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## Scoutmaster's Minute "The Journey"

by Dave Ishikawa



**D**uring my scoutmaster conference with an Eagle Scout candidate, I will ask the question, "What did you like most about being a Boy Scout?" Another question, "What did you

learn as a Scout?" These questions lead to finding out about the journey up the Eagle trail. I also ask, "What were some of the challenges you met along the way?" Again this is part of that journey we all call scouting. Like every path, there will always be pitfalls, things we don't like, but also peaks and experiences that you would never climb without being part of this program. Scouts often relate to leadership, summer camp, high adventure and establishing relationships with adults and fellow scouts. Hopefully the good will outweigh the bad. In every conference I have experienced each Eagle has stated in his own words the journey to Eagle was worth every minute involved. I hope all of you, parents and scouts, enjoy this journey we call Scouting.

## Committee Chair Report

By Zenaida Kamine



**S**pring has sprung and it is time for Troop 380 to get busy. As you can see from the upcoming events in this issue of "The Eagle," the scouts of Troop 380 will be busy this spring. Besides our weekly troop meetings, scouts are

encouraged to participate in NYLT, Scout Expo, Crystal Basin Camp Out, the annual Fair Oaks Cemetery Service Project, and the Point Reyes Backpack trip.

Good evening, as Committee Chair I am excited to welcome all the new scouts and families to our Troop 380 family. May I say that you have all made a great decision to join our troop and we hope that you take every opportunity to participate in as many of our upcoming activities and events as you can. I also encourage you to join our Parent Committee where you can get more information about all our upcoming activities and events in detail, find out ways to help out with the troop, and meet the other parents and adults in our troop. It is a great time to meet all the Assistant Scout Masters that your scouts are always talking about.

Troop 380's Parent Committee meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of each month at the Atonement Lutheran Church (across the parking lot from our Monday meeting location). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, hope to see you all there!

## EAGLE WATCH

Johnie Pennington



**C**ongratulations to Bryan Hsieh and Roland Becker on passing their Eagle Scout Board of Review. They are the troops 141st and 142nd Eagle Scout. Bryan and Roland will be handing out invitations to their Eagle Courts of Honor celebrations coming up in May.

Every young man who joins Boy Scout is asked, "What do you want from Scouting". They usually answer, "Be an Eagle Scout". Which brings up, what does it take to be an Eagle Scout? It usually takes 5 or 6 years of meetings, camping, summer camps, hikes, selling popcorn, candy and magazines, two uniforms, two backpacks, many hours riding in a vehicle listening to country music, cooking, cleaning, pitching tents and a high adventure outing or two. But it also takes your parents supporting helping by driving you to every scout event, campout or hike, taking popcorn, candy and magazines order to work or walking with you around the neighborhood, attending parent meeting and watching you grow.

Along the trail the leadership sees these young men who could barely pick up a backpack, pack a tent or get in trouble return from a weekend camping or a high adventure with a different attitude. They are focused. They are teaching, guiding others. They are raising their hand for a leadership position or take the lead for an activity. When their parents pin the Eagle metal on their uniform the audience may not see the young man who a short period ago was having problems setting up a tent. They see the young man and

his parents beaming with pride. So, remember it takes a lot of steps to be an Eagle Scout and it starts with being a Boy Scout.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Daphne and Wei Hsieh

**T**he treasurer's desk takes care of your business transactions between 6:45pm to 8:30pm.

As a reminder, Troop 380 scout dues of \$100 are to be paid. Families can make payments or use fundraising credits to pay them. Per troop policy, if there are credits in the accounts, they are automatically applied to scout dues first before anything else. Please contact us via email (hsieh@frontiernet.net) or in person if you have questions regarding your scout account.



## MERIT BADGES

by Bob Williamson

I want to thank all of the Adults that volunteer as Merit Badge Counselors for the latest round of badges. Please consider becoming a counselor in an area(s) of personal or professional interest or skill, review the badge requirements, and sign-up with an Advancement Assistant Scoutmaster.

The new M.A.C night program has received positive responses. Generally M.A.C. night is scheduled for the third Monday of each month, however, please review the Troop Calendar on the Troop Website to check for changes. On M.A.C. night scouts will meet with merit badge counselors to discuss and review merit badge requirements and progress, and Scout, Tenderfoot, and Second Class Scouts will meet with Assistant Scoutmasters to work on advancement.

New merit badges will be

introduced at the April 13, 2015 troop meeting with the first session starting on the following week. Several merit badges such as robotics and first aid that have not yet been completed will continue along with new opportunities.

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

by Joseph Jacobs

**T**hese last few months have been very exciting for the Order of the Arrow. We have been preparing for several upcoming events including

Scout Expo and fall camporee. We will be taking part in the setup for fall camporee along with a few other troops, crews and Order of the Arrow Lodges. For scout expo we have been collecting money to put into the OA village. The village will consist of Teepees, dances, scuba diving, and many more traditional activities that tie into Indian heritage and to the Order of the Arrow. Along with the many AOL (Arrow of Light) ceremonies that our lodge has been helping with, we are very proud to have another callout this year at Scout Expo. IF you are called out PLEASE come to an ordeal I can promise you that it is worth it and we could use the members because the meetings are pretty pathetic. We look forward to this new year and what it entail for the order of the arrow.

## TRADING POST

by Ralph and Peggy Merrill

Your Troop 380 Trading Post is always open for business and well stocked. We have all the latest fashions and colors (color)! Watch for some cool specials coming up"

## PHOTOS

by Don Dier "The Picture Guy"

**W**elcome new Scouts and parents. Troop 380 maintains a wonderful website at t380.org . If you haven't done so yet, please visit the website and explore all the information there, including Dave's blog, the troop calendar, past newsletters, permission slips, and much, much more. It is very easy to navigate and is updated continuously, so check often.

We encourage members of Troop 380 to take pictures at events and activities and would like to have them posted on the website. I'm the conduit for getting pictures posted. There are several ways to get me your pictures:

- I have flash drives you can load them onto, or you can give me yours
- Burn them to a CD
- Upload to DropBox. I've created a folder for this use. If you would like to use it to send photos to me, let me know your e-mail and I'll send you an invite. When you add photos to DropBox, please let me know so I can look for them.

It's best if you use the highest quality setting on your camera. I'll manage the file size before uploading to the website. It's much appreciated if you do some basic editing before giving me photos (rotating, deleting duplicates/fuzzies/uninteresting, etc.).

VIDEOS: If you have videos, please be sure they are of sufficient quality and relevance for posting on our website. You will need to upload them to YouTube and provide me the link.

Again, welcome to Troop 380. Our program has much to offer in skills, problem solving, and leadership. Please take full advantage of the program at every opportunity.

# Recent Events



## **Court of Honor by Tonia Cameron**

WOW 2014 Winter Court of Honor was a great event with food, awards, and even a special guest. Congratulations to Ben Heningburg on receiving his Wood Badge beads. All the Scouts received a backpack presented by the special guest. A number of awards and ranks were presented to the scouts. The dinner was catered by West Coast catering. A special Thank you goes out to Maryann Evans for putting together the silent auction and the balloons prizes. I want to thank all the parents and volunteers that helped make this a wonderful court of Honor. Fredrick the snow monster will see you next year.

## **Family Bowling Night by Dave Ishikawa**

Friends and family members of Troop and Crew 380 gathered at

Strikes in Elk Grove, on Monday, December 28, 2015. Over 70 bowlers tried their hand at the lanes. Strikes provided pizza and drinks for all the participants. Many thanks to Chris Ishikawa for making arrangements for this fun-filled evening. We can't wait to next year.

## **Christmas Tree Recycling by Sally Shaw**

Troop 380 Christmas Tree Recycling Project began on December 20, 2014 with the troop passing out flyers in the Rosemont, Mather and Vineyard housing areas. This is the most important day in the annual fundraiser and we had a good troop turn out and the flyers were distributed in record time!

The first Christmas tree pick up day was January 3, 2015 and the second and final day was January 10, 2015. There was a total of 375 trees collected this

year. During this fundraiser Troop 380 had a total of 86 scouts/parents working for a total of 680 hours and \$3,777.34 was collected to be put in scout accounts according to how many hours they and their parents worked on the fundraiser.

Many adult leaders assisted in this project by driving their cars, trucks and trailers and picking up trees. Other adults worked in organizing the project by setting up the phone line; website; getting flyers printed; cooking lunch; providing breakfast snacks; taking calls for tree pick-up etc. It was a true team effort!

This project is an important fundraiser for our troop but it also helps to remove trees and dispose of them properly. Many families in our area support the troop every year and Troop 380 appreciates the support!

## International Sportsmen's Exposition

By Dave Ishikawa

The Golden Empire Council was asked to be part of the annual International Sportsmen's Exposition at Cal Expo on January 8-11, 2015. Troop 380 was instrumental in the exhibits at the ISE. Under the coordination of Dave and Chris Ishikawa, the scouts and leaders set up a pinewood derby track, photo booth, giant Jenga game, Cub Cart racing, ATV display, recruiting, and general information about the Scouting program. Thanks to Frank Shaw and the NRA we also had a bb gun range. The highlight of the show was the council's new LaPorte achery throwing system. Scouts and visitors tried their hand at shooting at moving foam targets with bows and arrows. Thank you to the many Troop 380 scouts and leaders who helped with the 4-day exhibit. Special thanks to Mac Cameron, Johnnie Pennington, Frank Shaw, Chris Ishikawa, and Mac Weir for the many hours they worked on the project. We did such a great job the ISE has invited us back in 2016!

## Fort Ross and Salt Point State Parks Campout

by Ben Heningburg

On Saturday January 17th we traveled to Fort Ross-HSP located along the western coast of Sonoma County. There were 20 Scouts and 6 adults in attendance. As the Scout in Charge, Josh Z. with help from SPL Austin M and ASPL Bryan H. all did fine job of leading camp setup, firewood wood stacking and fence repair service projects, cooking, skits, and songs. On Sunday morning we fired the cannon before heading to Salt Point SP. After setting up camp at Salt Point, we practiced our map and compass skills as we hiked to the Pygmy Forest area. A few scouts and parents visited Gerstle Cove Marine located nearby. After dinner we enjoyed skits and songs performed by the scouts and completed the evening with cobbler prepared by the scouts.

## University of Scouting

By Joshua P.-R and Kim Perry-Reed

On Saturday January 24 we had 18 scouts attend den chief

training at University of Scouting held at Wheatland High School, with two of them coming from our own troop. It was a good day filled with many excellent presentations, and many fun activities, including a video about NYLT, which is the next step for youth leadership training. At the end of the day all the scouts got certified as den chiefs and are ready to go & help Cub Scouts!

Alexander M, John D, and Josh P.R lead the opening flags for the day, which was a great honor.

As well many of Troop 380's adults attended University of Scouting, some attended classes which were things like GPS, advancement, Dutch oven cooking, CPR and too many other things to mention. Others conducted training or helped in other ways. I was a really great day!

## Mission Peak

by Logan R. & Kim Perry-Reed

We went on the Mission Peak hike on Saturday Jan 31st which is one of the 6 Rim of the Bay

Hikes. We had 42 people altogether and had no injuries other than some scrapes. We split into three groups for the hike. We had Scouts, Webelos and family hiking in 1 group, and then we had the Philmont people hike in their crew-crew or troop-crew groups. We had lunch at the top and there was a great view of the bay. On the way down the Philmont groups went down the Meadow Trail and the troop-crew actually hiked all the way back to the cars. We all had a great time.

## Monterey and Pinnacles

by Gabriel P. & Kim Perry-Reed

On February 14th we left from Dave's house to Monterey with 19 scouts and some families making a total of 36 people. When we got there we set up camp, and then hiked to where California became a state, the original jail of Monterey and, a school house. The next day we went to the Monterey Bay Aquarium where you could see jellyfish, octopi, and huge fish to explore and a few scout worked on their oceanography merit badge. Then we walked down





Canary Row and looked at the shops. Finally we went and the wharf. Then went back to camp; on the last day we went to one of the Rim of the Bay, Pinnacles. There were a few more people that meet us for the hike at Pinnacles which brought us up to a total of 42 people hiking. We hiked for a few hours through the caves and went to the peak, which had a beautiful view. On the way home we stopped at In n' Out to eat and got home when it was dark. I was a very eventful and fun camping trip.

## **Klondike 2015 Derby**

**by Christian H.**

On Friday February 27th we left for the Klondike Derby. We turned around after leaving because there was an accident on the freeway. We left Saturday morning at 6am heading to the North Tahoe Regional Park. There were 8 Scouts and 3 adults. The ride was fine until we had to stop and put on snow chains. I was the Scout in

Charge and SPL. I did my best to lead our patrol during the competition. We won two second place and one third place ribbons. Our sledge was bigger and heavier than the other patrols so we got tired and came in last place. Some of the boys that played in the snow and got wet were very cold and sad. After they changed into dry clothes and got warm by the fire, they were happy again. On Sunday we attended the scout's own service and then packed up and left for home.

## **Stockton Thunder Scout Night**

**By Michael Kuykendall**

On Friday March 13th, 19 scouts and scouters went to see the Stockton thunder hockey game. Each scout and scouter received a patch and hat. We were treated to a hotdog and a soft drink. We watch the Stockton thunder battle against the Idaho steelheads. Although we lost 2

to 4 it was okay and we'll have a wonderful time. Can't wait till next year! Until then- Keep your stick on the ice.

## **Indian Grinding Rock**

**by John D**

On March 20-22, 2015 the troop went to Indian Grinding Rock State Park to host our skills camp out. We helped the new scouts with totin' chip, firem'n chit, first aid, and learning about our equipment. We got to do a service project, raking pine needles off of the trail. All in all a fun time. Thank you to Dave for purchasing the food. To Mary Moreno for making arrangements.

## **Death Valley**

**by Johnie Pennington**

On March 29, 2 siblings, 7 Scout and 8 adults set out for a place where temperatures could change 40, 50 or 60 degrees between day and night. While in the Death Valley National Monument we saw the highest

peak and set foot in the lowest point in the lower United States. We visited a castle, camped in a furnace, saw a bridge of stone, visited a rock race track, watched Johnie play golf and heard about a 20-mule train. We also attended an astronomy show at the Furnace Creek victory center then saw billions and billions of stars in the night sky. At Scotty's Castle we learned how a gold mine grubstake lead to the beautiful home built by Albert and Bessi Johnson. At the Borax museum that their building was built in 1883 by F.M. "Borax" Smith and that it was original stood in the Twenty Mule Team Canyon as an office, buck hours and ore-checking state for miners. These are only some of the activities we did. As we returned to Sacramento we stopped at the Manzanar National Historic Site where Japanese American citizens and resident Japanese aliens were interned during World War II. We watch the documentary "Remembering Manzanar" and did a driving tour. A huge thank you to Dave and Chris for taking the PLC's suggestion and turning it into a great adventure and experience we will not forget. Thank you to these adults for driving, navigating, cooking and their humor Peter Brown, Sheri Brown, Matthew Brown, Ann Truong, Wei Hsieh, Daphne Hsieh and Frank Shaw; Scouts Alden, Christian, Christopher, Bryan, Gabriel, Grayden and Tyler; Siblings Dancia and Dylan.

# Save the Date

## National Youth Leadership Training

**April 10-12 and April 24-26**

The spring session of National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) will be held over two weekends this year – April 10-12 and April 24-26. The training will take place at Camp Nauvoo in Placerville. Attendees will participate in games, activities, presentations, and discussions designed to help develop their leadership skills and prepare them to be the great leaders of the future. Troop 380 will be proudly represented by Christian H.

## Scout Expo 2015 “Catch the Spirit”

**April 17-19, 2015**

Almost 5,000 scouts and leaders will gather at Beale Air Force Base on the weekend of April 17-19, 2015. This will be an exciting event including; zip lines, climbing walls, OA call out, aviation exhibits, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), scout demos, archery, shooting sports, fun run, interfaith services, drum and bugle corps and much more. The Saturday night Arena Show will feature our Chief Scout Executive, Wayne Brock, Dave the Horn Guy, the OA's 100th Anniversary celebration and artist Garibaldi. This promises to be one of the best events in Golden Empire Council history. I want to thank Chris Ishikawa, Johnie Pennington, Mac Cameron, Ben Heningburg, Kim Perry-Reed, Frank Shaw,

and Joseph Jacobs for the many hours they have put into preparing for this amazing event. Again Troop 380 comes through with the leadership for council events. See you at Expo!

## Crystal Basin Campout

**May 1-3, 2015**

The troop will head up to the Crystal Basin area from May 1-3 for a weekend of fun and adventure in the great outdoors (details are still being determined at press time). Stand by for further developments...

## Bryan H. Eagle Court of Honor

**May 4th, 2015**

Bryan H.'s Eagle Court of Honor will be held on May 4th, 2015 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church on Kiefer Boulevard. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be held afterwards. All scouts and family members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to (916) 801-6306 or email to: hsieh@frontiernet.net

## Troop 380 Adult Training - what is that & why does it matter?

We are all very busy people and we all want to support our boys in the scouting program, but when it comes down to taking training we may put it off thinking it's not that important or necessary. However training ensures that every adult can guide our youth with the principles of BSA and know the different safety

steps needed for the various activities and outings our scouts do. I have just begun as the troop trainer, initially we only had 30% of our leaders basic trained, but that was due to inaccurate training records, after getting the training properly recorded we are now up to 51%. Then at the March Parent Meeting Dave displays the Troop Committee Challenge and we have over 40 adults in attendance and trained which will put us close to 70%. Our goal is to have 100% of the troop's adult leaders basic trained.

### Upcoming Trainings:

#### Intro to Outdoor

#### Leader Training:

**May 8th & 9th**

Cordova Church of Christ, \$20 (ASM required + great for anyone that goes on outings)

#### Woodbadge:

**Sept 25-27th and Oct 9-11th**

Camp Lassen, \$200

(great for anyone that is basic Leader trained as the next step, comparable to National Youth Leadership Training NYLT that our youth take)

**Please see Kim Perry-Reed if you have any training questions.**

## Fair Oaks Cemetery Service Project

**By Elizabeth Ruygt**

**May 23, 2015**

On Memorial Day Weekend Troop 380 will be doing their annual service project at the historical Fair Oaks Cemetery on Olive Street in Fair Oaks. On the morning of Saturday May 23 when the cemetery holds its Memorial Day Service the Scouts

will be directing traffic, handing out programs and taking part in the flag ceremony during the service. This year's theme is "150th Anniversary of the American Civil War's End" where the 9 Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery, along with all veterans who have served our country, will be honored. Highlights of the service will be guest speaker Congressman Bera who will be joined by the Sons of the Union Veterans in uniform, Daughters of Union Veterans ~ Margaret Rhodes Crocker Sacramento Tent who will present to the cemetery a 34 star flag representing the flag that flew over our nation at the end of the war and music of the Civil War will be played. After the memorial service the troop helps take down the chairs and awnings. In the afternoon we will return to the cemetery to take down the Avenue of Flags. Early Monday morning, May 25, we return to the cemetery to put up the Avenue of Flags, returning in the afternoon to take down the flags. This is a popular service project that the boys enjoy because of the moving ceremony, interesting headstones, the beautiful rolling hills and the gratitude of the public. Scouts can earn either community service credit for their rank advancement or money for their Scout account. There are four time slots Scouts can sign up for. If you would like more information about this project, or to sign up for it, please speak to Elizabeth Ruygt or email her at GoldRivMom@comcast.net

## Point Reyes Backpacking

May 29 - May 31, 2015

Troop 380 will be backpacking in Point Reyes National Seashore Campground during the weekend of May 29 - May 31. We will be staying in the Coast Group campground. The first 24 Scouts and Scouters will enjoy backpacking, hiking, ocean views, and the fresh air of the Pacific Ocean. This trip will include short backpacking jaunts for the newer scouts and more intense backpacking for those preparing for Philmont. All questions regarding this trip should be forwarded to Paul Keefer.



## Philmont: "Scouting's Paradise"

June 22 - July 7, 2015

Philmont is a national High Adventure base, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. This amazing 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sange de Cristo range of the Rockies in New Mexico, serves as home to Scouts every summer. Troop and Crew 380 will take on the backcountry trails of Philmont on June 22 - July 7, 2015. The crews will travel to and from New Mexico via Amtrak, which is an adventure in itself, viewing amazing dessert and coast scenery along the way. Participants have been training for the treks at Philmont and will continue with hikes and backpack trips leading to the trip. What awaits our crews are not only amazing peaks and wildlife, but programs that include rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, .30-06 rifle shooting, shotgun shooting and loading, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, horseback riding, and much more. Troop and Crew 380 takes on the trails of Philmont when the youth ask to take on the challenge. Will you be part of our next adventure to Scouting's Paradise? Good luck to our crews.

## Summer Court of Honor

June 1, 2015

Troop 380's next Court of Honor will be our annual summer pot luck and hot dog feed. The troop will provide hot dogs, plates, utensils and drinks and we'll ask scout families to provide either a salad, side dish, or dessert. Jolene Ford will be chairing our pot luck so look for information on our Monday, June 1st event. Starting time will be at 6:00 PM. The whole family is invited.

## Have Fun in the Sun at Camp Royaneh!

June 14-20, 2015

Troop 380 has selected Camp Royaneh, as their summer camp destination, on June 14-20, 2015. Our week-long adventure will feature advancement, merit badges, horseback rides, exciting campfires, swimming, great food, and of course, lots of fun! Camp Royaneh, located near the redwood forest town of Cazadero. Close to the Russian River, Camp Royaneh offers almost a perfect

climate for camping. Scouts will work on 3-4 merit badges, work on rank advancement and enjoy the company of their fellow scouts. It's not too late to sign up. Fees are \$395.00 for the 7-days and 6-nights of camping. Financial assistance is available to scouts. Please see Dave if you are interested in participating in summer camp.

## Upcoming Events

### April

9	<b>Capital City District Roundtable</b>	Wissemann LDS Ch\
11	<b>Scout Expo Site Prep Work Party</b>	Beale Air Force Base
17-19	<b>Scout Expo 2015</b>	Beale Air Force Base

### May

1-3	<b>Crystal Basin Camp Out</b>	Crystal Basin
4	<b>Eagle Court of Honor</b>	Church
14	<b>Capital City District Recognition Dinner</b>	Buddhist Church
16	<b>Philmont Conditioning Hike</b>	Horsetail Falls
23/25	<b>Memorial Service Project</b>	Fair Oaks Cemetery
25	<b>Eagle Court of Honor</b>	Church
29-31	<b>Pt. Reyes Backpack Trip</b>	Pt. Reyes

### June

1	<b>Summer Court of Honor</b>	Church
5-7	<b>Philmont Backpack Tune Up</b>	Desolation Valley
14-20	<b>Summer Camp</b>	Camp Royaneh
22	<b>Depart for Philmont</b>	Amtrak
25-27	<b>Capital City District Twilight Camp</b>	Church of Christ

## Advancement

by Floyd Brown and Rommel Aguil

Javier A.	First Class	
David A.	Scout	
Roland B.	Eagle	Citizenship In The Community*
Tim B.		Archery
Russell B.	Scout	
Tommy C.	Scout	
Dylan C.	Scout	
Ian C.	2nd Bronze	
Ryan D.	Scout	
Andrew E.		Communications
Steven F.		Welding
Daniel H.	Scout	
Bryan H.	Eagle	
Christian H.		Citizenship In The World* Welding
Darien J.		Citizenship In The World* Climbing
Lucas K.	First Class	Climbing
Taylor L.	Scout	
Jacob M.		Emergency Preparedness*
James M.	Scout	
Jacob N.	First Class	Archery
Steven P.	Scout	
Gabriel P.		Climbing
Logan R.	Star	
Christopher R.	Scout	
Kai R.	Scout	
Grayden S.		Reading
Tyler T.	Tenderfoot	

\*Eagle Required Merit Badge