

Troop 800 Newsletter

January 2012

What's Happening!

Troop Meetings

Our Troop Meeting will be on January 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. We will have presentations, demonstrations and games. Plan on joining us.

Monthly Camping

Our Campouts for this month are the TLT on January 7th and 8th, and a Rock-Climbing skills campout on January 20th to 22nd at Joshua Tree.

Troop Leadership Training (TLT)

We will be holding our TLT on Saturday and Sunday January 7-8, 2012. To hold a position in our Troop for the upcoming 2012 Scout year, all Scouts 1st Class and above must attend.

Joshua Tree Rock-Climbing

The Joshua Tree Campout is January 20-22, Friday through Sunday. We will be camping at Indian Cove group camp #1. Travel time is about 4 hours. We will be leaving around 5:30 PM. Friday return between 1 and 2 PM on Sunday.

The cost will be a pro rata share of the campsite, food and travel (as usual) and \$2.50 per climber to borrow the climbing gear from Council.

There is no water at the campsite, so we need to bring water (5 gal containers, etc.). We can fill up at the Ranger Station.

There will be three climbing instructors there,

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Troop Committee

Parents are you looking for a way to help out the Troop? The Troop Committee is always looking for eager parents to help fill committee positions. Contact Paul Boucree if you are interested in helping out.

New Merit Badges

BSA will be offering two new Merit Badges in 2012, Search and Rescue, and Kayaking. The Search and Rescue Merit Badge will focus on preparedness for searches in wilderness, urban environments, and water. The Kayaking badge is designed for a flat-water environment focusing on knowledge based components such as materials and design to basic maneuvers and the various paddle strokes. As with all water sports merit badges, there is a strong emphasis on Safety. The materials for both badges should be available by summer.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 3 – TROOP MEETING

SLR HALL

7:00 PM

Topic: Scout Skills

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including Mr. Myers, who will be working with T800 and another troop. There should be plenty of opportunities to climb and rappel different routes, so those who are working on their Climbing Merit Badges can finish them up.

Parent/PLC Meeting

We will hold our monthly Parent/PLC Meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 7 PM in the SRL Hall. We invite all of our Scout parents to attend and find out what is coming up in our troop.

Venturing Crew

The Venturing Crew will be meeting on January 10th at 6:00 PM. SLR Hall. If you'd like more information on our Venturing Crew, please visit our Venturing web page.

Upcoming Events

Winter Snow Camp

We are planning our Snow Camp weekend on February 18th – 20th in the San Gabriel Mountains. We will hike in a few miles into the campground where we will setup camp and work on snow camping skills. More details at our Troop Meetings.

Winter Sports

Our Winter Sports weekend is scheduled for March 9-11. We will be working on our Winter Sports Merit Badge. We will stay in a house for the weekend, and go either snowboarding or skiing at Snow Summit/Bear Mountain Resort. More information will be available at the Troop Meetings.

Summer Camp

Believe it or not Summer Camp is just around the corner! We have many options for Summer Camp, such as Mataguay, Emerald Bay, Philmont, Whitsett, Hawaii and Alaska, but we need to reserve space NOW. If you are interested in Summer Camp, please contact Mr. Davies ASAP.

JANUARY 7-8 – TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING (TLT)

SLR HALL
7:00 PM
Topic: Leadership Training.

JANUARY 10 – TROOP MEETING

SLR HALL
7:00 PM
Topic: Scout Skills

JANUARY 17 – TROOP MEETING

SLR HALL
7:00 PM
Topic: Scout Skills

JANUARY 20-22 – JOSHUA TREE ROCK-CLIMBING

SLR PARKING LOT
5:00 PM
Work on Rock-Climbing skills

JANUARY 24 – PLC/PARENT MEETING

SLR HALL
7:00 PM
Topic: Troop Planning

JANUARY 31 – TROOP MEETING

SLR HALL
7:00 PM
Topic: Camporee/Scout Skills

Our Scout Law for this month is Trustworthy.

I had rather do and not promise than promise and not do.

- Arthur Warwick