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TROOP 339 "HICKADOOLA" EST. 1962

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## TROOP PROGRAM – MT WHITNEY



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## SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Troop 339 has had a busy summer so far in 2010 and its getting more interesting everyday! First off I'd like to congratulate our new Patrol Leader's Council that is headed by Matthew C as Senior Patrol Leader. AJ F will be Matthew's assistant. Our newest patrol leaders are Jacob S and Nic G We've been busy camping at the beach, hiking in preparation for the Whitney Trek, and getting our ducks in a row for summer camp. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

The scouts and parents that are planning on the 6-day trek to the top of Mt. Whitney have had a very busy June and July. On June 27th we day hiked (with full packs) to the top of Mt. Baldy. This hike represented about 10-hours on our feet and 4,000' of elevation gain. On July 9-11 we backpacked in the San Gorgonio wilderness for 3-days and 2- nights. While we were there we gained 5,500' of elevation and topped out at the peak of San Gorgonio! As seasoned hikers we are now more than ready to take on a little old mountain in the Sierra's known as Mt. Whitney. Check back next month to hear how we did!

Steve Holmes, Scoutmaster-Troop 339

## CALENDAR

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Aug 2	6:30 PLC 7:00 Troop meeting, Parents meeting
Aug 3-8	Mt Whitney Hike. <i>(Check Troop Calendar for exact dates)</i>
Aug 9	7:00 Troop Meeting
Aug 16	6:15 Food Delivery – Cobra 7:00 Troop Meeting
Aug 23	7:00 Troop Meeting
Aug 29	God and Life Religious Award Program See back page for more information
Aug 30	7:00 Troop Meeting
Sep 6	Dark – Labor Day
Sep 13	6:30 PLC 7:00 Troop meeting, Parents meeting
Sep 18	Back Bay Cleanup
Sep 20	6:15 Food Delivery – Bison 7:00 Troop Meeting
Sep 27	7:00 Court of Honor
2011	22 <sup>nd</sup> World Jamboree – Sweden
2013	National Jamboree – “The Summit” West Virginia

*Hickadoola! Means “Good Camping”*

## WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Scouting provides opportunities to our boys to explore and experience “Big Ideas” adventures such as climbing the tallest mountains, participating in the biggest camp outs, going to the farthest places on the planet or tackling the toughest hikes.

These activities let the boys test their build confidence in their abilities, challenge themselves and push their limits far beyond what they (or we parents) thought they could ever do.

Sure, our troop advancement and camping program is good. We have dedicated scoutmasters and troop committee members to help make this program happen. We have boys advancing to Eagle on a regular basis. But these are just tools and capabilities in the tool box of life to ready for the boys for the big adventures that await them.

So what's your Big Idea? Let's make it happen.

*Written by Mr. Gruenbeck*

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Catch all the latest on our troop web site.

## SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

**The Orange County 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camporee in 1973 celebrated what anniversary?** *50 years of Orange County Council. What is unusual about this is that Orange County Council started in 1920 and they missed the actual 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**What was the name of Orange County's first summer camp?** *Camp RoKiLi (named for Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions).*

**When and where was the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree held?** *Irvine Ranch 1953 donated 3000 acres in what is now Eastbluff and Fashion Island from the Back Bay to MacArthur Blvd.. Thus Jamboree Road was the entrance road.*

**Factoid:** Orange County had a Cub Scout like program 2 years before the National Cub Scout program was introduced.

**Factoid:** The first Orange County troop was in Anaheim in 1910.

**Factoid:** Orange County had the first vocational Explorer Post in 1950.

**Factoid:** The Newport Sea Base has been in operation since 1937.

**Factoid:** Orange County Council opened Lost Valley in 1963.

**Factoid:** Troop 339 was chartered before 1962 as Troop 039. The troop will be recognized as a 50 Years Veteran Unit in 2012

**Factoid:** At the 1969 Camporee, Troop 339 won the first White Buffalo award ever offered. The Hickadoola cheer was created at the 1969 Camporee when George Pallo Jr. inspired the Troop to victory:

“Hickadoola, Hickadoola sis boom bah. Three three nine, rah rah rah.”



## 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING – ORANGE COUNTY ENCAMPMENT 2010

How do you cap off a 100th anniversary? With a celebration like no other! A celebration so large it's going to run for four days beginning Thursday, November 11th, 2010 through Sunday, November 14th, 2010 at Prado Regional Park.

Planning is well underway to make this a fantastic weekend for all of Orange County's scouts - Tiger Cubs through Venturers.

Planned activities at the event will focus on 100 years of Scouting in the outdoors, with program-specific Action Areas for Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers and Explorers. There will be inter-patrol competitions, camp wide games, special events, displays and exhibits, awesome evening shows, and much, much more!

See yourself following a challenging geo-caching course, climbing and rappelling, working your way across a monkey bridge, fishing, canoeing, and sailing. There will be archery, bb gun, and tomawk ranges. There will be relay races, bikeathons, athletic games, confidence courses, and conservation projects. Explorers and Venturers will experience rifle and shotgun shooting, high COPE, as well as lake front and other activities.

You might want to try your hand at some of the activities in a re-creation of a real 1910 Boy Scout camp, or visit a Native American village and pow-wow staffed by the Order of the Arrow, or walk through an authentic Civil War army camp and interact with the soldiers. The Civil War enthusiasts who inhabit this camp will put on a running show on Saturday afternoon that you will not soon forget.

When you're too tired for more action, stop by the Midway stage take in some live entertainment or visit one of the amateur HAM radio stations to talk with Scouts in other states or countries. Or, just wander the Midway and take in the exhibits and displays, as well as having the opportunity to work on and earn a variety of Merit Badges and Webelos Activity Pins.

There won't be enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that will be waiting for you. Then, the evening arena shows will be a highlight for all participants and visitors.

<http://ocbsa2010.org/>

## REFLECTIONS ON SCOUTING VALUES – A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is obedient. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them."

Obedience and discipline go hand in hand. An obedient Scout is not someone that blindly does what he is told, but he does have the discipline to carry out tasks assigned to him, even if he does not agree with the assignment. Once he has completed his duty, doing his very best, he can then discuss the fairness or appropriateness of the assignment with his leader. Obedience is necessary for a group, such as a patrol, to be effective. The leader should have a picture in his mind of what he wants accomplished and how each task fulfilled will bring that picture together. A scout in the patrol needs to do his duty to support the overall goal, whether he completely understands that goal or not.

Many Scouts are at an age where they are experimenting with independence and that can make being obedient more of a challenge for them. They see being obedient as being weak and subordinate. When directed to do something, they may expend more energy arguing about the task than it would take to just do it. For example, "Why me?", "Why not have Charlie do it?", "Why do you need that done?", "Right now?", and so on. We would rather be independent, and we often interpret independent as meaning free of commitment or responsibility which is an immature interpretation. An independent person still has responsibilities, but he is able to take care of himself as well as make correct choices to honor his commitments.

Actually, an independent person has self-discipline enough to be obedient to his conscience. He obeys his moral and ethical honor and does what he knows is right, not because it is the easiest or most beneficial thing to do, but because his honor insists it be done. A Scout with a strong character, able to put the needs of others before his own and obey his conscience, can usually obey directions from leaders well because of his self-discipline.

In a Scout's family, obedience is a vital trait to develop. In many families, blind obedience is expected of children. Children are told to clean their room, perform household chores, stop fighting, use nice manners, comb their hair, wash their hands, and on and on. A child, learning life skills, needs these directions and reminders and is often too young to understand their significance. A boy of Scout age typically knows how to perform these dozens of daily activities and understands the need to perform them. He should be doing them out of habit without continual direction, which takes responsibility away from him and keeps him a slave of his parents' control. A Scout should be doing these kinds of tasks, as well as following other family rules, not only when he is told to but at all times to make life more pleasant at home. By developing obedience in the family and in Scouting, the Scout is better able to handle the similar requirements of the workplace where orders are routinely given and expected to be completed. In all circumstances, whether family, school, work, or social, the obedient Scout must make sure that obeying a direction is not against his honor. If a boss tells him to cheat a client or a friend tells him to steal, he must compare the order to what he knows is right and wrong and first obey that inner compass.

A Scout is obedient.

Submitted by Michael H. Source [http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/content/scout\\_law-1760.asp](http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/content/scout_law-1760.asp)

**NEXT MONTH**

*Ask Your SPL*



## JAMBOREE 2010 – A SPECIAL REPORT

Well the fantastic event of the 2010 Jamboree has finally come to an end. Nic G. and myself were in Jambo troop 815 for this trip and it was such a blast.

To start off we first left from LAX on the 22nd of July at about 6 A.M. We arrived in the Big Apple, N.Y.C., at 8 o'clock eastern time and from there we went off to our hotel in New Jersey. We went to a large Hilton where at about midnight a troop accidentally set off the fire alarm in this building to which the next sequence of events was complete building evacuation along with not getting to sleep until about 3 A.M. The next few days we visited various places in New York City such as the Empire State building, the Statue of Liberty, going to Ellis Island, Wall Street, Ground Zero, the Brooklyn Bridge, and Grand Central station, along with the classic experiences of riding a crowded subway and a loud crazy Yankee's ball game. Our groggy days in the blistering mucky heat of the city were spent seeing great sights and perilously drinking water which probably was the thing we did most on this trip. On the third night we drove to Pennsylvania, and then after dinner headed to our hotel since it was around 10 P.M. The next day we were able to visit historic and classical places such as Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. After which we went to, one of my favorite places, the United States Mint. After this we went to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, after a tour in one of the most blistering hot days of our trip we went to the District of Columbia. The next morning we were up early and rushing to get as much as we could get done. We went for a tour in Gettysburg and then the Air and Space Smithsonian. Next we visited memorials such as the Vietnam Memorial, the World War II Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.

The next day we headed off to jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, we started setting up camp with occupied our whole day, The next morning we had to do a few finished touches on set up but then we were off to venture out on our own. In the smoldering heat and humidity we trudged around for many days doing countless things, Such as merit badge midways and special events like a repelling tower, scuba, or disabilities awareness.

I walked around the whole entire camp one day, a trek of about 9 miles which was also our hottest day there about 95-98 degrees and 80+ humidity with a heat index (what the temperature feels like because of humidity) of about 110-112 degrees. After sweating in our sleep and drinking a quart every hour for weeks, living in tents and eating camp food for 10 days we finally had the last couples days dawn upon us. We were happy and sad to see them come and go.

After a wonderful closing ceremony and breaking down camp the last night we slept out under the stars with most things packed in the trucks, Though at about 3 A.M. in the morning we had a wonderful awakening by drizzling rain and alarms going over the loud speakers telling our weary ears of the fast approaching class 5 lightning storm. We all bagged our gear in plastic trash bags and then walked to shelter hoping for the best. After a downpour that lasted about 4 hours and a few hundred people sleeping in the trading post the sun started to peak over the trees. I was awake the whole entire time and knew that from this morning today was going to be a *very* long day.

After finishing our last minute packing and sloshing through the mud to find our gear some of which was soaked and others were dry, regardless we threw it into the bus and traveled to Maryland where we took our first flight to Dallas, Texas. After about two hours of delays we finally took off and then landed in Texas as 10:30 our planned flight to LAX already missed we were blessed by one last plane about to leave to go to LAX. The only problem is that they were 15 seats short by the hand of God 15 generous people gave up their seats which allowed our whole troop to travel on the last flight to LAX. Finally we made it home at 2 A.M. Pacific time we arrived in the parking lot of the BSA scout shop. We then made it into our cars and off to home hurriedly to where we could sleep in our own beds for the first time in 16 nights. This was the extent of our great journey to the East coast and the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America!



Top of the Empire State Building, NYC, Michael at Gettysburg, Nic G. at FAO Schwarz trying out a Wave rider board. Photos by Dr Mayhugh  
Article by Michael H. See the Jamboree Troop blog at <http://jamboreetroop815.blogspot.com/> Top photo: Jamboree staff – 70,000 scouts at big arena show