

# Newsletter – Scouts BSA Troop 41 for Boys

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## March 2019

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### MARCH EVENTS

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

#### Monthly Theme: Scout Skills

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

- Mar 6 (Wed) - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m./Camp Cards (fund raiser begins)
- Mar 6 (Wed) - **FINAL Emerald Bay payment due** – your remaining balance
- Mar 13 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC meeting/**New parents meeting for Scouts who crossed over**
- Mar 15-17 (Sat-Sun) - **Death Valley – Stove Pipe Wells**
- Mar 20 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Mar 27 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/**Position Apps Distribution**

### Death Valley – Stove Pipe Wells (3.25 hrs. /168 miles) – March 15-17, 2019

**Note:** *Note: At sea level – Temperatures average 82/55 in March*

- Last Day for Signups: **March 6. ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!**
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE Jan 17** – \$27 (\$10 food+\$17 gas+\$0 site fee) – **Cash only - two exact amounts (\$10 & 17)**
- Drivers: Park entrance fee is \$20 per car unless you have an annual pass – pay at Stove Pipe Wells on Saturday
- Pack Checks: Mar 13 (Mandatory – no pack-check and you don't go!)
- Meet: 4:45 p.m. Mar 15 @ Rec. Bldg. (Wear Field Uniform!) Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!
- Return: Mar 17 2:30 p.m. @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early).
- Clothing: Light 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 – 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.

### Congratulations - Cade DeVere on earning your Eagle rank! You now join the other Eagles on the Summit.

**Mt. Piños Snow Campout** – (Feb 15-16) It was a brutally cold and 24 degrees when we arrived Friday evening. There was 1-2 feet of snow on the ground, along with snow showers and gusty wind. This made setting up tents a big challenge! Due to the high winds, we ended up piling snow around the edges of our tents to hold them in place. The Scouts were cold and tired, so they went to bed early as the wind beat against the tents and the temperature dropped by the hour, so that by morning it was 15 degrees. The Scouts awoke around 8 a.m. and some were not feeling well – not a good thing in 18 degrees, with a forecast high of 25 degrees with snow showers and strong winds. We determined staying another night in the extreme weather could harm their health, so we decided to finish out the morning and go home – but not before a bit of snowshoeing fun, something the other Scouts really wanted to do. After a light breakfast of trail snacks, Mr. Cooper took them on a one-mile trail and taught them to snowshoe properly. For all who participated it was their first time and they loved it! Afterward we broke camp and headed for home. While we were on Mt. Piños only 24-hours, the Scouts learned much about snow camping, had some fun, and appreciated the time in the snow and the lessons it taught us – overall a good campout!

**February Court of Honor** – Mr. Cooper presented the patrols with the new Scouts. After a welcome to all by SPL Devonn Veasey, Mr. Cooper made a presentation on “Scouting Heroes,” which is our Council’s annual Friends of Scouting fundraiser. Awards followed, presented by Mr. Cooper. **Service Stars:** Ethan Mondoux – 3 years. **Merit Badges:** Alan Rennie – Personal Management; Cade DeVere – Snow Sports; Simon Ross – Personal Fitness; Kamar Stephens – Communication. **Rank:** Landon Wyckhuys – Tenderfoot; Wesley Cascio – Star; Kamar Stephens – Life. Congratulations to those receiving rank and moving forward on the Eagle Trail! **Cade DeVere** – World Conservation Patch. JTE Gold patches were given to all. This was followed by a very informative slide show by Mr. Cooper featuring the events the Scouts participated in over the last three months, emphasizing that “Scouting is a game with a purpose” (Lord Baden-Powell). His Scoutmaster Minute challenged the Scouts to participate in everything they can, closing with a short video of Scouts on the cope course at Philmont last summer. It’s challenging, but great fun.

**Camp Cards** – Sales begin **March 1** and end May 1. Cards are \$5 each with each Scout earning \$2.50 from each sale. This year's cards feature Smart & Final. Buy one card for \$5, use it at Smart & Final and get \$5 off your purchase of \$25 or more. The card can only be used one time.

**Emerald Bay (July 21-27, 2019)** – final payment is due **March 6<sup>th</sup>** – **NO** exceptions. For those who applied for a campership we will know before then if it was excepted. According to Council, don't worry too much – expect to get what you requested and then pay what is remaining.

**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 2018



Devonn Veasey 3/8  
Simon Ross 3/14  
Michael Bedard 3/21

**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