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## Scoutmaster's Minute

Dave Ishikawa



Chris and I recently had the privilege of attending the National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in San Diego. During the conference of over two thousand scouters and professionals we had

the honor of hearing Dr. Robert Gates speak. Dr. Gates as you most of you know was the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He also served as the President of the BSA and gave his farewell speech to the conference. Dr. Gates shared his accomplishments as the head of our organization and inspired us to work even harder as we move forward in this great organization. What stood out to me was this amazing man credited his leadership skills to his beginnings as a Scout, Patrol Leader and Eagle Scout. Dr. Gates announced to a crowd that gave him a standing ovation, that "America needs Scouting more than ever!" It was motivating to hear such a dynamic individual share how important scouting has been to him and to the future of our great country. We left San Diego excited about the Boy Scout program and the feeling that it will be better than ever.

## Committee Chair Report

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Some may think that summer vacation has just begun but for those of us in Troop 380, we know that this is the busiest time of the year. As you keep reading this newsletter you will see that there are a lot of activities ahead

of us including two summer camps, the Lost Coast trip and the Mini Trek.

In addition, we have the biggest fundraiser the Troop is involved in coming up on Sat, August 20th. Please make sure to mark your calendars since this fundraiser involves every member of the troop, scout and adults alike. The money that you and your family can earn from this fundraiser will help pay for summer camp and or other trips or activities in the future.

When you attend the next Troop Parent Meeting on Tues, June 28th you will find out all about the SMUD Picnic and how you will be able to help out. In fact, at the parent meeting, you will find out firsthand what exciting events and activities the boys have planned for the rest of the year as well as find out how you can help out. Troop Parent Meetings are held at 7pm on the last Tuesday of the month at the Atonement Lutheran Church. Hope to see you at the meeting on the 28th!



## SENIOR PATROL LEADER REPORT

by Grayden S.

Thank you all for this amazing experience of being able to lead the troop. I have enjoyed the SPL position from the very start. We have gone on many amazing adventures throughout these last four months and I see that my interactions with the scouts helps make adventures more safe and fun. I wish Max the best of luck for the next four months of SPL and I thank him and Jimmy for helping me when I was in doubt.

## EAGLE WATCH

by Johnie Pennington

On May 18, Darin J's Eagle Scout Board of Review was held. Congratulation to Darin on achieving Scouting's highest rank and on becoming Troop 380's 145th Eagle Scout. Looking forward to his Eagle Court of Honor.

The phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle" as been repeat by many people, but what does the phrase mean? Does it mean an Eagle Scout always gives back? Does it mean an Eagle Scout always look out for others? Does it mean an Eagle Scout walks a little taller? Does it mean an Eagle Scout is looked up to? Yes, and thousands more. To me the phrase means to continue to be who you are and be reminded the "thing" that helped you become an Eagle Scout will always be there. We except no less than your best. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.



## TRAINING

Congratulations Troop 380 we are now 98.5% with only 1 leader still needing training.

With summer upon us, the classroom training are over until the fall but there is always online training you can take. The subjects include water safety, climbing, hiking and weather hazards, I encourage each of you to log into your dashboard on My.Scouting.Org and take a training or two. Or if you want to become more involved, please consider taking Woodbadge in the fall. This is an advanced leadership training course that compares to corporate leadership training but for only \$200. As well it is put into the scouting context and compliments NYLT, the youth leadership training our scouts take.

Please check out all of the training available in the council training including Woodbadge on the GEC website: GEC\_Training Classes. Please let me know if you have any questions, Kim Perry-Reed [kperryr@gmail.com](mailto:kperryr@gmail.com) or 916-203-5711

website. There are several ways to transmit 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. E-mail me at [thediers1@msn.com](mailto:thediers1@msn.com) and I'll send you an invite. When you add photos to the Scouts folder, 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 sending photos (i.e. rotating, deleting duplicates/fuzzies/uninteresting, etc.). A note about photos of the Scouts. We take and post a lot of photos of our Scouts and leaders. If you have a concern about posting photos of your Scout, please let me or Dave know.

VIDEOS: If you have videos, please be sure they are of sufficient quality and re levance for posting on our website (5 second videos of blurry objects aren't very interesting). If they pass that hurdle, please upload them to YouTube and provide me the link.

Scoutmasters to be a Counselor.

Recently the Scouts were poled about completion of their selected winter quarter merit badge requirements. Unfortunately only one Scout indicated that he had completed and had the Counselor sign-off on the blue card. Because of this, it was decided to limit new selections and encourage completion of previously started Merit Badges. By now most Scouts should have fulfilled the requirements of one of the following:

**Emergency Preparation** w/Kim Perry Reed, **Disability Awareness** w/Michelle Peters, **Welding** w/Mark Stretars, **Family Life** w/Elizabeth Ruygt and **Medicine** w/David No

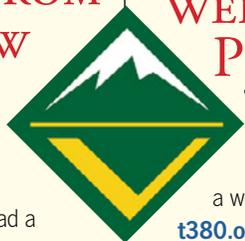
In April we introduced: **Personal Management** w/Kenny Watkins, **Law** w/Ann Truong and Jon Traum continues a series of hikes Scouts to earn their **Hiking** Merit Badge.

This summer the troop will not offer any new M.A.C. night badges but Scouts may schedule follow-up meetings with Counselors (as available), work on pre-requisites for Camp Merit Badges, and finish up incomplete camp Merit Badges if Counselors are available.

## A VIEW FROM THE CREW

by Paul Keefer

Crew 380 continues to grow in numbers with 17 members. In May we had a terrific canoeing experience on Lake Natoma with 10 members attending. The experienced Crew members including Josh and Ian did a great job of instructing the group in canoeing safely and appropriately. We look forward to backpacking in the Loon Lake area during the first weekend in June. If you have any questions regarding Crew please contact Paul Keefer.



## WEBSITE AND PHOTOS

The Picture Guy Don Dier

Troop 380 has a wonderful website at [t380.org](http://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, photos, past newsletters, permission slips, and much, much more. It 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

## MERIT BADGES

Once again I want to thank all of the adults who contribute time and experience as Merit Badge Counselors. The recent training at the Scout Round Table Merit Badge Training was well attended and very informative. If you want to view the presentation it is available on-line at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and if you have a personal or professional interest or skill that matches up with a Boy Scout Merit Badge, please consider signing up with the Advancement Assistant

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Daphne and Wei Hsieh

The 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](mailto:hsieh@frontiernet.net)) or in person if you have questions

# Recent Events

## Skills Camp Out by Michael Kuykendall

The troop camped at sunny Camp Nauvoo for our skills camp out. Seven incoming scouts experienced cooking, totin' chit, communication, flag etiquette, first aid, knots, and care of the equipment. Our troop also help "spring clean" the camp for our visitors. The trail into camp looked great when finished. Thank you all for doing your best!

On Sunday the scouts hosted our parents as they arrived for our Spring Court of Honor. We had hamburgers and salad for lunch. Thank you all for coming. Thank you to the scouts and scouters that made the Skills Camp Our a great success.

## Spring Court of Honor by Grayden S.

The Spring Court of Honor was on April 3rd and it was at Camp Nauvoo. The whole troop took the drive up to the camp with many scouts already there as part of the New Skills

campout. The scouts cooked burgers and made fruit and green salad for the adults. Many awards were given out at the ceremony. Thank you all for coming up to Camp Nauvoo and good job to the scouts.

## PUSH Dinner by Dave Ishikawa

The Golden Empire Council hosted the second annual PUSH Dinner at McLellan Conference Center on April 21, 2016. The community learned about about the scouting program and enjoyed a great dinner. With over 400 people in attendance, the GEC was able to gather over \$300,000.00 in donations to help sustain programs and operations. Many thanks to the Joseph Jacobs, Runell Jacobs, Floyd Brown, Maryann Stallard Brown, Peter Brown, Sherri Brown, Bob Williamson, Karen Williamson, Johnie Pennington, Roberta Pennington, Zenaida Kamine, Chris Ishikawa, Mac Cameron, Tonia Cameron, Mac Weir, Sue Garcia, and Jimmie Garcia for their support.

## Folsom Lake Hikes by Jon Traum

Troop 380 is working on the Folsom Lake Trek, which is a series of six 10-mile day hikes to complete a loop all the way around Folsom Lake. On Saturday April 23, we completed the second segment, when we hiked 10 miles from Granite Bay to Folsom Point. We had 5 adults and 10 youth participate. This hike was a little more urban than our last one, but we got to see the face of Folsom Dam up close as well as the new spillway that is currently under construction. We also saw bald eagles flying over the Dam.

Scouts participating in these hikes, in addition to earning a cool patch, can finish core requirements for the hiking merit badge.

We will be taking a break from doing the Folsom Lake Hikes during the busy and hot summer months, but stay tuned for the next hike to be scheduled sometime in the fall.





11 mile round-trip up Mt. St. Helena in spite of the mist and rain that greeted them upon their arrival at Robert Louis Stevenson State Park. Jarod Schwartz led the Rim of the Bay hike and did an excellent job keeping up a good pace while still keeping the group together. The rainy spring had given rise to a bumper crop of poison oak along the first mile of the trail, but everyone managed to avoid coming in contact with the dastardly weed. We eventually got above the low clouds as we made our way up the mountain in the morning, had lunch at the top and enjoyed brief glimpses of the surrounding scenery as the sky cleared, and then headed back down in the afternoon.

## Capital City District Pinewood Derby

by Steven P., Jr

On April 30, the Cub Scouts from through the district gathered at Suzie Burger for the 2016 Capital City District Pinewood Derby Championship. Bryan H., Jarred S., Mitchell M., me. along with Dave, Chris and Johnnie helped set up Pack 259's pinewood derby track, tables and help check in cars. Besides the Cub Scouts championship there was an open division for parents and employees from several restaurants.

The open division had over 30 cars racing three or four at a time. Mitchell and me picked up the cars after each race and returned the winner to Matt, the race official. It was a lot of fun watching the adults having a great time. The open division was last year winner. Actually this was his third year in row as the open division winner.

For the Cub Scout championship there were also

over 30 cars with another 5 or 6 cars for the Best of Show. The best of show cars looked like a Gecko. Pack 259 used a computer program which made it fairly easy to find the top three, or fastest, cars. Every car raced once in each line, with Bryan, Jarred, Mitchell and me returning the car to the start. The pack champion was Ryan O., Marino J. and Ayden H..

A huge thank you to Matt Hines for letting the district hold the championship at Suzie Burger for a third year. Matt also provide a DJ, grandstand, trophy and every scout received a free cheeseburger.

## Mt. St. Helena Hike

by Phil Allen

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, 23 intrepid hikers took on the

## Beach Camp-Out

The Beach Camp-out was a huge success! All of the young men who attended had an amazing time from capture the flag on the beach along with kite flying to skits and songs around the campfire including Smores! We even had a little night time fun with some tents blowing over during the night. All in all th



Beach Camp-out was great and I'd like to thank everyone that not only helped put it together but attended. Thank you, Syrus

## Capital City District Dinner

by Dave Ishikawa

On Thursday, May 19, 2016, the Capital City District held its annual recognition dinner. This year the dinner was hosted by the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. The annual dinner recognizes our outstanding adult leaders. Kim Perry-Reed, Michael Kuykendall, Chris Ishikawa, Johnie Pennington, Ben Henningburg, Joseph Jacobs, Jon Traum, Paul Keefer, and Jamie Brown were all recognized for their work in the district. This year Ann Truong and Jim Buell were presented Unit Spark Plug Awards for their dedication to the troop. Bob Williamson was presented the District Award of Merit. This award is the highest honor to be presented a volunteer at the district level. Congratulations to all scouters who received recognition and awards.



## Spotlight on Scholarships

by Dave Ishikawa

Troop 380 scouts and leaders assisted the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation



with their 2016 Spotlight on Scholarship Dinner at the Creekside Christian Church. The EGRSF presents over 180 scholarships to high school seniors each year. The troop assisted breaking down the dinner for almost 800 people. The Foundation was very complimentary about the Troop and how hard they worked to clean up the event. Thank you for your service.

## Fair Oaks Cemetery Service Project

By Elizabeth Ruygt

On Memorial Day Weekend Troop 380 Scouts did their annual service project at the historical Fair Oaks Cemetery with Gabriel P. as the Scout in charge. On Saturday May 28 the cemetery held its big Memorial Day Service where the Scouts directed traffic, handed out programs and did an impressive flag ceremony during the service. The flag they raised has flown over our nation's capital and will now fly over the cemetery's "Veteran's Memorial." This

year's theme, which marks the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, was "Honoring the Pearl Harbor Survivors". To commemorate the event "President Franklin D. Roosevelt" gave his famous "Day of Infamy" speech. The speech was originally delivered to Congress by FDR on December 8, 1941, within an hour after giving the speech Congress passed a formal declaration of war against Japan which officially brought the U.S. into World War II. The address is one of the most famous of all American political speeches. Other highlights of the service were guest speakers Congressman Ami Bera and Assemblyman Ken Cooley who were joined by DJ William Ruygt, a former Troop 380 member and an Eagle Scout, doing the sound system and playing big band music and songs of the WWII era. After the event the troop took down the chairs and awnings. In the afternoon we returned to the cemetery to take down the Avenue of Flags. Monday morning we put up the Avenue of Flags, returning in the afternoon to take down the flags.

This is a popular service project; the Scouts enjoy being a part of a moving ceremony as well as receiving the gratitude of the public. This year 27 Scouts took part in the service project over the weekend.

## East Lawn Cemetery Memorial Day Observance

by Dave Ishikawa

Troop 380 was asked to present the colors at the East Lawn Cemetery Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30, 2016. Ten scouts did an outstanding job presenting the colors before a ceremony honoring our armed services. Alan Fisher, President of East Lawn Cemetery, was very complimentary about the scout's presentation. Thank you to all scouts participating and to the parents and leaders that joined the ceremonies.

# Save the Date



## Scout Night at the Rivercats

July 9

Come join troop 380 at the Rivercats game on Saturday, July 9th, not only is it Scout Night but also Star Wars & Fireworks - so it's sure to be a blast. OH and we need scouts to help with opening flags at 5:30 with our very own Garrison flag! We will reserve a block of seats so the troop can sit together. Seats are \$20 and I need to know by June 8th to get them reserved. There are other seating options available along with meal deals, patches and and you can even stay over night for an extra fee. You can pay your fees with Wei or Daphne . Please see Kim Perry-Reed 916-203-5711 if you have questions or want to help with opening flags.

## Camp Fiesta Island

July 16

On Saturday, July 16, 2016, 8 scouts and two adults will be off to sunny San Diego for a week at Camp Fiesta Island on Mission Bay. We will spend Saturday night at the San Diego-Imperial

Council's Camp Balboa in Balboa Park. A morning trip to the San Diego Zoo will start the day on Sunday before we head over to the island to check in at 2:30 PM. The focus of Camp Fiesta Island is aquatics and our scouts have jumped in with both feet, selecting a wide variety of water-based merit badges and patch programs. It looks to be quite an adventure and you can read all about it in the next edition of The Eagle. Don't forget the sunscreen guys!!

## Lost Coast Backpack Trip

July 27-31

The Scouts of Troop 380 will participate in our third Lost Coast Trail backpacking trip. This is a unique opportunity to hike along the Pacific Ocean in a Wilderness setting. Scouts will need to prepare for this hike by participating in a few conditioning hikes. The dates for the trip will be July 27-31, 2016. The cost has not been set at this time, but should be very reasonable for this five-day adventure.

## SMUD Picnic

August 20

Hey all you Scouts, Scouters and Venturers, it's time for the biggest and funnest extravaganza of the year for the troop and crew. Once again we have been asked to host the SMUD Employee Association annual picnic as a fundraiser for your scout's or crew member's account. We will be hosting this fine fundraising event on Saturday, August 20 at Rancho Seco Park.

This is a HUGE event and the largest fundraiser of the year for the troop and crew. With your help from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., we will provide food and help entertain SMUD employees and their families as they celebrate SMUD's 70th anniversary.

Your help to make this a successful event is really needed. We expect all scouts, scouters and crew members to participate and help. Sign-up sheets for specific areas needing staffing will be available soon. Siblings, 11 years and older are welcome to participate, ie work. Since we will have a limited number of parking passes available for the event

we encourage carpooling. For more information please contact Don Dier, LaMar Mitchell or Paul Keefer. Newer members of the troop may not know LaMar, but he was the lead for the picnic in years past and has been working with SMUD on this year's picnic. Remember, your help will make this a successful fundraiser for your scout or crew member.

### Mini Trek August 26-28

The Crew is very excited about designing the Mini-Trek for Troop 380. We have narrowed the area to the Sierras and look forward to ensuring it will be a fun experience for the Scouts. Last year was epic as we traversed the PCT from Donner to Squaw so certainly expect a great experience this year! Please be sure to mark your calendar for August 26 - August 28, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Keefer.

### Road Trip 2017

We have established a tradition of going out on an adventure during the spring

break. In 2015 we traveled to Death Valley, in 2016 we visited Oregon and the North Coast, and in 2017 we plan on visiting Southern Utah. Plans are already being made to visit Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, Zion and other great parks. Stay tuned for details and get ready for another amazing Troop 380 Spring Road Trip.

### 2017 National Jamboree Staff

Would you like to be part of the Extreme Events Staff at the National Jamboree in West Virginia? Do you like mountain biking, skateboarding, BMX, or mountain boarding? If you want to be part of an action oriented staff at Jamboree, please contact Dave Ishikawa and be part of the 2017 National Jamboree Staff. The Jamboree will play host to over 30,000 scouts at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. You must be at least 16 at the time the Jamboree begins on July 19, 2017. We are working on transportation and a short tour before arriving at the site. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime.



## Advancement

by Floyd Brown and Rommel Aguil

Javier A.	Star	Cit In World*
David A.		Disability Awareness
Adam B.	Eagle	
Russel B.	2nd Class	
Ian C.	Silver Palm	Golf
Christian H.	Eagle	Medicine
Bryan H.	Gold Palm	Medicine
Darien J.	Eagle	Camping* Swimming*
James K.		First Aid*
Taylor L.		Coin Collecting
Mitchell M.	Scout	
Jacob N.		Cooking* Emergency Prep* Entrepreneur Medicine
Peter G.	Life	
Jacob Q.	2nd Class	
Kai R.		Robotics
Max R.		Entrepreneur Medicine
Jarod S.		Personal Fitness*
Dillon T.	Scout	
Tyler T.	Star	Citz In Community* Emergency Prep*
Jalen W.		Personal Fitness*

\*Eagle Required Merit Badge

## Upcoming Events

### June

19-25 **Camp Winton** Bear River Reservoir

### July

9 **Scout Night at the River Cats** Raley Field

16-23 **Camp Fiesta Island** San Diego

27-31 **Lost Coast Backpack Trip** Lost Coast Trail

### August

8 **Golf Night** Bradshaw Ranch

15 **Adam Boles Eagle Court of Honor** Church

20 **SMUD Picnic** Rancho Seco Park

26-28 **Mini Trek** TBA

29 **Fall Court of Honor** Church