer weekend at Death Valley than this one! The weather was in the 80s during the day and at night in the 50s. It was especially good for all the new boys who attended their first troop campout as Scouts, enjoying the activities, food, fun, and camp fire. On Friday night the new Scouts had little trouble setting up their tents and crawling into them for a good night’s sleep. On Saturday morning the air was still, and sun was bright. On their agenda was to hike the 1.5-mile Golden Canyon Trail to Red Cathedral out and back. What made the hike unique was the golden rock formations and slot canyons along the way. Once they reached Red Cathedral, they found the view at the top spectacular! That afternoon they visited the sand dunes making the one-mile trek out to the tallest dune, which is 150’ high. There they rolled down the dune a few times picking up a lot of sand in their clothes and hair – but it was great fun and well worth it. Dinner was cooking lasagna and peach cobbler in Dutch Ovens, something they never get tired of eating. They had a lot of fun around the campfire playing games and telling stories while enjoying their delicious desert. Sunday was another beautiful day in which they cleaned up and worked on some advancements. For the new Scouts it was a weekend they’ll always remember, and for everyone else another very memorable Death Valley experience, despite the wild flowers not blooming as expected. However, it was still a beautiful experience with nature.

**A Big Welcome to Our Six Newest Scouts** – At the Blue and Gold banquet on Feb 23, all five Webelo II’s crossed over to Scouts BSA 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 Scout in Scouts BSA. The five Scouts, **Christian Bardin, Gavin Kelley, Anthony Lukenbill, Xaxxon Revai, and Conner Yost**, proudly crossed the bridge and donned the forest green shoulder loops signifying their entrance into Scouts BSA. It was a very proud moment for the troop.

Also joining us, but not from the Webelos, is **Trevor Ross** who was inspired on his own to join Scouts BSA. These fine young Scouts are the future of the troop. They will all receive the troop neckerchief when they earn their Scout Rank. Welcome Scouts, to Troop 41 and we wish you the best as you begin your Scouting adventure along the trail to Eagle!

**Camp Cards** – Sales end **May 1**. Cards are \$5 each with each Scout earning \$2.50 from each sale. This year's cards feature Smart & Final. Buy one card for \$5, use it at Smart & Final and get \$5 off your purchase of \$25 or more. The card can only be used one time.

**Emerald Bay (July 21-27, 2019)** – transportation needed. Parents, this is just a heads-up that we will need transportation to and from San Pedro on July 21 and July 27 because the leaders going won't be driving and parking there at the harbor for the week. Just something to think about. More details will come out next month. Thank you.

**Dues** – are \$52 per year and all Scouts are required to pay that amount whether or not they are at a meeting. A Scout must be current in his dues to participate in outings, receive awards, re-charter, or even earn rank until he is once again current. Records are kept by the Scribe and Mr. Paravato. The dues sheet is with the Activity Clipboard showing what each Scout has paid or owes to date. See Mr. Paravato for questions.

**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, **Popcorn, Christmas Trees, 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  
Murray Omer Williford 1977  
Bruce Eliotte Tipton 1982  
Daniel C. Perkins 1986  
Nikki Johnson 1990  
James Spear 2000  
Chris Shaw 2001  
William Lostumbo 2001  
Arturo Renteria 2008

Brenden Troup 2009  
Cesar Renteria 2010  
Matthew Bryant 2011  
Tyler Kurtz 2012  
Michael Bedard 2012  
Doug Long 2013  
Geoffrey Holmes 2013  
Sean Cooper 2015  
Cade DeVere 2018



Anthony Lukenbill 4/12

**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