

# The Eagle

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## Scoutmaster's Minute By Dave Ishikawa

The summer of 2007 will be remembered as one of the busiest summers for our Troop 380 family. At the beginning of the summer we hosted the famous Kwahadi Dancers, from Amarillo, Texas. The next two days we manned food booths at the California Capital Air Show, at Mather. Also in June we traveled to Lake Tahoe to bike down Barker Pass. Troop 380 scouts and parents helped to make both the Rio Del Oro and River City District Day Camps huge successes. During the month of July 45 boys and 10 adults spent a week at Camp Royaneh. Crew 380 hiked the trails of Philmont, while the troop hiked near Carson Pass on our annual mini-trek. One of our greatest trips of all time led us to the World Jamboree. We toured London, Stonehenge, Bath, Canterbury, Oxford, Strafford Upon-Avon, Paris, Normandy, Rouen, and Hanfleur. We gathered 100 scouts and parents to help put on the SMUD company picnic. We witnessed another hole in one at our annual Golf Night and canoed the waters of Gerle Creek. This has been a historic summer for our troop. We recorded 54 days of activities in the three months of summer. Wow, I get tired just thinking about it. What a troop!

## Committee Chair Report By Norm Adams

The next parents meeting will be on **Tuesday September 25, 2007** at the church. Please plan on attending.

## Scout Expo By Dave Ishikawa

In less than two weeks, Scout Expo 2007 will become a reality. Over 5000 scouts and leaders will gather to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the scout movement. Many of you have signed up to participate in this great event and I am sure you will have a wonderful time. I want to thank all of you who have helped me plan this historic event. Floyd Brown, Joe Reynolds, Ralph Merrill, Erik Carlson, Johnnie Pennington, Becky Mesker, Norm Adams, Don Dier, Tonia Cameron, Mac Cameron, Myra Lanham, and Chris

have been with me since the first meetings to help make Scout Expo 2007 a super event. Thank you to all of you who will be spending your weekend at Beale with us. This will truly be a weekend to remember.

Scouts should plan on meeting on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM, at Sequoia School. We do need parents to drive, but they must have pre-registered for the event. We have 45 scouts signed up to participate in Scout Expo. 63 adults have signed up to help with Scout Expo and serve on staff or guide our troop.

We also need some help this Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, to assist with layout at Beale. Please let Chris know if you can spend the day at the base to assist with preparation. All help must be pre-registered so you may enter Beale.

Scout Expo 2007 will have a trading post and concession stands selling food, so bring some extra cash. As a matter of fact you can go on line to guarantee items. The Scout Expo Trading Post website is at [www.gec-bsa.org](http://www.gec-bsa.org).

See you at Scout Expo 2007: From Brownsea to Beale!



## Troop 380 Merit Badge Classes By Bob Williamson

The troop has organized the merit badge classes for the next several years. The basis of this plan is that each quarter (Fall/Winter/Spring) the troop will have merit badge counselors available for four badges at a time. Two of the badges will be Eagle required and two will be Elective. During the summer four elective badges will be offered. Whenever possible, scouts should focus on required badges first. For fall 2007, camping (R), family life (R), Scholarship, and orienteering badges are being offered.



**OA Report**  
**By Corey Reynolds**  
**Order of the Arrow Representative**

On Thursday, September 13, the Patwin chapter held office elections for the new year.

The following positions are now held by:  
Chapter Chief - Zachary Kamine  
Vice Chief of Inductions - Zachary Burgess  
Vice Chief of Camping - Corey Reynolds  
Vice Chief of Program - Joshua Kamine  
Vice Chief of Finance - Davis Tamano

As you may or may not know, the positions are important with selecting new members throught the year, help lead the District Camporee, and help with Arrow of Light ceremonies each spring.



**Peter Ruygt's Eagle Court of Honor**  
**By Peter Ruygt**

I want to thank all the people who came out to my Eagle Court of Honor. It was well attended and everyone had a good time. It meant a lot to me to have so many family,

friends and troop members there. The highlight of the evening was when my cousin Andrea Ruygt sang "On Eagle's Wing". After getting off work at Disneyland she missed her train and had to drive through the night to be there so a big thank you to her. I also want to thank Dave, Chris, my parents, and the rest of Troop 380 who made my journey to Eagle so meaningful.

**Other Eagle Courts**

In addition to Peter's Eagle Court of Honor, the troop celebrated three other Eagle Courts this summer:

Jason Lifshin had his Eagle Court of Honor on Monday August 20 at 7:00 PM.

Stephen Kolar had his Eagle Court of Honor on September 1at 4:00 PM

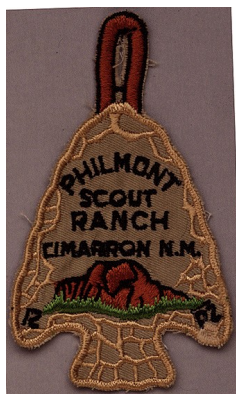
Blake Carr had his Eagle Court of Honor on September 2 at 4:00 PM

Congratulations to all the new Eagle Scouts and thank you everyone for attending their Eagle Courts of Honor.

**Calendar Planning Meeting by Josh Kamine**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (Wednesday)at 6:00 pm, the PLC along with a few assistant scoutmasters met to plan the 2008 calendar. After reviewing past traditional events and planned event (and putting them into our calendar outline) we started going over suggestions. Halfway through the discussion, we broke for pizza and soda. We then resumed on our discussion with the help of the adults; finishing our calendar outline. A finished copy is out and you can request it with a polite gesture toward your scoutmaster.

**Outings and Activities**



**Venture Crew Report – Philmont**  
**By Zach Kamine**

On Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 am, eight boys and four adults, along with others, met at Denny's before heading out.

We caught a bus from the Amtrak station nearby and rode to another Amtrak station to catch a train to another bus to another train in Los Angeles. We took that train all the way to Raton, New Mexico (a 23 hour journey) and caught a bus taking us straight to Philmont Scout Ranch, right next to the bustling town of Cimarron, New Mexico. We arrived at 8:00 pm on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. After settling into our tents at base camp, we explored the town until we went to sleep. The next morning, after eating a filling breakfast, we met our ranger, Vicki Ross. She guided us around base camp, preparing us for our arduous excursion ahead. At night, we had a spectacular opening campfire. The next morning, we set out for the Kit Carson Museum, where we had a historic tour and met some engineers and Dragoons. We hiked to Olympia, where we spent the night watching the lightning strike all around us. The next day, we hiked to Zastrow, where we honed our orienteering skills. The next day, we hiked through Mexican Homestead Abreau to Carson Meadows, where the staff taught us Search and Rescue

techniques. We left the next morning, passing through Fish Camp, where we checked out fly fishing rods and tied flies to scenic Aqua Fria. The next day, we hiked to Phillips Junction Commissary, where we picked up more meals and continued on through Crooked Creek up to Wild Horse Camp. The next day, we reached Clear Creek Mountain Outpost where we shot Black Powder Rifles, threw tomahawks, and learned how to trap beavers. The next morning we summated over Mount Phillips and went to Cyphers Mine, where we explored a mine, learned about black smithing, and attended a Stomp. The next day we hiked through Hunting Lodge to Cimarroncito, where we stayed for two days rock climbing, picking up food, and most importantly, completing a conservation project. Afterwards, we hiked to Clarks Fork and had a Chuck Wagon Dinner, then continued on to Upper Clarks Fork. We woke up at 4:00 am to summit at sunrise then continued on to base camp. We then headed back home, arriving in the afternoon on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Overall, we hiked over 60 miles through wilderness with an average of 50 pounds each on our packs. I would like to thank Joe Reynolds for organizing this trip.

### **Twilight Camp**

**By Cindy Frazier and Erik Carlson**

Rio del Oro Twilight Camp was a great success with 225 cubs and 150+ adults in attendance. This doubles the number from last year. Cindy and I would like to Thank all the helped out. Mark and Tyler Woosley for their help with water bottle rockets, Chris Ishikawa with helping out with check-in process, Merrill McMurray for helping out with First Aid and other areas where needed, Jim Ripke for assisting with Archery, Stella Rebello for assisting with different craft stations, Lamar, Tara, Andrew, and Tesa Mitchell for cooking and helping with crafts stations and props. Also a big Thanks to all the Den Chiefs, William Ruygt, Matt Brown, Jamie Brown, Scott Ripke, Darian McMurray and Ted Burchett. Without all this help Twilight Camp would be the successfully program it is today. Again we can't thank all you enough.

### **Long Lake**

**By Lawrence Goedrich**

On Friday September the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 we met at Sequoia School around 5:00 pm and distributed crew gear through out the campers ranging from tents and food to stoves and filters. Every person also got there GORP bag and their breakfast bag which was for Sunday's breakfast. We left Sequoia School around 5:45 pm and headed our way to Long Lake. Two of the cars stopped at the Rest Stop for bathroom and to eat dinner. The last car missed the exit and continued on. When we found out that they weren't coming we went ahead and left. We got to the Long Lake parking lot around 9:00 pm and hiked into the campsite. We arrived to the camp and started to set up around 9:45 pm. The next morning, we all woke up around 7:00 am and started heating water for hot chocolate and four members of the crew went down to the water front to start filling water bottles for the upcoming

hike. The group was ready for the hike by 9:00 am. We left the campsite and everything was good until we figured out that we had taken the same path that we had done the time before and were forced to turn around and take a different fork. Then we chose one path that lead up a pretty tall mound of rocks and when we got to the top (of the mound) it was around 11:00. We decided to eat a snack and take a 20 minute breather and when we got done with that Mike had the little guys do some exercises like triangulation and asked some things like what traces of animals. When that was done, Jon Traum, suggested that we should find the road and turn back because we were running low on water. Most everyone agreed and when the picture was done we left for the direction of the road. After climbing threw large bushes we hit the road and found that special trail and took it back to the first fork which cut our time in half. Next time, in June, we Will Not Get Lost! As we got back to the campsite, Johnny said that we were visited by a crew from Folsom High School. Leadership decided to have lunch since it was around noon. We left and went to the old campsite that the troop normally tries to get. The crew dug into lunch which was salami, cheese, jelly and peanut butter on Ritz crackers. After that, the younger scouts enjoyed themselves in the lake with swimming and football. When everyone was done they went back to camp and hung out til diner was to be cooked. For dinner we had macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, and spaghetti with pesto sauce. After dinner, we had a thorns and roses ceremony. Four scouts opted to sleep outside and the rest slept in tents. As we woke up on Sunday, we were greeted with a chill wind and a sun rising over the crystal clear lake water. Stoves were started for the oatmeal and hot chocolate. The people that did not do water were cleaning up and packing up their materials. When everything was done and people were done eating, we distributed the items back, had a police line and a religious ceremony, with a thankful event. Then, we packed up, hiked to the cars, left the parking lot, and arrived at Sequoia School around 12:15 pm on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We gave the Troop gear back to Jon and left for home.



**Mini Trek**

On Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 scouts and 2 adults met at Sequoia School for the Mini Trek. This year our mini Trek took us to Round Lake which is south of Lake Tahoe near Luther Pass. We arrived at the parking area just as it was getting dark, and then hiked up a steep hill to a meadow where we spent the night. The next morning we got up, packed up our gear and backpacked to Round Lake. We had lunch and then we all went for a hike around the lake except Jimmie who stayed back to watch our backpacks and keep the minibears out of our food. While on our hike we stopped in

a flat area and played football and Frisbee. When we got back, we decided that the meadow we stayed in last night was nicer than the camping areas around Round Lake, so we headed back to the meadow. We cooked dinner there and went to sleep. The next morning we got up, broke down camp, policed the meadow for garbage, and then hiked back to the cars. We got back to Sacramento way ahead of schedule at 11:30 AM. Thank you to Blake Carr and Jimmie Garcia for organizing the outing and buying the yummy food.



### **Golf Night** **By Sean Allen**

Golf night was Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Bradshaw Ranch. 19 scouts and nine adults attended. The Stretars cooked a delicious BBQ meal. Mark Hughes hit a hole in one on the 9<sup>th</sup> Hole. Three teams tied for first place with a low net of 29. Awards and recognitions will be distributed next week at the Court of Honor.



### **Summer Camp** **By Matt Grady and Angel Echevarria**

Troop 380 left around 6 a.m. for Camp Royaneh 2007 Summer Camp. We arrived later that day and went through orientation, picked our merit badges, and went back to our area Forester. Through out the week, the troop members competed in gladiators and the camp-wide games. One of the highlights of the competition night was Philip Brem winning Simon Says. Through out the week, the scouts also hiked trails, completed merit badges, and earned awards like Daniel Boone. Everyone had a great time and I was glad to have a chance to lead the troop at Camp Royaneh. I would like to thank all the adults for their time and effort at and before the camp.

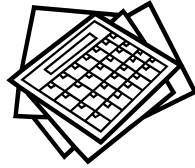
This year, we had a representative for every year of the Thunder Bird. Joshua Bremerman, Joshua Kamine, Zachary Kamine, Stephen Kolar, and Corey Reynolds earned the Daniel Boone Award. We had one adult earn Daniel Boone, and that adult is Mike Kolar. Joshua Bremerman, Joshua

Kamine, and Zachary Kamine earned the High Loop Nature Trial Award. Joshua Bremerman, Joshua Kamine, and Chris Nelson earned Snorkeling. Several people earned Carien Hike Awards, and two people earned Handiman of the Day Awards, and that was Stephen Kolar and Shaine Smith.

### **Gerle Creek Campout**

We left Sequoia Elementary School after a half hour delay on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. We traveled into the Sierras to the Crystal Valley Recreation Area. It is a thirty mile drive on a very curvy road to Gerle Creek Campground. The scouts set up tents in two of the four camp sites with adult leadership near by. One site was reserved for the cooking area and the other site for late arrivals. We started Saturday with a great meal of mountain man breakfast and biscuits all cooked in Dutch ovens. Then, it was off to the lake for some canoeing. Then, we ate lunch and returned for even more canoeing in the afternoon. We had a great time learning all the different canoeing skills. We learned canoe rescue, different types of strokes, and the correct terminology. We had pork ribs, beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, and rolls for dinner. The ribs were cooked in the Dutch ovens. We had a great camp fire and cracker barrel with marshmallows and fine treats. We rose early the next morning to go canoeing once again in the cold waters of Gerle Creek. We had a race for an ice cream treat, which was won by Dave and Mike. We packed and headed home for a noon arrival at Sequoia Elementary School. Many thanks to Joe for bringing the canoes and Johnny for bringing the trailer. Thanks to Mark for cooking and planning the event.





## Upcoming Events



### **Troop 380 Reunion and 100 Eagles Celebration** By Dave Ishikawa

Earlier this year we presented Troop 380's 100<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout. On Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we will gather as many of our Eagles for a Troop 380 reunion. Please don't miss this special event. The reunion will be held at Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School, on Power Inn Road, beginning at 6:00 PM. We are planning a special dinner, raffle, Troop 380 memorabilia, and a special slide presentation. Please plan on being part of the special evening as we celebrate the many accomplishments of Troop 380!

We will have our first **reunion planning meeting** on October 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Troop Meeting. If you would like to help, please plan on attending. Don't forget we are still looking for several of our Eagles. Please see Don Dier if you think you can help us locate our missing Eagles.

### **Safetyville's Halloween Haunt** By Dave Ishikawa

Every year during the month of October, Safetyville USA calls upon Troop 380 to serve as the service troop at their annual Halloween Haunt. Thousands of trick or treaters gather at Safetyville, on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, in costume to celebrate Halloween. The troop assists with games, parking lot, general assistance, and clean up. Please see Don Dier to sign up for service hours at this fun event. Who knows, you might end up with a pumpkin or two.

### **Family Campout at Calaveras Big Trees** **October 12th – 14th, 2007** By Jimmie Garcia

Now that all of our major activities are behind us for the year, our schouts have included a traditional family campout in this years' calendar. The Mother's Viper Patrol will be adding new members while some of us will be helping the Park Ranger with a morning service project. We will have plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful park and spend time cooking with our families. Saturday's Pot Luck Family Style Dinner is always a hit so come prepared to share your favorite

family dish. For more information, contact Jim Garcia at (916) 362-1708 or [jimmiegarcia@comcast.net](mailto:jimmiegarcia@comcast.net).



### **Angel Island** **November 11th – 12th, 2007** By Jon Traum

On November 11 – 12, Troop 380 will head to Angel Island Sate Park for a camping outing. The island is a hilly, grass and forest-covered island, the largest in San Francisco Bay. Tiburon Peninsula where we will be taking a ferryboat over from Tiburon Peninsula, located one mile from the Island. At the park, we are going to work with state park rangers on a service project. We will also get a change to hike to the top of 788 feet tall Mt. Livermore. We are also planning to take Bikes and the scouts can ride a paved trail that circles the island. The outing will be a lot of fun, and space is limited in the service camp ground so if you are interested sign up!



### **Rim of the Bay Hikes Coming Your Way!**

We have two Rim of the Bay Hikes planned for the near future. On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, we will hike to the top of Mt. Diablo. Mt. Diablo is one of California's most dominant landmarks. Located near Walnut Creek, this peak was used as one of the major surveying points in Northern California. Mt. Diablo stands 3,849 feet above sea level. Fred Bremerman will be heading up the hike to Mt. Diablo.

### **Mt. Wittenberg Hike** By Sheri Rush

Won't you come along with us to the Point Reyes National Seashore on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>? Grab your binoculars for a chance to catch a glimpse of some tule elk. Experience the San Andreas Fault as never before when we hike along

Earthquake Trail. Afterwards, we will hike to the top of Mt. Wittenberg, a 1,407-foot peak from which you can observe not only the fault zone, but also scenic views that reach down to the Pacific Ocean. Feel even more adventurous? Then let's continue on to Arch Rock and have a picnic lunch before heading back to the visitor's center. If time allows, we'll travel to the Point Reyes Lighthouse to look into its lens and enjoy a brief tour with the park ranger. This lighthouse has a reputation as the windiest and foggiest lighthouse on the west coast. Bring a lunch, water, trail snacks, and your troop windbreaker. See you on the trail!

All Rim of the Bay hikes are free. Scouts are to provide a sack lunch, water bottle, and money for a stop for fast food. Earn your Rim of the Bay segments and be one of Troop 380's Rim Rovers (Scouts who have completed all six of the hikes). Please see Fred or Sheri if you have any questions about these two hikes.



### **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.



## Fund Raising

### Trail's End Popcorn Fundraiser By Louis Ruygt

Another big fundraiser is underway for the troop!!! Many of you are familiar with Trails End Popcorn which the Scouts have been selling for many years. This is a great way to earn money for your scout account. 34% of each scout's sales go into their scout account. We are hoping all the Scouts will participate in this fundraiser this year so the troop will get an even bigger percentage, which will mean a higher percentage for the boys. There are other incentives as well; if they sell \$1,500 they will get a gift card of their choice from Trails End. If they sell \$2,500 they will receive a scholarship, which keeps gaining in interest until they go to college. The troop will also have recognitions for the top salesmen. If you have any questions please contact Troop 380's Popcorn Kernel Louis Ruygt at 635-5158. Here are the dates:

October 8: Last date to turn in orders

November 3: Popcorn orders can be picked up at the Ruygt's

November 5: Popcorn will be at the troop meeting to be picked up

November 19: Last day to turn in popcorn money (we suggest collecting money as you sell)

Speaking of Girl Scouts did you know that for each box of cookies they sell they get approximately fifty cents! With Boy Scouts for every popcorn item they sell, over 72% goes to the local Boy Scout councils which they then share with the units selling!!!



### Elk Grove GIANT Pumpkin and Harvest Festival By Fred Bremerman

Join Troop 380 at this great fundraiser and have a bunch of fun too. It all happens at Elk Grove Park on 10/6 & 7, 2007. This year's event is different than in the past. Parents and scouts are needed to assist with trash pick up or customer surveys at the event entrances. Your help is needed to fill over 40 timeslots on Saturday and Sunday. You can work a morning shift, afternoon shift, or full day shift on one or both days. Registration sheets will be available at the Troop meetings on Sep 17, Sep 24, and Oct 1. REMEMBER to write down the shifts you sign up to work. Please see Fred Bremerman for more details.

## Advancement

By Floyd Brown and Gary Lentsch

Wow what a summer for advancement! Since the last Court of honor the troop earned **ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN** merit badges as well as 16 rank advancements, and 35 special award. The following two pages list all the awards earned. Congratulations to everyone for all the hard work.