

The Eagle Gazette

COSTA MESA, CA

TROOP 339 "HICKADOOLA"

JUNE 2009

TROOP OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Scout-O-Rama - This year at our booth at Scout-O-Rama we had mouse trap catapults. The booth was very popular and we had many people use it. The system of the booth was that as people came in we explained the rules and gave them the ammo which was Lima beans. the game was to pull back the catapult and shoot tin pie plates. the day was very hot and we were lucky to be under a covering. I think it was a very successful booth.

Mahogany Flats - This month we went to Mahogany Flats at 8000 feet above Death Valley. A few hours into the trip after we left in the morning a car broke down and unfortunately had to be left behind. But we traveled on and soon we arrived after a long car ride. We got out and stretched our legs after an hour of bumpy



road to reach the campsite. It was hard to find flat ground but we managed to put our tents up in relatively good spots. The day wasn't too hot and the night didn't get too cold. We were very fortunate to have such nice weather. On Saturday we started early off to take a hike. We went on our trek but we didn't make it to Telescope peak which was 7 miles one way. We did reach a patch of snow at about 10,000 feet which we got to play in. Also at that stop we could see Mt. Whitney the highest peak and see Badwater the lowest elevation in California at the same time. Our way back which took a third of the time was definitely faster than the way up. After the hike all of the scouts played a few games of capture the flag which was very fun. At night Mrs. Ludlow read us some great campfire stories around the campfire and after that we all went to bed. The next morning it was early up and we all packed up to head home. After a long 5 hour drive we arrived at the church and went home.

Michael H. – Troop Historian

THE BEST OF THINK AND GRIN

Submitted by Alex W., Tucson, Ariz.:

Chris: What do you call a cow with a twitch?

Jow: What?

Chris: Beef jerky!

CALENDAR

Emergency Preparedness

Jun 1	PLC & Parent Meeting, Troop Meeting
Jun 8	Troop Meeting
Jun 15	Food Delivery, Troop Meeting
Jun 22	Troop Meeting
Jun 20-25	NYLT/Trailblazers Youth Leader Training
Jun 29	Troop Meeting
Jun 27-28	Beach Outing – Pt Mugu
July 6	PLC & Parent Meeting, Troop Meeting
Jul 17-19	Camping and Backpacking Trip to Sierras

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Parents, I wanted to let the troop know early about our upcoming events for summer. We have a really strong schedule and it would be awesome if we were able to get great attendance.

June 27-28 will be a camping trip to Pt. Mugu. We'll camp on the beach at the naval station. We've been there a few times in the past and its a great facility for scouts and families. This would be a great trip to bring the entire family.

July 17-19 will be a camping AND backpack trip to the Sierra mountains near Independence. We have camping reservations for (24), but additional sites should be available on a first come basis. This will be another great trip to bring the whole family. Activities will include hiking, fishing, campfires, sleeping under the stars and of course the always popular cooking and eating! I'm looking forward to hiking up to the Palisades Glacier, one of the biggest in the Sierra Nevada range. Depending upon participation and available parents, the more adventurous will go on an overnight backpack trip to a spectacular lake on Saturday night.

As you can see, we have a full schedule this summer BEFORE we go to summer camp. Please check your schedules and make plans to join use if you can! Thanks for all of your help and support!

Submitted by Steve Holmes, Scoutmaster

Hickadoola! Means "Good Camping"

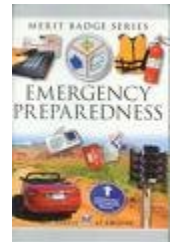
SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the Scout Motto?
2. How big is the Philmont Scout Ranch?
3. Where can you see both the highest and lowest points of the US-48 states at the same time?

Answers are hidden in the articles.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Our Scout motto, "Be Prepared," is never more important than in dealing with emergency situations. The ability to make correct decisions under pressure really tests a Scout. As Scouts progress through the program, they perfect their skills in leadership, the outdoors, and working with people. Emergency preparedness means to Be Prepared in all of these areas.



As a scout, do you have:

- An understanding of basic first-aid techniques?
- A good grasp of the fundamentals for dealing with life-threatening situations?
- Enhanced self-confidence in making decisions?

What If: A Scout patrol is on a campout in a heavily wooded area of a national forest. A severe thunderstorm and flash flood hits the campsite. Both adult leaders are immobilized with broken legs; one is unconscious. Several Scouts have severe cuts. The nearest ranger station is five miles from their campsite. What do you do?

Are you prepared at home and at work? Check out <http://www.ready.gov/> for more info.

UPCOMING BIG EVENTS

Trailblazers / NYLT – this 6 day youth leadership training course is held at the Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley from Jun 20 to Jun 25. Scouts participate in patrols and experience a 5 week life of a troop. Besides the sessions that include leading, learning, communicating, team formation, ethical decisions and conflict resolution, scouts play troop games, plan and hold troop and patrol meetings, conduct daily PLC's, go on a overnight hike, perfect cooking techniques, plan and perform campfires and religious services, and have lots more fun while learning and making new friends. Several participants will return the following year for the staff experience as well. This year, Michael H will be representing the troop and Nic G will be on staff as a Troop Guide. <http://ranchodelmar.ocbsa.org/LostValley>

Emerald Bay Summer Camp. Rugged adventurers can explore Catalina from the heights of it's peaks to the depths of the ocean. Four high adventure programs offer older scouts the challenge and adventure they seek. Explore Emerald Bay with online mapping sites: [33° 28' 08" N, 118° 31' 52" W](http://www.google.com/maps/place/33°28'08\) This year the troop has a contingent of 16 youth going to summer camp and there probably going to get wet!

Philmont Trek - Philmont Scout Ranch, the Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure™ base, challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country. Orange County Council has an allocation of 6 crews per year for treks. Crews of 12 typically have 9-10 youth and 2-3 advisors who try to keep up. This year, Nic G. is joining the Philmont experience with a council crew 2. <http://www.scouting.org/philmont>

QUICK LINKS

National	Council	Other
National Scout Site http://www.scouting.org	Orange County Council http://www.ocbsa.org	Rancho Del Mar District http://ranchodelmar.ocbsa.org
Online Adult Leader Training http://olc.scouting.org/	Adult Leader Training http://training.counciltraining.net/	Florida Sea Base http://www.bsaseabase.org/
What is Scouting? http://www.scoutparents.org/	Newport Sea Base http://www.newportseabase.org	US Scouting Service Project http://www.usscouts.org/
Scout Stuff online catalog http://www.scoutstuff.org/	Outdoor Education Center http://www.outdooreducationcenter.org/	Troop 339 http://troop339.ocbsa.org
Boys Life http://boyslife.org/	Wiatava Lodge (OA) http://www.wiatava.org/	Lost Valley History http://www.ssriv.org
Jamboree 2010 http://www.bsajamboree.org/	Jamboree 2010 http://www.oc2010jamboree.com/	World Jamboree 2011 http://www.worldscoutjamboree.se/

NEXT MONTH

Health Care