

Troop 41 Newsletter

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OCTOBER EVENTS

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

Monthly Theme: Backpacking

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

- Oct 4 (Wed) - Committee & Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 7 (Sat) - **Christmas Tree Sales – door-to-door 8:00 a.m-12:30 p.m./**Meet: Glendower Park - north side under the overhead.
- Oct 7 (Sat) - **Build Rockets for ROctober - Mr. Cooper's House 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
- Oct 11 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC during meeting/SPL & PL Elections
- Oct 13-15 (Fri - Sun) - **ROctober – with Webelos II**
- Oct 18 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Oct 21 (Sat) - **ILST – at Mr. Cooper's House 9:00 a.m. – Noon**
- Oct 25 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/**Re-charter Due**
- Oct 28 (Sat) - Newspaper Recycling (Driver: Open) – Sign up on the Activity Clipboard
- Oct 28 (Sat) - **Christmas Tree Sales – door-to-door 8:00 a.m-12:30 p.m.**

ROctober – Lucerne Dry Lake – October 7-9, 2016

Note: Temperatures will be in the high 60's during the day and high 30's at night.

- Last Day for Signups: - Oct 4. **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!**
- Food/Gas Money: **DUE Oct 11** – \$20 (\$10 gas + \$0 site fee + \$10 food) – **Cash only – two EXACT amounts (\$10 troop & \$10 grubmaster).**
- Pack Checks: October 11 only (**Mandatory – no pack check and you don't go!**)
- Meet: 4:45 p.m. Oct 13 @ Rec Bldg. (Wear Field Uniform!) *Eat dinner before leaving home, and be on time or be left behind!*
- Return: *Approximately Noon. Oct 15 @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early).*
- Clothing: Jacket for night and winter sleeping bag: 30-degree bag or warmer or summer bag with a liner.
- Special Equipment: Activity shirt for events on Saturday and your rockets.
- Other Expenses: \$10 - \$20 for extra motors if needed.
- 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!

Kearsarge Pass – (Sep 15-17) If you've missed a trip and are wondering why we don't go back soon to a place we've just been, it's because the PLC plans ahead annually – not on the fly, and never repeats a trip the same year. Those who missed out on this backpacking trip into the beautiful Sierras indeed missed a lot. Only a very, very, few people get to see this area in person because it is rugged and deep into the mountains. While it was a challenging climb up to the 11,760-foot Kearsarge Pass, the thousand-foot descent was exciting as we saw three lakes come closer into view. The weather was very nice, the food was great, and deep in God's country it was very quiet. On Sunday morning, we woke up to some chilling weather, with ice crystals all over our tents and lots of moisture. But once the sun came up over the mountains it was back to normal. As we ascended the steep thousand-foot mountain, we knew once we were at the top that it was only about five miles downhill back to the cars. And as we hiked down the trail we passed each of the five small lakes we had seen the day before, and they too were very beautiful as they glistened in the sun. Stopping for lunch, we reflected on where we had been, as we looked up from Lone Pine and saw Mt. Whitney in the distance. It was hard to believe we were just into that very remote area! And again – for those who didn't make it, remember that each trip is special, with experiences you may not get again.

Armed Forces Day Parade – (Sep 26) As usual, the troop took part in the Annual Armed Forces Day parade, marching down Diamond Street as unit. The newly renovated street made for a nicer parade route as the narrow street gave a different feeling to the parade, allowing people to line up all along the street the same distance from the participants. The Scouts carried the flags proudly down Diamond Street. The parade gave the troop an opportunity to make a visible appearance and let the community know that Scouting is indeed alive and well in Rosamond! Thank you to all who participated in this great event honoring our nation's armed forces, and to Dan DeVere for helping coordinate it on the day of.

Charter Renewal for 2017 – The enclosed invoice is due no later than **October 25**. Please bring the invoice and the money to any meeting between October 1 and October 25. If you **are not renewing**, please call or e-mail me as we are not allowed to drop you without checking first. Thank you.

Colors Presented by Scouts– (Sep 9 and Sep 23) Troop 41 twice presented the colors at the High Desert Phoenix Semi-Pro Football Homecoming Game at Rosamond High School. Two Scouts, Cade and Devonn, did the honors during the playing of the national anthem on the football field. This is the third time the Troop has done this for any kind of opening of a public event, giving us more recognition in the community. Great job Scouts!

Annual Plan – Last month the **2017/2018 Annual Plan** distributed. If you misplaced it you can download it from our website located at the top of this newsletter. Please mark your calendars for the year. Some parents ask what to pay attention to first and the answer is **all the outings**. They build character, build confidence, and strengthen the Scout's ability to earn rank. **Sign up on the clipboard!**

Camp Chawanakee – July 15-21, 2018. The price is **\$400** per Scout and \$220 for adults. This is an out of council camp so there are no camperships available this year. Signups are required by **Jan 10** with the first payment of **\$100** due at that time. The 2nd and Final payments are in Mar & Jun.

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.

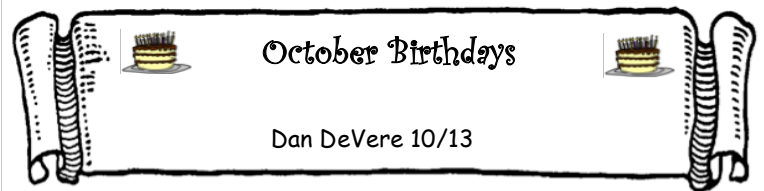
PLC Meeting Mandatory Attendance – The Troop policy is as follows: "As part of their duties, attendance at the monthly PLC meeting is MANDATORY for all Scouts who are members of the PLC - the SPL, ASPL, PL's, Troop Guide and Scribe who is not a member, but must attend. Failure to attend a minimum of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

American Legion Chartered Organization Representative – Max Dueno (256-9431)

Scoutmaster – Gary Cooper (505 918-6786) nutmocoops@me.com

Asst. Scoutmaster – Frank Paravato (917-4750) Asst. Scoutmaster – John Rennie (661 860-9882) Asst. Scoutmaster – Kathy Rennie (661 860-9879)

Asst. Scoutmaster – Sean Cooper (505 918-6799) Asst. Scoutmaster – Michael Bedard Asst. Scoutmaster – Ben Stewart (661 878-6805)

Committee Chair – Anthony Moreno (256-3380) afmoreno@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer – Charla Troup (256-8652)

Health & Safety Coordinator – Paul Stephens (661 524-4142)

Outdoor/Activities Coordinator – Vacant

Training Coordinator – Rich Mondoux (760 373-2120)

Membership Coordinator - Vacant

Secretary – Vacant

Advancement Coordinator – Josi Bryant (256-4039)

Fundraising Coordinator – Dan DeVere (661 400-5040)

Equipment Coordinator – Mike Bedard (754-2865)

New Scout Parent Unit Coordinator - Vacant

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