

# Troop 41 Newsletter

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### FEBRUARY EVENTS

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

#### Monthly Theme: History

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

- Feb 7 (Wed) - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 7 (Wed) - **Midway payment of \$85 due (Scouts and adults)**
- Feb 14 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC meeting
- Feb 16-18 (Fri-Sun) - **Mt. Piños – snow campout**
- Feb 21 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Feb 24 (Sat) - **Blue & Gold/Webelos II Crossover 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the old Rosamond Elementary Cafeteria**
- Feb 24 (Sat) - Newspaper Recycling (Driver: Open) – Sign up on the Activity Clipboard
- Feb 28 (Wed) - **Court of Honor/FOS Presentation** - Bring your favorite dessert and a chair. **ALL** parents & Scouts must attend to show their support whether or not they are receiving an award, and come and see the slides of the last few months

### Mt. Piños Snow Campout – February 16-18, 2018

Note: Mt. Piños is 8,846 ft. but camp is 8,500' – temperatures in teens and low 20's at night – pay attention on how to stay dry and warm!

- **Last Day for Signups: February 7. ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!**
- **Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: DUE Feb 14 – \$18** (\$10 food+\$8 gas+\$0 site fee) – **Cash only - two exact amounts (\$10 & 8)**
- **Drivers:** Adventure Pass is \$5 per car - you can purchase them there unless you have an annual pass already.
- **Pack Checks:** Feb 14 (*Mandatory – no pack-check and you don't go!*)
- **Meet: 4:45 p.m. Feb 16 @ Rec. Bldg. (Wear Field Uniform!) Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!**
- **Return: Approximately 12 noon Feb 18 @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early).**
- **Clothing:** This is snow. NO TENNIS SHOES and NO COTTON SOCKS – follow advice from Troop Meeting on clothes and gear.
- **Special Equipment: Helmet required – BSA requires a helmet on ALL snow activities: dish, tube, sled, snowboard, etc.**
- **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!**

**Death Valley – Furnace Creek** – (Jan 19-21) What a great adventure this was! Saturday the Scouts traveled, hiking first to Zabriskie Point to view the shapes and colors of the rocks and hills of this beautiful terrain. We continued the drive to Dante's View at 5,476 feet and hiked its ½ mile trail along the crest. From up there we could see Badwater Basin below us at minus-282 feet below sea level, and also view all of the east side of Death Valley, about 50 miles north and south. After Dante's View we drove down to Badwater Basin, where we could see the sea-level sign 282 feet above us on the mountain – an awesome sight. Badwater Basin got its name from a surveyor whose mule wouldn't drink the salty water. While there we walked about 100 yards onto the dry salty lakebed to view the ground, plunging upward from the expanding salt crystals. We then traveled to Natural Bridge, which is 35 feet high and was carved by water. We walked under it on our way to the dry waterfall about a mile away. On the way to camp we drove the nine-mile Artist's Drive, with a very picturesque view of the geology and colors of rock on the mountains and hills on the east side of Death Valley. After a nice campfire that night and a beautiful Sunday morning, we all were most grateful for the wonderful time we had, seeing God's wonders in a beautiful place most people don't realize is there. It was a very successful and pleasing weekend.

**Christmas Tree Sales** – The 11 Scouts who sold trees and wreaths netted **\$1,521** from the sales this year. That's an average of \$138 per Scout, with the highest earner selling \$373 – enough to pay for summer camp. The gross profit was \$5,091, about what we sold last year. The Scouts did learn that it's getting harder to sell as they received more "no's" than ever before. Perhaps a new strategy is needed for next year. Great job Scouts!

**Tree Pick-up Results** – The four Scouts who participated earned **\$286.00** or \$71.50 each. A side benefit of passing out the Scouting for Food flyers is advertising for our annual Christmas tree pick up. It's a good money-earner and requires little work on the part of the Scouts. This year four Scouts picked up 23 trees and although the suggested donation amount was \$7, most people gave more -- so we earned about \$12.43 per tree. Camp Savings will be adjusted in early February. Wonderful work Scouts!

**Camp Chawanakee – July 15-21, 2018.** It is not too late to sign up, but you must do so by **March 7** and make the first and second payments of **\$200**. For those who made the first payment the second payment of \$100 is also due on **March 7**. The price is **\$400** per Scout and \$220 for adults. The final payment is due June 13.

**Heads-Up! USS Midway on March 17-18, 2018** – Signups and payment of **\$85 for both Scouts and adults** is due **Feb 7, 2018**. NO signups after this date will be accepted. This is an overnight program on the aircraft carrier USS Midway. It will be an educational experience as well as an overnight experience for the Scouts, who will receive a tour on Saturday evening of the inside of the ship. The tour will be finished on Sunday morning on top of the flight deck. The Scouts most likely will be sharing this experience with a few hundred other Scouts that weekend.

**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.

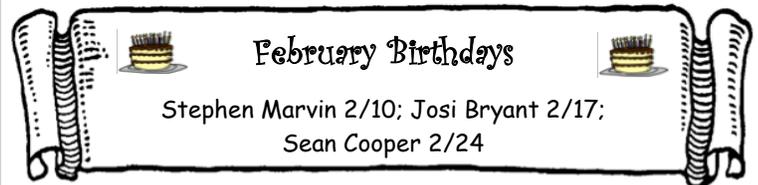
**PLC Meeting Mandatory Attendance** – The Troop policy is as follows: "As part of their duties, attendance at the monthly PLC meeting is MANDATORY for all Scouts who are members of the PLC - the SPL, ASPL, PL's, Troop Guide and Scribe who is not a member, but must attend. Failure to attend a minimum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



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