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SPL NOTES – A SCOUT IS CLEAN

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is Clean. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean."

There's no way to camp, hike, and play in the outdoors and not get dirty. Getting dirty is half the fun, whether it's tramping down a muddy trail or wiping dust off a sweaty brow. Many honorable jobs also result in a dirty body - farmers, mechanics, miners, and so on. This natural kind of dirt is not the main of this point of the Scout Law, but it still needs to be managed. Scouts can also make a huge impact on the cleanliness of their environment. Our care for the natural world needs to be improved. Scouts that fail to keep their gear clean and dry discover it wears out faster or becomes ruined. Washing and sanitizing hands before cooking ensures a safe meal for everyone. Bathing each day helps remove harmful germs, dirt, and odors from a scout's body. The discipline of daily cleaning demonstrates maturity and responsibility as well as a commitment to the Scout Oath of keeping physically fit. In the same way if we input filthiness into our minds, our minds will also be ruined. It's a simple chore to scrub dirt off skin, but a much more difficult task to clean up filthy thoughts, habits, and behaviors that accumulate in our lives. First a feeling of jealousy or mistrust towards someone, then a derogatory comment about them, and soon a person is a fountain of malice spewing forth filth, vulgarity, and hate. Cleaning up such a mess is nearly impossible, but fortunately takes a long time to develop. By keeping the mind and heart clean and not allowing the emotional grime to settle in, the problem is kept from happening.

An unselfish scout caring for the needs of others out of compassion is one of the most powerful things to clean the heart and mind. Dirty jokes, vulgar comments, racial slurs, ridicule, and swearing are often heard in many situations. They have no place in scouting and no place in a scout's life. Besides choosing to not say those kinds of things, a scout should also make it known that he will not tolerate those things. A single scout will most likely not change the behaviors of a group, but he can make his feelings known and then remove himself from the crowd.

Michael H. – Senior Patrol Leader

Q-TIPS

Help from the quarter-master Q-Corps. At NYLT, a quarter-masters duty is not only organize, clean, and prepare supplies. He also has a duty to make sure the scouts are organized, he must check uniforms when they are needed.

A helpful thing to do when taking a long hike where you may get wet socks is to put some baby (talcum) powder in them this will keep your feet dry and going along for the rest of the day.

CALENDAR

Watersports

June 7	6:30 PLC 7:00 Troop meeting, Parents meeting
June 11-13	Pt Mugu Beach Trip
June 14	7:00 Troop Meeting
June 21	6:15 Food Delivery 7:00 Troop Meeting
June 26 July 1	National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Lost Valley
June 27	Mt Baldy hike
June 28	7:00 Troop Meeting
July 5	6:30 PLC 7:00 Troop meeting, Parents meeting
July 10-11	San Gorgonio Hike
July 12	7:00 Troop Meeting
July 18-24	Camp Whitsett Summer Camp
July 26 Aug 4	Jamboree 2010 Fort AP Hill, VA
Aug 3-9	Mt Whitney Hike

Hickadoola! Means "Good Camping"

TROOP PRORGAM

Last week Troop 339 held its Court of Honor. But, as you remember, this was no ordinary Court of Honor. Why, you might ask? Because, if you weren't there, Mr. Edgerly got his Wood Badge award! All the big shots from the district came to award him this honor. It was pretty cool! After that Mrs. Brenda from the OC Fire Department came to recognize those who participated in the C.E.R.T. training. They got a pin and a card officially saying that they completed the course. It was an exciting night!

Jacob S - Historian

THE BEST OF THINK AND GRIN

A vulture boards an airplane carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion per passenger."

Submitted by Chris M., Hannibal, Mo.

A book never written: "An Incompetent Bullfighter" by Gordon Bluddy.

Submitted by A.J. G., Aransas Pass, Tex.

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Catch all the latest on our troop web site.

SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

Safe Swim Defense

Before a BSA group may engage in swimming activities of any kind, a minimum of one adult leader must complete Safe Swim Defense training, have a commitment card (No. 34243) with them, and agree to use the eight defenses in this plan.

Safety Afloat

Safety Afloat has been developed to promote boating and boating safety and to set standards for safe unit activity afloat. Before a BSA group may engage in an excursion, expedition, or trip on the water (canoe, raft, sailboat, motorboat, rowboat, tube, or other craft), adult leaders for such activity must complete Safety Afloat Training, have a commitment card with them, and be dedicated to full compliance with all nine points of Safety Afloat.

Guide to Safe Scouting – Aquatics Safety - Tow Sports

All participants in towed activity afloat (water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, tubing, etc.) must have successfully completed the BSA swimmer classification test and must wear a life jacket with an impact rating consistent with the activity. Supervision must include both a skilled boat driver currently trained in Safety Afloat and a separate observer. Participants should observe the Water-skiers Safety Code and the Boat Drivers Safety Code found in Aquatics Supervision, No 34346. Use only floats specifically designed for towing that provide secure handholds for each rider.

PASSPORT TO HIGH ADVENTURE



SCOUTING ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND WATER



Northern Tier

Don't miss the boat! One of the most beautiful, and remote parts of North America offers a unique opportunity for Scouts. Canoeing, hiking, fishing, and winter camping in and around the beautiful lakes of northern Minnesota and southern Canada await you at the Northern Tier. <http://www.ntier.org/>

Florida Sea Base

Make a splash! Head to the Florida Keys and dive into an amazing Florida Sea Base adventure and wade into more excitement than you ever thought possible. Snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, and beach camping are among the many possibilities. <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>

Newport Beach Sea Base

The Newport Sea Base has provided quality maritime programs for youth since 1937. With a commitment to developing character, our desire is to inspire a love for the marine environment in the hearts of young people. Fleets of boats include kayaks, canoes, rowboats and over four dozen sailboats. It is also home to the three Sea Scout Ships; Del Mar, Renegades and Triton, as well as the Chapman University Crew Team and Sailing Team and Corona del Mar High School Sailing Team. Located just off of Pacific Coast Hwy, the facility overlooks 400 feet of beautiful Newport Beach waterfront. <http://www.newportseabase.org>

NEXT MONTH

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