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Scoutmaster's Minute

by Dave Ishikawa



My dad told me there are three types of people in the world; the first are those who make things happen, they create the events and experiences for everyone else. The second type of

person are those that watch things happen. They go through life watching things happen and wishing they would get involved. The final type are those who say "what happened?" These are the ones who show up late, or not at all and wonder why they weren't a part of the events and experiences of life.

2015 will be a year of big events for Troop 380. The International Sportsmen's Expo, Death Valley Road Trip, Scout Expo 2015, Camp Royaneh, Philmont, World Jamboree, and the Fall Camporee will all take place this coming year. As always many of you will play a primary part in making these things happen. As a scoutmaster and leader of many of these events I am ever so grateful for all of you who make a difference for not only your scout, but for all the scouts who are part of this great program. Just think about how you effect the youth of our community.

In the end, will you be the one that makes things happen, will you be on the sidelines watching it happen, or will you be asking, "What happened?"

Have a wonderful holiday season and make things happen!

Yours in Scouting,

Chairperson's Message

By Zenaida Kamine



First of all, let me express my sincere thanks for the love and support you all have shown to me and my family these last few months. Our lives are so much better because of our Scout family. Thank you all.

Here we are at the end of 2014, a great time to think back on all that the Troop has accomplished and all the things we should thankful for. As Committee Chair, I would like to thank all the people who have helped to make Troop 380 the best that it can be. The troop and the scouts would not be as successful without the support of the parents and other adults of this troop. Let me say, thank you all for making 2014 another successful and memorable year, and let's get ready to make 2015 just as successful.

Because of the holidays, we will not be having a formal committee meeting in December so please plan on attending the White Elephant Party on Jan 3rd at the home of Peter and Sherri Brown. Our next formal meeting will be on Jan 27th at 7pm. Hope to see you all there.

I would like to wish you all the happiest of holidays and thank you again for all your support.

EAGLE WATCH

by Johnie Pennington

Congratulations to Matthew Meek and Alexander Mellerski on passing their Eagle Scout Board of Review. They are the troops 139 and 140 Eagle Scout. Also, congratulations to Roland Becker completing his Eagle Service project.

You have decided on a possible Eagle Scout project. Now what? Download these forms from the Golden Empire Council's "Eagle Scout Project Guide", "Eagle Service Project Workbook" and "Life to Eagle Guide, 2014". Then talk to me about the possible project before you do anything else. After we have talked, and we both agree about the basic scope of the project, you will need to work on the Eagle Service Project Workbook and on getting materials. After we have reviewed the workbook you will be asked to meet with Dave and Zenaida about your project, select a weekend(s) when you can work on your project and ask to be added to the next parent meeting to present your project. When you meet with Dave and Zenaida, you also need to ask them to sign the workbook project plan and the Eagle Scout Project



Questionnaire. Only after you have Dave's, Zenaida's and the project's beneficiary's signatures can you contact the District's Eagle advancement team to meet and talk about your project. If they approve your project then the real work begins - finalizing your project plan, getting materials, asking for help, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Daphne and Wei Hsieh

The treasurer's desk takes care of your business transactions between 6:45pm to 8:30pm. As a reminder, Troop 380 scout dues of \$100 are to be paid. Families can make payments or use fundraising credits to pay them. Per troop policy, if there are credits in the accounts, they are automatically applied to scout dues first before anything else. Please contact us via email (hsieh@frontiernet.net) or in person if you have questions regarding your scout account.

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS – LOOK NO MORE

by Ralph and Peggy Merrill

Ralph and Peggy Merrill run the Troop 380 Trading Post. We have lots of possibilities for the Christmas Tree or other gifts. T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles, backpacks, neckerchief slides, hats, and much more can be found at the Trading Post table. Tell 'em Dave sent you and maybe you can strike a deal.



Recent Events



Yosemite Service, Climbing and Touring

by Paul Keefer

Troop 380 Scouts and Scouters visited Yosemite during the weekend of September 19-September 21. We camped in the volunteer group campground and enjoyed great food and company. We performed the service project cleaning the Curry Village parking lot on Saturday. Once completed, we enjoyed a hike to Mirror Lake and sightseeing in the Village. Saturday night, we were greeted with a terrific rain storm. On Sunday, the troop broke into two groups with one group climbing Swans Slab (5.5-5.7) and the other group toured the Valley. After climbing and touring, many

of the Scouts and Scouters were able to watch climbing teams on El Capitan through the Ranger telescope.

USS Pampanito

by Dave Ishikawa

Dive! Dive! Dive! Those words were practiced aboard the USS Pampanito, a World War II vintage submarine docked near Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. On September 27 and 28, 2014, Troop 380 traveled to San Francisco for an overnight stay on board this unique museum on the bay. 40 participants took part in the trip on the Capital Corridor Amtrak train. The scouts and leaders had a great time crawling about the submarine, eating dinner at In N Out, hiking to the top of Telegraph Hill and exploring Fisherman's Wharf. A special thanks goes out to Dave Ishikawa and Jim Buell for making the arrangements for our travel and stay. We had a great time.

NYLT report Grayden S.

I went to NYLT the weekends of September 26-28 and October 10-12, 2014. NYLT means National Youth Leadership Training. The instructor taught us how to communicate better with our patrols and troop and

gave us tips on how to relate with the rest of your patrol. Then they stepped back a let us do it on our own which made every lesson much more meaningful. We played games that showed us vocal, mind, and strength skills and we did many challenges that used lots of team work. By the time it was over I had really bonded with the patrol I had been assigned to. NYLT is a great option to teach scouts about how to lead their patrols and troops.

Webelos Woods

by Chris Ishikawa

Troop 380 was once again instrumental in making Webelos Woods a success. 193 Webelos, 187 Adult partners and 54 Staff took part in this great weekend. The weather was great, Phil Allen made sure we all ate well, Frank and the shooting sports team were of course a big hit, Joseph and the STEM group were very active in their sessions, Wood Craft, Bead Animals, Songs & Skits, and Knife and Ax safety were all big hits. None of this could be done without the help of Troop and Crew



380. Thank you for your part in this great weekend that began a little differently on Friday night. Thank you also to all the scouts who worked as den chiefs, helped at activity stations and wherever else they were needed. This was one of the best Webelos Woods we've had. Thank you all again,



Fundraising and Recruiting at the Sequoia Fall Festival

By Charles Potter

Troop 380 sponsored a booth at Sequoia Elementary School's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 11, 2014. We cooked hotdogs and hamburgers to raise funds for the school's PTA and for Troop 380. The scouts recruited and played oversized Jenga with future boy scouts. Except for Charlie, Troop 380 also seemed to sweep the cake walk competition. I'd like to thank and recognize all of the adults who helped out with this event - Elisa, Wayne, Neil, Rommel, Ellie, Charlie, Daphne, and Robert, as well as the scouts, Alden, Josh, Tim, Javier and Gabriel. Way to support your local community!

Pack 380 Haunted House

by Kim Perry-Reed

On Friday, Oct 17th several

scouts and adults built a fantastic haunted maze at Sierra Enterprise Elementary for the Cub Scouts of Pack 380. We had wonderful escorts leading the little cubs to the far end of the school to where the haunted maze was. After many screams of fun the cub scouts came out with happy faces, thankful for the scary boy scouts once again making this a memorable Oct pack meeting. Thanks goes to all of the scouts and adults that made this evening a success.

Capital City District Pinewood Derby

by Dave Ishikawa

Suzie Burger, the popular hamburger establishment at 29th and P Streets, hosted the first Capital City District Pinewood Derby, with the assistance of many Troop 380 Scouters. Chris Ishikawa, Johnie Pennington, Joe Reynolds,



Sharon Jonas, Nick Ishikawa, Bryan Hsieh, Wei Hsieh, and Dave Ishikawa helped with this special event on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Cub Scouts from the district competed for awards provided by Suzie Burger and the many sponsors of the event. Suzie Burger has agreed to sponsor the next event on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Next time you stop by Suzie Burger thank them for hosting our district's pinewood derby.

Open House:

by **Andrew E.**

Open House was a wonderful experience for all the boys. We hold the Open House annually around October. This year we did a Halloween themed open house, where we played games at the Campfire. I would like to congratulate Adam for an awesome job in being the Master of Ceremonies for the campfire. I believe that all the boys had a great time and we have the possibility of having a total of nine boys join the troop.

Scouting for Food

by **Dave Ishikawa**

Scouts met at the Round Table Pizza Parlor on Keifer Boulevard at 8:30am. We were meeting to start our annual Scouting for Food event where we are paired up with the Sacramento Food Bank. We help them collect non-perishable items of food to be distributed to those who are in need. For this event, we had 37 scouts sign in throughout the day along with nearly 50 adults to help out. We also got a little bit of help from the Cub Scouts of Pack 380. In total, we had nearly 100 participants in Scouting for Food which is a huge improvement than last year. We the improvement on people showing up, we were also able to collect more food as well. In fact, we collected about 4400 pounds of food which is about 2.2 tons. With nearly 4100 cans, I would like to express my thanks to all that helped out and supported those who are in need of help.



Matthew B. Eagle Court

My Eagle Court of Honor took place on November 3, with my good friend Daniel Richardson serving as Master of Ceremonies. I greatly enjoyed the ceremony (as those who were present could probably tell, since I couldn't stop grinning the whole time). I'd like to thank everybody for their attendance, as the turnout was great.

My granddad and two of my cousins (one of whom is also an Eagle) flew out from West Virginia for the event. My granddad, who was a Scout in the 1930's and 1940's, was granted an honorary place in the Nest of the Eagles, as circumstances during WWII prevented him from having his Eagle Board of Review at that time.

In addition, Representative Ami Bera and State Assemblyman Ken Cooley both came and spoke. I'd like to thank them as well as all of those who helped out in the ceremony.

California School Nutrition Association Color Guard

by **Dave Ishikawa**

On Friday, November 14, 2014, Roland B., John D., Andrew E., Joshua P-R, Logan R. Fred S., and Jaylin W. were part of the color guard at the opening ceremonies of the California School Nutrition Association state convention at the Sacramento Convention Center. The Scouts did an outstanding job of presenting our nations colors. The association was grateful to the troop and made a donation to the troop treasury.

Angel Island Campout

by **Christian Heningburg**

On November 15, 26 troop members were driven to Tiburon to have lots of fun at the Angel Island State Park in San Francisco Bay. When we got to the mighty island, everybody helped out to do a successful service project. When we finished, all the bikers used



their bikes to go to the campsite while the hikers hiked up to the campsite. After everyone arrived to the campground, the people going to the Philmont trip in 2015 walked to the peak of Mount Livermore. While arriving safely, the hikers took a beautiful look at San Francisco during a picture perfect sunset then they came back down to eat tasty a Mountain House dinner. While everyone was cleaning their eating utensils, Dave announced that there will be a night walk and the night walk was a blast! Seeing the lights of the city was a beautiful sight to see along with all the animals around us. During the bone-chilling night, everyone was stuffed in their sleeping bags like pigs in a blanket until the bright sun rose to awake everybody. When the sun came up everybody ate quickly, packed up, and left to come back home. When everybody arrived to the cars safely and tired, we went back to Dave's house, dried the tents, and went home to enjoy a Sunday afternoon.

Folsom Family Adventure

Troop 380 Scouts and family members gathered at the Light Rail Station on Saturday, December 6, 2014, to travel to Historic Folsom for a day of ice skating, shopping, and enjoying the annual arts and crafts fair. This was our second trip to Historic Folsom for the holidays. The skating and festivities have proven a hit with scouts and families. Thanks to John Desmond and Dave Ishikawa for planning our day in Folsom.

Mission Peak Hike

by Logan R.

The Mission Peak hike was on Dec 7th, since this is the day before the winter court of honor I must write this prior to us actually making the trek. We should have had a great time with the only injuries being scrapes and bruises at most and that everyone brought lunches and drank lots of water. At the end of this tough hike we hope



for clear skies so we would have seen a great view of the San Francisco Bay and everyone earns another segment for their Rim of the Bay patch.

Swimstute Activity

by Javier Aguil

On Saturday, November 18th there were six scouts that showed up at 8:00AM at the Swimstute on Folsom Blvd. in Rancho Cordova. Mr. Kuykendall along with the assistance of Mr. Heningburg

worked with the scouts for Second and First Class swimming requirements and some items to complete the swimming merit badge. It was fun and by 10:00AM we were done.

Trail's End Popcorn Fundraiser

By Naomi Kamine-Mellerski

Thank you to the thirteen scouts that sold popcorn this year. The top sellers this year were Christian H. (\$1559.00), Donovan K. (\$575.00), Austin M. (\$533.00), and Gabriel P. (\$333.00). These scouts will be treated for dessert at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour. Congratulations.

Thank you to all that supported me in this endeavor.



Save the Date

Pins n Strikes

December 29, 2014

The annual Troop 380 Bowling Night is set for Monday, December 29. 5:30 to arrive and get shoes, 6:00 bowling starts, 8:00 finish, Troop 380 members and family are invited to this fun evening at Pins N Strikes Family Entertainment Center 3443 Laguna Blvd. #150, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Sign-ups will be available at the Troop meeting. Cost for Scouts - \$8.00 everyone else - \$12.00, this includes shoes, bowling, pizza, drinks and a few game tokens. If you want to get in the spirit wear your best Hawaiian Shirt and let's have a PARTY! Questions see Chris, mrssm380@aol.com, 916-383-4692.

White Elephant Party

January 3

The holiday parties will be over by Jan. 1, but that's no reason to stop going out and having a bit more fun. The annual Troop 380 White Elephant Party is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. at the home of Peter and Sherri Brown in Gold River. This is a party for all parents and alumni. We ask each person attending to bring a White

Elephant gift, an appetizer to share, and a happy attitude—but not the kids! This is an adults-only party.

Please contact Sherri or Peter Brown at sherribro3@pacbell.net or 916-989-5184 if you have any questions or to RSVP.

Troop 380 X-Mas Tree Recycling Fundraiser

January 3

It is that time of year again for our annual Christmas Tree Recycling Project. This is a great way to earn money for your scout account and can go a long way toward paying those camp fees! We will start out by passing out flyers on Dec. 20th to Rosemont, Mather and Wildhawk neighborhoods to let them know what we are doing. We will then pick up Christmas trees on Jan 3rd and Jan 10th. Parents – we need you too! And your hours will also count towards your son's scout account. We especially need trucks and trailers. Please see Michelle Tyler, Sally Shaw, and Laura Chang to get all the details. Sign up at the meetings.

Fort Ross and Salt Point State Parks Campout

January 17

Mark your calendars for the Fort Ross and Salt Point State Parks campout beginning on Saturday January 17th. This three day trip is planned as a fun family campout with opportunities for all enjoy a front-row seat to the Pacific Ocean and explore the rich history of Fort Ross Historical State Park (SP) and the coastal wonders within the Salt Point SP. Planned activities include a Community Service Project and a family friendly hike to the Pygmy Forest area. Please see Ben Heningburg for more information.

University of Scouting / Den Chief Training

January 24

University of Scouting will be on Saturday Jan 24th at Wheatland High School. This annual event is a chance for all adults to attend classes on practically any scouting topic you can think of such as Dutch oven cooking, hiking tips, CPR, advancement, or many, many other options. As well there will be Den Chief training once again for any scout that is currently a Den Chief or



interested in becoming a Den Chief. The scouts will be in class all day learning about the role of a den chief as well as new games & activities that they can use with the Cub Scouts. More information will come as registration goes online.

Monterey / Pinnacles

February 14- 16

Valentine's Day weekend, is going to be a family campout in beautiful Monterey at Veterans Park. For this 3 day weekend scouts will have a chance to work on the Oceanography merit badge, tour the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, wharf, beaches and to round out the weekend a hike up Pinnacles which is another Rim of the Bay hike as well as a Philmont required hike. Sign-ups and more information will come in January but make sure to mark your calendars now.

Golden Empire Council Dinner

February 21

Each year the Golden Empire Council honors the top volunteers by awarding the Silver Awards, the highest honor to be bestowed at the council level. This year's awards will be presented at the Golden Empire Council Recognition Dinner on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at California State University. Save the date and see who will be recognized with this top honor. Dinner reservations can be made on line at www.gec-bsa.org. Contact Becky Mesker if you have any questions.

Klondike Derby

February 27

The Capital City District will be hosting its annual Klondike Derby on the weekend of



February 27-March 1, 2015, at Martis Creek, near Truckee. This camporee in the snow is a fun-filled event with sledge races, snowshoe races, and competition in the snow. Scouters and scouts can learn more about winter camping at the January 8th Roundtable, where the district will be hosting a cold weather camping clinic. The troop is preparing for the event with presentations at the December, January and February meetings. Camping in the snow is a lot of fun and can be one of the highlights of your scouting experience. See Dave Ishikawa for details.

Indian Grinding Rock Report

March 20-22

The troop will have the opportunity to visit one of the oldest grinding rocks still used by the South Miwok. This is the New Skills Campout for younger scouts to learn scouting fundamentals. Scout will sleep in teepees, rather than tents. Scouts will have fun at the Indian Grinding Rock campout, while performing a service project.

Death Valley Road Trip

March 29 – April 2

Would you like to experience the lowest elevation in the 48 states? Or see the highest point in the contiguous United States all in the same trip? During the upcoming spring break, Troop 380 will travel to Death Valley National Park. This trip is open to all scouts and families willing to camp along the way to this desert wonderland. Travelers will experience Bad Water (the lowest point in the U.S.A.), Scotty's Castle, Manzanar National Historic Site, the Eastern Sierra Nevada, and some of the most amazing landscapes in California. Sign up with Chris or Dave as soon as possible. Reservations for camp grounds are being made soon.

Scout Expo 2015 "Catch the Spirit"

April 17-19

The grandest show in Golden Empire Council history is being planned for the weekend of April 17-19, 2015, at Beale Air Force Base, Scout Expo 2015. You won't want to miss this exciting

event that comes only every few years. The arena show alone will be spectacular with David Garibaldi, Dave the Horn Guy, and our Chief Scout Executive, Wayne Brock. You'll see shooting ranges, archery, climbing walls, BMX biking, and much more. Remember to sign up with the troop. Many of our leaders are leading this event, so Troop 380 should have the inside track on many of the activities. See Dave, Chris, Johnnie, Kim, Ben, Frank, Wei, Joseph, Tonia, or Mac if you want to be part of the staff at Scout Expo. See you at Beale!

Venturing Scavenger Hunt

by Kim Perry-Reed

Crew 380 is starting to get busy and a group is taking part in the VOA (Venturing Officers Association) Photo Scavenger Hunt in San Francisco on Dec 6th competing with crews from all around the Golden Empire Council. They will start at the Embarcadero, making their way to Chrissy Field where they will end the day with dinner and awards before the crews depart. However Crew 380 isn't done, from there they will make their

way to camp overnight so they can meet the troop in Freemont for the Mission Peak Hike making it a full weekend.

Another Busy Troop 380 Summer

We hope you are ready for one of the busiest summers in Troop 380 history. Here are three events that you can be part of:

- **Camp Royaneh:** June 14-20, 2015. We are headed to our favorite camp near Guerneville on the Russian River. Sign up today for the adventure of the summer. Space is limited so don't miss out for this awesome camp in the redwoods. See Dave for more information on how to sign up for summer camp.
- **Philmont:** The Crew and Troop will be sending a

contingent to the Philmont Ranch High Adventure Base in New Mexico, June 24 – July 6, 2015. This is known as Scouting's paradise and will challenge all participants. Backpacking, shooting, climbing, repelling, team building, horseback riding and much more awaits the scouts attending Philmont. See Dave for details.

- **23rd World Jamboree in Japan:** Scouts and family members are welcome to join us on a trip of a lifetime to travel to Japan and visit the site of the World Jamboree. We will visit Tokyo, Kyoto, and much more as we dive into the culture of the ancient and modern country. Over 30,000 scouts will be visiting Japan and attending the Jamboree. We will visit the site to get a taste of the Jamboree experience. Please see Chris

Ishikawa for more information about this wonderful event held from July 28 to August 8, 2015.

229 Days till Departure – Japan here we come!

Yes, 229 days till we leave but only a short time left for anyone to join this great adventure. Scouts do you know you can use your Scout Account money to help pay for the trip to the World Jamboree in Japan? Scouts all by themselves, or with a parent or with both parents,

brothers, sisters, grandparents and friends – All are invited to join Troop 380 in our search for Scouting around the World.

Talk to me about signing up – prices go up for the tour on December 19.

Advancement

by Floyd Brown and Philip Allen

Javier A.		Art
Roland B.		Personal Management* Personal Fitness
Adam B.		Camping* Cooking* Wilderness Survival
Ian C.	Gold Palm Silver Palm	
John D.	Life	Canoeing
Andrew E.		Cooking*
Steven F.		Art Geocaching
Evan F.		Geocaching Scholarship
Lance H.		Geocaching
Christian H.		Life Cooking* Geocaching
Bryan H.		Canoeing Cit In Nation* Communication* Family Life*
Ben K.	Life	Canoeing
Lucas K.	2nd Class	Canoeing
Matthew M.	Eagle	
Alexander M.	Eagle	
Chris N.		Personal Fitness
Joshua P/R.		Canoeing
Gabriel P.	1St Class	
Jacob R.	1st Class	Rifle
Logan R.		Family Life*
Max R.		Canoeing
Fred S.		Geocaching
Grayden S.		Cooking*
Tyler Tr.	Scout	
Jalen W.	1St Class	
Josh Z.	2nd Class	

*Eagle Required Merit Badge

Upcoming Events

December

20	Christmas Tree Flier Distribution	Sequoia School
29	Family Bowling Night	Pins & Strikes

January

3	Christmas Tree Pick Up	Sequoia School
3	Troop Adult White Elephant Party	Brown's House
8	Cold Weather Camping Clinic	LDS Church
9-11	International Sportsmen's Expo	Cal Expo
10	Christmas Tree Pick Up	Sequoia
17-19	Fort Ross/Salt Point Camp Out	Fort Ross
24	University of Scouting	Wheatland

February

12	Merit Badge Counselor Clinic	LDS Church
14-16	Monterey Camp Out/ Pinnacles Hike	Monterey
21	GEC Recognition Dinner	CSUS
27-3	Klonidike Derby	Martis Creek

March

12	Life to Eagle Seminar	LDS Church
13-15	Indian Grinding Rock & Skills Camp Out	
29-4	Death Valley Road Trip	Death Valley

April

6	Spring Court of Honor	Church
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