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Scoutmaster's Minute: Adventures to Come

by Dave Ishikawa



2012 will always be the year of Xtreme Scout Expo 2012. This event will be the year our Troop leadership really made a difference in making something happen for the Golden Empire Council.

Parents and leaders gave leadership and organization to sub camps, community showcase, shooting ranges, trading post, headquarter operations, registration, arena show, Cub Scout Landing Zone, fun run, video production, and much more. I was really proud how our Troop 380 family stepped up and made a difference for over 5,000 participants in Scout Expo. There are too many to thank, but you truly are appreciated. Thank you for your support and leadership. It will never be forgotten.

Chris and I hope you have a great holiday season.

Yours in Scouting,

Dave Ishikawa, Scoutmaster

Committee Chairperson's Message

by Zenaida Kamine



As we near the end of 2012, I would like to take this time to thank all the adult volunteers of Troop 380 who have given up their time to make sure that your scouts get the most out of their scouting experience as possible.

We can sometimes forget the behind the scenes efforts of those who help make Troop 380 run efficiently: from Chris Ishikawa who takes care of all our fundraising events and permission slips; Becky Mesker and Joannie Stretars who together keep track of all our financials; Jim Buell who keeps up our Clothes Closet; Peggy & Ralph Merrill who take care of the Trading Post; Don Dier, Troop 380's relentless photographer; Sherri Rush who never forgets a Transportation or Tour Permit; all our Merit Badge Counselors & many, many other people whose efforts make our Troop the best it can be.

I also want to thank all our wonderful parents who have taken time off to drive to, take part in and lead many of our weekend events and summer camps. Thank you all for making 2012 another great year and I look forward to 2013 with great excitement. We have a lot of great events planned so your help is, as always, much appreciated. A great time to find out more about these upcoming events and how you can help will be at our next Parent Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 7:30pm in the building next to the church.

I especially want to thank Becky Mesker who is relinquishing her job as treasurer after many years with the

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Troop. Not only has Becky served as our treasurer, which is of itself a very big and time consuming job, but she has also served in many positions within the Council and District. Thankfully we are not saying goodbye to Becky as she will continue to be involved with the Troop. From all of us in Troop 380, thank you Becky for all you have done for us and most especially for all you have done for the scouts!

Hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season!

ORDER OF THE ARROW

By Ian Chang

In the Order of the Arrow, we had new leadership elections. Some of them used to be in this vary troop. Our new chief is Kelson Lench from Crew 808, the Vice chief is Daniel T. from Troop 1, and the last leadership position that I am aware of is Christian Alvarado from Crew 808. Also, we are starting signups for troop elections and Cub Scout Bridging ceremonies, so if you have a pack or troop, please sign them up at the next OA meeting, which is on December 13.



EAGLE WATCH

by Johnnie Pennington

Changes are coming to the Eagle rank requirements. The Sustainability merit badge will be introduced at the 2013 National Jamboree and will join the Environmental Science as an Eagle optional merit badge. On January 1, 2014, the Cooking merit badge will become required for Eagle with the introduction of a new Cooking merit badge book.

The total number of merit badges required for the Eagle Scout Award will remain at 21. So, instead of 12 Eagle required and 9 elective badges, a Scout must earn 13 Eagle required and 8 elective badges.

As with any changes there will be questions. One that has already been asked is, if a Scout completes the Cooking merit badge before January 1, 2014 will they need to earn it again? No they will not. Please see me if you have any additional questions as I am also asking questions as this is also a new experience.

There are several Scouts who are getting close to presenting their Eagle project to the Parent Committee for approval. So I encourage parents to attend the Committee meeting to learn about the process so they can help their son when they present an Eagle project.

TROOP PHOTOS

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 . If you haven't done so yet, please visit the website and explore all the information there, including Dave's blog, the troop calendar, past newsletters, permission slips, and much, much more. It's updated continuously, so check it often.

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. I've recently created a DropBox folder for this use. If you would like to use it to send photos to me, let me know your e-mail and I'll send you and invite. It's best if you use the highest quality setting on your camera. I'll manage the file size before uploading to the website. It's much appreciated if you do a little editing before giving me photos (rotating, deleting duplicates/fuzzies/uninteresting, etc.).

VIDEOS: If you have videos, please be sure they are of sufficient quality for posting on our website. You will need to upload them to YouTube and provide me the link.

As you know, we keep our Scouts (and parents) busy with a lot of fun activities. It makes our website more useful if I can get photos as soon after the event as possible. Our webmaster, Duane Dier, lives in the Los

Angeles area and endeavors to post photos and other items quickly, but at times he is distracted with work and family, so delays sometimes occur.



MERIT BADGES

By Bob Williamson

Scouts should have finished up the fall 2012 Merit Badges and be turning in the signed blue cards. A Big Thanks to Sally Shaw, Paul Keefer, Jim Buell, and Joseph Jacobs for their wonderful help as Merit Badge Counselors.

For the January - March 2013 the Troop is offering 4 Merit Badges. The schedule for the 6:30 P.M. meetings is posted on the Troop Calendar at website - <http://t380.org>. The meeting dates are 1/7, 1/14, 2/4, 2/11, 3/4, and 3/11. The four badges include:

- Citizenship in the World** - Counselor Charles Potter
- First Aid** - Counselors - Michelle Tyler and Sally Shaw
- Robotics** - Counselors Peter Brown and Joseph Jacobs
- Orienteering** - Counselor Jon Traum

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.



RALEY'S BEL AIR "SOMETHING EXTRA"

By Peggy Merrill

Raley's has a new program to earn money for the troop. This is the replacement for the old "Quality of Life Cards." Each time you shop at Raley's or Bel Air, Raley's will donate a percentage of your purchase to our troop. This is a great way to earn money for the troop. To join up for "Something Extra", sign up at a store or go online to Raleystores.com and sign up. Be sure to indicate it's for BSA Troop 380. If you have any questions see Peggy Merrill.

TRADING POST 380

by Peggy Merrill

Your Troop 380 trading post is alive and well stocked with our troop red tee shirt, hooded sweatshirt, nylon jacket, hats, etc. We are open for business during regular troop meetings but ask that you try to make your purchases during the meeting and not at the end!



Recent Events



Scout Expo 2012

Evan F

On September 28, the troop drove to Beale Air Force Base for the "Xtreme" Scout Expo. After setting up camp on Friday night, we woke up the next day ready for a full day of activities. September 29 began with opening flags, where thousands of scouts gathered to witness the avenue of flags, as well as hear announcements from event leaders, such as Dave and Chris Ishikawa, the organizers of this impressive expo.

Throughout the day, scouts visited interesting presentations, such as fly-fishing, in addition to activities including rock climbing and an extensive firearms range. The air force base flight line served as a main attraction during the day and the setting of the evening arena show, during which astronaut José Hernandez shared his "out-of-this-world" experiences. This event concluded on Sunday when our troop packed up the camp and helped to wrap up this monumental function.

Eternal Flame

Michael Kuykendall

Scout in Charge: Daniel R

Participant:

Daniel R

Matthew B

Michael Kuykendall

Peter Brown

We manned a Rope Making exhibit. The Pioneer District invited us to attend the Eternal Flame. It was started 9 years ago to promote awareness on how to retire American Flags correctly. There was a Naturalization Ceremony to induct 40 new citizens into the American family. Many other activities were offered, such as Monkey Bridge, Zip Line, Rope Making, Whittling, Shelter Building, GPS/Compass Course, and Wilderness Survival. Those completing a punch card received a rocket to assemble, launch, and recover. We had steak and salad for dinner.



Outside the Monterey Bay Aquarium

A Beautiful Sunny Monterey Weekend

Chris Ishikawa

Veteran's weekend was a great time to be in Monterey. The troop (18 scouts, 10 adults) arrived Sat. morning, set up camp, and it was off to discover Monterey history. We sat in the very room where the California Constitution was signed. The docent welcomed us and shared a shortened version of Monterey history. Then it was on to Fisherman's Wharf. The first night the patrol's made spaghetti.

Sunday we helped the parks dept. put up 100 flags for Veteran's Day and folded another 200. We were honored to do a flag ceremony for the American Legion. Then it was off to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, they have been busy with a lot of new changes, special seahorse, jellyfish, penguins and hands-on areas. No Otters, they are waiting a new larger area - so we'll have to go back!

On Monday, the scouts went to Pinnacles National Monument, this is about a 7 mile hike, so they didn't get back home till after 8 pm. This is one of the best campouts the troop goes on, with many different activities, so next time plan on going with us.

Pinnacles

Charles Potter

After spending the weekend in Monterey Bay, on Veterans Day, 16 scouts and 5 adults drove to Pinnacles National Monument and completed a 6.1 mile rim of the bay hike. We started in the Bear Gulch parking lot, hiked through the caves (thanks for the flashlight Evan!) and took a breather at the Bear Gulch reservoir. We then hiked uphill to the rim portion of the trail and then back down for an early dinner of sandwiches and chips. We saw no condors, but our resident geologist Ben Heningburg pointed out various rock, ash and mud formations along the way. A thanks goes out to Adam Boles our scout leader and the other adult leaders who helped make this hike happen.

Open House

Evan F

Instead of a regular troop meeting, the Monday evening of November 5 was an opportunity for Webelos and prospective scouts to visit the troop. Troop 380 scouts presented four activities to visitors, who formed temporary patrols for the night: Rope Making, Water Bottle Holders, High Adventure, and

Troop Gear. Our troop's Open House concluded with a campfire, including skits and songs that the scouts had put together. For dessert, the troop served Dutch oven cobbler

Almost twenty Webelos and other boys visited during the Open House. Thank you to all adults and scouts that helped to run activities, cook cobbler, or otherwise impress the Webelos.

Scouting for Food

Dave Ishikawa

On Saturday, November 3, Pack, Troop and Crew 380 gathered at the Save Mart Shopping Center



Parking Lot for our annual Scouting for Food Project. We have had great participation in the past and we were very proud of the scouts and families that came out this year and supported this great cause. The scouts collected over one ton of food to be donated to the Sacramento Food Bank. Thank you Tonia Cameron for organizing another great event.

Wittenberg

Logan R

The Wittenberg hike is Saturday Dec 8th but I'm writing this before, because it was rescheduled because of really bad weather. I made a presentation on hiking safety I hope you remembered it and that you had fun!



Pinnacles Crew

Save the Date

E Waste for Good

Michelle Tyler

Troop 380 has partnered with E WASTE 4 GOOD to bring you a simpler stress-free way to donate recycling items! Simply go online to www.ewaste4good.com or call Toll Free 1-800-317-3112 to schedule a time that is convenient for you. This is an ongoing fundraiser, so anytime you have items to recycle at any time of the year simply sign up and they will come to the door and collect for us! Tell your family, friends and neighbors. No heavy lifting! No driving! No need to handle e-waste. They do it for you! The more you donate, the more Troop 380 makes! Visit the website to learn how you can help us by donating your e-waste items. Thank you!



Annual Troop Tree Recycling Fundraiser

December 22, 2012

Moorea Richardson

The annual Troop 380 Christmas Tree Recycling will commence with flyer distribution Saturday December 22, 9 am at Sequoia Elementary. If it is stormy, our rain date will be Wednesday December 26th. There will be no knocking on doors, just placing flyers about tree recycling & our e-waste program. This is a great fundraiser- we collected

350 trees last year! The reason we had such a good response was that we had lots of scouts to pass out flyers and parents to drive! Both pickup days will be at Sequoia school. Our first tree pick-up will be Saturday Dec 29th, 9am. And the second Tree pick up will be Saturday January 5th, 9am.

We will need as many trucks, trailers, vans and cars as can come to pick up trees. Every hour you put in gets credited to your scout account! Contact Moorea-mcrich@sbcglobal.net or Michelle-mnursetyler@yahoo.com



Winter Bowling Fun

December 27, 2012

Mary Brown

This year the Troops annual Bowling Night will be at Country Club Lanes, 2600 Watt Avenue on Thursday, December 27, 2012.

All scouts, crew members, and their families are invited to



University of Scouting

January 19, 2013

Dave Ishikawa

The Golden Empire Council will present the University of Scouting on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School. All adult leaders, potential Den leaders, and parents are encouraged to participate in this all day training put on by some great trainers in Scouting. This training is for all levels of Scouting; Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Commissioners, and Den Chiefs. The cost for the event is \$22.00 which includes five classes, lunch and a patch. This is a great way to meet some outstanding Scouters from all over the council. Registration can be found on the Golden Empire Council website at www.gec-bsa.org. Please see Johnnie Pennington for more information.

join in on the fun. Bowling starts promptly at 6:00 pm sharp so don't be late. The cost for this fun event is only \$5.00 for Scouts: \$12.00 per person for family and friends. This price includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and soda.

Sign up at the Troop Meetings: Deadline - Monday, December 17th. Scout in charge of this event is Michael T with the guidance of Mary Brown

Wrap up the Holiday Season at the Annual White Elephant Party

January 5, 2013

Sherri Brown

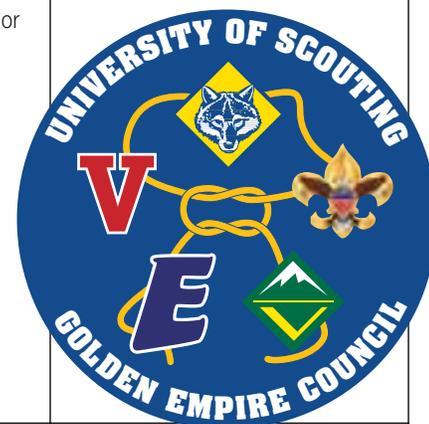
The holiday season will be pretty much wrapped up, but there will be one last opportunity for adults to get that gift they've always wanted or perhaps could have never even dreamed of receiving! This event also provides one more excuse to procrastinate on New Year's dieting resolutions. The annual Troop 380 adults-only White Elephant party will be held again

at the home of Peter and Sherri Brown at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013. This not-to-be missed party always features good food, great camaraderie and unique presents, some of which have never been seen—or imagined!—before, as well as a few which may have been seen too many times! For those who have attended in the past, the rules for choosing and stealing gifts are well-remembered—except for those invented on the spot!

Leave the kids at home, show up with a dish to share, and bring a festively wrapped package for each person attending. This is a great opportunity to get rid of—I mean, share the pleasure of owning—that unique item which just never seemed to fit with your décor or that gizmo that you could never figure out how to use. You will be surprised, even dumbfounded, at the variety of things you will see on this special evening of sharing. You will surely leave with something unexpected. This is a no-gift-left-behind party. However, any gift can be brought back a year later in new wrapping! It always

seems to happen. Someone feels overwhelmed by the privilege of owning something so unique and precious that he or she feels compelled to pass it on the following year.

Invitations will be available at the December Court of Honor and at Monday night troop meetings in the second half of December. You may contact Sherri Brown at 916-989-5184 or at sherribro3@pacbell.net for more information. Mark your calendars now!





Scouts and the Harlem Globetrotters

January 21, 2013

Dave Ishikawa

On Monday, January 21, 2013, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Troop 380 will present the colors at the Harlem Globetrotters Game at Sleep Train Arena. Once again we have been asked to provide the opening ceremonies for the Harlem Globetrotters. We will present the garrison flag. The game is at 2:00 PM. The Troop will be purchasing tickets at \$16.00 (regularly \$26.50) so we can sit together in the same sections. Scouts are asked to wear their class A uniforms.

Snow Campout

January 26-27, 2013

Paul Keefer

In January, Scouts will have an overnight opportunity to explore Donner Summit with a 3 mile snowshoeing hike each way from Boreal to the famous Peter Grubb Hut just off the Pacific Crest Trail (7,800'). (Scouts visited the area during the mini trek in the Summer.) This unique, fulfilling experience includes building multiple shelter types such as tarp igloos and snow caves, hiking and snow safety,

map and compass, naturalist exploration, and finally, cooking nutritious, gourmet meals. We will have trip preparation activities at the January 7 and January 14 meetings including appropriate gear, safety, and activity planning.

In preparation, the following items are great holiday gifts for your Scouts (as listed in *Boys Life*, November 2012): a fleece jacket, synthetic long underwear, rain jacket or pants, snow boots, headlamp, wool or synthetic socks, wool mittens and waterproof gloves or mittens.

I highly recommend you go to army navy surplus as it is inexpensive, works well with scouting and has many deals available. Also, all three REI stores (Sacramento, Folsom, Roseville) should be having their parking lot sales in December in which the gear is on sale.

The cost should be around \$20 per Scout. We plan to leave Sequoia Elementary School Saturday morning, January 26, at 7 AM and returning by 5 PM Sunday January 27 to either Sequia Elementary School or Dave's house.

If you have ANY questions regarding this trip or would like to attend, please feel free to email me at paulakeefe@gmail.com.

Klondike Derby

February 22-24, 2013

Michael Kuykendall

The Klondike Derby is set for February. Details are now being made for the event. Last year, the event was held at Cisco Grove on Hwy 80. We had 16 Scouts and 8 Scouters who braved the winter weather. They participated in a number of games geared towards survival and a history quiz of the Gold Rush of 1948. Who remembers the Chilkoot Pass?

Golden Empire Council Recognition Dinner

February 9, 2013

Chris Ishikawa

February 9, 2013 is the Annual Council Recognition Dinner, where we honor the Council volunteers for all they do for our scouts. Maybe we'll have someone from our Troop. S.T.E.M. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, is the theme for the dinner.

Location for this years' dinner is the Red Lion Hotel - Woodlake, on Leisure Lane, close to the Council office.

New Skills

March 22-24, 2013

Neil Ishikawa

"Camp Nauvoo" is where we hold our annual "New Skills" campout. If you're an "experienced" scout ready to share all your scouting skills, come teach your mad 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. New scouts will be heading to Camp Nauvoo on Saturday morning. There will be lots of opportunity for service hours and leadership.

Spring Court of Honor

March 24, 2013

Dave Ishikawa

Troop 380 will be holding a unique Court of Honor on Sunday, March 24, 2013. The Court of Honor will be held at Camp Nauvoo, the Golden Empire Council's new camp facility near Placerville. The Scouts will cook lunch for everyone in attendance. This will be held in conjunction with the Skills Camp Out, which will also be at Camp Nauvoo. Prior to the Spring Court of Honor we will work on car pools to the camp. This will give everyone an opportunity to





see Camp Nauvoo and see what Scouts do on a camp out.

Camp Royaneh

June 23-29, 2013

Dave Ishikawa

Scouts will return to Camp Royaneh for summer camp during the week of June 23-29, 2013. Summer camp is the most important activity a scout participates in during their Scouting career. Camp Royaneh is one of Troop 380's favorite camps located near the Russian River and Pacific Coast. Royaneh features an outstanding horsemanship

program, COPE course, Mountain Man Village, swimming pool, craft area, nature area, shooting sports, and much more. Sign ups are now in progress. The fee for the summer is \$375.00.

Payment Schedule:

\$150.00 is due now
 \$75.00 is due in January
 \$75.00 is due in February
 \$75.00 is due on March 18th

Jamboree

Summer 2013

Dave Ishikawa

Next summer, over 40,000 scouts, scouters, and venturers

will travel to West Virginia for the unveiling of the new Bechtel Summit Scout Reserve and the 2013 National Jamboree. Troop 380 is sending 9 out of approximately 140 scouts in the Golden Empire contingent. Scouts will enjoy touring around Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and other tourist sites along the Eastern Seaboard, including a stop in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Jamboree itself will host a plethora of activities, some old (such as mountain boarding and extreme shotgun shooting) to some brand new attractions (3D archery and white water rafting).

Scouts will be guaranteed a chance to do one of these activities, along with being required to perform a day of service and a day hike to the summit of the Summit. All in all, the mix of new and old is sure to give the first Jamboree of the 2nd century of scouting in America a bright and hopeful future.

Lost Coast Backpack Trip

July 27-31, 2013.

Dave Ishikawa

The Scouts of Troop 380 will participate in a new adventure this summer. We have selected the Lost Coast Trail on the North Coast for a backpacking trip. This is a unique opportunity to hike along the Pacific Ocean in a Wilderness setting. Scouts will need to prepare for this hike by participating in a few conditioning hikes. The dates for the trip will be July 27-31, 2013. The cost has not been set at this time, but should be very reasonable for this five-day adventure.



Advancement

by Floyd Brown and Wei Hsieh

	Rank	Merit Badges and Awards
Adam B.		Fire Safety Photography
Ian C.		Communication*
		Public Health
Evan F.		Photography
Nicholas G.	Eagle	Citizenship In Community*
		Citizenship In World* Family Life* Personal Fitness* Personal Management*
Christian H.		Astronomy
Bryan H.		Coin Collecting Emergency Preparedness*
Dajion J.	Life	
Ben k.	2Nd Class	
James K.	1St Class	
Jacob M.		Rifle Geology
Matthew M.		Coin Collecting
Charlie P.		Personal Fitness*
Daniel R.		Environmental Science*
Max R.	Tenderfoot	
Grayden S.		Public Health
Joseph S.		Camping* Citizenship In Community* Personal Fitness* Photography
Nate T.	1St Class	
Alexander T.		Citizenship In Community* Emergency Prep*



Upcoming Events

December

13	C.C. District Roundtable	LDS Church - Wisseman
17	Troop Meeting	Church
22	X-mas Tree Flier Distribution	Sequoia
27	Troop Bowling Night	Country Club Lanes
29	Christmas Tree Pick Up #1	Sequoia School

January

5	Christmas Tree Pick Up #2	Sequoia School
5	White Elephant Party	Brown's Home
7	Troop Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church
10	C.C. District Roundtable	LDS Church - Wisseman
14	Troop Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church
19	University of Scouting	Edward Harris School
21	No Meeting M.L. King, Jr. Day	
26-27	Snow Camp Out	Donner Summit
28	Troop Meeting*	Emmanuel Baptist Church
29	Troop Parent Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church

February

4	Troop Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church
11	Troop Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church
14	C.C. District Roundtable	LDS Church - Wisseman
18	No Meeting - Presidents' Day	
22-24	Klondike Derby	TBA
25	Troop Meeting*	Emmanuel Baptist Church
26	Troop Parent Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church

March

4	Troop Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church
11	Troop Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church
14	C.C. District Roundtable	LDS Church - Wisseman
18	Troop Meeting*	Emmanuel Baptist Church
22-24	Skills Camp Out	Camp Nauvoo
24	Spring Court of Honor	Camp Nauvoo
25	Aquatics Day	CSUS Aquatics Center
25	Troop Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church
26	Troop Parent Meeting	Emmanuel Baptist Church

June

23-29	Summer Camp	Camp Royaneh
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July

27-31	Backpacking Trip	Lost Coast Trip
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*Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting

Prior to Troop Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM

Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting

Prior to Roundtables at 6:30 PM, LDS Church - Wisseman