

# Scouts BSA Troop 41 for Boys Newsletter

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## February 2019

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### FEBRUARY EVENTS

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

Monthly Theme: US History

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

- Feb 6 (Wed) - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 13 (Wed) - Emerald Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$100 due (Scouts and adults)
- Feb 13 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC meeting
- Feb 15-17 (Fri-Sun) - Mt. Piños – snow campout
- Feb 20 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Feb 23 (Sat) - Blue & Gold/Webelos II Crossover 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the new Rosamond Elementary Cafeteria
- Feb 27 (Wed) - Court of Honor/Scouting Heroes 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 15-17, 2019

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 13 – \$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 15 @ Rec. Bldg. (Wear Field Uniform!) Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!**
- **Return: Approximately 12 noon Feb 17 @ 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, nor will he receive any awards.

### Feb 1 – BSA became Scouts BSA, so we are now “Scouts BSA Troop 41 for Boys” and no longer “Boy Scouts”

**Calico Ghost Town** – (Jan 18-20) A gorgeous, cool and sunny weekend made this experience very memorable for the Scouts who attended. Most of Saturday morning and afternoon was spent walking through and experiencing an old west silver mining town in the 1880s with its stores, church, saloons, barber shop, dentist office, and restaurants. For fun they paid admission to the Mystery Shack, Mine Tour, and Train Ride. They also paid to go Gold Panning, where each found plenty of fool's gold and were very excited about that, thinking they were rich. They even experienced a gun fight on the main street between the sheriff and a local guy, all part of the fun. Not wanting to pass up some nice snacks, they bought sarsaparillas and other sweet treats to enjoy during their walk. Back at camp they prepared a delicious Dutch oven lasagna and had blue berry cobbler for dessert. Later they enjoyed a nice campfire under a big full moon which shone very brightly over the camp. Overall it was a really great weekend full of fun, and wish we everyone could have been there for it.

**Christmas Tree Sales** – The 9 Scouts who sold trees and wreaths netted **\$1,422** this year. That's an average of \$158 per Scout, with the highest earner selling \$235 – almost enough to pay for summer camp. The gross profit was \$4,702, a little less than last year. The Scouts did learn that it's getting harder to sell trees as they received more “no's” than ever before. A new strategy next year may be wreaths only. Great job Scouts!

**Tree Pick-up Results** – The seven Scouts who participated earned **\$241.50** or \$34.50 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 seven Scouts picked up 18 trees and although the suggested donation amount was \$7, most people gave more -- so we earned about \$13.42 per tree. Camp Savings has been adjusted. Wonderful work Scouts!

**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 March 6<sup>th</sup>**. 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$100 was due Jan 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$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  
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



Josi Bryant 2/17  
Sean Cooper 2/24

**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