

Troop 41 Newsletter

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AUGUST EVENTS

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

Monthly Theme: Navigation

Reminder: *The activity shirt may be worn from Memorial Day to Labor Day at each meeting*

- Aug 1 (Wed) - Parent-Committee/Scout Meeting
- Aug 8 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC during meeting
- Aug 15 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Aug 17-19 (Fri-Sun) - Diaz Lake
- Aug 22 (Wed) - Scout Meeting
- Aug 25 (Sat) - Newspaper Recycling (Driver: Open) – Sign up on the Activity Clipboard
- Aug 29 (Wed) - **Court of Honor** - Bring your favorite dessert. **ALL** parents & Scouts must attend to show their support regardless of whether or not they are receiving an award and come and see slides of the last few months.

Diaz Lake – August 17-19, 2018

Note: Three miles south of Lone Pine

- Last Day for Signups: August 8 - **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE** – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE August 15** – \$40 (\$10 food+\$15 gas+\$15 site fee) – **Exact Cash only** - (\$10 to grubmaster & \$30 to the troop)
- Pack Checks: Aug 8 & 15 (**Mandatory** – no pack check and you don't go!)
- Meet: 4:45 p.m. Aug 17 @ Rec Bldg. (**Wear Field Uniform!**) Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!
- Return: Approximately 12:30 p.m. August 19 @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early)
- Special Equipment: whatever you normally take to have fun at the lake. There will be swimming and boating
- 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!

Camp Chawanakee – (July 15-21) Shaver Lake was at 90% capacity, making summer camp a most fun and exciting experience for the 14 Scouts who attended, the first time for half of them. The campsite was on a peninsula, with the lake easily visible from either side of the camp. Overall it was quite a successful week, with the Scouts completing 36 out of 40 merit badges – a rare and outstanding achievement in both the quantity taken and the completion rate. But that's not all the Scouts did! On Friday they participated in "Chawanadayze," a day of exciting fast-paced camp-wide games. It started off with the Scoutmasters of Troop 41 taking first place in the scoutmaster's canoe race against scoutmasters from the other troops. From there the Scouts participated in the games, taking 3rd place in the bean bag toss, 2nd in the water bucket relay, and 1st in the waterfront relay, showing their strength and skills among the 460 Scouts at camp.

The Scouts made good use of the trading post all week long, where they bought everything from snacks to merit badge supplies. Many took advantage of afternoon free time by either practicing and qualifying in rifle shooting, improving their skills at the water front in rowing, canoeing, sailing, or paddle boarding, or swimming in the warm 74-degree lake. Tuesday morning the entire troop rose at 5:15 a.m. to go down to the lake for the Polar Bear Plunge at 6:00 a.m. in 32 seconds (instead of 32-degree water as the lake is not that cold). It's meant for brave souls who are willing to get up early and plunge into a cold lake, after first completing some polar bear games such as crawling on all fours while moving slowly into the water, splashing and catching fish, doing the hokey pokey, and then getting out of the water. Thursday several competed in the Chieftain Run, a one-mile run through the camp followed by a plunge into the lake. The two Troop 41 Scoutmasters did the Iron Bear, which consisted of the Chieftain Run followed by the Friday's mile swim, competing very well with nice fast times.

The prestigious **Pioneer Hiker Award** for Troop 41 went to Damian Leon. The leaders of each troop choose one Scout who exhibits the spirit of Scouting in everything he does. Damian wrote a one-page article on what Scouting means to him, which will go into an archive book at Camp Chawanakee for future Scouts and leaders to see. The camp has these books going back almost 30 years and you can read what some of today's leaders said back when they were campers, illustrating that Scouting truly is a program that develops character and good citizens.

Saturday morning came much too quickly, as it was time to pack up and head for home with all the adventure and success of the week behind us. Please be sure and attend the next Court of Honor to see all the great pictures of the week and what the Scouts experienced – see you then!

Flag Disposal – (July 7) Four Scouts made the trek to California City in support of the American Legion (our chartered organization), who requested we properly dispose of worn-out American flags they had collected this past year. Including the flags the troop brought, the Scouts disposed of a total of **189** flags. They did this by unfolding each flag, quickly holding it up for display, putting it in the incinerator, and saluting. The hot weather with a hot fire was not easy on the Scouts, who took water breaks frequently in the shade with cold water provided by the Legion. The Scouts disposed of the flags with pride and dignity. Their service was much appreciated.

Camp Cards Available – We have a few camp cards available and they **MUST** be sold. Proceeds go towards the Scout's Camp Savings giving him a head start on next year. Camp in 2019 will be at Emerald Bay which costs around \$675 – most Scouts request camperships to reduce that by up to half the amount, while earning the other half. Camp Cards is a good head start for next year. Please see Dan DeVere if you want some. Thank you.

Annual Plan – The 2018-2019 annual plan will be in the Sept newsletter. This is to satisfy parents who last year requested we put it out earlier, allowing them to factor it in with the school year calendar. This also aligns with the Boy Scout planning year of September through August.

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.

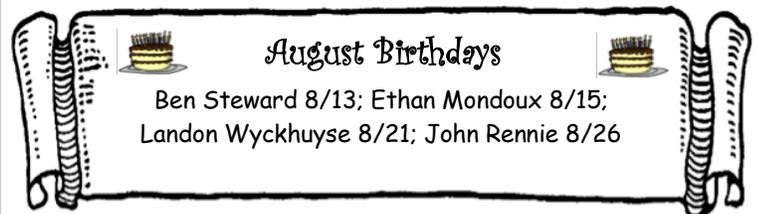
PLC Meeting Mandatory Attendance – The Troop policy is as follows: "As part of their duties, attendance at the monthly PLC meeting is MANDATORY for all Scouts who are members of the PLC - the SPL, ASPL, PL's, Troop Guide and Scribe who is not a member, but must attend. Failure to attend a minimum of 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	



August Birthdays

Ben Steward 8/13; Ethan Mondoux 8/15;
Landon Wyckhuyse 8/21; John Rennie 8/26

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

American Legion Chartered Organization Representative – Max Dueno (256-9431)

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Outdoor/Activities Coordinator – Vacant

Training Coordinator – Vacant

New Member Coordinator - Vacant

Secretary – Vacant

Advancement Coordinator – Josi Bryant (661 256-4039)

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Equipment Coordinator – Mike Bedard (661 754-2865)

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