

Historic Troop 2



December, 2007

News

EMERALD BAY DEPOSIT DUE!!!

West LA Council has recently confirmed our reservation to attend Camp Emerald Bay, a premier scout camp on Santa Catalina Island

From the Emerald Bay literature http://www.bsa-la.org/camping/eb/emerald_bay.html

26 miles off the Southern California coast, Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, offers an unparalleled location for long-term camping. An ocean voyage from San Pedro, aboard a pirate ship, separates you from adventure. Summer Camp is the enticement of Scouting that appeals to boys, and a week at Camp Emerald Bay is the preeminent experience. Scout Troops come from all over the Western United States to spend a week by her crystal clear waters.



The program, facilities, equipment and staff at Emerald Bay create an environment for Scouts to productively gain new skills, strengthen values and build character. The program has been refined for over 75 years balancing merit badge and rank advancement with seizing all that the unique aquatic location has to share. The facilities have, over the last several years, been brought into the 21st century offering a state-of-the-art marine science center, rifle range, handicraft lodge as well as the premiere waterfront. Ample and well-maintained equipment helps Scouts meet their goals reliably. And the staff is always dedicated to making your one-week of camp last for a lifetime.

The total cost is \$525, including a \$10 for parking / transportation to Long Beach.

In order to secure a spot at Camp Emerald Bay, a **\$100 deposit** is due January 7, 2008.

An additional payment of **\$200** is due March 17.

The final payment of **\$225** is due June 2.

January Outing: Ladder Canyon / Mecca Hills Campout

Our first campout for 2008 will be at Ladder Canyon in the Mecca Hills north of the shores of the Salton Sea.

Hiking in the Mecca Hills is a real treat. The Ladder Canyon trail winds through narrow slot canyons -- several have ladders placed inside so you can climb out and continue hiking to the top.

At the top is a breathtaking 360 degree view for over a hundred miles, including the entire Salton Sea, the Santa Rosa mountains, the Coachella Valley and Mt. San Gorgonio.

We will also be able to search for a geocache, take a night hike, star-gaze, and practice Leave No Trace techniques.

The campout will be January - . The camping is near the parking, but there are no restrooms and there is no water available.

The 5 mile access road is a rough dirt road with a few curves that have deep sand. Four wheel drive is recommended but 2 wheel drive vehicles usually don't have trouble. A \$5 fee will be collected for all non-drivers to help cover gas costs.



UPCOMING EVENTS

First Troop Meeting in 2008	Mon. January 7
Fellowship Baptist Church.	7 p.m.
Painted Canyon Campout	Sat. Jan. 12 - Sun. Jan. 13
Winter Campout	Sat. Feb. 9 - Sun. Feb. 10
Eagle Court of Honor - Justin Romero	Friday, Feb. 29
Shootout Campout	Friday March 7 - Sunday March 9
Mt. Rubidoux clean up and trail lighting	Saturday, March 22 and Sun- day, March 23
Troop Election	Monday, March 24
Court of Honor	Monday, March 31

We will have a place for your space stuff!

Troop Rummage Sale and Car Wash coming in March!



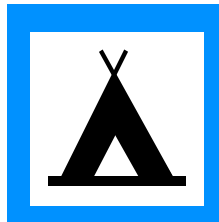
OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS.....

CAMP EMERSON

We are reserving a campsite for scouts who wish to make Camp Emerson their summer camp for 2008. The camp session will be Sunday, July 13 through Saturday, July 19.

The fee will be \$260. The payment schedule:

- \$ 50 due February 4
- \$100 due March 17
- \$110 due April 28



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR:

First of all, I would like to wish all our Troop 2 families a happy and healthy holiday season. While most schools are open through this week, hopefully everyone will enjoy the time after New Years to relax and recharge.

Second of all, I would to thank some people who have been making important contributions to the troop.

Karen Burleson took on the big chore of coordinating the popcorn sale and ended up managing one of the biggest fundraiser totals we have had in years.

Angie Fawson handed over the Advancement Chair to **Cheryl Lannon** this fall. Organizing Boards of Review, managing advancement records, and preparing for the Courts of Honor is a very time consuming job, particularly in a large troop and Angie did great work. Cheryl is going to manage Troop Advancement while at the same time serving as District Advancement chair.

And thanks to Treasurer **Larry Junker** and his support team -- **Melba Junker** and **Val Sharifi-Tabesh**. There is a significant cash flow every meeting with camping fees, fundraisers, rechartering, etc. and they are handling it extremely well.

And, as always, thanks to **Joyce Hite-Burnett** for all the work keeping our troop records up to date. It's a behind-the-scenes job, but it's extremely helpful for leaders and scouts to have accurate info available for the asking. And to **Jan Nothnagel** for continuing to do a great job transcribing our wide-ranging committee conversations into official minutes.

Even with all this help, there are still some key openings on our troop committee. We could really use someone to act as Outings Chair -- to help set up trips, including tour permits, permission slips, etc. And also we need a Property Master -- an adult who works with the troop quartermaster to keep our property inventoried and kept up.

If you are interested in helping out, please let me know!

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DEEP SEA FISHING -- DAY TRIP



The troop is looking for an adult or adults who are willing to plan a deep sea fishing day trip. The trip would be on a Saturday or Sunday in June or July.

In past years, scouts, family, and friends have been invited and the event has been one of the most popular events of the year.

If you are willing to help out with planning the logistics, please let Mr. Wohlgemuth or Mr. Wellenkamp know as soon as possible!

BACKPACKING TRIP

Mr. Wellenkamp is planning to lead a **backpacking trip** to Pear and Emerald Lakes in the High Sierra July 12 - 16. The trek will start at the Wolverton trailhead in Sequoia National Park and will include 3 nights of camping in the high country. It should be a great trip for both beginning and experienced backpackers.

Sign ups will begin on January 7 and close on January 28. There will be a series of training hikes for younger scouts who sign up to ensure everyone will be ready in July.



EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR - Justin Romero's Court of Honor will be held at the Joint Powers boardroom on the March Air Reserve Base at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 29.

