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Scoutmaster's Minute By Dave Ishikawa

Each time the Kwahadi Dancers of Troop and Crew 9 from Amarillo, Texas, visit and perform for our community I sit in awe of all they have done. This Boy Scout Troop and Crew have traveled all over the world sharing their song, dance, and story of the Native American People. But the story does not stop there. If you visit Amarillo in "The Crown of Texas," you will find a multi-million dollar museum, performance center, and Kiva that the Kwahadi Foundation has built. This complex houses an extensive collection of Native American art. It also hosts thousands annually for their Winter and Summer performances. Finally the Kiva serves as a hostel for scout and youth groups traveling to and through Amarillo. Like us the Kwahadis are a group lead by volunteers. No one receives payment for what they do. All their proceeds go back into the program supporting their museum, bus, trucks, costuming, and the Foundation. I cannot even begin to think of all the lives this wonderful group of young people has touched throughout the years. They truly are one of the outstanding scouting groups in the United States and the world. We were lucky to be part of their travels.

Committee Chair Report By Norm Adams

The next parents meeting will be on **June 26, 2007** at the church. Please plan on attending.



Eagle Watch By Don Dier

Since the last troop Court of Honor, three Scouts have had their Eagle Courts of Honor. Congratulations to David

Barge, Derek Baptista and Billy Frazier. These are Troop 380's 98th, 99th and 100th Eagle Scouts.

Congratulations to Peter Ruygt on passing his Eagle Board of Review. Peter is Troop 380's 101st Eagle Scout. Invitations to his Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday, July 14 at 4:00 PM will be out soon.

Congratulations to Jason Lifshin on passing his Eagle Board of Review last week. Jason is Troop 380's 102nd Eagle Scout. Look for invitations soon to his Eagle Court of Honor.

Several Life Scouts are in the final stages of completing merit badges and projects and will be finalizing their applications in the coming months. If you are a Star Scout and nearing Life, or have recently attained Life, please start thinking about a plan to attain your Eagle rank. It's never too soon. In fact, there is overwhelming evidence that starting early yields many benefits, including lower blood pressure (both Scouts and parents), reduced anxiety, a longer life (and shorter Life) and an overall sense of "Wow, I can enjoy my senior year!".

Troop 380 currently has 19 Life Scouts. If you are a Life Scout and ready to start thinking about a service project, please talk to Don Dier about your ideas. He's in charge of Eagle Advancement for the troop and will assist you with putting your proposal together for presentation to the troop committee. The project can not be carried out without Scoutmaster, committee and district approval. If you don't have any ideas for a project, Don can help with that too. There are many good Eagle project ideas waiting to happen.

Dave Barge's Eagle Court By Dave Barge

My Eagle Court of Honor was on Monday April 23, 2007 at Emanuel Baptists Church. A large group of guests attended, including representatives of the California Waterfowl Association (whom I did my eagle project for) and Assemblyman Don Natollie. There was a slideshow at the beginning and cake and refreshments at the end. Overall, the ceremony turned out well. Thank you all for attending.



**Troop Pictures
By Don Dier**

Troop 380 maintains a comprehensive collection of pictures from each of our events and activities. For the past year and a half we have maintained digital photos exclusively. During a recent dust bunny roundup I came across several photo binders and vinyl photo pages I had purchased several years ago for future use. The binders were free with the purchase of so many pages. Little did I anticipate the impact of digital photography. So, I've got the binders for free for anyone who might want one or two (most say Troop 380 on the cover, some say Summer Camp and a year) and the pages for sale at a discount. Let me know. I'll have some samples tonight.

Mike Kuykendall is in charge of the troop digital camera and makes sure that it is assigned to the Scout in charge of each event. In addition, anyone attending an event is welcome to take their own pictures. It would be greatly appreciated if copies of the pictures could be given to me as soon as possible after the event. Pictures can be put on a CD or one of the USB flash drives I have available for your use. If you like, you can bring the card from your camera and I can transfer the pictures at a troop meeting. If you know you are going to be taking pictures at an activity, just ask me for one of the USB drives ahead of time, copy the pictures onto it and return to me at the next troop meeting. All I ask is that as you take pictures at an event, try to include as many members of the troop as possible in a variety of shots.

I maintain an indexed collection (by event) of digital troop photos. Many of them are posted on our website, which is maintained by Joe Pearce. Because of space limitations, not all photos make it onto the website. Currently there are over 10,000 pictures in the troop's digital collection. So far this year we have close to 2000 pictures.

Each January, CDs with all the digital pictures from the previous year are made available for a nominal charge. In order to put so many pictures on one CD, the size of each photo file is reduced significantly. For most applications, this file size isn't a problem. However, if you need any file(s) in their original size, just let me know. At any time during the year, any available pictures may be requested, such as for an Eagle Court of Honor. Just call me at 363-5396, e-mail me at thediers1@msn.com, or ask me at any meeting.



**Venture Crew Advisor's Minute
By Angela Bowman**

The Crew has been very busy with all the training hikes for our upcoming trip to Philmont this July. Joe Reynolds has done an outstanding job with planning all the hikes and the Philmont trip as well. Thank you very much Joe for all your hard work.

We have been hard at work at obtaining one of the many bronze awards. The Crew has completed many of the requirements and our hope is that we might be able to issue some awards at the next court of honor.

The Crew will be having its annual calendar planning meeting either in July before the Philmont trip or in the first part of August. We will be planning our upcoming events for the following year. This is a great opportunity for those of you that might be interested in the Crew to find out what we are planning for next year. I encourage all of you that are interested to come out and see what the Crew is planning on doing.

I would like to personally thank the Joanne and Joe for all their hard work. Without them the Crew would not be where it is. Thank you very much!

Have a great summer everyone!



OA Report

Our troop has elected new candidates into the Order of the Arrow. The following candidates have completed their membership by attending an Ordeal Weekend. Zachary Burgess earned his membership by completing his OA Ordeal at Camp Lassen on May 20th. Eric Carlson completed his Adult Ordeal at Camp Winton on June 10th. Corey Reynolds moved up his membership and earned his Order of the Arrow Brotherhood sash at Camp Winton also on June 10th. This year's new candidates that have not yet been to a required Ordeal Weekend still have two more opportunities this summer to complete their membership. The next Ordeal weekend will be at Camp Cole on Friday, July 6 – Sunday, July 8 and the final is scheduled for August 17 – 19. The Order of the Arrow is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society and is an integral part of every council. In part, its purpose is to develop, maintain, and improve camping traditions and spirit for both Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouting program.



Den Chiefs & Staff Needed

Scouts do you need Service Hours??? Adults are you dying for another scout activity to participate in? One which is very rewarding to see the joy on a Cub Scouts' face as he learns about Space Exploration.

River City District Twilight Camp would like to invite you to take part in our camp for all Cub Scouts. Date & Time: Thurs/Friday June 28 – 29, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sat 8:30 am until 5:30 pm.

The highlight of our camp will be a Sat. trip downtown to the IMAX theatre to see “Space Station 3-D”, a trip to the Golden State Museum and riding Light Rail to Camp Pollock. A Youth Volunteer must be a registered Boy Scout. Each Scout attending camp must complete form. It must be signed by the Scout’s parent or legal guardian, and Scoutmaster, and then returned to the Day Camp Director. Youth Volunteers will work as staff and not be allowed to participate in cub camp activities.

Outings and Activities



**Rio Del Oro District Recognition Dinner
By Dave Ishikawa**

On Saturday, May 12, 2007, the Rio Del Oro District hosted its annual Recognition Dinner. Approximately 100 scouters from all over our district enjoyed a luau themed dinner put on by Pack 28, at the Cordova Community Center. Troop and Crew 380 was well represented to see Mark Woosley, Joan Stretars, and Joe Reynolds presented the Unit Spark Plug Awards, for service to Troop and Crew 380. Also receiving recognition were Jimmie Garcia (Order of the Arrow), Johnie Pennington (Order of the Arrow), Sue Garcia (Roundtable Staff), Peggy Merrill (Roundtable Staff), Elizabeth Ruygt (Popcorn and Roundtable Staff), Erik Carlson (Day Camp, Popcorn, and Roundtable Staff), Chris Ishikawa (Roundtable Commissioner), Cindy Frazier (Day Camp), and Ralph Merrill (District Advancement). Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the Silver Beaver or what is formally known as the District Award of Merit. Tonia Cameron and Mike Kuykendall were two of the three recipients of this year’s award. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a scouter at the district level. Congratulations to all of our recognition winners. It was very nice that another unit stepped up to put on the district dinner. Troop 380 has always played a big role in the dinner, but this year we were able to sit back and enjoy the festivities.



**Kwahadi Dancers Performance
By Dave Ishikawa and Joshua Kamine**

The Kwahadi Dancers made their fourth presentation in Sacramento on Friday, June 8, 2007, at the Hiram Johnson High School Theater. Troop 380 hosted the 51 member crew and troop, from Amarillo, Texas. Troop 380 has hosted all four of their shows in Sacramento. Before the performance Ralph Merrill and Dave Ishikawa met the Kwahadis and their “War Canoe,” and truck in Old Sacramento. We treated them to a tour of the Railroad Museum. The museum has been a favorite stop on their tours of the West Coast. This year’s Kwahadi tour took them to Phoenix, Flagstaff, San Diego, Disneyland, Universal Studios, Crystal Palace, Monterey, San Francisco, Portland, Idaho, Yellowstone, Denver, and Philmont Scout Ranch.

The Kwahadis joined us for a bar b que dinner cooked by Norm Adams and his crew. Their wonderful show was viewed by approximately 300 people. After the show Tonia Cameron made arrangements for the Kwahadi to stay at the National Guard Armory overnight before moving on to Portland. Special thanks to everyone who helped with the show. Thanks to Zenaida Kamine (Arrangements, Ushers, Tickets), Norm Adams (Bar B Que), Chris Ishikawa (Tickets), Don Dier (Photos), Gary Tamano (Signs), Jim Buell (Parking), and Tonia Cameron (Refreshments and Guard Armory) for their help with the show. A big thanks to everyone who went out to promote the show at roundtables.

Charles Ritchie, the Kwahadi Advisor was very impressed with our organization and preparation.

By the way, don't forget to ask Mac Cameron about his Kwahadi Adventure. Thank you Mac for your help with the Police!



Fair Oaks Cemetery Service Project
By Peter Ruygt

On Memorial Day weekend Troop 380 did a service project at the Fair Oaks Cemetery. Saturday morning they had a memorial service dedicating the new Veteran's Wall and they had a car with all the names of MIA's and POW's on it. We helped direct cars, hand out programs and later took down the chairs. We came back in the afternoon and took down the Avenue of Flags which consisted of 300 flags. Monday morning we put them back up and that afternoon we took them all down again. The cemetery director said we were the best troop they had ever had helping them. Scouts doing the project were Josh Bremerman, Matt Brown, Greg Bringedahl, Arik and Jordon Carlson, John Douglas, Dakota Fitzsimmons, Matt Grady, Zack Kalsey, Stephen Kolar, Darian McMurray, Sameer Punia, Peter and William Ruygt, Casey and Corey Reynolds, Scott Ripke and Alex Trimm.



Science Olympiad Flag Ceremony
By Alistar Fortson

On Saturday, March 31, Troop 380 performed the flag ceremony for the science Olympiad competition at Sacramento State. Jimmie Garcia, Zach Burgess, Taylor Simpson, Ben Fortson, and Alistar Fortson performed the ceremony and did a great job.

Western Festival Parade

This year the parade was on Saturday, May 5th. After the parade scouts helped pick up trash from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM along 2 miles of street where the parade marched. The scouts ended up picking up eight full bags of trash. Thank you to Mike Kolar for organizing the event.



New Skills
By Coleten Hicks

The troop headed out Rancho Seco Park, on the weekend of March 23-25 for the New Skills campout. We left Sequoia at 5:00 PM. When we got to the site, we set up camp, did some planning for the next day, and then went to bed. We woke up the next day, made breakfast, and then did the new skills activities. These activities taught the new scouts many skills including how to set up camp, how to use a pocket knife safely, and how to build a campfire, and how to cook. We had a campfire that evening and then went to bed. The next morning, we took down our campsite and then went home.



Brannon Island
By Casey Reynolds

The Brannon Island trip was May 18 – 20. On the way to the camp, the canoe trailer tipped over, but in the end everything made it there safely. The next day everyone rode around in the canoes and in Joe Reynolds's Boat. Also we took a tour of the Coast Guard Station. The next day we packed up and left.



Mather Air Show
By Colten Hicks

On Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and June 10, Troop 380 scouts helped out at the air show at the Mather Airforce Base. We got there around 7:00 AM. The planes started flying around 9:30 AM. They flew for awhile and then the Thunderbirds flew at 3:30 PM. We left at about 3:45. Everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you to Tonia Cameron for organizing the event.



Spring Camporee
By Davis Tamano

The Camporee was held at Rancho Seco on the weekend of April 20-22. We left on Friday from Sequoia at 5:00 PM. We set up camp and then ate our food. The next morning we arose to the aroma of wet damp grass. We had breakfast and then got ready for THE GAMES!!! We competed all day and then it started to rain. It was quite rainy and a bit depressing. The next day we woke up quite dam, and we packed up with anger and also happiness. Then we went home.



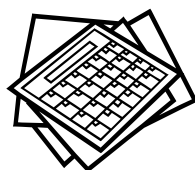
NYLT
By Colten Hicks

We left the scout store at 4:30 and then headed for camp Pollock for the National Youth Leader Training (NYLT). We got to the camp, got our NYLT gear, and then organized into troops and patrols. We then went to our individual camp sites to go set up camp. There were lots of fun activities and lots of great food. That's all I am going to tell you about NYLT, but if you want to know more then **SIGN UP** and go to NYLT next year.

Bike Rodeo & Bike and Ice

On June 4, 2007, before the troop Meeting at 6:00 PM, we had two bike mechanics from REI to tune up everyone's bicycle. The two mechanics were Josh Pitts and Mike Dorloff. A big thanks to both of them for volunteering their time to help out the troop. We also had a Bike Rodeo where everyone could practice their bike riding skills.

This event was in preparation for the Bike and Ice campout to Lake Tahoe Trip that happened this last weekend June 15 – June 17. Everyone who went on the trip had a great time, and a full report on the trip will be in the next newsletter.



Upcoming Events



Fireworks Night

Fireworks Night at the Ishikawa's has become an annual event. All Troop 380 families are welcome to come celebrate an early 4th of July, on Saturday, June 30th, at 7:30 PM. The party is put on so the scouts going to camp don't miss out on fireworks. We will set off fireworks after dark, but before the show we will make ice cream sundaes. Bring you lawn chair, box of fireworks, a jacket, and some fixin's for ice cream. Please RSVP at 383-4692 or email at sm-380@comcast.net.

Chris or Dave will ask you to bring something for the ice cream feed. Remember this is for all Troop 380 families, not just families of scouts going to camp.



Summer Camp: Camp Royaneh

We can't wait to Have Fun in the Sun at Camp Royaneh! We leave for camp on Sunday, July 1 and return on Saturday, July 7, 2007. Summer camp is always the highlight of our year. Camp Royaneh is located just a stones throw from the Russian

River and the Pacific Ocean. The camp is owned and operated by the San Francisco Bay Area Council. Camp features, horseback riding, archery, swimming, shooting sports, nature, hiking, scout skills, handicrafts, Mountain Man, COPE, great competitions, and memorable campfires. We have over 50 participants attending camp this year. Darrel Dier will be on staff to greet us at camp. It's not too late to sign up, but you will have to hurry. All paperwork should be turned in. If you have any questions please contact Dave as soon as possible. Don't miss it!



High Sierra Mini Trek

Troop 380 has kept summers adventurous for everyone. Besides summer camp, Philmont, and Europe on the Troop's summer calendar, Jim Garcia and Jon Traum are squeezing in a 10 – 15 mile hike for a small group of our more experienced hikers beginning Friday, July 20 and ending Sunday, July 22. This is shortly after summer camp and right before the trip to Europe. Jim and Jon recently checked out a few nice and challenging courses in the Mokelumne Wilderness Area that cross the Pacific Crest Trail near Carson Pass. Details will be coming out in the near future.



Europe and World Jamboree Trip 2007

Troop 380 will be visiting the site of the 100th Anniversary World Jamboree in July. We are also visiting and touring London, Paris, Normandy, and Versailles along with the Jamboree site. We are scheduling another meeting the middle of July, that everyone going needs to be able to attend. Please see Chris Ishikawa if you have any questions.

SMUD Company Picnic and Fund Raiser

Please save Saturday, August 11, 2007, for the SMUD Picnic, at Elk Grove Park. This annual event has become our biggest fund raising event of the year. Over 1,000 SMUD employees gather for a company picnic. Troop 380 provides the food services for the event. Scouts and leaders run the games and interactive activities for the picnic. Please reserve this date so you can help out. Scouts and parents earn credit for their scout accounts for camp, dues, and future events. Sign up at the next troop meeting. See Chris Ishikawa for details.

Scout Expo 2007: From Brownsea to Beale – When Tradition Meets Tomorrow

Over 5,000 scouts and leaders will meet at Beale Air Force Base on September 28-30, 2007, for the Golden Empire Council Scout Expo 2007. This event promises to be the largest event in Golden Empire Council history. Scouts can expect a special visit to the flight-line, patrol competition, an awesome arena show, merit badge midway, action alley, and much, much more. This National Jamboree style event will be attended by scouts from Redding to Galt, and Auburn to Fairfield. Please put the date on your calendar. Parents you can help out by volunteering to be on the staff at Scout Expo. We are expecting over 400 scouters and parent volunteers to be on our staff. Many Troop 380 leaders are playing a key role in this huge event. Dave Ishikawa is the council chairman, Chris Ishikawa is heading up Webelos Woods, Ralph Merrill is in charge of the Merit Badge Midway, Joe Reynolds in heading up the physical layout, Johnie Pennington is in charge of Subcamps, Becky Riley is in charge of Administration, Myra Lanham is in charge of finances, and Erik Carlson is working on the Webelos Woods Program.



Northern Tier High Adventure – Summer 2008 By Dave Ishikawa

During the summer of 2008, three crews from Troop 380 will travel to Northern Minnesota to participate in an adventure of a lifetime. Each crew of eight will be made up of scouts 13 years and older and adult leaders. The Boy Scouts of America own and operate a canoe outfitting service and base that scouts attend from all over the world. These scouts and their leaders canoe the Boundary Waters Area Canoe Wilderness in Northern Minnesota and Quetico Park in Canada. Each crew will select a route and canoe for ten days in the wilderness. The crews will see bald eagles, moose, beaver, and bear. They will hear coyotes howling at night, pick wild blue berries, see ancient Petroglyphs on rock walls, listen to thundering waterfalls, and view some of the most picturesque lakes in North America. Two of our crews will base out of Ely, Minnesota, at the Charles Sommers Canoe Base. One of our crews will travel into Canada to Atikokan, Ontario Province and canoe to Sommers Canoe Base, over 100 miles. This will be an adventure you will never forget. All crews are currently filled, but you can put your name on the waiting list. We are also talking about an adult only crew. The adult crew will hire a private outfitter for the trip and travel at the same time as our scout crews. All crews will travel to Minneapolis and St. Paul for a tour of the twin cities before or after the canoe trip. And of course we will visit the huge Mall of America and its

famous indoor amusement park. Please see me for more details. The conditioning begins this summer.

Upcoming Events Calendar

June			
21-23	RDO District Day Camp	Cordova Church of Christ	Evenings
25	Patrol Leaders' Council	Church	6:15 PM
25	Troop Meeting/Merit Badges	Church	7:00 PM
26	Troop Parent Meeting	Church	7:30 PM
28-30	River City District Day Camp	Camp Pollock	Evenings
30	Fireworks Night	Ishikawa House	7:30 PM
July			
7-Jan	Summer Camp	Camp Royaneh	
	Depart July 1	Sequoia School	7:00 AM
	Return July 7	Sequoia School	2:30 PM
9	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM
12	RDO District Roundtable	Cordova LDS Church	7:30 PM
14	Peter Ruygt's Eagle Court of Honor	Church	4:00 PM
16	Crew leaves for Philmont Trek	Amtrak	TBA
16	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM
20-22	Mini Trek	Carson Pass Area	Weekend
23	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM
27	World Jamboree Trip	London/Paris	
30	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM
31	Crew returns from Philmont Trek	Amtrak	
August			
6	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM
9	RDO District Roundtable	Cordova LDS Church	7:30 PM
9	World Jamboree Trip Returns	SF Airport	
11	SMUD Picnic	Elk Grove Park	All Day
13	Summer Court of Honor	Church	6:30 PM
15	Troop Calendar Planning Meeting	Church	6:00 PM
16	Golf Night	Bradshaw Ranch	5:00 PM
17-19	Crystal Basin Camp Out	Crystal Basin Rec Area	Weekend
20	Troop Swim Night	TBA	6:00 PM
27	Troop Meeting	Church	7:00 PM
28	Troop Parent Meeting	Church	7:30 PM
September			
8-Jul	Long Lake Camp Out	Long Lake	Weekend
28-30	Scout Expo 2007	Beale Air Force Base	Weekend
October			
7-Jun	Elk Grove Harvest Festival	Elk Grove Park	9:00-5:00
12	Calaveras Big Trees Camp Out & Family Camp Out	Calaveras State Park	Weekend
20	Halloween Haunt	Safetyville USA	9:00-5:00
27	Mt. Diablo Hike	Mt. Diablo	All Day
November			
11-Oct	Angel Island Camp Out	Angel Island State Park	Weekend
24	Troop 380 Reunion/100 Eagle Celebration	TBA	
December			
1	Mt. Wittenberg Hike	Pt. Reyes National Seashore	All Day
10	Winter Court of Honor	TBA	6:00 PM
26	Christmas Tree Fliers	Church	10:00 AM
26	Bowling Night	TBA	6:00 PM