

# The Eagle Gazette

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TROOP 339 "HICKADOOLA"

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## TROOP OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Our latest trip in the troop was the bike ride to the beach. It was a good turnout but we all had fun. The following members of the troop went.

Langdon, Nic, Harrison, Sean, Padraig, Matthew, Michel, Mr. Stern, Mr. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow and Matthews mom and dad, and Michaels dad. We all met at moon park and rode on the river trail to the beach, when we got there we just chilled till BIG RED came. When BIG RED came we unloaded him and then dug holes and just walk around. When the fire wood came we unloaded the truck and started a fire. When the fire got started we cooked dinner. After a while we left and went home. So I hope next time we have a bigger group.

I also want to thank Captain Roche from engine 4 for coming to speak about fire safety. He talked about the fires that happened in the first week of December. Also about how to get out of a house that is on fire. And he told us that it is better to use your house phone to call 911. So thank you captain Roche for coming.

It was a great trip!

*Harrison S. – Troop Historian*

## SPL

Well, seeing that this will be the last time I address you as your Senior Patrol Leader, I would like to thank all of you for putting in the time to help our troop. I would also like to thank all of the Patrol Leaders for their assistance and great ideas throughout my term. As I leave my position I hope that the next SPL will continue the ideals of a boy-lead troop... Thank you for all of your help, I enjoyed the opportunity to serve with you all.

Yours in scouting,

*Conner G, SPL*

Hickadoola! Means "Good Camping"

## THE BEST OF THINK AND GRIN

Peter: What scary Scottish beast always rings your doorbell?

Elaine: What?

Peter: The Knock Less Monster.

*Submitted by Trevor W., Lewistown, Pa.*

## CALENDAR

Jan 5	Parent Meeting, PLC
Jan 10	Car Camp/Mountain Bike @ Caspers Rain date Jan 24?
Jan 12	Troop Meeting
Jan 19	NO TROOP MEETING Martin Luther King Day
Jan 25	LAOC Orienteering Meet @ Santa Fe Dam Park, Irwindale
Jan 26	Troop Meeting – Food Delivery

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## ORDER OF THE ARROW



The Order of the Arrow is a service organization for the Boy Scouts. Scouts are elected into this group of honored campers by their peers. OA Provides great opportunities for leadership by being a Vice Chief recruiting and leading a team of dancers, crafters, ceremonies (drama), camp promo, service and other areas of interest. Scouts can potentially be elected as representatives at the council, regional and national levels. There are section conclaves (competition weekends), regional leadership training and national conferences that are great fun to attend. W.W.W.

## SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

1. When was Troop 339 First Chartered?
2. What does "Hickadoola" mean to us?
3. How old do you have to be to staff at Sea Base?

Answers are hidden in the articles

## STAFFING SUMMER CAMP

**So you've been to summer camp for the last 4 years now.**

**If you are 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 14+ years of age, why not think about staffing Summer Camp?**

The **Sea Scout Base** in Newport Beach offers a summer day program and accept youths 14+ years to work as CIT or Counselors In Training. CITs are assigned to a paid staff and duties vary by week. Enjoy days on the harbor, sleep in your own bed at night. Contact the base at (949)-642-5031 and pick up your staff application in person. Dress neat!

**Lost Valley** – Be a Youth Campmaster from 14 years or older to experience the valley at all times of the year. Campmasters enjoy good fellowship on various program weekends.

[http://www.ocbsa.org/site/c.khKQIWPBIOE/b.4809825/k.875E/Campmaster\\_Corps.htm](http://www.ocbsa.org/site/c.khKQIWPBIOE/b.4809825/k.875E/Campmaster_Corps.htm)

Staff in Training (14-15) and paid (16+) summer camp staff positions are also open. You'll have up to 8 weeks to get to know the valley. Be Prepared to Get Valley Crazy. Please contact Marty Cutrone at the council for more info.

**Cub Scout Resident Camp** – A great intro to staffing, this is just a 4 day staffing experience at Lost Valley, held usually on the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. You can come to camp a few days early or stay a few days late (depending on the year) and work on a merit badge or two, and its free! Contact Marty Cutrone at the council office to get in contact with the program director.

**Other Councils** across America are always looking for camp staff. Fancy to staff in Hawaii, Vermont, Alaska, or Wyoming? Ideal for scouts 16+ years of age. Contact Mr. Gruenbeck for more details: 714-397-2218, [scouting@gruenbeck.org](mailto:scouting@gruenbeck.org)

**European Camp Staff** <http://www.scouting.org/international/ecamp.aspx>

All participants in the European Camp Staff program must be between 18 and 30 years of age and must be volunteers registered with the Boy Scouts of America. To ensure that the experience is a worthwhile one, participants should be prepared to commit themselves to work for a minimum of six weeks.

**Philmont** <http://www.scouting.org/HighAdventure/Philmont/WorkingatPhilmont.aspx>

Each season, Philmont employs more than 1,000 staff members to operate and support Philmont's program, Training Center, food service, maintenance, and ranching museums, and to assist the administrative staff. A wide variety of paid positions are available, including rangers, backcountry program counselors, and Training Center and base camp support staff.

To get ready for this you'll want to get your scouting resume together. Ask your parents to help you with this. You'll want a scouting history, at least 3 character references, and some thoughts on question like: Why do you want this job? What can you do for the camp? Have you ever had to handle an argument, conflict or difficult situation? What did you do? Do you have a current Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certification?