

Newsletter – Scouts BSA Troop 41 for Boys

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SEPTEMBER 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

- Sep 4 (Wed) - Parent-Committee/Scout Meeting 7 p.m.
- Sep 11 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC during meeting
- Sep 13-15 (Fri-Sun) - **BP/Hike – Kearsarge Pass/Grays Meadows**
- Sep 18 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review/Position Apps Distributed
- Sep 21 (Sat) - **Armed Forces Appreciation Day Parade** (Scouts are to participate) – Meet at Hummel Hall on the southeast corner at 9:30 a.m.; pick up at the Rec Bldg. following the parade. See Activity clipboard for sign-ups.
- Sep 25 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/**Webelos II Workshop #1**/Position Apps Distributed

Kearsarge Pass/Grays Meadows – September 13-15, 2019

In the Sierras at 11,823 feet – Scouts 14 years and older will backpack to Kearsarge, but some younger may go with Scoutmaster approval. Others will only hike to Little Pothole about 1.5 miles, but with an elevation gain of 870 feet.

- Last Day for Signups: September 4 - **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!**
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE Sep 11** – \$25 (\$10 food+\$0 gas+\$15 site fee) – **Cash only - two exact amounts (\$15 & \$10 to grubmaster)**
- Pack Check: September 11 (**Mandatory – no pack check, and you don't go!**)
- Meet: 4:45 p.m. Sep. 13 @ Rec Bldg. (**Wear Field Uniform!**) Eat dinner before leaving home and be on time or be left behind!
- Return: Approximately 1:30 p.m. Sep. 15 @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early)
- Special Equipment: Backpack and hiking shoes along with jacket, gloves, and hat, should we run into snow
- 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: Rene Taylor (661 810-4263)

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.

Blue Ridge/Cooper Falls – (July 21-27) We camped in a beautiful setting at 8,000 feet beneath Mammoth's ski lifts. At night on one side we could see LA, and on the other side Wrightwood. Saturday, we drove 20 miles to Buckhorn, and the Scouts hiked 6 miles round-trip to Cooper Falls to see the flowing water and dip their feet into the ice-cold pool below – so refreshing on a hot day after a long hike! They practiced backpack cooking for dinner, and then enjoyed a nice campfire before bed to end a wonderful and challenging weekend of backpacking practice.

Court of Honor – (August 28) SPL Simon opened the Court of Honor and welcomed everyone. Mr. Cooper was then presented with a \$100 gift card for letting us use his shop for our troop meetings these past five years. This was followed with his slide show of events for the past three months. Patches presented from Emerald Bay: Sea Lion; Buffalo Run, Kayaking, Snorkeling, War Canoes, and Silver Peak. **Caden** – Standup Paddle boarding; **Simon, Ian, Wesley** - Values Patch; **Landon, Trevor, Simon, Mr. Ross, Mr. Taylor** – Brigand; **Simon, Ian, Wesley, Mr. Ross, Mr. Taylor** – Mile Swim; **Merit Badges: Alan** – Orienteering, Pioneering, Shotgun Shooting; **Xaxxon** – Fish & Wildlife Managements, Oceanography, Wilderness Survival; **Caden** – Kayaking, Leatherwork, Lifesaving; **Simon** – Fish & Wildlife Management, Oceanography, Rifle Shooting, Wilderness Survival; **Trevor** – Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Oceanography, Wilderness Survival; **Kamar** – Art, Orienteering, Pioneering; **Brenden** – Oceanography, Rifle Shooting; **Landon** – Archery, Leatherwork, Rifle Shooting, Oceanography; Fishing; **Conner** – Archery, Oceanography; **Wesley** – Archery, Environmental Science, Oceanography; **Ian** – Environmental Science, Oceanography; **Gavin** – Environmental Science, Oceanography, Wilderness Survival. **Service Stars:** Scouts – **Simon** 2 yrs. **Kamar** 7 yrs. **Ian** 5 yrs. **Mr. DeVere** 5 yrs. **Mr. Moreno** 20 yrs. **Ranks: Xaxxon, Anthony** – Scout; **Brenden** – Tenderfoot; **Trevor** – 2nd Class; **Eagles announced: Cade, Devon, Alan**. Mr. DeVere then presented our wreath re-charter fundraiser and popcorn fundraiser and passed out samples. Mr. Cooper ended with the Scoutmaster Minute: “When was the last time you did something for the first time?” That’s why we do this every month. Take advantage of it and challenge yourself! Simon then closed the Court of Honor.

Re-charter fee increase update: \$83 in 2020 – As announced last month, our Council has determined the re-charter fee per person will be \$83 starting Jan 1, but there will be a new fee payment schedule. You can either pay \$83 (+ \$12 for optional Scouting Life magazine) up front, or, make a down payment of \$33 (+ \$12 for optional Scouting Life magazine) and 12 monthly payments of \$5 with autopay to the Council. It's your decision – a one-time payment totaling \$95, or multiple payments totaling \$105. Please note we will start re-charter in October and the fees will be due then, so you have one month to decide. If you choose multiple payments, there will be separate paperwork to the Council. Adult fee is just \$45. More details to come.

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 Wreathes, 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 2019



Kamar Stephens 9/8
Wesley Cascio 9/14
Max Dueno 9/22

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

Secretary – Rene Taylor (661 810-4263)
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If you have any questions about information in this newsletter, please call Anthony Moreno