

Troop 41 Newsletter

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DECEMBER EVENTS

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

Monthly Theme: Desert Survival

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

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| Dec 1 (Sat) | - Scouting for Food – bag distribution 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Dec 5 (Wed) | - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec 7-9 (Fri-Sun) | - ROCstock with Webelos IIs |
| Dec 8 (Sat) | - Scouting for Food – bag collection 9:45 a.m. – Noon |
| Dec 8 (Sat) | - Christmas Tree/Wreath Distribution - morning (adults only) |
| Dec 12 (Wed) | - Christmas Party |
| Dec 19 (Wed) | - No Scout Meeting |
| Dec 26 (Wed) | - No Scout Meeting |
| Jan 2 (Wed) | - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan 5 (Sat) | - Christmas Tree Pickup – Noon start time. Meet at the Rec Bldg. |

ROCstock – Lucerne Dry Lake – December 7-9, 2018

Please note: Temperatures will be in the high 60's during the day and high 30's at night

- Last Day for Signups: November 28- **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE** – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE December 5** – \$24 (\$10 food+\$14 gas+\$0 site fee) – **Exact Cash only** - (\$10 to grubmaster & \$14 to the troop)
- Pack Checks: Dec 5 (**Mandatory** – no pack check and you don't go!)
- Meet: 4:45 p.m. December 7 @ Rec Bldg. (**Wear Field Uniform!**) Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!
- Return: Approximately Noon, December 9 @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early)
- Special Equipment: Jacket for night and winter sleeping bag: 30-degree bag or warmer or summer bag with a liner.
- Other Expenses: \$10 - \$20 for extra motors if needed.
- 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.

Note: Emerald Bay date change! Our new date is July 21-27, 2019. Please update your Annual Plan or download a new one from our website.

Scouting for Food – The Troop has a goal to collect 2,000 lbs. of non-perishable food for distribution to some of the less-fortunate families and individuals in Rosamond. Troop 41 will be distributing 2,000 empty bags throughout the town, and then collecting those that are filled. At least **five parents** are needed to accompany the troop for both distribution AND pickup – 2 Scouts with each parent. It only takes 2-3 hours for the Scouts to distribute approximately 200 bags each **IF WE HAVE 10 SCOUTS**. Once a Scout's assigned area is finished, he is free to go home. Bag Collection and Food Drop Off will take about 1 - 2 hours. **Please see Anthony Moreno** if you have any questions, and parents please sign up on the Activity Clipboard. Thank you.

- Bag Distribution: Saturday December 1– meet 8:45 a.m. at Rec Bldg. **Wear Scout Uniform & bring your own water!**
- Bag Collection: Saturday December 8 – meet 9:45 a.m. at Rec Bldg. **Wear Scout Uniform & bring your own water!**

Court of Honor – Opened up by SPL Devonn who welcomed everyone and then held the flag salute. After this a special event took place with the Wood Badge beading of Sean Cooper who received his neckerchief, beads, and woggle. Mr. Cooper explained what Wood Badge was all about to people. This was followed by awards. **Service Stars:** Caden 1 yr. John Rennie – 12 yrs. **Merit Badges:** Wesley – Space Exploration, Family Life. Simon – Water Sports. Devonn – Cooking. Kamar – Personal Fitness. Alan – Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation. Cade – Geology, Energy, Communication, Cooking. **Ranks:** Damian and Brenden – Scout. Ian and Simon – Star. A slide show with the outings for the year were shown and Mr. Cooper emphasized the younger Scouts who did really well at summer camp. After some short videos of Emerald Bay, to convince Scouts to sign up for next summer, the Court of Honor was closed by Devonn. Everyone was thanked for being there and invited to have some dessert.

Emerald Bay (July 21-27, 2019) – The price is \$674 per Scout and \$524 for adults. Since this is a council camp, **camperships are available** this year for up to 50%, but the Scout has to earn money and contribute to his camp savings to qualify. See Mr. Cooper or Mr. Moreno if you have questions on campership. Since we applied for early bird discount our final payment is due in March with 1st payment of \$100 due Jan 9, 2nd \$100 - Feb 13.

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	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	



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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