

# The Eagle Gazette

COSTA MESA, CA

TROOP 339 "HICKADOOLA"

FEBRUARY 2009

## TROOP OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Our latest trip in the troop was a mountain biking trip at Casper's Park. On this camp out we were lucky enough to receive a great camp site. Our spot was very large, surrounded by trees, and had flat ground. After we had set up our tents there we headed out on our first mountain biking trail. When we got back we hung out and had lunch as we planned our next route. Religious Emblem, Heroism Award, and Medal of Merit. This trail was longer and harder as some scouts went back, Mr. Holmes and a couple boys made it to the peak of Casper's Park. When the two groups were back we had chile and got a good nights rest. The next morning we ravenously ate breakfast and then packed up. When we were done we headed on our way and had our normal stop at In and Out Burger which was the end to a great trip.

Michael H. – Troop Historian



## NEW EAGLE

Effective January 8th at approximately 8pm, Aaron Ludlow became Troop 339's latest Eagle Scout!!!!

Aaron faced the District Board of Review by answering probing questions such as "What should be the 13th Scout Law?"

"A Scout is Prompt"

And demonstrating overall excellence as a Scout, Leader and Promising Young Man!

**Congratulations Aaron. You make us all proud!**

Steve Holmes, SM

## THE BEST OF THINK AND GRIN

Nick: Why can't you write with a broken pencil?

Heath: I don't know. Why?

Nick: Because it's pointless!

## CALENDAR

### Public Service

Feb 2	PLC, Parent Meeting
Feb 7	Snow trip, Snow Valley
Feb 9	Troop Meeting
Feb 16	NO TROOP MEETING Presidents Day
Feb 21	Pack 188 Blue and Gold
Feb 23	Troop Meeting – Food Delivery
Feb 28	San Jacinto – Snowshoe Hike
Mar 2	PLC, Parent Meeting
Mar 21	Pre-Camporee
Mar 27-29	Camporee

## SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Troop 339 is getting off to a great start in 2009! We've had several good outings since Christmas, the troop storage container is just about done at the church, and we know we'll be getting at least five new scouts as they bridge from Webelos! Don't forget about summer camp at Emerald Bay. We currently have 16 scouts signed up with four adults. Should be a great time at a one of our favorite camps. For February we have a couple of winter sports activities planned. Our annual ski trip to Snow Valley, and for something a little different, a ride up the tram from Palm Springs! Depending upon the groups interest and parent participation once on top our options will be cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, or just goofing off in the snow. The ski trip is scheduled for February 7th, and the Palm Springs Tramway adventure will be February 28th.

Congratulations and a big thank you to all of our new scout leaders! Nic is our new Senior Patrol Leader and he's full of great ideas for improving the troop. Be sure to let him know if you have any ideas of your own. Hickadoola!

Steve Holmes, SM

Hickadoola! Means "Good Camping"

## SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

1. Which square knot awards can be worn by youth?
2. What can you do if you have both a merit badge sash and Order of the Arrow sash?
3. What does the Guide to Safe Scouting say about abandoned mines?

Answers are hidden in the articles

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Utilities – Water, gas, electricity, sewage, telephone, cable

Public Safety – Police, Fire, EMTs, city code enforcement, county health department, health and human services, hospitals, shelters, animal control, neighborhood watch, traffic

Public Officials & Government – mayor, city council, planning commission, parks and recreation, social services

Public Services – Public library, parks, schools, historical preservation, records, roads, street sweeping, garbage collection. Religious Emblem, Heroism Award, and Medal of Merit

Public Service Projects – Trail maintenance, food delivery, park & waterway cleanups, church, park and school improvements, neighborhood cleanups, recycling drives, get out to vote drives, first aid training, toy, clothing and food drives, youth center or activity day, hospital visits, historical preservation, slope planting

### Public Service Merit Badge Group

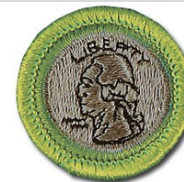
Crime Prevention	Emergency Preparedness
Fingerprinting	Fire Safety
First Aid	Lifesaving
Public Health	Safety



Choose which one to wear at a time.

## PUBLIC LAW 110-363—OCT. 8, 2008

### An Act To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.



The Congress finds as follows:

- (1) The Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its centennial on February 8, 2010.
- (2) The Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth organization in the United States, with 3,000,000 youth members and 1,000,000 adult leaders in the traditional programs of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing.
- (3) Since 1910, more than 111,000,000 youth have participated in Scouting's traditional programs.
- (4) The Boy Scouts of America was granted a Federal charter in 1916 by an Act of the 64th Congress which was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.
- (5) In the 110th Congress, 248 members of the House of Representative and the Senate have participated in Boy Scouts of America as Scouts or adult leaders.
- (6) The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law".
- (7) Every day across our Nation, Scouts and their leaders pledge to live up the promise in the Scout Oath—"On my honor I will do my best, To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight"—and the Scout Law, according to which a Scout is "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent".
- (8) In the past 4 years alone, Scouting youth and their leaders have volunteered more than 6,500,000 hours of service to their communities through more than 75,000 service projects, benefiting food banks, local schools, and civic organizations.

## NEXT MONTH

*Cultural Diversity / Disabilities Awareness  
Exploration of abandoned mines is an unauthorized activity.*