

Troop 41 Newsletter

Est. January 1, 1944 – Oldest Continuing Troop in the Antelope Valley – 73 Years

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MAY EVENTS

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

Monthly Theme: Water Safety

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

- May 2 (Wed) - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 9 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC during meeting
- May 16 (Wed) - Scout Meeting
- May 18-20 (Fri-Sun) - **Backpacking – Valley Forge**
- May 23 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- May 26 (Sat) - **Flag Placement at LA National Cemetery** – Meet 5:45 a.m. @ Rec Bldg./Return 11:30 AM – Dress: Scout Uniform – *We must be there by 7:15 a.m. to register, so eat breakfast before you arrive and bring water.*
- May 26 (Sat) - Newspaper Recycling (Driver: Open) – Sign up on the Activity Clipboard
- May 30 (Wed) - **Court of Honor** - Bring your favorite dessert. **ALL** parents & Scouts must attend to show their support regardless of whether or not they are receiving an award, and come and see slides of the last few months.

Valley Forge Backpacking Trip – May 18-20, 2018

Located in the San Gabriel Mountains at 3500 feet along the San Gabriel River

- Last Day for Signups: May 9 - **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE** – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE May 11** – \$10 (\$10 food+\$0 gas+\$0 site fee) – **Cash only - one exact amount (\$10 to grubmaster)**
- Pack Checks: May 11 (**Mandatory** – no pack check and you don't go!)
- Meet: 4:45 p.m. May 18 @ **Mr. Cooper's house** (Wear Field Uniform!) *Eat dinner before leaving home, and be on time or be left behind!*
- Return: *Approximately Noon.* May 20 @ Rec Bldg. (*Parents – please have your phone on and be at home an hour before in case we are early*)
- Special Equipment: **Jacket for night**
- Drivers: **Cars need a National Adventure Pass to park.**
- 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!

AV District Camporee at Three Falls – (April 20-22) We had great weather but no Rattlesnake patrol. Instead, the Vikings (our younger patrol) represented the troop. Through some strange coincidences, for the first time ever none of the Rattlesnakes could make it. Nonetheless the Vikings did really well in coming together as a patrol and performing as if they were older – something of which we are very proud, considering the pressure they were under. Through good leadership, the Vikings set up a really good campsite that was well-ordered, neat, and complete with the welcome sign and backpack rack as the camp gadget. It looked really great! The Vikings competed with 26 other patrols in the 12-event competition, showing that they have what it takes to be competitive. While they didn't place in the top three in any events, they scored close in many and finished all but two, while building experience and skills in competition that will serve them well next year. On Sunday morning the Vikings again pulled together to pack up everything in pretty quick time. They felt good about themselves and what they accomplished without having older leaders nearby, and that's exactly what we want. See below where they could easily be in the next year – they are not far from it! Great job Vikings on showing Scout spirit throughout the weekend. You have a bright future!

From the past: AV Camporee 2016. For those wondering how we did in the past, the Rattlesnakes two years ago elevated their game to place in five events – more than any other patrol there. Their awards were as follows: Knot Tying – 3rd; First Aid - 3rd; Kumbazi - 2nd; String Burning - 2nd; and Rifle Shooting - 2nd. To top off the awards, the troop took 1st place in the Campsite Inspection.

Elections Results and Appointments for six months (through September): Those elected are **SPL:** Kamar Stephens; **Patrol Leaders:** Rattlesnakes – Ian Dirgo, Vikings – Simon Ross; Lightning – Arturo Villanueva. Appointed by the elected leaders with Scoutmaster approval are **ASPL** – Devonn Veasley; **Historian** – Brenden Taylor; **Librarian** – TBD; **Quartermaster** – Alex Christensen; **Scribe** – TBD; **Chaplain Aid** – TBD; **Assistant Patrol Leaders:** Rattlesnakes, TBD; Vikings – Wesley Cascio; Lightning – Damian Leon. Appointed by the Scoutmaster are: **Troop Guide** – Cade DeVere; **OA Rep** - TBD. **Den Chief** – Wesley Cascio. Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed! May you lead your fellow Scouts well and according to the Scout Law during the next six months.

Camp Chawanakee – July 15-21, 2018. It is not too late to sign up, but if you do you must make the first and second payments totaling \$200. The total price is **\$400** per Scout and \$220 for adults. The final payment is due **June 13 and your Medical Part C is due June 27.**

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.

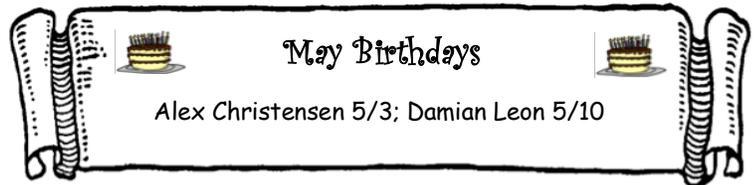
PLC Meeting Mandatory Attendance – The Troop policy is as follows: "As part of their duties, attendance at the monthly PLC meeting is MANDATORY for all Scouts who are members of the PLC - the SPL, ASPL, PL's, Troop Guide and Scribe who is not a member, but must attend. Failure to attend a minimum of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

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| 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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Equipment Coordinator – Mike Bedard (661 754-2865)

New Member Coordinator - Vacant

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