

WHERE EAGLES DARE



Costa Mesa, CA

Boy Scout Troop 339 "Hickadoola" Good Camping Since 1962

March 2012

- Mar 5 7:00 Troop Meeting
7:00 Parents meeting
- Mar 10-11 Eagle Project @ ENC
See Nic G for details
- Mar 12 7:00 Troop Meeting
- Mar 17(18) Eagle Project @ ENC
See Nic G for details
- Mar 18 9:30 Scout Sunday
11:00 Pancake Breakfast
- Mar 19 6:15 Food Delivery Cougars
7:00 Troop Meeting
- Mar 26 6:15 PLC
7:00 Troop Meeting
- Mar 30 Pre-Camporee Campout
Apr 1
- Apr 2 7:00 Troop Meeting
7:00 Parents meeting

Scout Sunday March 18 Pancake Breakfast Service Project



Pre-Camporee Mar 30 - Apr 1

Is your patrol ready to win the White Buffalo? This weekend we'll run through nearly all the camporee events - Scout Knowledge, First Aid, Map and Compass, Pioneering, Cooking, Camping, Team Leadership, Nature and more.

Adventure New Mexico Apr 5 - 11



Visit the ancient pueblo at Bandelier National Monument inhabited around 1150 AD.

Summer Camp Jun 24-30



Camp Whitsett located in the southern High Sierras offers over 20 merit badges as well as numerous high adventure programs including white water rafting and horseback cavalcade style treks. Contact Harold Orlando to sign up now with a \$100 deposit.

2013 National Scout Jamboree
Register Your Interest Today
www.bsajamboree.org

Outdoor Program - Pt Mugu Beach Campout

The Point Mugu campout in Sycamore Canyon had perfect weather and the 6 scouts attending. The scouts got a lot of advancement done in the Tenderfoot and Second class ranks, went geocaching, caught up on sleep, cooked and earned their totin' chip and fire'm chit cards. We could go back here and plan a trip to the tidepools at Leo Carillo State Beach where the camping ticket also works as a day pass.

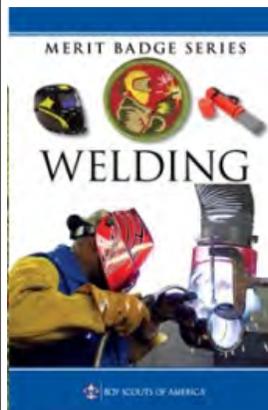
Scouts experiment with a solar still. Photo by Joey



Welcome Jacob Mask who bridged from Pack 711 in January as the newest member of the Pandas and has already been on his first troop campout.

Thanks to Chas and Kendall who represented the troop as Honor Guards at the Friday Night Lights Flag Football opening on March 2nd. For a photo visit the Daily Pilot photo gallery for the event or the troop Facebook page.

New Welding Merit Badge Released on Feb 24th



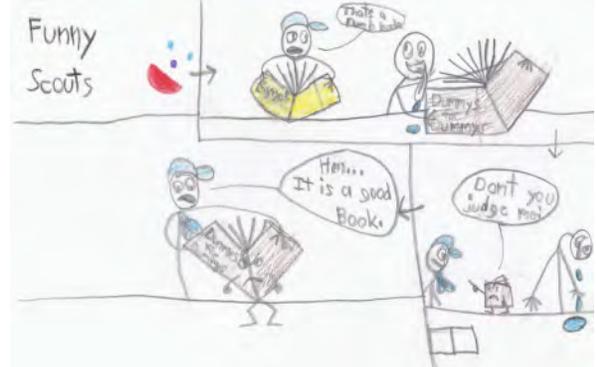
The BSA turned to the American Welding Society to help create a new merit badge that will teach Scouts about a real-world field where demand for workers exceeds supply. The image of Industrial Age welders toiling away in dimly lit factories is long gone. Today's welders must learn cutting-edge technology to create the products we use every day—cars, buildings, bicycles. With America's demand for manufactured goods growing, so too is the need for new talent. By the end of the decade, it's estimated that our country will have a critical need for 200,000 new welders.

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/01/30/welding-merit-badge-requirements-launch-details-released/>

Please see Mr. Edgerly if you can be a counselor for this or another MB.

A Great Book - by Joey

This month Joey's cartoon is about judging a book by its cover. In scouting as in life we encounter a very diverse range of people who may have hidden skills and abilities. Diversity has many forms such as age, culture, language, and some stuff you can't always see or hear. Get to know that book before you judge it - you may be surprised what you will learn.



PLC Notes



Mar 5th
Flags: Wolves
Commissioner uniform inspection, flag etiquette history ceremony

Mar 12th
Flags: Pandas
floating flag pole lashings & knots

Mar 19th
Food Delivery
Flags: Cobras
First aid requirements
Realistic First Aid/Moulage

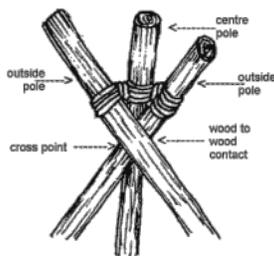
Mar 26th
PLC
Flags: Cougars
Pre camporee planning prep and pack food

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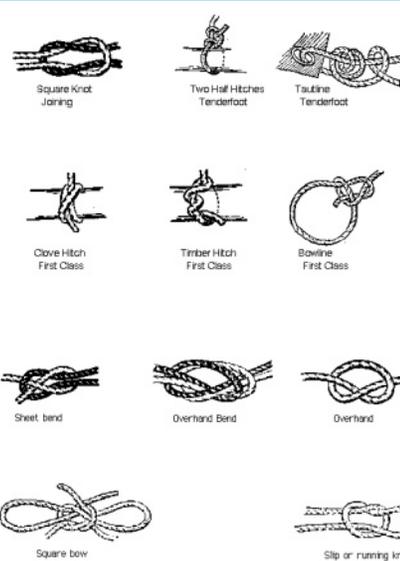
Scout Skills - Knots and Lashings

Lashings are very useful knots to know whether you are setting up a flag pole or tarp shelter, or lashing a load to a pickup truck or car roof top. You can even make some camp gadgets with them like a drying rack, pack lean-up, or a small table or seat. Know your basic 4 lashings: square (left), diagonal (right), sheer (below), round (flagpole).



Here are the 10 knots every scout should know:

- square knot
- sheet bend
- clove hitch
- two half-hitches
- tautline hitch
- bowline
- sheep shank
- fisherman's knot
- timber hitch
- figure eight



images courtesy of wikipedia

The Scoutmaster's Minute - Scouting Spirit

Do you live your daily life by the Scout Oath and Law? Scout spirit is just that. One of the aims of scouting is to foster good character. How we as parents and scout leaders achieve that? What does it look like when scout spirit happens? It may be letting everyone play a game and playing fair to have fun rather than to win no matter what, it may be saying thank you to the clerk at a store or looking for a little fun in every job you have to do or using your boring old cellphone for another year because it still works. It may be telling the truth, even when its difficult or awkward. Perhaps minding your own language and asking your buddies to not use bad language around you. We lead and teach by example. Next month we'll talk about the boys.

Advancement through Outdoor Leadership

The advancement method is nearly as pervasive as the ideals of Scouting. Advancement gives the Scout things to do when they go outdoors, and it gives Patrols something to work together on. Advancement also contributes to a Scout's personal growth, provides opportunities for leadership and adult associations, and a reason to go outside.

Advancement in Scouting is specifically designed to present every boy with a big challenge, broken up into smaller and smaller challenges. A Scout learns to set goals, develop plans for meeting those goals, to motivate himself to do what needs to be done, to always try his best and keep trying, and even that his perception of what he can do is often wrong. The Scout learns about his personal abilities and limitations, and ways to overcome those limitations and take advantage of those abilities.

Doing things outdoors are what Scouting is all about. In the course of doing the things Scouts do, a boy cannot help but go into the outdoors. In fact, it's impossible to properly conduct a Scouting program without going outdoors. As much as possible, and as often as possible, Scouts should get out of buildings. They should follow the dirt trails, camp in the woods, swim in the lake, and all of the other things boys have done for millennia.

A Scout program that doesn't include going into the outdoors is not much of a program. It can't be much fun either. Scouting is not school. We don't learn things in Scouting by sitting in a classroom - we learn them by going out and doing them!

Scouts learn to lead themselves. In Scouting, adults aren't there to lead the youth. They are there to guide the youth through the process of leading themselves. This process begins in the Patrol where Scouts have their first opportunity to choose their own leaders. As the Scout's experience grows, his opportunities for leadership increase.

Leadership in Scouting includes making decisions and guiding the troop and Patrol, planning the program, and conducting meetings. Scouts learn to lead by leading, and they develop leadership skills by learning to follow their chosen leaders.

Advancement Tip: Bring your Scout Handbook to all troop meetings and campouts.

Eagle Projects

Nic Gruenbeck will be holding 2 work weekends in March to build his Eagle project at the Environmental Nature Center. The project is an information kiosk with 16 sq feet of display board in a 10 ft structure made of large timber and red oak display box. Day one is to dig 2 post holes and set the vertical posts into concrete and to build and attach the roof assembly. Day two is to build and mount the display box.



Phillip Mansour is planning his Eagle Project for April. Phillip's project will install a rubber coated metal table and bench at the Mesa Verde Public Library. Build days will include preparing the ground by removing vegetation and installing crushed rock in a bordered area for a wheelchair accessible surface. The benches and table are then added using heavy equipment or lots of scout power. I will need someone to volunteer a car or truck to move a vibratory plate to compact the decomposed granite surfacing material.

Next Month Theme -- Ask Your SPL