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Adult Committee Meetings

First Thursday of the Month at 7:30 starting September 3rd. Directions, call Rick Prime. All adults welcome.

Troop Meetings for 2009-2010

The first meeting is Tuesday, September 8th as follows:
 7:00 Colors
 7:10 Scout Program
 7:30 Patrol Meeting Time
 7:45 Games
 8:00 Closing Ceremony
 8:15 to 8:30 Leadership Meeting

Mandatory Parent Meeting

September 8, 7:00-8:00 in the Band room during regular scout meeting.

- ✓ Orientation
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Collection of Information
 - Parent/Guardian
 - Medical
 - Transportation
 - Dues

Troop Outing

September 19-20
 ▪ Salt Point State Park

Board of Review

September 29

Upcoming Events for October

October 1, Adult Committee Meeting
 October 9-11, Pinnacles Nat'l Mon't
 October 20, Fall Court of Honor

- 6:00 Set up
- 6:30 Dinner
- 8:30 Program Ends

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The Scoutmaster's Moment

I became the new scoutmaster in June after former Scoutmaster Stephen Will was transferred to Switzerland for work. I think I was chosen because of my zeal for helping the younger scouts and, as Stephen pointed out, because I organized a tri-tip steak dinner for the troop during our last Pinnacles National Park outing. I became enthusiastic about the Boy Scouts and Troop 202 when my son joined in 2008. I observed boys from all backgrounds finding a second home in Troop 202 and, in some cases, making Eagle and receiving scholarships to college. This is clearly a credit to the character of the boys and the strong parent involvement. This latter point is evident in the great adult leaders we have, many who remain with the troop long after their son has moved on.

I am excited about the new year because of the great outings the older boys selected, the addition of eight new scouts, and the two Eagle projects we have underway. We have our favorite outings like Pinnacles and Yosemite, and added some new ones like Big Basin Redwoods in November, and climbing Mt. Shasta in June. Mr. Kelley, our Eagle advisor, will be busy with two Eagle candidates this year, Jacob Hseih and Adrian Will-Orego. For those of you who are new to the troop, Mr. Kelley was Troop 202's scoutmaster for about 10 years prior to Mr. Will's departure.

Reflecting the growth of our boys and the departure of our seniors to college, our older scouts have reorganized the troop. It is lead by Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) Jacob Hseih and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) Adrian Will-Orrego. They have a staff consisting of two quartermasters (Andrew Will-Orrego, Aaron Lee), and three troop guides (Spencer Wright, Diego Rocha and Zane Samuel). The patrol leaders will be Jamie Mitchell, Baxter Schumacher and David Murphy. We also have assistant patrol leaders, den leaders and a bugler, to name a few other positions. It sounds like an army, but our troop is growing and we have some big expeditions to plan for this year!

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SF Bay Area Council

September 16, 7pm

- Merit Badge Counselor Training (Tres Ranchos)

Contact Marcus Krause at
Marcusk726@comcast.net

September 17, 26, 27

- Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Tres Ranchos)

September 23, 7pm

- Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, Session I

September 30, 7pm

- Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, Session II

Upcoming Events for October

October 7, 7pm

- Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, Session III

October 21, 7pm

- Merit Badge Counselor Training (Tres Ranchos)

October 20, 5pm

- Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Peralta)

SF BAY AREA COUNCILFrom the SF Bay Area Council Website (www.sfbac.org):**COUNCIL CALENDAR - NOTE CHANGE**

The 2009-2010 Council Calendar is now available through the Calendar link at www.sfbac.org and will always have the most current calendar data available. A hard copy of the 2009-2010 Council Calendar is available through

Resources/Forms/Council Calendar.

This copy will not be updated but is available for your use.

Some Council Calendars were distributed prior to the Council finalizing and approving some major dates and events. We apologize for the confusion.

Changes to MyScouting & Scouting.Org

There are changes to how to log into MyScouting and Scouting.Org (the National Organizations website). Login's will now be by user name, which allows stronger security standards to protect the member and volunteer data and is currently the industry standard for login names. The "email address to user name" change will happen the first time someone with a MyScouting account logs into MyScouting. After that the user will log in with the new user name and continue into the system as normal.

TROOP NEWS**Board of Review**

Troop 202 has changed the way that Boards of Review are scheduled in the coming year.

Monthly boards of review have been scheduled for the last troop meeting of each month and are now listed on the calendar on the troop website (www.troop-202.net).

It is the responsibility of scouts that have become eligible to advance to schedule a Scoutmaster's conference and board of review (preferably on different days). Scheduling a Board of Review will be a topic of discussion during the Scoutmaster's conference.

Since it will be known in advance of the scheduled board of reviews which scouts are expecting to have a board of review at that meeting, a time schedule can be made in advance, and we can ensure that we have enough adult leaders to conduct the boards of review.

Scouts that successfully complete their Board of Review will receive some form of recognition at that meeting.

In addition to the last troop meeting of the month, October 13th is listed on the calendar for boards of review.
-TJ Merritt

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The Troop website has been updated and in addition to photos of Scouts and commentary, you will find the following items:

- Click on "Information" and find Forms (print and complete forms at home where you have the info handy – return the completed forms to the Troop!)
- Click on "Calendar" and get the latest Troop Calendar.
 - 3, 6, and 12 month formats!

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BOY SCOUT LEADERSHIP	
Jacob Hsieh	Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)
Adrian Will-Orrego	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)
Aaron Lee	Quartermaster
Andrew Will-Orrego	Quartermaster
Diego Rocha	Troop Guide and Historian
Zane Samuel	Troop Guide and Scribe
Spencer Wright	Troop Guide and Librarian
Jamie Mitchell	Patrol Leader
Baxter Schumacher	Patrol Leader
David Murphy	Patrol Leader
Jonathan Kim	Asst. Patrol Leader
Jacob Loo	Asst. Patrol Leader and Buglar
Will Tomalstoff	Asst. Patrol Leader

ADULT LEADERSHIP		
	UNIFORMED LEADERSHIP	TELEPHONE
SCOUTMASTER	Rick Prime	339-7079
ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS	Ed Barnes	568-7639
	John Brockett	482-5617
	Art Hsieh	601-9774
	Ve Hsieh	601-9774
	John McBeth	925-932-3261
	David Mitchell	547-1575
	Janice Orrego	339-7079
	John Slama	658-8562
SCOUTMASTER EMERITUS	Jeff Kelley	530-3225
	Stephen Will	339-7079
VOLUNTEERS		
ADULT COMMITTEE CHAIR	Ed Barnes	652-1835
ADVANCEMENT DOCUMENTATION	Tim Murphy	420-8976
	John McBeth	925-932-3261
EAGLE ADVISOR	Jeff Kelley	530-3225
FOOD COORDINATORS	Denise Wright	835-3837
	Ve Hsieh	601-9774
HANDBOOK COMMITTEE	Doug Kim	339-6060
	TJ Merritt	653-3530
HIGH ADVENTURE ACTIVITY	Ed Barnes	568-7639
	Rick Prime	339-7079
HOSPITALITY	Leah Maddock	452-8879

VOLUNTEERS (cont.)		
MERIT BADGE COORDINATOR	Gil Rocha	925-957-9248
	TJ Merritt	653-3530
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Gil Rocha	925-957-9248
RECRUITMENT LIASONS		
PACK 202	Denise Wright	835-3837
PACK 274	TJ Merritt	653-3530
PACK 295	Jeff Buckwalter	
PACK 296	TBA	
SCOUT TO FIRST-CLASS COORDINATOR	Patrick Zak	655-4974
	TJ Merritt	653-3530
OUTINGS COORDINATORS	Janice Orrego	339-7079
	Jennifer Oberholzer	773-0181
SCOUTING FOR FOOD	TBA	
SERVICE PROJECTS	TBA	
SUMMER CAMP ORGANIZERS	Jennifer Oberholzer	773-0181
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATORS	Janice Orrego	339-7079
	Jennifer Oberholzer	773-0181
TREASURER	Art Hsieh	601-9774
TRIP PERMIT COORDINATOR	Linda Cha	533-3913
	TJ Merritt	653-3530
	John Brockett	482-5617

Wente Scout Reservation – Summer Camp

June 28 to July 4

Camp Wente is a weeklong Boy Scout camp alongside Lake Wente north of Ukiah, CA. It is attended by nearly the entire troop because it is a lot of fun and full of advancement opportunities. Approximately 20 Boy Scout troops are there during the same week as Troop 202. I am particularly proud of our boys this year. Four boys in our troop completed the mile swim patch -- more than any troop except for a Santa Clara Troop which had 5 boys get the mile patch out of a troop of 70 scouts. Troop 202 also placed second in the Wente Decathlon, a multiple sport relay race. This was partly due to including all the younger scouts who sprinted in smaller relays past larger scouts huffing up the hills. A few of our boys completed up to five merit badges. Cumulatively, our troop completed 82 merit badges in many challenging areas

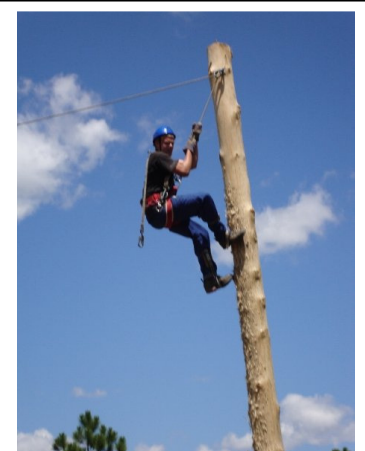
This year, we were situated in Sky Camp, which was located in the woods up a significant hill. This gave us a great setting for our nightly camp fires. The troop ate all meals in the cafeteria every day, except for one night where the boys prepared foil chicken and vegetable dinners at our campsite, followed by root beer floats for dessert. We reserved the Rifle range for an hour long troop shoot. The boys complained about the long hill up to our Sky Camp all week, until they voted to return to it next year at our last camp fire ceremony because it became our secluded spot in the woods!

-Rick Prime



Philmont Scout Ranch - July 2009

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today—rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting—in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving outdoor fun.



Philmont Experience - Philmont Crew 71702

July 16th to July 30

July 16th, 2009, Troop 202 flew out of Oakland for Albuquerque and then drove to Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico. Two crews sharing a feeling of anxiety and excitement as the cars pull into base camp, I myself not sure if I should feel either, as I begin my own personal adventure at Philmont as a Crew Chief. The next day was one of the busiest of my life. Preparing my crew to leave on a twelve-day trek takes an entire day of logistics and other preparation measures. In the early morning we met our crew's ranger, Logan Fritz. Logan was a very funny and well taught ranger who's job was to accompany our crew for the first two days of the trek, teaching us skills to help us on our hike in the wilderness and to help bring us together as a single crew.

After an entire day of collecting gear, checking camping equipment, and mental preparation, crew 71702 was finally ready to hit the trail. I had heard that the first day was the day that a crew found its pace and its general chemistry for the entire trek, honestly the first day had made me very nervous. Two hours into the trek, one of the adults in the crew had tightness in his chest; many of us had feared the worst and quickly took gear from him and rested until we felt confident that the medical situation had been resolved. Two hours later when we had reached our first campsite, another adult suffered from dehydration and had vomited on the trail. After two medical emergencies in one day, I began to fear that the crew would begin to lose members as the trek went on.

As more days passed, crew 71702 became stronger and more united as a crew. I was getting tips from older members of the crew and worked on being a better crew chief. The only time I felt I had failed my crew was on the seventh day of our trek. We had completed a very long

day of hiking to come to our campsite that we had to do our conservation project at. We arrived on time to do the project on the same day that we had gotten there. Expecting partake in rigorous manual labor, I had dressed in shorts and a short sleeve shirt. Close to five minutes into the project it began to hail paintball size chunks of ice. Expecting the hail to clear within several minutes we waited under trees getting very wet and cold. After about fifteen or twenty minutes, the conservation leader called off the project and told every one to go back to a covered area back at camp. So not thinking to grab my crew, I picked up the closest wheelbarrow and ran back to camp, leaving my crew at the work site. Afterwards, I had contracted hypothermia and had to be dried and warmed in my tent. I then received a good long talk from my adult leader on how as the crew chief; I shouldn't leave my crew in the rain. That

day I learned what it really meant to act like a leader of a crew; I was to look after everyone and not just myself.

By the time the crew was hiking down the tooth of time ridge, we were a well-oiled machine that was ready to take on any challenge. Many say that you're never ready for Philmont till you finish your trek, and I found that to be very true. I feel that every one of my crewmembers, including the adults, were able to take very valuable lessons from their time at Philmont. Every one of us had somehow been changed into a more mature and understanding individual from spending twelve days in the heat, dirt, hail, and rain of the Philmont Scout Ranch.

-Jacob Hsieh



Brownsea-NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training)**June 14-20**

The Brownsea-NYLT course is a high-energy week of Scouting skills, advanced leadership training, team building and fun all mixed together.



For six days at the camp that we normally know as Camp Wente, Diego and I were enrolled in the leadership-training program, Brownsea. Every day, we were taught a new method of leading a group, including ways to resolve conflicts (E.xpress the issue A.ddress the problem, R.esolve it or E.A.R.), to the stages of team forming (Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing). With every day that passed, we began to understand what good leadership was, and how to become a better team with our troop mates.

Besides learning about being leaders, spirit was also a big part of Brownsea. To pass time while waiting for meals or to impress the staff, we were encouraged to yell cheers and songs. At first, most of us were hesitant to be spirited for fear of looking uncool. But as time went on, the cheers became a fundamental part of the camp, and I hope that Diego and I can bring some of that spirit to Troop 202.

Our leadership and teamwork was put to the test during the camp-wide Project, a giant, complex pioneering construction structure. Every troop was responsible for one quarter of the structure, a square shaped elevated bridge. Each troop elected a Project Manager to oversee his troop's portion, and teams were made to work together to complete the project.

I think that my experience at Brownsea has definitely made me a better leader. I now know how a leader should act and what measures he should take to ensure the betterment and happiness of his troop and patrol. Brownsea was an extremely rewarding experience, and I encourage other members of the troop to sign up.

—David Murphy

Brownsea-NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) (Cont)

June 14-20

I spent 6 days at the Wente Scout Reservation but I wasn't there for summer camp. I was there to attend the Brownsea leadership training course. David Murphy and I were the only representatives from Troop 202 in the Brownsea program this year. We left one early Sunday morning from SF Bay Area Council headquarter in San Leandro on a bus loaded with Boy Scouts from all over the East Bay. Unfortunately David and I were split up because we belonged in the same troop. Since I do not wish to ruin the Brownsea experience for any scouts who wish to go next year I will not speak of all of the moments that made Brownsea memorable, but I can give a basic overview of what I learned and achieved. When we arrived at Wente we were assigned troops and patrols, I was a member of the Green troop and my patrol was the Bulls. Some other troops were Blue troop, Gold Troop, and Red Troop but Green troop is better then all of them. Then for the rest of the week I was to work with my patrol and accomplish goals which could range from competing in a game or simply preparing dinner. But there were serious times during Brownsea when we attended classes that taught us leadership skills. Some examples are speaking with adults and solving conflicts in the troop. We were taught by the Brownsea staff which was made up of Boy Scouts and adult leaders. One achievement of mine was that I was elected patrol leader by my peers when we had to build a huge fort out of lashings (oops, shouldn't have told you that!) In summary in that week at Brownsea I learned a lot about myself, I learned what I was good at and what I needed to improve on. I can't explain the entire Brownsea experience in writing so for the scouts who are thirteen I strongly recommend attending Brownsea to become a better scout and a better person.

- Diego Rocha



Calendar of Events

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SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
Date	Event	Date	Event	Date	Event
8	Mandatory Parent Meeting	1	Adult Committee Meeting	5	Adult Committee Meeting
19	Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salt Point State Park 	9-11	Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pinnacles National Monument 	14	Scouting for Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ (Drop-off) Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Basin Redwoods State Park
		20	Fall Court of Honor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 6pm Set-up ✓ 6:30 Dinner ✓ 7:15 Program Begins ✓ 8:30 Program Ends 	21	Scout for Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ (Pick-up)
				24	No Meeting (School Closed)
DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Date	Event	Date	Event	Date	Event
3	Adult Committee Meeting	2	Eagle Court of Honor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 12pm Set-up ✓ 3:00 Program Begins Reception Immediately Following	4	Adult Committee Meeting
5-6	Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hawk Ridge– Lake Chabot Regional Park 	5	First 2010 Troop Meeting	16	Spring Court of Honor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 6pm Set-up ✓ 6:30 Dinner ✓ 7:15 Program Begins ✓ 8:30 Program Ends
22	No Meeting (Winter Recess)	7	Adult Committee Meeting	20	Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TBD
29	No Meeting (Winter Recess)	23-24	Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Point Montara Lighthouse 		
MARCH		APRIL		MAY	
Date	Event	Date	Event	Date	Event
4	Adult Committee Meeting	1	Adult Committee Meeting	1	Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Point Reyes National Seashore
23	Basketball begins (6:30pm)	9-11	Yosemite National Park	6	Adult Committee Meeting
27	Troop Outing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Los Mochos Scout Reservation 				
JUNE					
Date	Event				
3	Adult Committee Meeting				
8	Spring Court of Honor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 6pm Set-up ✓ 6:30 Dinner ✓ 7:15 Program Begins ✓ 8:30 Program Ends 				
15	Last Spring Meeting				
27	Boy Scout Summer Camp -Wente Scout Reservation (July 4 - July 10)				