

The Eagle

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Scoutmaster's Minute

By Dave Ishikawa

At the conclusion of each troop meeting I have the privilege of presenting a Scoutmaster's minute. Sometimes I deliver a message to give Scouts something to think about, or to give praise to individuals or a group in the troop. Sometimes the message is humorous, other times it is serious and pointed in its content. It is the Scoutmaster's chance to share his feelings, hopes, and knowledge. Today I want to deliver a message of cheerfulness, because our troop is healthy and strong with lots of great Scouts and outstanding adults ready to help make our troop one of the best around. Thank you.



Committee Chair Report

by Zenaida Kamine

To all the new scouts and their families, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Troop 380 family. As in any family, each member contributes to the family unit by doing certain jobs or tasks. Troop 380 is no different; in order for our family to function we need everyone to make their contribution in any way they can. That could mean driving to or from camp outs, summer camps, or other scout functions. They can also contribute by helping out or chairing one of our many troop activities, by serving on Boards of Reviews helping the boys advance through the ranks, or by being a Merit Badge Counselor.

I would like to extend an invitation to all the new families to join us at our next Parent Committee meeting. Troop 380's Parent Committee is a group of parents and other adults from the troop that work to support the Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters in providing a quality program for the boys as well as helping to financially support the troop and its members. As you will notice from the articles in this newsletter of our past and upcoming events, Troop 380 is always busy.

By attending the committee meetings you will hear firsthand the valuable information that may not make it

home after the troop meetings on Monday nights. What a great way to meet the other parents and adults of the troop! By becoming an active Parent Committee member you will not only help to enrich your own son's Boy Scout experience but also that of the other boys in the troop. Besides, we are a fun group of people. Our next committee meeting will be held Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30pm in the building next to the church. Hope to see you there.



Eagle Watch

by J. Pennington

Congratulations to Travers Hopkins on becoming the troop's 126th Eagle Scout when he passed his Eagle Board of Review on January 27, 2012. His Eagle Court of Honor will be on June 4th.

-Angel Echevarria completed his Eagle project in February, a school garden/planter project, all merits badges, and will be turning in his Eagle application soon.

-Sameer Punia and Alexander Trimm both completed their Eagle projects last years and only have a couple of merit badges to complete so they can also turn in their Eagle application.

Life Scouts who have not come up with project can talk to Johnie Pennington.

Merit Badges

by Bob Williamson

The merit badge program is designed to provide access to the MB Counselors just prior to Troop Meetings. Scouts must do the work required and explain, demonstrate, and/or show that they have the knowledge and have fulfilled the requirements. The month of March is time to finish the winter merit badges (Personal Fitness, Citizenship in the Nation, Electronics, and Insect Study).

A special thanks to our counselors, Jon Traum, Jim Buell, Joseph Jacobs and Moorea Richardson.

During Spring 2012 the troop is offering:

1. Emergency Preparedness – Sherri Brown, Counselor
2. Citizenship in the Community – Joseph Jacobs, Counselor
3. Law – Charles Potter, Counselor
4. Coin Collecting – Frank Shaw, Counselor

The badges are being offered on the following dates – April 9, 16, 30 and May 7, 14, and June 18. The merit badge sessions start promptly at 6:30 PM unless noted otherwise.

The Troop continues to invite all adults who would like to help out as Merit Badge Counselors to sign-up with the Advancement Assistance Scoutmasters. There are many areas of interest that you could help in and your help will be greatly appreciated. It really is fun and a great way to meet some of your son's fellow scouts.



Peace Light

by Dave Ishikawa

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, the Peace Light came to Sacramento. Scout leaders gathered at the Golden Empire Council Service Center to greet the special flame that traveled from the Grotto of Bethlehem where Jesus Christ was born. Scout Leaders from the Middle East, Europe, Canada, and all over the United States passed the flame from place to place. We had the pleasure of coordinating the visit by the flame with a special ceremony and lighting of candles and lanterns for Scouts and Scouters to share with friends and family. It was an honor to be part of this ceremony and to host the Peace Light in our council and homes. Details about the Peace Light journey are available on the Peace Light website. Thanks to everyone who participated in the ceremony.



Mt. Tamalpais Hike

by Charles Potter

On Sunday, December 18, 2011, several Scouts and Scout leaders completed the Mt. Tamalpais Rim of the Bay hike. We started the hike near the Cushing Memorial Amphitheatre. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, this natural stone amphitheater seats 3,500 people and features the Mountain Play produced every Spring for almost 100 years. We headed on to the West Point Inn where we took some pictures and rested. There are no military cadets there. The name comes from the fact that it was built at the Mt. Tamalpais Scenic Railroad's western most point. Near the summit, we visited the Gravity Car Barn, a museum dedicated to the Mt. Tamalpais Scenic Railroad, also called the "Crookedest Railroad in the World," with 281 turns and curves and 8.19 miles of track. Finally, at the summit we ate lunch with a spectacular view of fog and the occasional passing cloud. You can see the photos from our trip on the Troop 380 website. I'd like to thank all of the adult leaders who drove and Matthew Brown who filled in at the last minute as the scout leader.



Bowling Night

by Mary Brown

On December 27, 2011, with the help of Dajion Jacobs, the Scout organizer, Troop 380 met at Strikes Bowling Alley in Elk Grove for a night of bowling, pizza, and games. Troop 380 was out in force having 13 lanes of bowlers. We had a total of 74 Scouts, family and friends in attendance. The highest scoring scout was Bryan Hsieh with a score of 102, with a close second Dajion Jacobs with a score of 100. The highest scoring adult was Curtis Richardson with a score of 171 and Charles Potter

next with a score of 155. Crew 380 joined in as well and went incognito with their names. The highest scoring Crew was “Belle” with a score of 133, with “Fesha” coming in second with a score of 112. From all the smiles and laughs, I believe everyone had a good time. Thank you to all attendees who helped close out the scouting year for 2011.



Christmas Tree & E-Waste Fundraiser
by Moorea Richardson

Troop & Crew 380 partnered with Allied Waste and CEAR to do Troop 380's annual Christmas tree & E-Waste fundraiser December 31st at Sequoia School and January 7th at Rosemont High, where despite the wind, it was a highly successful tandem event! Michelle Tyler and Moorea Richardson headed the event up at both sites. The turn out to help was great! Thank you to all who helped make collecting 370 Christmas trees and 8 TONS of e-Waste possible. A big shout out to Neil Ishikawa for designing our flyer, Sue Garcia for getting permits, all the drivers, T.V. lifters and Frank Shaw for hauling, storing and dropping a huge trailer of e-waste the last day. Troop 380 is at it's best when we work together on fundraisers like these to help our Scouts!



Grover Hot Springs – Jan 14-15, 2012
By Floyd Brown

We were finally able to go camping at Grover Hot Springs State Park (last year we were snowed out). No snow this year but it was cold. There were 5 adults and 11

scouts that ventured in the Sierras. Grover Hot Springs is located off Hwy 89 just west of Markleeville. After we setup camp Michael Kuykendall took the scouts on a hike from our campsite to the hot springs and was able to find several geocache sites that are in the park. While waiting to get into the pool area Dave Ishikawa demonstrated to the scouts how to measure trees and other items without the use of any measuring device. Once inside the pool area all 16 of us completed the requirements for the coveted Order of the Ice Cube. When finished we returned to the campsite for a very filling dinner, after dinner the scouts participated in a rousing game of capture the flag against another Troop from Reno. I think we won. The adults tried to stay warm around a nice campfire.

After Capture the Flag the scouts gathered around the campfire for S'more's. Sunday morning greeted us with blue skies and again cold temp. Fixed and ate a hardy breakfast, we cleaned up, broke camp, packed up and headed for a spot with snow. Couldn't find any and we headed to Dave's house to unload the trailer and have lunch.

Everyone had a great time and plenty of food. Adults Floyd, Dave, Charles, Wei and Michael. Thanks to all for a great time.

Harlem Globetrotters come to town ...
by Chris Ishikawa

January 15, the Harlem Globetrotters came to town for some basketball showmanship. Most of those that went from the troop, arrived home from Grover Hot Springs took a shower and headed to the arena. A number of scouts were allowed to participate in the Opening Ceremony – we got to go out on the floor with the BIG flag and we were a big hit. Troop 380 had the most scouts from any unit in the Council. It was a great time.



University of Scouting

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, over 500 adult leaders from all over the Golden Empire Council gathered at Daves' school, Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School to learn and share their knowledge about the Scouting program. This day-long training was well attended by Troop 380 Scouters. Also 380 Scouters Chris Ishikawa, Johnie Pennington, Michael Kuykendall, Norm Parker, Erik

Carlson, Jahna Alvarado, Sharon Jonas, Charles Potter, Don Dier, LaMar Mitchell, Kim Perry-Reed, Naomi Mellerski, Zenada Kamine, Tonia Cameron, Mac Cameron, and Dave Ishikawa were all on the instructors staff. Also a big hand goes out to Adam Boles and Zachary Kamine who assisted Dave throughout the day. Everyone had a great day and gained a lot of knowledge about this great program.



Casey Reynold Eagle Scout
by Casey Reynolds

On February 4, I held my Eagle Court of Honor at Emmanuel Baptist Church. At 4:30, the court began and family members and old friends were introduced to the audience. From there, proceeded to the slideshow made by my Mother and I. After the slideshow was done, all the Eagles in audience were invited to the Eagles' Nest, where they stated when they earned their Eagle award. Soon after that, I was brought out to the front to receive the award. From there I presented the pins to my Parents and Grandparents, as well as the Mentor pins to my mentors. After all the presentations were done, I shared my experience of the Scouting program to the audience and passed some advice to the younger ones still on the Trail to Eagle Scout. Refreshments were served afterwards. I would like to thank everyone who attended my Eagle Court and for those who helped to make it happen. Good luck to those still on the trail and Happy Trails to you.

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GEC honors Joanie Stretars and Mike Kuykendall . . .

By Chris Ishikawa

The 2012 Golden Empire Council Annual Recognition Dinner honored 19 Scouters with the Silver Beaver, the Councils' Award of Merit, the highest award they can give a volunteer. The Council Dinner took place on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Our own Joanie Stretars and Mike Kuykendall were those honored. Over 320 people were in attendance and as usual a few of our Troop were heavily involved. Many thanks to Dave, Mac & Tonia Cameron and Johnie & Roberta Pennington, you truly make my adventures easier and more fun.

Klondike Derby

by Michael Kuykendall

HELLOOOOO from the frozen North. Sixteen youth and nine adults braved the winter weather of Cisco Grove on February 17th to compete in the Klondike Derby. We arrived late Friday evening and set up camp in the dark. We are getting pretty good at this. Acting Scoutmaster Michael Kuykendall and acting Senior Patrol Leader, Charlie Potter attended the cracker barrel to discuss the weekend events. There were 4 troops in attendance. Unfortunately, there were a few troops from another district that did not show and were in charge of a number of events. With a 'Be Prepared' attitude, the adults in attendance stepped up and volunteered to cover some events, donated the use of a flag and pole, and officiated over the Interfaith service on Sunday. Saturday started off with Mountain Man Breakfast to ready ourselves for the days events. The scouts collected 'gold nuggets' at nine events. They showed their skills in knots and lashings, first aid, blindfolded stretcher race, compass, and fire building. We broke for lunch to warm and fuel our bodies with bowls of Chicken Soup and PB&J sandwiches. Later that afternoon, our mushers

participated in an Iditarod race, dog sled race without the dogs. Our young men took many first and second place awards. At closing flags, it was announced that the flag was to be retired. Afterward, we all enjoyed a free for all snowball fight. We prepared our Dutch ovens for dinner and sat around the campfire while waiting for the hearty stew to brew. A few scouts forgot to drink water and suffered a bout of hypothermia to much of our chagrin. Some forgot to pack extra shoes and warm socks and sustained mild frostbite. Thanks to our ever-vigil adults, we did not have to leave any scouts under the frozen tundra.

We woke early Sunday with anticipated frenzy; packed our belongings, broke camp, loaded the sledges, and mushed the gear to the trailer. Breakfast was Oatmeal and pastries. At morning flags, we saluted the moon, then held an Interfaith service. We loaded up and returned home, dried our tents and stowed the gear in anticipation of next years' Klondike Derby.

Upcoming Events

USS Hornet

by J. Pennington

March 17, the troop will travel to Alameda to spend the night on the USS Hornet (CV-12), a US Navy aircraft carrier that was in service from 1943 to 1970. Two Webelos, 16 Scouts and 8 adults are going to experience living on a US naval ship and also have an opportunity to explore the ship from vulture rows to the flight desk to the working/sleeping areas to secret areas. Before going aboard our interpreted group will go to Tilden Regional Park to hike the Quarry and Big Springs trails. On Sunday we plan to visit the Jelly-Belly factory before returning to Sacramento.

Skills Camp Out

by Neil Ishikawa

Come check out the new council camp "Camp Nauvoo" (name change coming soon). If you're a veteran scout of at least a year, come teach your scouting skills to the new scouts of troop 380. If you're a new scout come learn to camp the Troop 380 way. Camp Nauvoo is just outside Placerville. And we will be camping March 30 to April 1. New scouts will be heading to Camp Nauvoo on Saturday morning. There will be lots of opportunity for service hours and leadership.

Aquatics Day

If your son's Spring break from school is the week of April 2th, the troop has a great activity to start off the week.

We have setup a day at the CSUS Aquatic Center to learn canoe and kayak paddling followed by going out on Lake Natomas to demonstrate what has been learned. There could also Aqua bike races and maybe some basketball. Lots of activity.

We will meet at 8:30 AM at the Aquatic Center, located at Hazel Ave and Nimbus Dam and the day will end around 2:00. Please make arrangements to drop off and pick up your son.

The scout should have swimsuit, towel, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, shoes that will get wet and don't forget a lunch. No Class A uniform only 380 T-shirt and sweatshirt.

CSUS requires that their forms (3 pages) be completed in addition to the Troop's Permission slip. The Troop permission slip can be found on our website www.t380.org and the CSUS forms can be found at www.sacstateaquaticcenter.com. Once there click on 'forms' at top and then click on 'Youth Group Packet' print and fill out pages 2, 3 and 4 and bring them on the 2nd.

The scout should have passed the Scout Swim Test from Summer Camp, be comfortable in cold water (they will have a life jacket on) and be physically able to paddle for several hours.

Greater Yosemite Council Camporall April 20-22, 2012

Troop 380 has been invited to an out of council event as guests of the Greater Yosemite Council. We have accepted an invitation to their Spring Camporall to be held at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock on the weekend of April 20-22, 2012. Scouts will get to experience a large camporee put on by the GYC. We will be setting up a special exhibit to promote the Golden Empire Council's Scout Expo 2012. Look for more information in the near future.



Spring Camporee: April 27-29, 2012

by Dave Ishikawa

The Capital City District and the Sierra Gateway District have joined forces to put on the “Zombie Apocalypse” at Gibson Ranch on the weekend of April 27-29, 2012. The spring camporee will highlight patrol and troop competition and lots of fun and games. The weekend will also include the Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony on Saturday night. Cost for the weekend is \$20.00, which includes a special “Zombie Attack” t-shirt. Permission Slips are available on the Troop Website.

Bodega Bay Campout: May 18-20, 2012

by Wei Hsieh

We will be heading out to Doran Beach Regional Park for a 3 day campout! Our camp sites are 65, 67, 68, and 69. Doran Regional Park is a regional park located south of Bodega Bay in Sonoma County, CA. It covers an area of 127 acres and is on the sand spit separating Bodega Harbor from Bodega Bay. The park address is 201 Doran Beach Road, Bodega Bay, CA. Doran Park has a 2-mile stretch of sandy beach and is a popular place for visitors to picnic, build sand castles, flykites, surf, fish and stroll. A rock jetty at the harbor mouth provides access for fishing, crabbing and exploring sea life. The park features a sandy beach (Doran Beach), a boat launch, picnic areas, and year-round camping. Sea lions can sometimes be heard barking from offshore. Are you ready for some fun?



Fair Oaks Cemetery Service Project

by Elizabeth Ruygt

Memorial Day Weekend Troop 380 will be doing their annual service project at the historical Fair Oaks Cemetery on Olive Street in Fair Oaks. On the morning of Saturday May 26 when the cemetery holds its Memorial Day Service the Scouts will help out by directing traffic and handing out programs. After the memorial service the troop will help take down the chairs and awnings. In the afternoon we will return to the cemetery to take down the Avenue of Flags. Early Monday morning, May 28, we return to the cemetery to put up the Avenue of Flags, returning in the afternoon to take down the flags. This is a popular service project that the boys enjoy because of the interesting headstones, the beautiful rolling hills and the gratitude of the public. Scouts can earn either community service credit or money for their Scout account. There are four time slots Scouts can sign up for. If you would like more information about this project please speak to Ian Chang, the Scout in charge, or Elizabeth Ruygt.



Santa Cruz Camp Out

June 1-3, 2012

by Jason Scholl

Join us June 1 for our Big Basin (Santa Cruz Mountains) two-night camping trip. This is an excellent opportunity for hiking, with 80 miles of trails featuring a range of difficulty levels. We are staying in California's oldest state park, founded in 1902, which offers a number of historic and scenic points of interest. The park preserves a diverse ecology, including redwood forests that shelter some of the oldest and tallest trees on Earth. Come see where UCSC's Fighting Banana Slugs got their name!

Yellowstone / Camp Buffalo Trip

June 20-July 3, 2012

by Dave Ishikawa

Troop 380 Scouts and Leaders are headed for Camp Buffalo Bill near Yellowstone National Park. Almost 50 Scouts, parents, and leaders will travel to Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Cody, Wyoming, and Jackson Hole for a great road trip. Participants have been planning this trip for over a year. We will be visiting one of the most spectacular parks in the country and seeing some beautiful country. Scouts will spend a week at one of the most popular summer camps in the nation. Look for some great stories after this trip.

Summer Camp: Camp Winton

July 15-21, 2012

by Dave Ishikawa

The best week of the summer will take place on July 15-21, 2012 at Camp Winton, on beautiful Bear River Reservoir. Summer camp is the most important event in a Scout's career. Scouts will experience canoeing, archery, rowing, rifle shooting, crafts, advancement, campfires, cooking, leather working, lashings, orienteering, and much, much more. The fee for one week at camp is \$310.00. Some camperships are available. Please see Dave as soon as possible to sign up for one of the greatest experiences in Scouts.

Training Events

Introduction to Leadership Skill in Troops: ILST

On Sunday, March 25th, we will offer a special leadership training for our youth leadership. I would like to also recommend this training for any adult who wants to know

about our youth-led troop. The training will take place at the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 100 PM. SPL, ASPL, Quartermaster, Scribe, Troop Guides, Historian, Librarian, Patrol Leaders, Jr. Assistant Scoutmasters, and Instructors should attend this training. The troop will provide snacks. We should be wrap up at 5:00 PM. Please let Dave know if you plan on attending.

Leader Specific Training

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Sharon Jonas, Capital City District Training Chairperson and her training team will be offering Leader Specific Training on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the LDS Church at 51st and Dover. The course is for all adult wishing to further their knowledge about Scouting. Assistant Scoutmasters, Merit Badge Counselors, Committee Members, and interested adults are highly encouraged to take this training. This also allows you to be considered for an Assistant Scoutmaster position in our troop. Please contact Sharon Jonas if you would like more information. Registration is available on line on the Golden Empire Council website (www.gec-bsa.org).

Capital City District Roundtables Second Thursday of Every Month

Each month the Capital City District offers a special supplemental training program called Roundtable. Roundtables take place on the second Thursday of every month at the LDS Church at 3001 Wisseman Drive. Adult leaders and interested adults receive supplemental training to gain more knowledge about the Boy Scout program. Also participants learn about upcoming district and council events. These fast paced and informative meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Scouters are encouraged to wear their uniforms. You will meet some great scout leaders and find out what other units are doing to prepare our Scouts. Our next Roundtable will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Troop 380 provides some great staff members for Roundtables. Chris Ishikawa is the Roundtable Commissioner, supported by Dave Ishikawa, Jimmie Garcia, Johnie Pennington, Sue Garcia, Ralph Merrill, Peggy Merrill, Naomi Mellerski, Kim Perry-Reed, Erik Carlson, and Sharon Jonas. Attend Roundtable, you will have a blast!

NYLT: National Youth Leadership Training

Two one week long training courses will be offered this summer called NYLT. The spring NYLT course filled up in two weeks. NYLT is an advance leadership course for Scouts. Our best leaders in Troop 380 have attended

NYLT training. First Class Scouts who have reached their 13th birthday are eligible for this outstanding leadership course. The Troop Committee believes very strongly in sending Scouts to NYLT and provides a limited number of partial camperships for this experience. Please see Dave if you are interested in attending one of the two week long offerings. Dates for the training are: June 18-23 and August 6-11, 2012. The course fee is \$250.00 per Scout, but some camperships are available.



2013 National Jamboree The Summit

The greatest Scouting show on earth will move to its new location during the summer of 2013. The National Jamboree will take place in West Virginia at the all new Summit Bechtel Reserve. Jamborees take place every four years and this one promises to be the best one yet. Whitewater rafting, canopy tours, zip lines, mountain biking, mountain boarding, and much more will add to the traditional Jamboree activities of the past. Scout Troops and Venturing Crews for the Golden Empire Council have now been formed, but if you are interested another troop is in the making. Not only will Scouts attend the eight day Jamboree, but they will tour the Washington DC area, Gettysburg, Hershey, and Philadelphia. If you want to participate in this great event see Dave as soon as possible. The next Jamboree takes place in 2017!

More Troop/Crew News

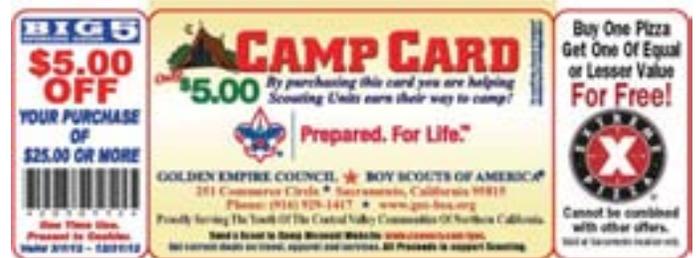


Crew 380 Update

by Jamie Brown

Crew 380 has been really busy these past few months! Since the last Court of Honor in December, the crew has participated in and helped staff numerous events and is planning on even bigger and better things for the upcoming quarter. Shortly after Christmas, the crew assisted Troop 380 in the distribution of flyers and in the collection of Christmas trees and e-waste as a part of their annual Christmas Tree and E-waste Recycling Project. Also in December, Crew 380 fielded its own team at the troop's other annual December tradition, the Troop 380 Bowling Night at Strikes, which consisted of six Venturers. On January 21 at University of Scouting, two of our crew members, Paige and Tess, helped teach the Introduction to leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) course,

while another two, Kristen and I, participated in the course. The course was awesome and provided some great leadership skills and insight for those of us who attended and will definitely be better crew officers as a result of now being ILSC trained. On February 4, Crew 380 joined with Troop 380 in celebrating Casey's attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. It is always an amazing feeling to be able to come together with the friends and family of an Eagle to celebrate, and even more so for us because he has been, and continues to be, such an active Venturer in our crew. On March 4, two members of our crew represented Crew 380 at Scout Sunday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, which is extremely gracious in allowing us to use their facilities on a regular basis for our bimonthly crew meetings. Our crew has a lot coming up, including a few fundraisers, a crew campout, and hosting our own ILSC. We're always looking for eligible scouts to come join us on our adventures in the Venturing program!



CAMP CARDS COMING SOON!

by Michelle Tyler

BSA's newest fundraiser will be available on or after March 26th. Camp Cards are a discount card that sells for \$5. a piece and is a great way for your scout to earn his own way to camp. The Scout Shop, Wing-Stop, Subway, Smog-N-Go, Big 5, and now Safeway are just some of the community businesses that will give discounts to Camp Card holders. \$2.50 of every \$5 card sold will go into your scout's scout account to be used for camp activities. Look for more info in the Scoutmasters emails or see Michelle Tyler at the Monday meetings. Feeling a little overwhelmed by all the "camp fees"? Selling just 124 cards will pay for your scout to go to summer camp! Sell just 10 cards and your scout can participate in the much anticipated Scout Expo! More information and dates will come very soon.

Troop Photos

by The Picture Guy: Don Dier

Troop 380 maintains a comprehensive collection of pictures from most of our events and activities. They can be found on our website at t380.org. Please visit the website and explore all the information it has available. We encourage members of Troop 380 to take pictures at events and would like to have them posted on the website. I'm the conduit for getting pictures posted. I have flash

drives you can load them onto, or you can give me yours, or a CD/DVD, or whatever works best for you. It's appreciated if you can use the highest quality setting on your camera. I'll manage the file size before uploading to the website.

As you know, we keep our Scouts (and parents) busy with a lot of fun activities. It would be much appreciated if anyone that has pictures could get them to me as soon after the event as possible so we can get them posted quickly.

Troop Website

by Don Dier

Have you visited the troop website at <http://t380.org>? If you haven't, you're missing out on what is probably one of the premier troop websites on the Internet. (Modesty is not one of our traits in Troop 380). If you have, then you know you can find just about anything you want to know about the troop there.

Check out all the features the website has to offer:

The **Home** page contains Dave's blog and a listing of site updates.

The **Calendar** is updated continuously. If you have any changes, additions or corrections, let Dave or the webmaster know.

The **Photos** page we are especially proud of. It contains all the troop's digital photos back to 2000. The photos, which are not protected so you can copy them, can be viewed in three levels of resolution, from thumbnail to full-sized.

The **Scouts and Scouters** pages attempt to have current information on members and leaders.

The **Downloads** page has permission slips for upcoming activities, medical form, driver information sheet, New Scout Guidebook, Parent Guide, adult application, past copies of the troop newsletter, a phone list and roster (both password protected), merit badge counselors, and much more.

Finally, **Venture Crew 380** has a tab which opens into additional tabs featuring their calendar, photos and members.

By the way, the webmaster is Duane Dier, Troop 380's 54th Eagle Scout. Duane is an engineer working in the satellite division of The Boeing Company and lives in Los Angeles. He wanted to continue supporting the troop and felt developing and maintaining the troop website was a great way to do so from many miles away. His address, which can be found at the bottom of each web page, is webmaster@t380.org.

A website is only useful if the information is current and accurate. Several leaders attempt to keep it updated. If you see an error, missing or outdated information, or want

to comment on any aspect of the site, please send Dave and Duane a short note.

Scout Awards

Alden Brock	Rank : Scout
Zachary Burgess	Merit Badge : Electronics
Jonathan Dell	Rank : Scout
David Diaz	Rank : Scout
Angel Echevarria	Merit Badge : Cit/Community* Electronics
Travers Hopkins	Merit Badge : Cit/Community* Rank : Eagle
Bryan Hsieh	Merit Badge: Electronics Mammal Study
Dajion Jacobs	Merit Badge: Scholarship
Darien Jacobs	Merit Badge: Cooking Electronics Environ. Science*
James Keller	Merit Badge: Cit/Nation*
Joseph Larson	Rank: Scout
Kody Larson	Rank: Scout
Kyle Larson	Rank: Scout
Jacob McLelland	Merit Badge : Electronics
Matthew Meek	Merit Badge : Cit In Nation* First Aid*
Austin Mellerski	Rank: 1st Class
Jesse Morton	Rank : Scout
Sameer Punia	Merit Badge : Cit In Nation*
Daniel Richardson	Merit Badge : Cit In Nation*
Fred Schoonmaker	Rank : Scout
Grayden Shaw	Merit Badge : Cit In Nation*
Michael Taylor	Merit Badge : Cit In Nation*
Alexander Trimm	Merit Badge : Cit In Nation*
Cameron Victor	Merit Badge : Electronics Rank : Tenderfoot

Calling All Drivers

by Sheri Rush

Troop 380 has many fun adventures, events and outings planned for the next year. Whether it's the U.S.S. Hornet overnighter, New Skills campout, Aquatics Day, Spring Camporee, Bodega Bay campout, the Fair Oaks Cemetery service project, the Santa Cruz campout at Big Basin, our Yellowstone / Camp Buffalo Bill trip, summer camp at Camp Winton, or the excitement of Scout Expo our troop needs to be safely transported to each event. As part of its safety requirements the Boy Scouts of America requires that a tour and activity plan / tour permit is submitted for each event. The tour plan gives information on the outing, including the destination, how many Scouts, Scouters and other adults are going, the drivers and their vehicles, trained adult leadership attending, who has CPR and Youth Protection training, and whether swimming or boating will be involved. The

plan helps ensure the troop is properly prepared, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure.

Part of being prepared is having up to date driver, vehicle and insurance information from each adult and Scouter in the troop. Please download and fill out the Driver.

Information Sheet on Troop 380's website and return it to me as soon as possible. I will need a copy from every one of you as information may change from one year to the next, such as a new vehicle. Even if you believe that you will never need to drive for a troop outing or other event, please fill it out and be prepared for the adventure.

Troop 380 Calendar of Events

March

24	National Jamboree Troop Meeting	Camp Pollock	9:00 AM	Council
25	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops	Church	1:00 PM	D. Ishikawa
26	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Church	6:30 PM	D. Ishikawa
26	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM	D. Ishikawa
27	Troop Parent Meeting	Church	7:30 PM	Z. Kamine
30	Experienced Scouts Depart for Skills Camp	Sequoia	5:00 PM	N. Ishikawa
31	New Scouts Depart for Skills Camp Out Sequoia		7:00 AM	N. Ishikawa
30-4/1	Skills Camp Out	Camp Nauvoo	Weekend	N. Ishikawa

April

2	Aquatics Day	CSUS Aquatics Center	All Day	F. Brown
2	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM	D. Ishikawa
9	Merit Badges / New Scout Session	Church	6:30 PM	ASM/Counselors
9	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM	D. Ishikawa
12	Capital City District Roundtable	LDS Church	7:30 PM	C. Ishikawa
16	Merit Badges / New Scout Session	Church	6:30 PM	ASM/Counselors
20-22	Greater Yosemite Council Camporall	Turlock	Weekend	D. Ishikawa
21	Leader Specific Training	LDS Church (51 st)	All Day	S. Jonas
23	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Church	6:30 PM	D. Ishikawa
24	Troop Parent Meeting	Church	7:30 PM	Z. Kamine
27-29	Spring Camporee	Gibson Ranch	Weekend	D. Ishikawa
30	Merit Badges / New Scout Session	Church	6:30 PM	ASM/Counselors

May

7	Merit Badges / New Scout Session	Church	6:30 PM	ASM/Counselors
7	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM	D. Ishikawa
10	Capital City District Roundtable	LDS Church	7:30 PM	C. Ishikawa
12	National Jamboree Troop Meeting	Camp Pollock	9:00 AM	Council
14	Merit Badges / New Scout Session	Church	6:30 PM	ASM/Counselors
14	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM	D. Ishikawa
18-20	Bodega Bay Camp Out	Doran County Park	Weekend	W. Hsieh
21	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Church	6:30 PM	D. Ishikawa
21	Troop Parent Meeting	Church	7:30 PM	Z. Kamine
26	Fair Oaks Cemetery Service Project	Fair Oaks Cemetery	9:00 AM	E. Ruygt
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29	Troop Parent Meeting	Church	7:30 PM	Z. Kamine

June

1-3	Santa Cruz Camp Out	Big Basin State Park	Weekend	J. Scholl
4	Eagle Scout Court of Honor	Church	6:30 PM	
11	Merit Badges / New Scout Session	Church	6:30 PM	ASM/Counselors
11	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM	D. Ishikawa
14	Capital City District Roundtable	LDS Church	7:30 PM	C. Ishikawa
16	Scout Night at the River Cats	Raley Field	7:05 PM	M. Evans
18	Summer Court of Honor	Church	6:30 PM	Mom's Crew
20	Depart for Yellowstone / Camp Buffalo Bill	Yellowstone	Road Trip	D. Ishikawa
20-7/3	Yellowstone/ Camp Buffalo Bill Trip	Yellowstone	Road Trip	D. Ishikawa

July

5-21	Camp Winton – Summer Camp	Camp Winton	Week long	D. Ishikawa
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