

The Eagle Gazette

COSTA MESA, CA

TROOP 339 "HICKADOOLA"

MARCH 2009

TROOP OUTDOOR PROGRAM

On this month's outing we went to Snow Valley. We met at 5 a.m. at the church and we were on our way. After the drive we got our skis and snowboards rented, and our boots fitted. Once everyone got their lift tickets some of the troop went off to start skiing before the lines got big.

There were a few people who took the merit badge that then went to the learning session. I was one of them and successfully skied for my first time and it was a lot of fun.

The weather was great that day as there was fresh snow on the ground from the night before and it was just starting to snow that day. The weather was perfect it wasn't too cold but cold enough that it snowed and not rained. After that some people got some food from the snack bar because it was almost lunchtime. Everyone was out snowboarding and skiing for quite a while as some people came into the lodge because they were tired. As the day came to an end we wrapped up what we were doing and returned our equipment. BSA was founded on February 8, 1910. February 8 is the "birthday of Scouting" in the United States?



A little while into our journey home we took off the chains from the cars and headed home. We decided that everyone should just drop off their passengers in their own car. So that was the end of our trip to Snow Valley.

Michael H. – Troop Historian

CHALLENGE CAMP @ OSO LAKE

Challenge Camp is dedicated to serving challenged individuals ages 6 and older and their families. Our friends can enjoy just being a kid through a full day of playing together, developing friendships and participating in programs such as the archery range, crafts and other fun activities.

April 4, 2009 @ Oso Lake

THE BEST OF THINK AND GRIN

Pee Wee: What do you call your dad when he falls through the ice?

Westy: Beats me.

Pee Wee: A POPSICLE!

CALENDAR

Cultural Diversity / Disability Awareness

Mar 2	PLC, Parent Meeting
Mar 9	Troop Meeting
Mar 16	Troop Meeting
Mar 21	Pre-Camporee
Mar 23	Troop Meeting, Food Delivery
Mar 27-29	Camporee
Mar 30	Troop Meeting
Apr 6	PLC, Parent Meeting
Apr 17-19	Youth Expo

SCOUTS WITH DISABILITIES

Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has had fully participating members with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive, was a person with a disability. Although most of the BSA's efforts have been directed at keeping such boys in the mainstream of Scouting, it has also recognized the special needs of those with severe disabilities.

The Boy Scout Handbook has had braille editions for many years; merit badge pamphlets have been recorded on cassette tapes for the blind; and closed-caption training videos have been produced for those who are deaf. In 1965, registration of over-age Scouts with mental disabilities became possible—a privilege now extended to many people with disabilities.

The BSA's policy has always been to treat members with disabilities and special needs as much like other members as possible, but a local council may make some accommodations in advancement requirements if necessary. A Scout with a permanent physical or mental disability may select an alternate merit badge in lieu of a required merit badge if his disabling condition prohibits the Scout from completing the necessary requirements of a particular required merit badge. This substitute should provide a "similar learning experience." Full guidelines and explanations are available through the local council and on the Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, No. 58-730. The local council advancement committee must approve the application. A Scout may also request changes in the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. The procedures are described in the Boy Scout Requirements book, No. 33215.

Brownsea Island in England from July 25 to August 9 in 1907. Baden-Powell was Scoutmaster.

Hickadoola! Means "Good Camping"

SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

1. Where did Baden-Powell hold the first Scout camp?
2. What is the shape of the Scout badge taken from?
3. When was the Boy Scouts of America founded?

Answers are hidden in the articles

CULTURAL DIVERSITY / DISABILITIES AWARENESS

Disabilities Awareness

How do you respectfully relate to a person with a disability? What are their challenges? What accommodations are available to ease their challenges? Dispel myths and misconceptions. What kind of professions provide services to disabled persons?



American Culture

Scouts explore different racial, cultural, national, or ethnic backgrounds and consider their contributions to society. They will consider how people from different groups have gotten along together, explore music, literature, art and food.



Scouting with Disabilities

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers with disabilities and special needs participate in the same program as do their peers.

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This policy is designed to keep youth with disabilities and special needs as much in the mainstream as possible. Practical suggestions are made to leaders as to approaches and methods they can use. Thus, a youth in a wheelchair can meet the requirements for hiking by making a trip to places of interest in his community. Giving more time and permitting the use of special aids are other ways leaders can help youth with disabilities and special needs in their efforts to advance. The unit leader plays a crucial role in that effort.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Wood Badge – Ever wonder why the Wood Badger's are such a close nit community? Learn how to get 'Back to Gilwell'. Wood Badge is six days of fun, learning leadership training for all levels of Scouting leadership. Participants have access to contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations. Two three day weekends: March 13-15 and March 28-30 Celebrity Ranch in Hemet, CA (not the Outdoor Education Center as previously advertised). Basic training for your current position must be completed prior to attendance. Event fee is \$275 and covers all course materials, meals and lodging. Contact Rick Kagawa, Course Director, at rkagawa@thekhome.com to sign up.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) TRAILBLAZERS – For 13 years old (or finished 7th grade), 1st class, Scoutmaster approval. June 20-June 25 @ Lost Valley. During the course week you will have a chance to learn new Scout skills you can bring home to use in your Troop and/or Patrol. Since you are or will be a leader in your Troop, you naturally want to know how to do your leadership job to the best of your abilities. Leadership Skills and Team Building will be an important part of the course. An excellent NYLT- experienced Youth and Adult staff has been recruited and trained to assist in your training. You will find TRAILBLAZERS to be a positive, fun and exciting experience and one that you will never forget. Early registration \$175.00

OSO LAKE FISHING DERBY – JUNE 13, 2009

Grab your lucky fishing hat and gear and come join us for the Second Annual Fishing Derby at Oso Lake.

This derby is for Cub and Boy Scouts of all ages. There will be expert instructors available to give demonstrations and guidance in catching "The Big Ones", and there will be lots of giveaways and prizes too.

Things to bring: Sack lunch, fishing gear, sunscreen, water and hat. Fishing pole rentals are available. (Hooks, lures, floats and bait not included). Check in is 8:15 am at the boathouse.

\$25 per person, Early Bird Rate: \$15 if fees are received by May 13, 2009

See <http://www.ocbsa.org> – Camps and Facilities – OSO Lake -- for more details.

NEXT MONTH

Wildlife Management