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Happy Birthday:

Scouts –

Hayden 3/07,
Josiah 3/16,
Kyle 5/16,
Chance 5/25,
Dale 6/15,
Paul 6/15,
Ryan K 6/20,
Alex 6/22

Adults –

Troy Harwood 3/01,
Brian Hamm 3/10,
Eric Cloud 3/14,
Janet Danaher 3/16,
Paul Semerjian 4/08,
Nick Myers 5/24,
Mark Myers 5/25,
Dave Ballew 6/17,
Bob Bladow 6/20

Are you on Facebook? So are we! Check with Karen on how to be added to the Troop 464 page.

Scoutmaster's Minute

It has been approximately six months since our last Court of Honor, and as would be expected over so long a time period, much has happened. We have had the honor to welcome several new scouts to our Troop, and I am pleased to say that they seem to have enjoyed the outings. Paul did a fantastic job putting together the pancake breakfast fundraiser. I know that many of the adults also assisted with the fundraiser, and I would like to thank all who did. The boys did a great job cooking, cleaning, and selling tickets, and I love to see everyone working together.

Thank you also to Mark and Karen for their work on Merit Badge Midway, which I was unfortunately

unable to attend due to a family commitment. I expect that Mark will be giving a report on that. Summer camp is coming up in a month, and the boys need to think about the merit badges that we want to take. There will be a mandatory parents meeting beforehand, at which we will discuss rules, what to pack, etc. Make sure that we are aware of any medical issues that the boys may have. Next month, we also have Tyler's Eagle Project. The dates are June 1st and 2nd, and possibly the 7th and 8th. There may be an opportunity for an overnight, so mark your calendars.

Details will

follow. Lastly, I want to remind everybody of the most important rule that Pinecrest has for us. **Non-scouts must not play on the premises.** Pinecrest graciously allows us to use their facilities because they know that any accident involving a scout will be covered by the BSA's insurance. That is not the case for non-scouts. Any non-scouts playing at Pinecrest will be asked to leave. Family members are welcome to sit quietly and observe the meeting, otherwise they should be left at home.



MEDICAL FORMS: Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and release agreement, and talent release statement are to be completed by ALL the participants and parents/guardians





NEWSLETTER

If you have any news or information for the newsletter, please send it to Jo Ann at joannburkhart@gmail.com All input is welcome.

Don't forget to check out our website:

www.troop464.com

Stay up to date with Troop Activities

Completing the Geocaching merit badge: the only requirement left for the Scouts to do is #8. The troop dropped its trackable already so the boys just need to go online and track it for 30 days. They should check with Tyler on how to do that. Once done they need to turn their log sheet in to Karen so they can be credited for the badge.

WE NEED YOU!!

The Troop is always in need of help from the parents. If everyone volunteers for something, then no one has to do everything. We need all kinds of help. Want to be popcorn chair, help with fundraising, the Italian dinner, uniform exchange, pancake breakfast, making scarves, all that stuff? Talk to Karen, Jeff, or Jo Ann and **GET INVOLVED!**



Attention Merit Badge Counselors - it is time to renew for 2013. If you haven't turned in your paperwork yet or are interested in becoming a counselor please see Karen. Remember current youth protection training is required. Make sure your training is up to date!

From Matt Weintraub: I have an event. The Chatsworth Orange Line Tour. a bike tour of 19 miles...or less.

www.RideTheColt.com check it out. And see pix of the ride directors. I'm the ride director!!!

Summer Camp is approaching fast and there are lots of forms that need to be completed before we go. Everyone attending, youth or adult leader, MUST have a Class A, B & C medical form turned in. Form C requires a doctors examination and signature so please plan according. Time is needed to make copies of everything and that can't be done at the last minute so turn your forms in as soon as you can. Check the Troop's website for any additional paperwork that needs to be completed (troop464.com - click on Whitsett forms). The list of summer camp merit badges has been released by the camp. We began working with the boys on their camp schedules last week. That will continue at the meeting after the Court of Honor. Please see Karen with any questions.

Fundraising: Are you signed up with Ralph's and Von's club to benefit the Troop? If you are not signed up, see Jo Ann for details.

"Way Out West"

In 1927 Paramount Pictures purchased 2,400 acres for use as a "movie ranch." In 1980 the National Park Service purchased 326 acres from Bill Hertz who had turned part of the land into a western town. The scene is set for the latest epic "Paramount Ranches Camporee 2013"

Way out west in the Wild West town known as "Paramount Ranch" with Sugarloaf Peak towers over us at 1,515 feet, we arrived at dusk to a field of rolling hills filled with scouts from the territory of Balboa Oaks. We staked out our claim of land and setup our frontier camp, dining halls, first aid tent, Main Street of tents, and our town gate way erected at the entrance. The silence of the sun fell and the stars lit our night but a chill came upon the camp. A warm bed roll was calling and the day came to an end (lights out). A long day's work was expected of us all tomorrow.

The revelry call came from the Fort at 7am. It came before the sun cleared the golden hillside around us. Everyone up and out, the mess-halls were opened and all scouts fed. Off to the day's work, our troop was divided in two patrols to work as a team on the task set by the Camporee Committee of Elders.

Each patrol was sent on the task to complete the following:

Mountain Man Throw	<i>Canyon Crossing</i>	Horse Shoes
Knot Relay	<i>Log Cutting</i>	Log Chop
Semaphore	<i>Calf Roping Shootout</i>	Sooners Wagon Race
First Aid Station Obstacle Course	<i>Scout Pace</i>	Saloon Run Relay Race
Flag Ceremony	<i>Kim's Card Concentration Game</i>	Spider Web
Crossing the Rio Grande	<i>Palisades Wall Crawl</i>	

The troop held their own with a 1st place and 3rd place.

With the evening upon us, a campfire with song and skits closed out the day. But a group of Indians of the Arrow called upon a few of our best, Chris and Janet, for a treaty of silence and reflection to join them in a great quest "Whitsett Ordeal" in the month of May.

As the last day's sun rose over the settlement, the tired faces of the scouts shown with a glow of hard worked we will only take with us the memories of the Wild West Camporee.

As time passes we can reflect on the team work fun and friends that the frontier has brought to us, as well as the knowledge that our help will be needed next year to bring forth the strength and team work know as troop 464. Good Job scouts! Thanks



Alan Veitch, ASM

Successful Pancake Breakfast 2013

This year's Pancake Breakfast was very successful due to the donations of product from neighboring businesses and our scout parents. Although I contacted many more, the following is a list of local businesses that gave us product at no cost. Let us support these businesses that supported us by frequenting their establishments, and **make it a point to tell them thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 464.**

Starbucks—Ventura/Shoup—Manager Cindy
Topanga/Ventura—Manager Monica
I Hop—Fallbrook—Manager Jose
Tarzana Ventura Blvd—Manager Syed
Trader Jo's—Ventura Blvd—Manager Mike
Sprouts—Ventura/Topanga
Mc Donald's—Erwin St.
Western Bagel—Ventura/Topanga
Smart & Final Corporate donation
Henri's Restaurant Sherman Way Canoga Park-- Michael

In addition I would like to acknowledge the following for their hard work and dedication the day of the event.

Bob Bladow—early bird for opening up the hall for me at 0630 and setting up tables & chairs.

Alan Veitch—for bringing his great grill and supervising the boys making pancakes

Karen O—for volunteering to do deliveries

Larry Weinhouse—the sausage grill master- Supervising the boys making the sausages

Michelle Kelly—supervising the boys out front with the signs

Laura Goldstein—Master egg cooker

Shelly Pepin—we could not have done it without your experience and guidance and being the fastest egg cracker in the West.

Lastly the Scouts themselves—**Boys you did a terrific job.**

ASM Paul Semerjian

Merit Badge Midway

- **We were almost rained out, but we are Scouts.**
- **3 Merit Badges: search/rescue, geocaching, geology**
- **Webelos: 3 activity badges**
- **Dave's kitchen - Plenty of delicious food to go around**
- **Lizards and rattlesnakes spotted on hikes**
- **Thankfully, no medical emergencies**
- **Webelos cooked an awesome lunch for all.-- Thx Mrs. Myers!!**
- **Cold at night, but we are Scouts.**
- **Parachute shelter built by the boys.**

New improvements are in store for next year. Some of our classic merit badges will be offered up. Stay tuned. Be involved. . . And we will see you next year.

ASM Mark Myers

Calendar:

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May - 2013

1 Court of Honor @ Pinecrest (Flaming Penguins) (Tyler emcee) MOVED FROM 4/24

Personal Fitness MB (week 4)-on your own

6:30 Set up

7:00 Court of Honor-details to follow

8 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Hypnotoads)

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 5)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-advancements

9 OA Chapter Meeting/Pre-Ordeal

7:00 @ [LDS Church](#) 7045 Farralone/Canoga Park

14 Parent/Committee Meeting

7:30 @ Shelly's

15 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Bullfrogs)

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 6)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-[Cooking MB \(workbook\)](#) THIS WILL BE EAGLE REQUIRED 1/1/14

17 OA Chapter Ordeal (perm slip)

5/17-5/19 @ Camp Whitsett/details to follow (rides will be available)

22 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Flaming Penguins)

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 7)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-[Disabilities Awareness \(workbook\)](#)

25 Flags on Graves

meet 6:30am @ Joann's

25 After Flags Outing - Pool Party at Christian's house (perm slip)

details to follow

29 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Hypnotoads)

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 8)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-Scout Advancement relay/bring your compasses!

June - 2013

1 Tyler's Eagle Project TBD

6/01-6/02 details to follow

5 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (mandatory parent meeting) (Bullfrogs)

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 9)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-[Music MB \(workbook\)](#)

8 Tyler's Eagle Project TBD

6/08-6/09 details to follow

11 Parent/Committee Meeting

7:30 @ Shelly's

12 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Flaming Penguins)

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 10)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-Music MB continues

13 OA Chapter Meeting

7:30 @ [LDS Church](#) 7045 Farralone/Canoga Park

16 Summer Camp @ Whitsett (confirmed) NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!

6/16 - 6/22 summer camp

19 No Troop Meeting (Hypnotoads)

Summer Camp!

26 No Troop Meeting (Bullfrogs) Class B begins

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 11)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-Scout Jeopardy

July - 2013

3 No Troop Meeting (Flaming Penguins)

Patrol outings?

9 Parent/Committee Meeting

7:30 @ Shelly's

10 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Hypnotoads)

6:30 Personal Fitness MB (week 12)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-[Photography MB](#) ([workbook](#))

11 OA Chapter Meeting

7:30 @ [LDS Church](#) 7045 Farralone/Canoga Park

17 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Bullfrogs)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-Photography MB

24 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Flaming Penguins)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-[Genealogy MB](#) ([workbook](#))

24 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Hypnotoads)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-details to follow

August - 2013

7 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Bullfrogs)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-Genealogy MB continues

13 Parent/Committee Meeting

7:30 @ Shelly's

14 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Flaming Penguins)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-swim at Pinecrest TBD

15 OA Chapter Meeting

7:30 @ [LDS Church](#) 7045 Farralone/Canoga Park

21 Court of Honor @ Pinecrest (Hypnotoads) (emcee?) Class A begins

6:30 Set up

7:00 Court of Honor-details to follow

28 Troop Meeting @ Pinecrest (Bullfrogs)

7:00 @ Pinecrest-advancements



Don't forget that that Troop has a Uniform Exchange - Donate any gently used uniform items and if you are in need, check the exchange to see if we have what you need.

Important letter attached for all parents and families in our Troop.
Thanks!

Boy Scout Troop 464
West Hills, CA.
www.Troop464.com

May 1, 2013

To All Scout Families:

We want to clarify the Troop policy for outings and campouts and the payment of the fees associated with these activities.

As stated in the Family Information Packet, "the average cost of a campout is \$40.00. This amount is due upon sign-up and is non-refundable".

The Troop Committee recently voted to modify this policy: Effective May 1st, 2013, the Troop policy for the payment of activities is as follows:

1. Each outing will have two dates associated with it. The on-time sign up date will normally be 2 weeks before the outing. There are some exceptions to this, i.e. Camporee, where we have to commit to attending several weeks in advance. The second date will be the "last chance to sign-up date", usually the Wednesday before the outing.
2. A "sign-up" is completed when a Scout signs up via the Troop Scribe's book.
3. If a Scout signs up by on-time date, the cost will be \$40.00 (or the price determined by the actual cost of the outing). This covers food, transportation, and campsite costs. If the price is different than \$40.00, you will be informed at the time of sign up. **ONCE A SCOUT SIGNS UP, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE \$40.00 FOR THE OUTING AND YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE CHARGED.**
4. If a Scout signs up on the "last chance to sign up" date, the cost of the outing will be \$50.00. **ONCE YOU SIGN UP, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE \$50.00 FOR THE OUTING AND YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE CHARGED.**

We want everyone to understand that once the Troop commits to an outing, we incur costs. We also need to have sufficient time to coordinate adult leaders who will be attending the outing, transportation and food. This is very difficult to do with only a few days' notice. While we appreciate that things happen that make cancellation necessary, the Troop cannot afford to cover these cancellations. We have committed to the campsite, purchased food, etc. If we allow refunds, then we lose money.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

If the outing is cancelled by the Troop for weather, etc., your account will be credited for the full cost of the outing and can be applied to a future outing.

We want to make sure that everyone is aware of this policy and understands how it works. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Jo Ann Burkhart, Committee Chair