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Scoutmaster's Minute By Dave Ishikawa

My daughter, Kelly just finished riding her bicycle from San Francisco to Los Angeles on Saturday. This 545-mile bike ride was part of AIDS-Lifecycle 7, an event to help fight the battle against AIDS. Almost 3,000 cyclist and 500 support roadies helped to make this event a huge success, raising over \$11,700,000.00. I learned a lot about this terrible condition and about the spirit of the people helping to find a cure while I followed along Kelly's ride on the Internet. I also learned about my daughter's willingness to work hard toward a goal and participate in something she believes. Kelly trained for this week-long ride for months and in the process raised \$3,500.00. She made me proud as a father. We all have a chance to make a difference in the lives of others. Scouting gives us that opportunity in many different ways. Don't forget that part of our oath and law stresses the importance of helping other people at all times.

Committee Chair Report By Zenaida Kamine

Summer vacation has now begun and our troop is just getting started for this summer season. We have a busy and fun summer ahead beginning with this past weekend's Canoe and Outdoor Skills Campout to Union Valley Reservoir. Also planned for this summer are two summer camps – Camp Chawanakee from June 22nd through the 28th and Camp Winton from July 20th through the 26th. Also planned is the RDO Twilight Camp from June 19th through the 21st at Mather Heights Elementary School. Erik Carlson is heading up this event and is still looking for Boy Scouts to serve as Den Chiefs. Please contact Erik if you son will be able to help out. Other great events to look forward to this summer are Golf Night at Bradshaw Ranch on July 2nd, Fourth of July potluck at Dave and Chris' house, the Northern Tier High Adventure trip from July 14th through the 28th, the SMUD Picnic on August 9th, a day at Sunsplash on August 11th, and our Sierra Mini Trek from August 15th through the 17th.

This is the time of year that the strength of Troop 380 is so apparent, through the commitment and involvement of the

parents and adults here in 380. I would like to thank everyone for their help and participation because without you the Troop would not be able to do as much as we do.

The SMUD picnic is a great fundraiser for those looking to earn money for all our upcoming activities as well as those in 2009 including Cherry Valley Summer Camp, Philmont, and Camp Winton Summer Camp. We have many more fundraisers scheduled for all our upcoming adventures so please come to our next committee meeting to find out more information on how you, too, can be involved. Due to our summer camp schedule in June, the June committee meeting has been cancelled and our July meeting has been moved up from the 29th to the 8th.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next Committee Meeting on July 8th at 7:30pm here at the church. Please plan on attending as this will be the last meeting before the SMUD picnic.

SPL's Report By Joshua Kamine

As springtime fades, we cannot hope for that much in the troop. Now that summer is fast approaching and we have acquired a great deal of free time, we imagine ourselves relaxing in the sun. Yet instead we are out training (even more vigorously) for some of the big events to come such as Summer Camp and Boundary Waters, and we look back at some of the more enjoyable times.

Since the last Court of Honor we have:

- Battled it out with other troops in the district-wide Spring Camporee (staffed by our Patwin and Peensew Chapters of the OA);
- Been trained at NYLT (where we've learned new skills that will help us give back to the troop [especially with all the money they've given us!]);
- Helped/supported our fellow scouts and others at Matt Grady's Eagle Court of Honor, Garrett Marengo's Eagle Project, and the Fair Oaks Cemetery Memorial Day Service Project;
- And even had some time to enjoy ourselves at some laid-back (for some)/training (for others) camps (like Lake Natomas and Negro Bar).

Overall the troop seems to be doing a great job, learning new skills, and ultimately making an investment for a soon to be bright and enjoyable summer that lies in the days to come.



Eagle Watch By Don Dier

Since our last Court of Honor in March, we have had one member of Troop 380 attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Will Vance on passing his Eagle Board of Review and becoming Troop 380's 106th Eagle Scout. Will's project was the construction and installation of several large shelving and storage units in the thrift store at the Elk Grove Senior Center. Look soon for an invitation to Will's Eagle Court of Honor.

Garrett Marengo and Ted Burchett presented their proposed Eagle service projects to the troop committee in April. Both projects were approved. Garrett's project is the construction and installation of several shelving units in the library at the Elk Grove Senior Center. He was able to complete the project the weekend of May 30-31. Ted's project is to organize and conduct a tennis clinic over the course of several weekends in the fall. This will introduce the game of tennis to several hundred children.

Matt Grady celebrated his attainment of Eagle Scout at his court of honor on Saturday, May 31. Matt himself put together a great slide show and has become Troop 380's 105th Eagle Scout. Matt has enlisted in the Navy, which will be financing his college education. Best wishes Matt!

If you are a Life Scout, or a Star Scout nearing the Life rank, 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 before the project can be carried out. After the project is completed, another month should be planned for completion of the service project workbook 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.



Venture Crew Advisor's Minute By Joe Reynolds

Congratulations to Corey Reynolds for completing the requirements for the Bronze award. We also have several other members that are very close to also earning this award.

Since the last Court of Honor, the crew has been very busy with various activities. Over half the members of the crew will be going to Northern Tier this summer and have been attending the conditioning dates. At the Spring Camporee at Gibson Ranch in April, we had members run an event and also help out with the O.A. call out ceremony. May included a couple of fun events. The council Venturing committee sponsored a night at Sky High which is a trampoline facility. In total, from 8 crews, we had over 60 jumpers attend the event. In May we also went on an outdoor climbing trip. We went to a location which is located South of Shingle Springs along the Cosumnes River. We spent the morning climbing a face about 40' tall. After lunch, we moved to a different location where we set up a couple of rappel stations which were about 50' high. The crew also attended a camping trip with the troop to Lake Natomas. Those that were not working on their conditioning went on a hike from Granite Bay to Lake Natomas. This was about a 7.6 mile hike. If that wasn't challenging enough, it was done in over 100 degree weather. There's nothing like having the weather cooperate with us!?

Our next adventure involves finishing the requirements for Shooting Sports. This is one activity where we need some help. According to BSA rules, we must have an NRA Range Safety Advisor. If you know of someone who has this training and is currently certified, please let me know. Also, if you are interested in getting trained and certified, please let me know. There are several trainings coming up with the National Rifle Association.



New Troop Website By Don Dier

In the last Eagle we mentioned that the troop's website was undergoing revision. We're happy to announce the site is up and running. Please visit it at t380.org. The webmaster's

address (webmaster@t380.org) is at the bottom of each page. There are still some gaps and missing information, so the webmaster would appreciate any comments, corrections, updates, etc. We want the website to serve the needs of the troop.

By the way, the webmaster is Duane Dier, Troop 380's 54th Eagle Scout. Duane is an engineer working in the satellite division of The Boeing Company and lives in Redondo Beach. He wanted to continue supporting the troop and felt developing and maintaining the new website was a great way to do so from many miles away. Ah, the wonders of technology.

Check out all the features of the new website. Although not there yet, the main page will soon be showing Dave's e-mail notes. The calendar is updated continuously. If you have any changes or additions, let Dave or the webmaster know. The photos page we are especially proud of. It contains all the troop's digital photos back to 2000. The photos can be viewed in three levels of resolution, from thumbnail to full-sized. The Scouts and Scouters pages will have current information on members and leaders. We've just added all the Merit Badge counselors in Troop 380. The forms page has a permission slip ready for download, should you need one.

All in all, the site is starting to come together. Again, though, we want the site to meet your needs, so please take a look and let us know what you think of it.



OA Report

Please see Corey Reynolds, troop 380's Order of the Arrow Representative if you want to know about the fun activities that the OA is participating in.



Treasurer's Table By Becky Mesker-Riley

Scout dues are \$100 and are due June 1st. Please see Becky if you have questions about your dues or about your scout accounts.

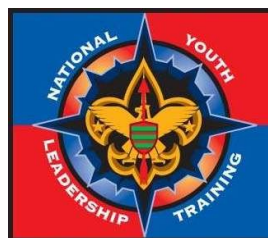
Outings and Activities



Box Car Derby Races By Mark Woosley

This was our first RDO Box Car Derby Race. We entered two cars in the three competitions. The competitions included a push car race, a downhill race, and best in class design. The push car race consisted of a timed event where two scouts pushed the car around a parking area in a circle eight pattern while the third drove the car as best they could. After an excellent effort by both teams, we were just beaten out of the top three positions. We then proceeded to the downhill portion of the event for a double elimination race. Our first team won the first race and second team placed second in the second race. Then the cars seemed to tighten up and we proceeded to do no better than third and were eventually eliminated. After the races they awarded trophies for the different races and judging. We won first place in the

design contest with the Indy car. The design on this car has a front and back fin with a low profile seat and it was painted red and black with Troop 380 logos on it. I had hoped the Toiletmobile would have won most useful, because when you have to go, well you could. Maybe I should explain, this car design had a real toilet mounted on the frame with a steering wheel and brakes. It won its first race and then slowed down. I want to thank all the drivers and pushers: Kelson L., Josh K., Zack B., Aaron R., Tyler W., Casey R., and William R. I hoped everyone had a great time. I would like to especially thank Aaron and Tyler for helping with the painting. I have the races on DVD and I had to edit the sound because I was laughing so hard watching them drive a Toilet down a hill while being chased by three other cars. PRICELESS!!!



NYLT By Gerry Goodie

Friday Afternoon from about 5:00 – 6:30 scouts arrived from all over the council at the scout shop. From there, we hiked to Camp Pollock and met with our patrols again. We set up camp, elected an honorary SPL, ate a great cracker barrel,

and went to bed. We woke up early the next morning, had flags, and went out to have a fun day. During the day, we learned about Boy Scout leadership skills and also participated in some other fun activities such as geocaching. We had great food and that night the SPLs put on an awesome campfire. We got to bed around 11:00 after a long day.

The next morning we woke up with the SPLs fully in charge. We learned a little more about leadership skills, had Scouts Own, and worked on skits. Finally, it was time to strike camp. Everyone packed up working as a patrol one last time. We had our final meeting and everyone left hoping to see each other again and knowing a lot more about leadership.

Lake Natoma Campout

On May 16 – May 18 the troop went to Negro Bar on Lake Natoma for a campout. The outing got off to a terrifying start when Friday night a huge branch broke off a tree and fell near the campsite. Everyone was startled but no one was hurt. The next day the Northern Tier Crew worked on Canoeing skills in the lake. This included how to recover from a swamped canoe in the icy cold, 57 degree Lake Natoma water. In the mean time, the rest of the scouts got shuttled up to Granite Bay on Folsom lake. From there they hiked along Folsom Lake to Beal's point and then back the campsite at Negro bar along the bike trail. The hike was only 7.7 miles, but it was very very hot (102 degrees).

When back at camp, scouts changed into swim gear and everyone went down to the lake to cool off after the hike. After that, everyone had dinner, campfire, smores, and went to bed. The next day everyone woke up, had breakfast, took down camp, and returned home. The other highlight of the weekend was the food. The scouts did commissary cooking by patrol so everyone got to work on their cooking skills. They made breakfast burritos, pancakes, and spaghetti.



Fair Oaks Cemetery Service Project By Aaron Rush

On Saturday at 9:00 a.m. a group of about ten scouts and seven adults met at Fair Oaks Cemetery for the Memorial Day Celebration honoring the veterans of World War II. We directed traffic, passed out pamphlets, and stacked chairs. After the celebration we had cookies and lemonade for a snack. We left around 12:00 p.m. Also Matt Brown became the newest mini-me Johnnie. He DROPPED HIS HAT IN THE TOILET AT THE Cemetery!

Later that day we returned at 3:00 to put away the U.S. flags and help clean up the cemetery. We had five scouts and four adults show up and help out. We had to put the flags in a truck and help pick up any trash that we found.

Monday we came back at 7:00 am and set up the flags and got ready for the cemetery to open up for the fallen warrior's families to pay their respects. Seven scouts and five adults showed up. We put up the flags around the streets of the cemetery and once again helped pick up trash.

Later that day at 3:00 p.m., six scouts and eight adults show up and help put away the U.S. flags and cleaned up the trash from the cemetery grounds. The flags were put in the truck again and were stowed away for next year. It was a honor to be part of the celebration.

The Fair Oaks Cemetery District has expressed their gratitude to the 14 Scouts and the Scouters and parents who helped during the Memorial Weekend with the Memorial Day Service on Saturday by handing out programs, directing traffic, and putting away the chairs and awnings. As the cemetery manager said, "They were real troopers with not a one of them complaining about the rain." William Ruygt and Matt Brown were asked to step in and do a flag retiring and folding ceremony when the color guard canceled because of the rain. Later the Scouts came back out three different times to handle the cemetery's Avenue of Flags. Aaron Rush was the Scout in charge and he did a great job.



Venture Crew Rock Climbing By Corey Reynolds

On May 10, 2008, nine scouts from the venture crew met up at Sequoia Elementary along with the adult advisors at seven am. Climbing gear and the participants got into the vehicles and drove toward El Dorado. Once there we drove about five or six miles towards the Consumnes River. Once there everyone grabbed their day packs and climbing gear and hiked down the trail to where we were going to climb. Anchor points were set up, helmets were passed out, harnesses were tightened, and climbing gear was passed out. We then climbed two routes until noon. After that the gear was packed up, everyone hiked back up the trail to the cars.



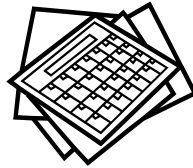
Spring Camporee By Zach Kamine

On Friday, April 18, 2008, at around 5 P.M., The troop went to Gibson Ranch to participate in the Spring Camporee; this year's theme, Survivor: Gibson Ranch. After we had set up all the campsite, including the tents, patrol boxes, tables, lanterns, and personal gear, the Troop ate dinner and then went to the flag ceremony. After that, the Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters had a meeting to finalize the events which would take place tomorrow and make up the fierce competition. Finally, we closed the evening with a solemn and memorable flag retirement ceremony, initially

advised by Johnnie, then opened up to any troop wishing to retire a flag.

Early the next morning, the troop woke up and began cooking breakfast, anticipating the intense competition later that day. The opening flag ceremony started out day, and the competition began in earnest. There were 321 scouts participating in over 15 events, including Survival Knots, many different shooting sports, Leaky Barrel, Lizzy Gator, just to name a few. The competition was suspended for an hour lunch hiatus, during which the patrol flags were judged, then restarted for the patrols to finish up and retire for the evening. The fun wasn't over yet, because there was still a campfire to go to! After an impressive pyrotechnic opening, the OA started the campfire off, and Zachary Kamine and Brad Allred, the MCs of the night, began the program. Thanks to Jon Traum for organizing the campfire. Awards were passed out, songs were sung, and skits were performed. Any thespian would weep. After all the campfire was over, the OA had an impressive call-out ceremony, including more pyrotechnics. After the nominees were called out, Jon dismissed the troops back to their campsites for sleep.

On Sunday, a flag ceremony began the morning, and many troops rushed to pack up their campsites and check out. A Scouts' Own service was conducted, and then the Camporee came to a close, only to begin anew next year.



Upcoming Events

Rio Del Oro's Twilight Camp By Elizabeth Ruygt

Help is needed for Rio Del Oro's Twilight Camp which is Thursday and Friday evening and all day Saturday, June 19 – 21. We need adults to run activities and help with other jobs, Scouts are also needed to be Den Chiefs for the Cub Scout dens. This year Twilight Camp is being held at Mather Elementary School, 4370 School Street, Mather CA 95655. This year's medieval theme promises to be lots of fun as we battle and joust our way for three memorable days. If you can help for either one or all three days, please call Erik Carlson at [363-4111](tel:363-4111) or his cell at [502-2942](tel:502-2942).

Sun Splash

On August 11, troop 380 will be going to Sun Splash in Roseville. The cost is \$23.75 per person which includes water park admission, 15 tokens, pizza, and soda. There are also optional package addons such as laser tag and miniature golf. Come to the next committee meeting for more information.

Golf Night

On Wednesday July 2nd, troop 380 will be having golf night at Bradshaw Ranch. Ryan Allen is organizing the event.

Summer Camp 2008 By Dave Ishikawa

Troop 380 will be attending two camps during the summer of 2008. Attending summer camp is one of the highlights of a scout's experience in the program. A week in the Sierra will allow scouts to experience nature, make new friends, and learn new skills.

We will be camping at Camp Chawanakee during the week of June 22-28, 2008. Chawanakee is one of the premier camps on the West Coast. Owned and operated by the Sequoia Council, Camp Chawanakee is located on picturesque Shaver Lake. We have 34 scouts signed up for this camp. The camp features a challenging COPE course, outstanding waterfront, nature areas, Tenderfoot to First Class advancement, and horseback riding. We still have some spots available for Camp Chawanakee. See Dave for details.

During the week of July 20-26, 2008, we will be attending Camp Winton, at Bear River Reservoir. Winton will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this summer, so the season should be very special. The outstanding waterfront gives this rustic camp a great scout feeling. See Erik Carlson for details. Unfortunately Camp Winton registration is now closed.



High Sierra Mini Trek – Mt. Lola **By Jon Traum**

During this busy summer, troop 380 is squeezing in a backpacking trip beginning Friday, August 15 and ending Sunday, August 17. This is after both summer camp and Northern Tier so hopefully everyone can make it.

The current plan, pending the approval of the troop committee, is to hike to the top of Mount Lola (9143 feet) in the Tahoe National Forest. It is the highest Sierra peak north of Interstate 80 and the high point of Nevada County. I recently hiked a section of the Pacific Crest Trail and summated Mt Lola. From the top the view is amazing, you can see all the way to lake Tahoe.

The advantage of this hike is that there are three possible trailheads to start this hike. Depending on which one we take, the hike could be an easy 8-mile round trip hike or a challenging 17-mile round trip hike. We will decide which trail to take based on the experience level of the scouts who sign up.

We will camp near the trailhead on Friday night. On Saturday we will trek to the base of mountain, set up camp, and then take day packs and finish the hike to the top. We will then return to our camp Saturday night. Sunday we will hike back to the trailhead.

More details and sign ups will be coming out in the near future.

SMUD Company Picnic and Fund Raiser **By Dave Ishikawa**

The biggest fund raising event of the year is coming soon. The annual SMUD Company Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008, at Elk Grove Park. Troop 380 scouts and parents will help this big event. Parents will be cooking, serving food, setting up, cleaning up, and supervising games at this event. Scouts and parents will earn credits for their scout accounts. We have helped with this project for close to ten years and each year it gets bigger and bigger. Please consider

helping with this fund-raiser for the troop. We have supplies as many as 100 workers for this all day event in past years.



Northern Tier High Adventure **By Dave Ishikawa**

Twenty-five Troop 380 members will travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 14, 2008, to tour the Twin Cities. After touring Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the famous Mall of America, our three crews will head toward Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base, in Ely Minnesota, and the Don Rogert Canoe Base, in Atikokan, Ontario. Sommers and Rogert are part of the Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Bases. Our scouts and leaders will enjoy a 10 day canoe adventure in the Quetico Provincial Park in Canada. The three crews will each travel over 100 miles on lakes, streams, and portage trails. In the Quetico they will see moose, bald eagles, beaver, Native American petroglyphs, fish for Walleye Pike, and camp beneath the Northern Lights. The Quetico offers some of the most isolated areas in North America for canoeing and our crews will experience it first hand. Many thanks go to Louis Ruygt, Mike Kuykendall, Jay Kamine, Floyd Brown, Gerry Goodie, and Mark Woosley for serving as crew advisors for this special trip. Special thanks go out to Chris and Dave Ishikawa for planning this trip to the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases. Before returning on July 28, 2008 scouts will have participated in one of scouting's greatest adventures. Have a great trip: Matt Grady, Peter Ruygt, William Ruygt, Gerry Goodie, Nick Goodie, Angel Echevarria, Robert Born, Chris Nelson, Joshua Kuykendall, Joshua Kamine, Zachary Kamine, James Dewing, Tyler Woosley, Casey Reynolds, Corey Reynolds, Greg Bringedahl, and Dylan Heiser.



Philmont Trek 2009

Troop 380 will be participating in a high adventure to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico next summer. See Mark Woosley for more information. If you are interested in hiking the trails of Philmont the crew for the trip is currently full, but talk to Mark to get on the waiting list. Scouts must

meet all the requirements for the trek and be a good quality backpacker.

Advancement

By Floyd Brown and Gary Lentsch

Since the last Court of honor the troop ad 19 merit badges, 9 rank advancements, 2 Special Awards, and 1 venture crew award. Congratulations to everyone for all the hard work.

Scout Name	Award Type	Award Name	Date Earned
ALLRED, BRETT	Rank	Tenderfoot	5/12/2008
BROWN, JAMIE	Merit Badge	Computers	5/5/2008
BURCHETT, TED	Merit Badge	Salesmanship	4/21/2008
BURGESS, ZACHARY	Merit Badge	Cit In World*	4/7/2008
	Special Awards	World Conservation	4/7/2008
ECHEVARRIA, ANGEL	Merit Badge	Canoeing	5/19/2008
		Cit In World*	3/31/2008
		Communications*	4/28/2008
		Orienteering	3/31/2008
	Rank	Life	6/2/2008
	Special Awards	World Conservation	3/31/2008
FRENKLAK, EVAN	Rank	Scout	3/24/2008
		Tenderfoot	6/2/2008
GODFREY, ROBERT	Rank	Scout	4/7/2008
GOODIE, NICHOLAS	Merit Badge	First Aid*	4/21/2008
		Swimming*	5/14/2008
JACOBS, KYLE	Rank	Scout	5/19/2008
KAMINE, ZACHARY	Merit Badge	Canoeing	4/18/2008
KUYKENDALL, JOSHUA	Merit Badge	Communications*	6/2/2008
		Family Life*	4/7/2008
	Rank	Star	4/28/2008
LEE, ALEX	Rank	Scout	4/7/2008
MELLERSKI, ALEXANDER	Rank	Scout	5/19/2008
PUNIA, SAMEER	Merit Badge	First Aid*	4/14/2008
RICHARDSON, DANIEL	Merit Badge	Music	5/19/2008
RUYGT, WILLIAM	Merit Badge	Swimming*	5/19/2008
SCHIELE, ANDREW	Merit Badge	First Aid*	4/14/2008
SCHIELE, JOSEPH	Merit Badge	First Aid*	4/14/2008
SIMPSON, TAYLOR	Merit Badge	Cit In Community*	6/2/2008
ZMUDA, BENJAMIN	Merit Badge	Swimming*	5/19/2008
REYNOLDS, CORY	Venture Crew	Bronze Award - Outdoors	5/10/2008

*Denotes Eagle Required Badge