

The Eagle Gazette

COSTA MESA, CA

TROOP 339 "HICKADOOLA"

SEPTEMBER 2009

TROOP OUTDOOR PROGRAM



On August 24, the troop did a bike to the beach trip. Many hot dogs and s'mores were cooked around the campfire started from the hot coals less than a few hours old left by the previous group. More than 20 people showed up for the trip. Over half of the group rode their bikes from Moon Park to the beach, a 4.5-mile bike ride.

When everyone had arrived, the fun started. One group decided to go throw a football around while the other stayed near the fire. 43,000. When it got dark, a glow-in-the-dark Frisbee was brought out and thrown around until it was time to go home. Overall, it was a very successful outing.

Phillip M. – Troop Historian

THE BEST OF THINK AND GRIN

A book never written: "Know Your Conscience" by Guy N.D. Head.

Submitted by :Dan Kenny, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

TROOP339.OCBSA.ORG

Catch all the latest on our troop web site. Photos, Calendar and even this newsletter!

At least one adult must have completed Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather training for all tours.

CALENDAR

Ask your SPL

Sep 15	6:15 PLC 7:00 Troop Meeting, Parent Meeting
Sep 19	7:30 Back Bay Cleanup
Sep 21	6:15 Food Delivery – Lost Patrol Troop Meeting
Sep 26-27	Camping at Tahquitz Scout Camp
Sep 28	Court of Honor
Oct 3	Miramar Air Show
Oct 5	6:15 PLC 7:00 Troop Meeting, Parent Meeting

Hickadoola! Means "Good Camping"

MERIT BADGE WEEKENDS

Are you looking for adventure? The following Merit Badges are being offered at Lost Valley this fall:

Oct 9-11	Forestry, Climbing, Astronomy, Aviation
Oct 30 - Nov 4	Shooting sports - Archery, Rifle, Shotgun Project C.O.P.E
Nov 13-15	Soil and Water Conservation
Nov 13-15	Aviation, Shooting Sports - Archery, Rifle, Shotgun (completion)

See the <http://www.OCBSA.ORG> web site for more details.

WHAT IS PROJECT COPE?

COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience): This is a High adventure program that uses team building and communication games and both Low and High Ropes course elements to challenge participants to reach new heights of personal development. To participate on High COPE, Scouts must be at least 13 years of age and demonstrate maturity and ability to follow directions of the COPE team.



Yup – that's Mrs. Gruenbeck at the top of the Philmont COPE Zip Line Challenge in 2006. Think you can handle it?

SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

1. Is Hazardous Weather Training required for adult scout leaders?
2. What is a good position to take in a lightning storm if you don't have shelter?
3. How many scouts and leaders are expected at the 2010 National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, VA?

Answers are hidden in the articles.

NEW RANK REQUIREMENTS – JANUARY 1, 2010

The centennial edition of the Boy Scout Handbook will soon be available, and with the new handbook come several rank requirement changes that will be in effect as of January 1, 2010.

Tenderfoot

- A Scout must teach another person how to tie a square knot using the EDGE model (explain, demonstrate, guide, and enable). He must also be able to discuss four specific examples of how he lived the points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

Second Class

- A Scout must discuss the principles of Leave No Trace and explain the factors to consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.
- He must explain what respect is due the flag of the United States.
- He must again discuss four examples of how he lived four different points of the Scout Law in his daily life.
- He must earn an amount of money agreed upon by the Scout and his parents and save at least 50 percent of it.

First Class

- An additional requirement to the 10 separate troop/patrol activities states he must demonstrate the principles of Leave No Trace on these outings.
- He must discuss four more examples of how he lived the remaining four points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

Life

- A Scout must use the EDGE model to teach a younger Scout a specified skill.

Star, Life, and Eagle

- Troop Webmaster and Leave No Trace trainer are two new leadership positions.

<http://scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/2010RankUpdates.aspx>

By squatting with your feet close together, you have minimal contact with the ground, thus reducing danger from ground currents. *Ref: Guide to Safe Scouting.*

POPCORN

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NEXT MONTH

Ask Your SPL!