

# The Eagle Gazette

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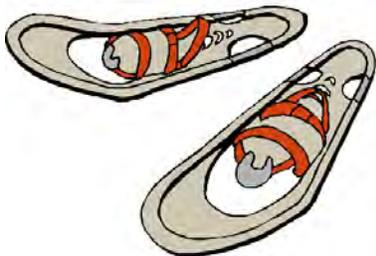
TROOP 339 "HICKADOOLA"

APRIL 2009

## TROOP OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Our recent camp out with troop 339 was snow shoeing at San Jacinto. As some people had never used snowshoes while others were very experienced I found them not to hard to use but they did take a bit of strength.

Our trip started out with the journey up the trolley. When we came out of the lodge we put on our snow shoes and started off. We looked at the map and picked a short trail. Many people soon took off their jackets and put them away because it getting hot.



Some places along the trail the snow was just mush and others it was ice but mostly along our way we had no trouble. We took some breaks along the way and we soon came upon a trail that was less used than the other an we decided to take it. When we got to the top of a hill we looked out into the canyon and saw the foliage. When our stops became more frequent and people became hungry we stopped as even though we wanted a flat spot a bunch of rock was good enough.

After we ate our lunch, which was very filling, we headed back and the trek down was much easier. We had fun and threw snow balls as we came down the trail. Our decent was very quick and before we knew it we were at the tram again. Our journey was over as everyone was exhausted and ready to go home.

That is the adventure of our latest camp out.

Michael H. – Troop Historian

## THE BEST OF THINK AND GRIN

### A book never written:

*"The Complete Bound Set of Boys' Life Back Issues"*

by Red M. All.

### Tom Swiftie:

*"I like camping," Tom said intently.*

## CALENDAR

### Wildlife Management

Apr 6	PLC, Parent Meeting
Apr 13	Troop Meeting
Apr 17-19	Youth Expo
Apr 20	Troop Meeting, Food Delivery
Apr 24	Aaron L Eagle Court
Apr 25-26	Car Camping – Death Valley?
Apr 27	Troop Meeting
May 3	Day Hike Mount Baldy
May 4	PLC, Parent Meeting
May 16	Scout-O-Rama

## TROOP LEADER TRAINING

The Troop 339 Patrol Leaders Council led by SPL Nic and Scoutmaster Mr. Holmes is working through running the Troop Leader Training or TLT. This is an introductory level youth leadership training where the PLC learns some of the basics of leadership such as how teams form, and how learning occurs as well as what responsibilities their positions in the troop entail. The leadership team will be working on personal and patrol vision statements which will help guide the PLC toward having fun meetings and a troop culture with activities that you can't keep boys out of.

It is organized into three one-hour modules, which can be taught individually or all in one session. The content of the first session focuses on what a new leader must know; the second session on what a leader must be, and the third session on what a leader must do. Completing all three modules qualifies the Scout to wear the "Trained" patch under his badge of office. The new syllabus contains leadership position cards that define each position in the troop.



Hickadoola! Means "Good Camping"

## SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the distance to target for qualifying with the 22 caliber rimfire rifle?
2. What are what a misfire, hangfire, and squib fire?
3. What are the 3 basic rules of gun safety

Answers are hidden in the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Book.

## RIFLE SHOOTING MERIT BADGE

Unless a rifle is handled incorrectly or recklessly, it is not dangerous. A rifle, like any other precision instrument, is manufactured to perform a specific task and can do so at no risk to the user or others. By earning this badge, Scouts can develop their shooting skills while learning safe practices.



Rifle Shooting Merit Badge may be earned using BB or pellet air rifles, 22 caliber rimfire rifle, or muzzle loading (black powder) rifle.

## UPCOMING BIG EVENTS

**Youth Expo** on April 17-19 has been an annual fund raiser for Pack 373 for over 10 years where they cook and sell over 1200 tasty sirloin hamburgers over 3 days at the Orange County Fair Grounds. There are many 'regulars' that look for this booth when they come to this event each year. Troop 339 has been helping this pack over the past few years with staffing this event. This years seems to be a bit different due to construction and dust, that food sold needs to be prepackaged. In any case, its a busy and intense 3 days, but the boys love to help with the selling and the serving. It's also a good day for community outreach and recruiting new scout aged members. Volunteers needed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact Bob Stern.

The **Scout-O-Rama** is the trade show of scouting where pack, troops and crews can show their stuff and the public is invited. Booths vary from sports games, shooting, climbing, scout skills demonstrations, dutch oven cooking, and advancement activities. Typically over 30,000 people will visit this 1 day scouting fair. Its a great opportunity for the troop to market to Webelos in local packs, as well as to members of the public looking for a troop to join. Its also a great place for troop leaders and the PLC to see what fun stuff other units are doing that could be brought back as a future troop activity. Volunteers needed for Saturday from 8 AM to 4 pm, setup and take down. Contact Laurel Golden.

## FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife management is the science and art of managing the wildlife—both animals and fish—with which we share our planet. Maintaining the proper balance and the dynamics that go with it requires humankind's attention. We use this stewardship tool to help minimize or eradicate the possibility of extinction of any given species. We want our descendants to have the opportunity to experience the same animal diversity that we now enjoy.



Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley Conservation Committee invites Scouts and Scouters (no siblings please) to a weekend of learning and helping (hands-on) the environment at Schoepe Scout Reservation. The Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge will be offered to Scouts who participate in Fish and Wildlife Management - related work projects and observations. Scouts and adults are asked to help with work projects and fees are minimal to reflect the contribution made to camp. This Merit Badge will give you the opportunity to learn more about the management of fish and wildlife. A qualified professional staff and counselors will be teaching this Merit Badge. This program will do fieldwork, have short lectures, and be doing observations in nature at Lost Valley.

This merit badge weekend is typically held in the spring time, though keep a lookout for a special offering in the fall. The last session was April 3-4, 2009.

## NEXT MONTH

*Camping*