



## Scout-O-Rama

This month's scouting event was the Scout-O-Rama. Yes, the event in which we sell those coupon booklets to acquire entrance tickets. Well, each year our troop tries to run a different event at the booth, and in light of making troop 339 a boy led troop, we made dutch oven dishes. Each patrol was assigned a time where they could come and cook with dutch ovens and hot coals and then give samples of their delectable dishes to people which were passing by. People were surprised that as they passed by our booth, they found new and tasty food each time. This method was an incredible success, in which scouts were able to show their cooking prowess and to represent troop 339.



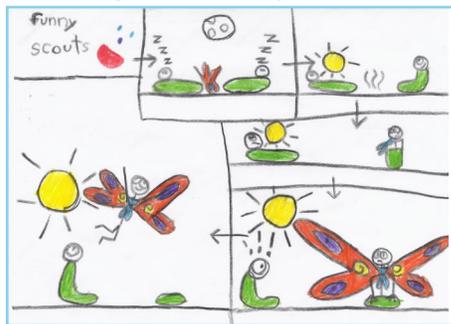
## Troop 339 Calendar

Jun 4	NYLT Downhill
Jun 6	7:00 Troop Meeting 7:00 Parents meeting
Jun 11	339 Shootout
Jun 13	6:15 Food Delivery Panda 7:00 Troop Meeting
Jun 18	Back Bay Kayak
Jun 20	7:00 Troop Meeting Troop PLC Elections
Jun 25-30	NYLT @ Lost Valley
Jun 27	6:15 PLC 7:00 Troop Meeting
Jul 4	Independence Day No Troop Meeting
Jul 9	Sailing
Jul 11	7:00 Troop Meeting 7:00 Parents meeting
Jul 17-23	Summer Camp @ Lost Valley
Jul-Aug	World Jamboree - Sweden

*Scoutmaster's footnote: Wow, what an amazing day. The boys really owned their projects and were fully engaged in prep, cooking and serving their concoctions. So in the end I saw: scramlets, apple cobbler, peach cobbler, chocolate cake, lemon coconut cake, chili, granola crunch, and apple cinnamon crunch. We even had time to foil cook some heads of garlic, yams and even bananas.*

## Cobra Patrol

Our new scout patrol, the Killer King Cobras, have contributed art by Joey M. for the newsletter. I would like to thank them for the addition to this issue. This is the first time that someone has given a piece for the newsletter and I hope that other patrols will follow by this example to add something of their own.



## Rank Advancement Campout

A very important part of scouting is rank advancement, and some scouts can find it difficult to achieve the first few ranks because they everything is new as they begin their scouting career. To assist the younger scouts in reaching their goals of going up in the ranks, Troop 339 held an advancement weekend at Caspers Wilderness Park. Skills included nature plants and animals, fire building, Fire'n Chit, Totin' Chip, planning and cooking meals, camping, knots and lashings.



## Think & Grin

Mike: Why do cemeteries have fences?

Fred: Beats me.

Mike: Because, people are dying to get in.

Michael Beckon, Bayonne, N.J.

## Word of the Month

Physiognomy: the face or appearance.

<http://Troop339.ocbsa.org>

## Map & Compass

As a scout you're going to spend plenty of time on the trail and whether there is a chance that you could get lost or not, it is an invaluable skill to know how to use a compass so that you can find your location and where you are going.



This is a basic boyscout compass, and each scout should have one since it is one of the ten essentials

The way to find direction, is through a bearing. A bearing is a measurement of distance between two points. To find this, place your compass on the map so that the edge of your compass is oriented parallel to a north-south gridline and the center of your compass is on the line between points A and B.

Now rotate the map and compass together until the north arrow on the compass points to 0° on the graduated circle. You can then approximate the bearing you need by estimating where the line between A and B crosses the graduated circle.



A GPS can measure your location anywhere on or near the Earth, where there is an unobstructed line of sight to four or more GPS satellites. They are accurate to about 10 feet.

Trudy McNorth Says:  
The magnetic declination for Orange County is about 13.5 degrees east.

## Scoutmaster's Minute

Summer is a great time for Patrols to have independent patrol meetings and patrol activities. This will take some planning and communication on the part of the Patrol Leader, but it opens the doorway to some real fun and leadership opportunities.

Patrol meetings may be held at any time and place. Patrol meetings should be well-planned and businesslike. Typically, the patrol leader calls the meeting to order, the scribe collects dues (optional), and the assistant patrol leader reports on advancement. The patrol leader should report any information from the latest patrol leaders' council meeting. The bulk of the meeting should be devoted to planning upcoming activities, with specific assignments made to each patrol member.

Most patrol activities take place within the framework of the troop. However, patrols may also conduct day hikes and service projects independent of the troop, as long as they follow two rules:

- 1) The Scoutmaster approves the activity.
- 2) The patrol activity does not interfere with any troop functions

Here is a helpful source for Patrol activities:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/PatrolLeader.aspx>

You can use a patrol meeting to plan a patrol activity. You could go geocaching, visit an amusement, arcade or water park, ride bikes to a pizza or ice cream parlor, work a service project, explore the ENC or Back Bay, work on advancement skills, etc. What's fun for you? Note that the Guide to Safe Scouting has a few excluded activities that covers things like laser-tag (involves shooting at human figures) and go karts (motor vehicles other than a motorboat). Anyway, come up with your ideas and let's talk.



*Yours in Scouting,  
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Hickadoola - Good Camping*

"The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method."  
Robert Baden-Powell