

The Eagle

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Scoutmaster's Minute: "Scouting is an Adventure" By Dave Ishikawa

I want to welcome all our new scouts and parents that have recently joined our Troop 380 family. You will soon become an important and vital part of this wonderful troop. Each of you will be able to participate in the many activities that we provide. More important is the opportunity to grow in character, become more physically fit, learn more about the outdoors, and how to become a better citizen. Troop 380 can keep you as busy as you want to be, we have a lot to offer. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a calendar and articles about just some of the activities coming up in the next few months. It also will outline our big adventures for the next three years. Don't worry if they seem a little overwhelming at first. Some are financially expensive, so you may have to pick and choose. I do encourage all of you to go to at least one summer camp a year. This will provide you with the foundation for scouting success. Not all troops offer two summer opportunities a year like we do. You are not expected to do everything, but you are welcome to try as many as you like. Plan on camping every month or participating in some kind of monthly outing or activity. We encourage parents to become involved in the troop. We find the more involved you are as a parent the more your son will want to participate in scouting. Please feel free to ask questions and join in on the fun. Welcome to the adventure we call scouting. You won't forget the experience.

Committee Chair Report By Zenaida Kamine

To all new scouts and parents, I want to take this time to welcome you to Troop 380 and invite all parents to become Committee members. The troop committee works on behalf of Troop 380 with its primary responsibility being to support the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters in providing a quality troop program as well as handling the financial support of the troop. As a committee member there are many ways that parents can help the troop: volunteering to Chair or assist in one or more activities or events, serving on boards of review and courts of honor, driving to or from campouts, or volunteering to be a merit badge counselor. Committee meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the

month in the building adjacent to the church at 7:30pm. During the committee meetings you will get valuable information on upcoming troop activities and fundraisers as well as information on District and Council activities. Not only are the meetings very informative but you also get the chance to meet other great parents and members of the troop. By becoming an active troop committee member you can help to enrich not only your own son's life but the lives of the other boys in the Troop. Our next committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 29th, 2008 at 7:30pm, see you all there.

New Merit Badge Schedule By Bob Williamson

Troop 380 will be offering four new merit badges this spring. We will also be changing how we offer merit badges. We will now offer merit badge sessions before the meetings at 6:30 PM. Sessions will last 25 minutes, ending in time to begin the regular troop meetings at 7:00 PM. After discussion with the merit badge counselors and parents we thought this would be best so we don't hold scouts out late on school nights. Also it will allow merit badge counselor to plan for time and not worry that the scout meeting will run overtime. Our next series of merit badges will include:

Personal Fitness Merit Badge (required for Eagle) with Mac Weir

Communication Merit Badge (required for Eagle) with LaMar Mitchell

Animal Science Merit Badge with Joan Stretars

Fishing Merit Badge (with emphasis on Fly Fishing) with Gary Tamano

We will continue to offer Baden-Powell for new Scouts at the 6:30 PM time each week unless otherwise announced.

The merit badge session will be scheduled as follows:

April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16.

All scouts will need to attend all scheduled sessions if they expect to meet all requirements. Merit badges will require outside work and reading. Some merit badge counselors may not need all sessions to complete the merit badges. Other merit badges may require other sessions or field trips to complete.

If you are interested in offering a merit badge during the next sessions or future merit badges, be sure to contact Bob Williamson.

SPL Report **By Josh Kamine**

Troop meetings start place every Monday at 7:00 at Emmanuel Baptist Church (here!) unless otherwise noted because of holidays and/or etc. Also merit badges, when offered, take place at 6:30 every troop meeting. Each troop member should receive an informative call about the upcoming meeting. Each of their messages should consist of the uniform, special events that are to take place during the meeting, and other activities that pertain to the patrol in question. If you do not receive a phone call, talk to your patrol leader and get his phone number in order to call him for the messages, when you do not get the messages in the future (preferably early enough before the meeting). Phone lists are available at the attendance table.



Eagle Watch **By Don Dier**

Since our last Court of Honor in January, we have had one member of Troop 380 attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Matt Grady on passing his Eagle Board of Review on March 7. Matt's project was a beautification project along a highly traveled portion of Keifer Blvd., not far from where the troop meets. It involved clearing the area of trash and weeds and the planting trees and shrubs. An irrigation system was also installed. The project required coordination with the County of Sacramento, SMUD, the Sacramento Tree Foundation and several adjacent homeowners. Look soon for an invitation to Matt's Eagle Court of Honor.

Will Vance is finalizing his Eagle Scout application, having completed a great project at the Elk Grove Senior Center. Alistair Fortson received approval from the troop committee on March 25 for his Eagle service project, which is to build 18 four foot long wooden benches for his school, Country Day School. He will be asking for your help, so please do your best to assist.

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. Because an Eagle service project must be approved by the Scoutmaster, troop committee and the Rio del Oro District before it can be carried out, there is quite a bit of lead time involved. You should allow at least three months from project concept to final approval. After the project is completed, another month should be planned for completion of the paperwork and application.

If you are thinking about an Eagle 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.

Troop Pictures **By Don Dier**

Troop 380 maintains a comprehensive collection of digital pictures from each of our events and activities. Mike Kuykendall is in charge of the troop 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 an event. Pictures can be put on a CD or one of the USB flash drives I have available for your use. If you know you are going to be taking pictures at an activity, just ask me for one of the flash drives in advance, transfer the pictures onto it and return to me at the next troop meeting. Or, you can bring the card from the camera to a troop meeting and I can copy the pictures on the spot. All I ask is that, as you take pictures at an event, your attention be on all the members of the troop and not just your son.

The troop's digital camera was recently damaged and required replacement. The troop committee approved the purchase of a new camera. I mention this as a reminder that digital cameras are very sensitive and should be handled with care.

The troop maintains an indexed collection (by event) of digital photos. Many of them are posted on our website, which is maintained by Joe Pearce. Because of space limitations, not all photos can be placed on the website. Currently there are over 15,000 pictures in the troop's digital collection. In 2007 we added over 4900 pictures. We are in the process of revising our troop website so that all the pictures can be accessed in a variety of sizes. The new site will be located at t380.org. It is still under development, but the basic structure is there. Please visit it and provide feedback on its development.

CDs with all the digital pictures from previous years are made available for a nominal charge. In order to get so many pictures on one CD, the size of each photo file is reduced significantly. For most applications, this 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 Report By Joe Reynolds

The venturing crew has been busy working on a few fun things the last couple of months. In February we, as a crew were working on our “climbing” elective. As part of this elective, we sponsored an evening at Granite Arch which included 25 scouts from the troop and crew, 15 scouts from Troop 394 and 5 scouts from Troop 94. We enjoyed 2 hours of a challenging course which force all the scouts to work together as a team to be able to complete the course. The course included climbing on the rock walls, wooden vertical walls, tubes, rope swings, non-parallel piping and a few other obstacles. If the scouts wanted, they had the opportunity to rappel a 30’ wall. We will sometime in the near future be going to an outdoor location for some more climbing. March found us starting to work on “Shooting Sports” elective. Venturing is different from Boy Scouts in that we can also shoot hand guns. We had an NRA Certified shooting instructor come to one of our meetings and present a course on gun safety with the emphasis on hand guns. During this course, we were able to learn how to safely load the guns using “dummy” rounds and also how to safely verify that the gun was not loaded.

Much of the Venturing Program revolves around having “consultants” come in and teach the skills to the Venturers. For climbing, I was able to find a council certified climbing instructor to teach the skills. I was also successful in finding a BSA acceptable consultant for the gun safety course. At this point, I could use some help locating someone who is certified by the NRA as a certified range officer so that we can complete this item by being able to shoot for accuracy. Please let Joe Reynolds know if you happen to know such a person.



Granite Arch By Corey Reynolds

At about 9:00 PM our group of about 46 scouts and ventures from Troop 380, Troop 94, Troop 394, and Crew 380 met at Granite Arch. We gathered inside a sort of party area and went over orientation with the staff. After that, the staff members had the scouts do a group challenge that including

Order of the Arrow Report By Jimmy Garcia

Troop 380 candidates for the Order of the Arrow (OA) were elected by their peers on Monday, March 3. These candidates will be “called out” during a special ceremony after the Spring Camporee campfire at Gibson Ranch. At that time they will receive instructions on how to complete the process to become an official member.

Our OA Elections and Ceremonies Teams have been very busy, not only conducting unit elections in other troops in the Rio Del Oro District, but have also been attending Cub Scout Arrow of Light and bridging ceremonies. Leaders throughout the District have been impressed with their performance and appreciative of the extra time they put into the Scouting program. Thanks to Cory Reynolds, Zachary Kamine, Josh Kamine, Zachary Burgess, Davis Tamano, and their designated drivers for their great and cheerful service!

During everyone’s spare time our Chapter members have been planning for the Spring Camporee. Our youth members took the lead and designed the Camporee patch, designed the awards, planned for the activities and are looking forward to a great Camporee, “Survival at Gibson Ranch”.



Treasurer’s Table By Becky Mesker-Riley

Please see Becky if you have questions about your dues or about your scout accounts.

Outings and Activities

climbing, team building, and communication in order to complete it. The groups were divided into teams moving in opposite directions. Once the course was completed the scouts were allowed to practice in the small climbing room. Scouts over 14 and adults were offered a belay class to learn the knots and equipment for both climbing and belaying as well as the voice commands for safe belaying. Once they learned the skills, everyone was allowed to climb in the larger climbing room, and the people who took the belaying training were asked to belay.

Later in the night, a game of dodge ball was set up inside the large climbing area. The staff members divided those who wanted to play into two teams and went over the rules of the game. After a few games, the scouts were allowed to either climb or play dodge ball. Around 3:00 AM most people got

tired and went to bed, but some keep climbing or ran around in the team building area. Finally by 6:00 AM most everyone was asleep. At about 8:00 AM, the staff woke everyone up to pack up their belongings and to clear out of the facility. We ate breakfast consisting of muffins and hot chocolate. After breakfast, parents came to pick up their scouts and everyone went home.

Golden Empire Council Recognition Dinner

By Chris Ishikawa

Troop 380 comes through again, Thank you!!!! To everyone who came out to help set-up, decorate, register, audio-visual, serving, and just plain everything else for the Golden Empire Council Recognition Dinner on Feb. 16. Without the troop this event would not have gone so smoothly and everyone wouldn't have enjoyed it so much.

The next big event where help is needed will be Webelos Woods, the end of Sept. so, I'll be asking for help again. (Just a warning)

Thank you for making all my big plans become a reality. Chris.

Scouting for Food

By Dave Ishikawa

I want to thank all of you who helped to make Scouting for Food a big success. We had 80 scouts, leaders, parents, and family members help with our annual food pick up. We collected over 3700 items to send to the Sacramento Food Bank. I want to thank Tonia and Mac Cameron for their great organization of this weekend's project. Breakfast and lunch was great. A special thank you to all the parents who drove this weekend. You have all made a difference in helping those less fortunate.



New Skills

By Mike Kuykendall

Last weekend, March 28 – March 30, fifty-four scouts and scouters waded into Rancho Seco Recreational Park for our annual New Skills Camp Out. Friday evening, we donned our rain gear and set up camp. Our spirits were high with anticipation. Plans were reviewed and sessions were rehearsed. A campfire was made in the attempt to dry off. Thankfully the rain subsided into a light drizzle. Saturday, we woke up to another day of light rain, but that did not dampen our spirit. The Northern Tier crews rose and did some morning exercises and unloaded the canoes. Breakfast, as well as all other meals, was prepared for the troop by our Venture Crew. The new scouts arrived promptly at eight am.

The troop guides, Angel and Aaron, assigned two seasoned scouts to each pair of new scouts to get them acquainted with the troop trailer and help set up the tents and stow their gear. The Eagle patrol smartly called the troop to attention for our flag ceremony. SM Johnie welcomed the scouts. SPL Josh, Gerry, and Greg, went over the program for the weekend and then we were off. The seasoned scouts taught hiking, patrol method, tot n chit, fire n chit, knots, first aid, and physical fitness. During the rain, Northern Tier paddled around the lake and the scouts had sessions. After lunch, Gary Tamano came out to demonstrate fly fishing techniques and John Traum set up a compass course to try out. Dinner bubbled with foil wrapped dinners, Dutch ovens, and cobbler. We were treated with song and skits for the camp fire. MC Josh did a great job. Sunday came with the sun! Northern Tier cruised the lake one last time. Scouts Own Service encouraged all of us to be reverent. We safely returned to our families. Thank you for all the scout patrols for putting on a great program for the new scouts. Thank you to all the adults that came out to drive, assist, and watch. Thank you to the Venture Crew for the excellent food prepared.

California Capital Air Show

By Dave Ishikawa

The California Capital Air Show turned out to be a big success. Troop 380 adults ran four ice cream/pretzel stands at the show on March 15 & March 16 (Saturday and Sunday). The Air Show folks asked on Saturday night for a crew of scouts to man the inflatable games on Sunday. Seems the Law Enforcement Explorers could not handle the assignment. In true Troop 380 tradition scouts and parents stepped forward to run the inflatable games. Both the games and the food stands will earn credits for the troop and those who participated. I want to thank Tonia Cameron for doing an outstanding job in organizing our participation. Very few groups were selected to operate volunteer booths. We were very lucky to be one of the non-profit groups to be picked.

Bike and Ice Camput

By Scott Ripkie

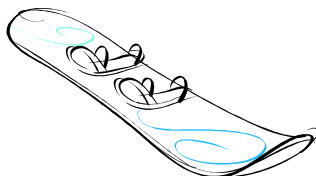
On March 1, We met at Sequoia school at 9:00 AM and rode our bikes along the American River Parkway to Negro Bar. On the ride there, we stopped at Hagan Park and had a snack. When we got to Negro Bar, we ate lunch and then set up camp. Then we went down to the water front and went for a VERY quick swim in the icy cold water. After that everyone went cannoning. Then we went back to camp, had dinner, s'mores, and then went to bed.

The next morning we got up, had breakfast, and then packed up the campsite. On the way home we had the Northern Tier crew paddle the canoes from Negro Bar to the aquatics center while the rest of the people rode their bikes over. The crew's bikes were portaged over in Louis Ruyget's van. From there, we rode back to Sequoia school and got there around 3:30 PM.

Overall the Bike and Ice trip was a lot of fun. We rode about 40 miles over 2 days! We had 14 scouts and adults on the ride there are 15 people on the ride home. We only had 2 scouts fall, and they only suffered some minor scrapes, nothing a little first aid couldn't fix.

Den Chief Training at the University of Scouting

University of Scouting took place on January 19, 2008. Please talk to Eric Carlson if you want to know what happened at the event.



Family Ski and Snowboard Day By Sean Allen

Everyone met at the Boreal Ski Lodge in the morning. The skiing in the morning was great. In the afternoon the snow and wind picked up so most of the scouts got off the slopes by 3:00 PM. The drive up and back was a little scary due to

the snowy conditions. Chains were required on the highway but everyone made it there and home safely.

Mission Peak By Greg Bringedahl

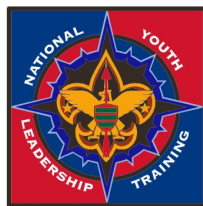
We met at Sequoia School at 7:00 AM. We arrived at the Mission Peak parking lot at 9:30 AM. We hiked up the Horse Heaven Trail and arrived at the top around 12:30. It was very windy at the top, so we only stayed up there for a few minutes. We hiked back down the Hidden Valley Trail and got back to the cars around 2:00 PM. We arrived back at sequoia school at 40 PM.

The mission Peak hike was a great hike despite the forecast of very bad weather. We had 6 scouts and 4 adults attend the hike. It was overcast most of the hike, and we only got a little bit of rain and about 1 minute of hail.

Aquatics Day

Aquatics Day took place on March 17, 2008. Please talk to Nick Goodie if you want to know what happened at the event.

Upcoming Events



NYLT May 2 to 4 and May 16 to 18 By Johnie Pennington

Our troop will be sending 7 scouts to attend the spring National Youth Training Leadership (NYLT) to be held at Camp Pollock. These scouts are Greg Bringedahl, Gerry Goodie, Aaron Rush, Zackary Burgess, Joey Schele, Corey Reynolds and Angel Echevarria. NYLT is a six-day course especially designed for Scouts who would like or are serving in troop leadership positions. Training will be held May 2 to 4 and May 16 to 18. There will also be an orientation on April 12 (10 am) or April 24 (7 pm) and a reunion and graduation August 11. All of these events will be held at Camp Pollock.

In addition to these 7 scouts our troop will also have 4 scouts and 1 adult on staff. The scouts are Brad Allred, Zackary Kamine, Joshua Kamine and Davis Tamano will be teaching skills they learn as a participant either last year or the year before. For the past three months these scouts have been preparing for their role to teach leadership and how to run a troop meetings using these skills.

Johnie Pennington is also on staff. His role is an advisor (Assistant Scoutmaster) preparing and holding campfires and helping the course director as needed.

“Survivor” Theme for Spring Camporee April 18-20, 2008 By Dave Ishikawa

The Order of the Arrow has selected “Survivor” as the theme for the 2008 Spring Camporee to be held at Gibson Ranch, on the weekend of April 18-20, 2008. The OA will be leading the Rio Del Oro and River City Districts annual Camporee. Highlighting the spring event will be Patrol Competition, Dutch Oven Cooking Contest, Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony, Scout's Own Services, Campfire, Flag Retirement Ceremony, and fellowship with scouts and scouters from the Rio Del Oro and River City Districts. This is the biggest event of the year for the troops in the two districts. Troop 380 has a great tradition at the Camporee, over the past twenty-five years one of our patrols has always placed in the top three patrols. We have been busy preparing the scouts for the competition. Parents can help by driving to and from the Camporee, assisting with events, or signing up for the Camporee staff. The cost is \$12.00 for food for the scouts. The \$13.00 Camporee fee for scouts is paid by the troop. Parent fees are \$13.00 for the Camporee fee and \$15.00 for food (\$28.00 total). Please sign up to participate in this great event at our next troop meeting. See you at the Spring Camporee.

Camporee Preparation

By Josh Kamine

It's that time of year again... The Spring Camporee is coming up and everyone is getting prepared for the fun! For the last few weeks and in the weeks to come before the event we have been and will be practicing to enhance our skill, in order to place high in the upcoming competitions that will take place during the Camporee. We have been practicing skills such as (but not limited to) fire building, Dutch-Oven menu preparation (as well as cooking), and first aid. All are events that are sure to show up in the upcoming camporee events.

Lake Natomas Camp Out

May 16-18, 2008

By Chris Ishikawa

Troop 380 is headed for Lake Natomas on the weekend of May 16-18, 2008. The emphasis for the weekend will be improving cooking and camping skills. The Northern Tier Crews will also be giving instruction in canoeing as part of their summer trip preparation. Younger scouts will have the opportunity to try their hand at paddling a canoe under the direction of more experienced paddlers. We are also looking for special tours of the Old Power House and Old Town Folsom. The food fee for the weekend will be \$12.00. Look for permission slips after the Spring Camporee. Note: This camp out was originally planned for the coast, but was moved closer to home. We will travel to the coast in October.



Box Car Derby

April 12, 2008

By Mark Wosley

Please come and join us for the Rio Del Oro District Box Car Derby race. There will be two types of races and we have two cars entered in each of the races. There is a downhill race and a push salmon race. There will be a best of class award. The race is Saturday April 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Russel Ranch Elementary School Parking lot. This is between Owl and Porter Street in Folsom. Check in is at 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the race site at 3:45 p.m.

Rio Del Oro District Recognition Dinner

May 10, 2008

By Dave Ishikawa

Summer Activities

Summer Camp 2008

Camp Chawanakee: We are headed for Camp Chawanakee, on picturesque Shaver Lake, from June 22-28, 2008.

Each year volunteers from the Rio Del Oro District gather to honor and thank the many individuals who have contributed to the Boy Scout program and service to youth in our community. This year we will get together on Saturday, May 10, 2008, at the Cordova City Hall, at 5:00 PM.

Highlighting the dinner will be the presentation of the District Award of Merit and the Unit Spark Plug Awards. The District Award of Merit or what is commonly known as the Silver Bear is presented to scouters who have rendered service to youth in our community. The Silver Bear is the highest volunteer award that can be presented to a scouter at the district level. Only two or three of these awards are presented each year. Troop 380 has an outstanding list of scouters who have received this award over the years. Recipients include Mike Kuykendall, Tonia Cameron, Mac Cameron, Don Dier, Ray Thompson, Floyd Brown, Becky Mesker, Sue Garcia, Jimmie Garcia, Ralph Merrill, Peggy Merrill, Mac Weir, Joan Stretars, Mark Stretars, Norm Parker, Pat McCarthy, Ken Allred, Dawna Allred, Sharon Jonas, Dick Jonas, Elizabeth Ruygt, Quenten Goldstein, Doris Goldstein, Jeph Downing, Ed Lyke, Kathy Lyke, Chris Ishikawa, Joe Pearce, Ray Thompson, Dennis Kauffman, Johnie Penington, Dana Ward, Mary Gabrielson, Charla Cameron, Carl Galle, and Ginny Galle.

The Unit Spark Plug Award is presented to a volunteer in each unit that has provided the energy and spirit that makes their respective units move forward. Every unit in the district is allowed to select at least one award. We will be selecting our Unit Spark Plug recipient at the next Parent Meeting on March 25th.

Please plan on attending the dinner on May 10th. It is a fun-filled evening and an opportunity to meet the other outstanding scouters from our district. The district will also be announcing our Unit Spark Plug Award. Who knows, we may even have a Silver Bear recipient from Troop 380?

Summer Court of Honor

Our next Court of Honor will be June 9th. There will be a potluck dinner at the church at 6pm followed by the Court of Honor. Please bring your own lawn chair.

Upcoming Events Caladner

Please see the Upcoming Events Caladner at the back of the news letter for a complete list of future Troop 380 events.

Chawanakee is owned and operated by the Sequoia Council headquartered in Fresno. Troop 380 has been to Chawanakee three times. It has become one of the troop's favorite camps. The programs and offerings are excellent and the facilities are

some of the best on the West Coast. Chawanakee features one of the most challenging COPE courses the BSA has to offer, an outstanding waterfront (canoes, kayaks, sailboats, rowboats, and swimming), climbing (a huge climbing wall), horsemanship corral, field sports (rifle, shotgun, and archery), nature center (with many merit badges and trails), craft area, and great meals provided in an indoor dining hall. Also featured are outstanding outposts experiences and first year camper programs. The lakeside setting makes this a great camp. Please sign up as soon as possible if you would like to attend. Fees for the week are \$340.00. A brother discount of \$25.00 is available. Space is limited so see Dave as soon as possible if you would like to add your name to the list.

Camp Winton: Our second summer camp for the summer will be at Camp Winton, on Bear River Reservoir. Camp Winton is operated by our own Golden Empire Council and is located in El Dorado County, near Highway 88. We will be attending Camp Winton from July 20-26, 2008. Camp Winton is a little more rustic than Camp Chawanakee or Camp Royaneh, but is unique in its own special way. Programs include an outstanding water front program, nature center, craft corral, scout craft, field sports, and outdoor dining. The Tribe of Winton program will have scouts wanting to return for future summers at this wonderful lake camp. Camp fees are \$279.00. No brother fees are available. All fees are due by April 28th. Erik Carlson will be scoutmaster for our week at Camp Winton.

Both Camp Chawanakee and Camp Winton: All scouts and leaders must have a current medical examination form filled out and signed. Medicals are due two weeks prior to the camp you are attending. Both camps also require special release forms for the taking of photographs, participation in shooting sports, and medical emergency treatment. Space is limited for both camps so act soon if you want to go to summer camp. We will need drivers for both summer camp sessions. Please see Dave or Erik if you can help.

Camp Fees:

Camp Chawanakee Fees = \$340.00 due in full by May 19th

Camp Winton Fees = \$279.00 due in full by April 28th

Summer Camp Meeting: All scouts and parents of scouts attending summer camp are asked to attend a special meeting on Monday, May 19, 2008. We will review merit badge classes and advancement session sign ups. We will also review how we will travel to camp and what to bring to camp. All forms are to be signed by this meeting. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

Summer camp is a must for all first year scouts! Don't miss out, you have two chances to attend summer camp in 2008. Camperships are available. Payment plans can be set up if your financial situation is challenged at this time. All discussion about camperships are confidential with Dave Ishikawa and the Troop Treasurer, Becky Mesker. Dave wants every boy to experience camp!



Northern Tier Trip By Dave Ishikawa

Twenty-four scouts and scouters have been preparing for a very special trip to the lakes and streams of Northern Minnesota and Ontario, Canada. On July 14, 2008, our crews will head to Northern Tier. Northern Tier is made up of three high adventure bases in Minnesota and Canada. One of our three crews will canoe from Atikokan Canoe Base, in Ontario, across the Quetico Provincial Park, and arrive at the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base, near Ely, Minnesota. Our second crew will travel in the opposite direction from Ely to Atikokan. These crews will cover over 100 miles on water and portages. Our third crew will travel in the Boundary Waters Area Canoe Wilderness and Quetico Park. All three crews will tour Minneapolis and St. Paul, the wonderful "Twin Cities," before heading to the canoe bases. Highlighting the touring will be the famous Mall of America, touring the Twin Cities, and possible stops at the International Wolf Center or Soudan Mine. The guys have been training for months for this special trip. They will be paddling for ten days in some of the most remote wilderness areas in North America. Each scout and leader has been fine-tuning their canoeing skills, camping techniques, and portaging muscles. Look for some great stories when these scouts return from this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Summer Camp 2009 By Dave Ishikawa

Once again, during the summer of 2009, Troop 380 will be attending two summer camps. We will be attending Camp Royaneh during the week of June 21-27, 2009 and Camp Cherry Valley during the week of July 19-25, 2009.

We have been attending **Camp Royaneh** since 1987 with breaks to attend Camp Oljato, Camp Chawanakee, and Camp Makualla. Camp Royaneh is one of our favorite summertime destinations. It is owned and operated by the San Francisco Bay Area Council and is located near the Russian River, near the coastal town of Cazadero. Royaneh is full of history and tradition and is one of the oldest camps West of the Mississippi. It is famous for its COPE Course surrounded by a redwood grove and its fantastic Diamond R Horse Corral. The pool at Royaneh is a favorite for typical hot afternoons. The Baden-Powell program is an excellent beginning for first year campers. We estimate the cost for Camp Royaneh will be approximately \$325.00. Look for details in the fall about fees and how to sign up.

Camp Cherry Valley will be a very special trip. Camp Cherry Valley is owned by the San Gabriel Valley Council in Southern California and is located on Catalina Island. The

cost of the camp is pricy so save your dollars and participate in troop fund-raisers. This years cost for Cherry Valley for camp fees alone were \$470 for Out of Council scouts. We will be taking deposits (\$50.00) after May 1st on a first come, first serve basis. We are limited to 20 scouts and four leaders. The trip cost will also include a visit to a Southern California Amusement Park and at least a one night additional stay. We estimate the total cost for this trip will be around \$600.00. We will boat to and from Catalina from Long Beach. More details will follow soon. Please see Dave Ishikawa for details.



2009 Philmont Expedition

Twelve lucky Troop 380 scouts and adults will be traveling to Philmont Scout Ranch, in New Mexico, from June 25 to July 10, 2009. Philmont is the Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Base located in the Northern mountains of New Mexico. Philmont is one of the most sought after Boy Scout experiences in the nation. Philmont offers horseback riding, burro racing, climbing, mine camp experiences, mountain man camps, shooting rifles and shotguns, fly fishing, all while backpacking over 50 miles of scenic backcountry. Ryan Allen, Mark Woosley, and Gerry Goodie plan on leading the expedition to this scouting paradise. Each year Philmont conducts a lottery to determine which scout units get to send crews to Philmont. Troops cannot send crews in consecutive years. Often times the waiting list will go 2000 crews deep. Scouts must be 14 years old when attending Philmont or 13 and completed the 8th grade. Troop 380 crews have traveled to

and from Philmont via AMTRAK. This part of the trip is an adventure in itself. Look for more details soon.

2010 Centennial National Jamboree

Fort A.P. Hill will be the destination for the biggest celebration in Boy Scout History, the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. During the summer of 2010, over 35,000 scouts and leaders from all over the United States and many foreign countries will gather in Caroline County, Virginia for the National Jamboree. The Golden Empire Council is now in the process of forming eight provisional troops of 36 scouts and four leaders each to travel to this special event. The formation of these troops will be specifically for the Jamboree and will meet separately from Troop 380. Scouts will also tour for 6 to 8 days before or after the Jamboree. Sights will include Washington DC, Mt. Vernon, Gettysburg, Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Monticello. Details will follow soon. Adult leaders will also be needed. The registration process will be a two step process. Applicants will need to register on the national level on line and with the local council by filling out an application and paying a deposit.

World Jamboree in 2011: Sweden

Chris Ishikawa is organizing a tour to visit the World Jamboree to be held in Rinkaby, Sweden, during the summer of 2011. Every four years the World Scouting organization hosts a gathering of scouts from all over the world. In 2007 Troop 380 visit the World Jamboree in England, part of the 100th Anniversary of the World Scouting Movement. We took 35 scouts and parents on our tour of England and France. It was a trip that we will all remember. Talk to Chris if you are interested. Plans are to visit the Jamboree site and tour Norway and Sweden. Start saving now!

Last Words From Dave

“You Are the Best!” Scoutmaster’s Minute #2

I can’t believe how the adults in this troop respond to the call for help. During the years I have really grown to appreciate the many volunteers in this troop. From driving on outings to working with boys on merit badges, it never ceases to amaze me how much all of you do. During the recent winter storms the roof blew off one of the troop storage sheds. Some of you came to the rescue and helped me put a tarp on the shed (in the wind and rain) so we didn’t get any water damage. Only a few weeks ago four dads came over and helped put a new roof on the shed. By the way, those sheds were built by adult volunteers. We constantly must load and unload the trailers. I just ask and scouters appear at our door willing to put together or clean up the equipment for the upcoming camp out or the one that just past. Speaking of trailers, the canoe trailer was put together by adult volunteers. Food has to be purchased for every event. We never go hungry because you shop for 10,

20, 30, sometimes more. You show up at council dinners, roundtables, trainings, Scout Expos, and the list goes on. You keep the records, you sell the sweatshirts, you help cook, you hike to the top of mountains, you fill out tour permits, you arrange for scoutmaster conferences, you store equipment, you help recycle uniforms, you sit on boards, you collect the dues and pay the bills. You amaze me because you help kids fund raise so they can take part in some of the most fantastic activities a boy can dream about. Some of you are OA Advisors, NYLT staffers, Roundtable teachers, Camporee Chairmen, advancement chairmen, district committee members, Executive Board Members, Popcorn Kernals, and Commissioners. Others of you still work with Cub Scouts, and even help with the Crew. Some of you have planned trips to Philmont, Northern Tier, National Jamboree, Arizona, and more. Heck some of you don’t have boys in the program anymore. I rarely hear a complaint and you just keep asking how you can help. Your dedication to this troop and the lives

of boys continues to amaze me. It keeps me going. Thanks to all of you. "You are the best!"

Upcoming Events Calander

April

7	New Merit Badge Sesssions Begin	6:30 PM	Church
7	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
10	Order of the Arrow Meeting	6:30 PM	Cordova LDS Church
10	Rio Del Oro Roundtable	7:30 PM	Cordova LDS Church
12	Rio Del Oro Box Car Races	4:00 PM	Russell Ranch School (Folsom)
14	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
18-20	Spring Camporee	Weekend	Gibson Ranch County Park
21	Merit Badge Session #2	6:30 PM	Church
21	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
28	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Church
28	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
29	Ass't Scoutmaster Meeting	6:45 PM	Church
29	Troop Parent Meeting	7:30 PM	Church

May

3	Elk Grove Western Festival Parade	TBA	Elk Grove
5	Merit Badge Session #3	6:30 PM	Church
5	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
8	Order of the Arrow Meeting	6:30 PM	Cordova LDS Church
8	Rio Del Oro District Roundtable	7:30 PM	Cordova LDS Church
10	Rio Del Oro District Dinner	5:00 PM	Rancho Cordova Town Hall
12	Patrol Leaders' Council	6:30 PM	Church
12	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
16-18	Lake Natomas Camp Out	Weekend	Lake Natomas (Folsom)
19	Merit Badge Session #4	6:30 PM	Church
19	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
19	Summer Camp Meeting	7:45 PM	Church
24/26	Fair Oaks Cemetery Flag Project	Weekend	Fair Oaks Cemetery
26	No Troop Meeting Memorial Day		
27	Troop Parent Meeting	7:30 PM	Church

June

2	Merit Badge Session #5	6:30 PM	Church
2	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
6-8	Backpack/Canoe Camp Out	Weekend	TBA
9	Court of Honor/Hot Dog/Pot Luck	6:00 PM	Church
12	Order of the Arrow Meeting	6:30 PM	Cordova LDS Church
12	RDO District Roundtable	7:30 PM	Cordova LDS Church
16	Merit Badge Session #6	6:30 PM	Church
16	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church
22-28	Camp Chawanakee	Week Long	Camp Chawanakee
30	Troop Meeting	7:00 PM	Church

July

2	Golf Night	5:00 PM	Bradshaw Ranch Golf
14-29	Northern Tier Trip	16 Days	Minnesota and Canada
20-26	Camp Winton	Week Long	Camp Winton
Summer 2009	Camp Royaneh	Week Long	Russian River
Summer 2009	Philmont	12 Day Trek	New Mexico
Summer 2009	Camp Cherry Valley	Week Long	Catalina Island
Summer 2010	National Jamboree	Touring	Caroline County Virginia
Summer 2011	World Jamboree	Touring	Sweden

Advancement

By Floyd Brown and Gary Lentsch

Since the last Court of honor the troop ad 9 merit badges, 14 rank advancements. Congratulations to everyone for all the hard work.

Scout Name	Award Type	Award Name	Date Earned
BROWN, MATT	Rank	2nd Class	2/11/2008
CHOCKLIN, CLARENCE	Rank	2nd Class	3/3/2008
FORTSON, ALISTAIR	Merit Badge	Scholarship	1/28/2008
FRENKLAK, EVAN	Rank	Scout	3/24/2008
GOEDRICH, LAWRENCE	Rank	Life	3/17/2008
GOODIE, GERRY	Merit Badge	Family Life*	2/4/2008
GRADY, MATTHEW	Merit Badge	Personal Management*	2/25/2008
	Rank	Eagle	3/14/2008
LACY, DYLAN	Rank	Scout	3/3/2008
PUNIA, SAMEER	Rank	1st Class	2/25/2008
REYNOLDS, CASEY	Merit Badge	Cit In Community*	3/10/2008
	Rank	Star	3/24/2008
REYNOLDS, COREY	Merit Badge	Cit In Community*	3/10/2008
RICHARDSON, DANIEL	Rank	Scout	3/10/2008
RUSH, AARON	Merit Badge	First Aid*	3/3/2008
RUYGT, WILLIAM	Merit Badge	Cit In World*	3/24/2008
SCHIELE, ANDREW	Rank	1st Class	3/24/2008
SCRUGGS, SAM	Merit Badge	First Aid*	3/17/2008
	Rank	Star	3/24/2008
SMITH, RYAN	Rank	Scout	3/3/2008
TAMANO, DAVIS	Merit Badge	Family Life*	3/24/2008
TRIMM, ALEXANDER	Rank	1st Class	3/3/2008
ZMUDA, BENJAMIN	Rank	1st Class	3/10/2008

*Denotes Eagle Required Badge