



TROOP 14 BUGLER

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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2007

Calendar of Events

October, 2007

October Troop meetings are held Wednesdays on 10/10, 10/17, and 10/24

- ❖ 10/9-10/14: Venture Crew--Fossil Springs Backpack
- ❖ 10/13: JOTA Leader Specific Training
- ❖ 10/19-10/21: Backpack Trip
- ❖ 10/26-10/27: Outdoor Leader Training

November, 2007

November Troop meetings are held Wednesdays on 11/14 and 11/21

- ❖ 11/3: Troop Campout
- ❖ 11/23: Monkey Bridge Set-up
- ❖ 11/24: Festival of Lights
- ❖ 11/25: Leif Dyrsten's Eagle Court of Honor
- ❖ 11/28: Court of Honor

December, 2007

December Troop meetings are held Wednesdays on 12/12 and 12/19

- ❖ 12/5: PLC
- ❖ 12/1: Advancement Day
- ❖ 12/8: Rock Gym
- ❖ 12/15: Venture Crew Luminary Trail
- ❖ 12/22: Troop Luminary Trail
- ❖ 12/25: Merry Christmas!

to show they have the best Patrol possible. Another initiative is participating in the U.S. Heritage Award.

Why is it so important to participate in these activities? Because by learning through participating citizenship, we gain knowledge. And knowledge leads to respect. A lack of knowledge, or ignorance, leads to fear. The more we know about our community, our country and being a citizen, the more we are able to respect these things.

A recent news story brought this to the forefront for me. If anyone has ever witnessed a demonstration by the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team, you have witnessed a treat. Recently the Drill Team requested a permit to film a promotional video on the streets of San Francisco. Most large cities have film commissions which issue these permits for groups using public places. The San Francisco film commission denied the Drill Team their request to film on the streets of San Francisco. The executive director of this commission denied the permit, many think, due to her personal political views. The director obviously forgot that citizens like the Marines, Army, Air Force and Navy have fought and died to allow her to hold such radical personal views. I believe the root cause is ignorance, which leads to disrespect and fear.

Don't be ignorant, participate in citizenship.

Thank you Mr. Lanham!

To all Troop 14 Scouts and Parents:

Mr. Lanham has shared an interest to the Troop Committee in stepping down as the Troop's Scoutmaster by the end of this year. As many of us know, the Scoutmaster's position involves a significant amount of time each week in preparation for meetings as well as participation in scout activities during the month. Mr. Lanham will step down as Scoutmaster but will continue

Scoutmaster's Corner Mr. Lanham, Troop 14 Scoutmaster

One of the 3 Aims of Scouting is Participating Citizenship. Troop 14 is participating in two citizenship initiatives during the final three months of 2007 that support this Aim. Each Patrol in the Troop is working towards achieving the National Honor Patrol award. This is a special Scouting award presented to Patrols that make an extra effort

with the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Adult Leader.

Troop 14 has been very fortunate to have had outstanding Scoutmasters over the 12 years of the Troop's existence, and particularly over the past 2 years under Mr. Lanham's leadership. Please join us in thanking Mr. Lanham for his dedication to scouting and for the time he has given to Troop 14 scouts and to scouting.

Reminders for Scouts

Geronimo!

Geronimo 2008 fees will be due in January, 2008. Please mark your calendars so this important deadline is not overlooked in the commotion of the holiday season.

Troop Uniforms

Contact Patty McDonald at pajamas1@cox.net to order Troop 14 apparel and to check the availability of the following items:

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| Class B T-Shirts | \$ 7.75 |
| Class B XXL T-Shirts | \$ 9.00 |
| Troop 14 Jackets | \$25.00 |
| Troop 14 Caps | \$12.00 |
| Troop 14 Neckerchiefs | \$ 6.50 |

Parent Guide

The Troop 14 Parent Guide has been updated. The new version can be downloaded at: <http://bsatroop14.com/parent.pdf>. Please read it, sign it, and send it with your scout to the next troop meeting.

Progress Reports

Please check your folders frequently. If you have completed blue cards, please drop them into Mrs. Sciacca's folder.

If you'd like updated copies of your progress or history reports, please see Mrs. Sciacca.

Also, if you have partial merit badges from summer camp or other activities, please see Mrs.

Sciacca for a counselor assignment to help you complete those badges.

American Heritage Award

The Scouts have been working on the United States Heritage Award the last couple of meetings. The United States Heritage Award was designed to give youth recognition for learning about the heritage of the United States of America, and being involved.

By completing the United States Heritage Award, it is hoped greater understanding and pride of our nation will prevail. A medal and a patch are awarded to all that successfully complete the award requirements.



We will finish up the American Heritage Award at the troop meeting this week. If you started the award with us, please be there to finish. If you didn't start with us, you can catch up.

Popcorn Fundraiser

Our popcorn fundraiser began on Saturday, October 6. If you have questions regarding the fundraiser, please contact Mr. Miyasaki. Here are a few things to remember as you get out and sell popcorn:

- * Wear your Class A uniform when you go door-to-door; you are representing Troop 14
- * Obey the Scout Law, particularly being *Courteous, Cheerful, Clean, and Reverent*
- * Tell them who you are -- **first name only!**
- * Tell them where you are from -- Troop 14; this helps build a sense of community
- * Tell them what you are doing -- the fundraiser helps pay for camps and activities; it shows that you take responsibility
- * Have a closing statement: "Please help by considering our delicious popcorn."
- * Advise customers that their popcorn will be delivered by November 14

Uniform Exchange

Please see Mrs. Sciacca if you have a gently used uniform item you'd like to recycle or need one. An inventory of recycled uniform articles currently on-hand follows:

| Article | Class | Adult/ Youth | Available Sizes | Qty. |
|-----------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|------|
| Pants | A | Youth | 12 | 2 |
| Pants | A | Adult | 36-Waist 36-Length | 1 |
| Shorts | A | Adult | 34-Waist 34-Length | 1 |
| Shorts | A | Youth | 30-Waist 20-Length | 1 |
| Shorts | A | Youth | 14 | 1 |
| Shorts | A | Youth | 26-Waist 16-Length | 1 |
| L/S Shirt | A | Youth | 10-12 | 1 |
| Hat | - | - | - | 1 |
| Buttons | A-Shirt | - | - | 9 |

Recent Events

BSA Scuba Badge

On September 15, 2007, about 10 scouts had the opportunity to learn basic diving skills at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Hosted by Explorer Post 777, Troop 14 Scouts were taught about the equipment used in diving as well as important appropriate breathing techniques.



Diving can be a fun, lifelong pursuit

Following the instruction, Scouts geared-up and practiced the breathing and diving techniques they had been learning in the Heard Scout Pueblo swimming pool for nearly an hour. This was a wonderful experience for all who attended. If you would like more details about the day or

have more general questions about the BSA Scuba program, please contact Mr. Mefford



Advancements

Congratulations to the following Scouts for their recent rank advancements!



Class

Thomas A.
Anthony H.



1st

Star

James A.



Life

Clint S.



Eagle

Congratulations to Brennan H. for completing his Eagle project and passing his Eagle Board on September 25, 2007!

Additionally, the following scouts earned Eagle Palms:

- ❖ Danny M.- Bronze Palm
- ❖ Matt D.- Gold Palm

Feed Our Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children, Troop and Crew 14 invites volunteers of all ages to hand-pack meals for starving children. We hope you will help us feed God's starving children by volunteering to pack meals at Esperanza Lutheran Church at 7pm on November 7th. Everyone in your family, friends and neighbors are invited to help.

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