

Troop 41 Newsletter

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JANUARY EVENTS

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

Monthly Theme: Winter Survival

Reminder: The *field uniform* is to be worn from Labor Day to Memorial Day at each 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.**
- Jan 9 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC meeting
- Jan 9 (Wed) - **1st Camp Payment of \$100 due (apply for camperships in Jan – see below)**
- Jan 16 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Jan 18-20 (Fri-Sun) - **Death Valley – Furnace Creek**
- Jan 23 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Webelos II Workshop #2
- Jan 30 (Wed) - Scout Meeting

Death Valley – Furnace Creek Campground (3.5 hrs. /205 miles) – January 18-20, 2019

Note: Note: -190 feet below sea level – the lowest campground in the U.S. Temperatures average 65/39 in January

- **Last Day for Signups: January 9. ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!**
- **Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: DUE Jan 16 – \$45 (\$10 food+\$23 gas+\$12 site fee) – Cash only - two exact amounts (\$10 & 35)**
- **Drivers: Park entrance fee is \$20 per car unless you have an annual pass – pay at Stove Pipe Wells on Sunday**
- **Pack Checks: Jan 16 (Mandatory – no pack-check and you don't go!)**
- **Meet: 4:45 p.m. Jan 18 @ Rec. Bldg. (Wear Field Uniform!) Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!**
- **Return: Jan 20 3:00 p.m. @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early).**
- **Clothing:** Warm jacket for night and hiking clothes for the day.
- **Special Equipment:** Hiking shoes
- **Other Expenses:** \$7 for lunch on return.
- **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 – 661 609-7436 (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.

Red Rock Canyon – (Dec 7-9) While the area was very damp due to rain a few days before, the days were sunny as three Webelo II's joined us for a unique adventure among the red cliffs of the canyon. Saturday started off with a trip to Burro Schmidt's Tunnel, where the Scouts hiked a half mile through the 5' high solid granite tunnel to the other end. They emerged on the other side of the mountain on a small cliff a few hundred-feet- above the valley below, overlooking Randsburg towards Mojave. With no way around the mountain, they had to hike back through the tunnel. After returning to camp, they hiked the upper cliffs of Red Rock for about three miles and explored a dry waterfall while seeing more interesting rock formations in the canyon. It was a very successful weekend for both the Scouts and Webelos II's, who completed their hiking requirement.

Scouting for Food – This year the Scouts collected **764 lbs.** of food after distributing 2000 bags throughout the community of Rosamond. St. Mary's Food Bank was most grateful for all the food. They pointed out that without our donations the amount of food they have to give out would be the small, so we definitely made a difference. All together over **57 hours** of service were performed by the Scouts and adults who helped with distribution of bags and collection of food. We thank all of you for going out of your way this Christmas season to reach out and help those in need.

Popcorn Sales – A surprise showing by many new Scouts revitalized this old fund raiser that was about to die. The Scouts sold \$2,446 in popcorn for a net profit commission of **\$742.80**, our largest amount ever. On top of that were donations of \$70.50 given to individual Scouts by relatives. All together the total profit going to Camp Savings is **\$813.30**. Great job Scouts, and a good down payment towards camp this year!

Christmas Tree Sales – Gross amount sold was very high this year. The total sales and profits are being tabulated and will be reported in February's newsletter.

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
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 1/8
Anthony Moreno 1/17
Caden Robertson 1/27

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