



APRIL - JUNE 2010

Issue 5

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IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2010

- 20 Troop Meeting
 - 6:00 Montclair Restaurant Walk
 - 6:30 Physical Fitness MB (for Scouts that have started the MB)
- 24 Troop Outing
 - Redwood Park (8:30 am)
 - 10 mile hike
 - Hiking Merit Badge
- 27 Troop Meeting
 - 6:30 pm Physical Fitness MB

MAY 2010

- 1 Troop Outing (backpack)
 - Big Basin Redwoods SP
- 4 Troop Meeting
 - 6:30 pm Physical Fitness MB
- 5 Adult Committee Meeting
 - 7:30 pm
- 8 Troop Outing
 - TBD
 - 10 mile hike
 - Hiking Merit Badge
- 11 Troop Meeting
 - 6:30 pm Physical Fitness MB
- 18 Troop Meeting
 - 6:30 pm Physical Fitness MB
- 22 Troop Outing
 - 20 mile hike
 - Hiking Merit Badge
- 25 Troop Meeting
 - 6:30 pm Physical Fitness MB
 - 7:00 pm Wentle Parent Meeting

JUNE 2010

- 1 Troop Meeting - Court of Honor
 - 6:00 pm Setup
 - 6:30 pm Dinner
 - 7:15 pm Program Begins
 - 8:30 pm Program Ends
- 2 Adult Committee Meeting
 - 7:30 pm
- 8 Last Spring Troop Meeting
 - 6:30 pm Basketball
- 15 Mt. Shasta Climb Prep Meeting
 - 7:00 pm
- 17-20 Mt. Shasta Outing

The Scoutmaster's Moment

As winter has begun to blossom into spring, Troop 202 has been going through its own evolution. While we are going through our own change of season, we are maintaining our troop traditions. We've added new members, completed some really different outings and finished an Eagle project. But we are a young troop. With only two seniors boys a few years younger are assuming leadership roles at younger ranks. This is a new development compared to past years, but one we are ready, and of course, prepared, to embrace.

AD's Eagle Project a Success

This April's Eagle project was well attended and finished ahead of schedule. Adrian ("AD") Will Orrego's Eagle project was building a sign and turn style system in three interconnecting trails in Redwood Park to keep mountain bikes out of an area designated for horses and hikers. The turnout of our younger and older Scouts was outstanding. There were many adults helping out who are new to the troop as well as some whose sons have graduated from the troop. This is all a testament to the good will AD has accumulated over the years and the character the boys we have. Even our former Scottish Scoutmaster was there (of course he is also AD's dad)! I am blessed with many experienced adult leaders, and this is especially true with our Eagle advisors Mr. Kelley and Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Breska, our Eagle project manager. Completing this service project was a exhausting, but gratifying, particularly since it has been about a year since our last Eagle project.

The outings this spring have been adventuresome and fun: Point Bonita Light House Youth Hostel, snow camping in the Sierras, San Francisco urban campout in an empty office building, climbing the Yosemite Fall's trail and backpacking in Big Basin. I think I am the only person in Oakland who knows a few boys who prefer sleeping in a snow cave or a ground cloth under the stars to a house! I like to tell our boys the only limitation on the outings is their imagination and this has certainly proved true this spring!

I have seen continuous improvement in our leadership at all ranks. I am pleased to see Jacob Hseih, our former Senior Patrol Leader ("SPL") showing his relaxed presence on recent outings and the recent Eagle project. AD Will-Orrego, our current SPL, has persevered through some challenging outings and has learned to delegate with increasing efficiency. Spencer and Diego, our new assistant senior patrol leaders ("ASPL") have shown they are ready to assume the mantle of leadership by successfully running recent outings. Our troop guides, quartermasters, patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders have kept our growing army organized. An army lives on its stomach, and our patrols have exceeded my expectations with their cooking.

In an age of complexity and cynicism, it is a testament to our parents and boys that our troop, which is dedicated to making better men out of our sons by teaching leadership and life skills, is growing. We have grown to 34 Scouts and are anticipating another influx in June. I attribute this to the positive example set by our older boys including looking out for the younger Scouts. It is also a testament to the volunteer adult leaders who help out, including those who have only recently joined the troop. We make mistakes and have our unscripted moments and dramas -- we would not be improving if we did not take some risks. The result is not so important as the effort because if we do our best we will get the best result over time. And I couldn't ask for more.

-Rick Prime

Snow Camping – Bear Valley Area

February 27-28, 2010

The Boy Scouts of Troop 202 had to wake up early in order to go on this outing so they met at the Montclair teacher's parking lot at 6:00 in the morning. We then met up with the other troop that we were camping with. We all got into cars and began the long 4 hour drive to the camp site. We first stopped at a small town named Arnold just before our campsite to eat lunch and wait for more Scouts and adults. Then from Arnold we went to the trail head and unpacked our gear and everyone got their gear situated, put on their snow shoes and began hiking to the campsite. It wasn't a smooth hike to the campsite, it was snowing during the hike, many of the scouts had the wrong size snow shoes so this created problems, but the scouts persevered and made it to the campsite. At the campsite some boys began building snow caves and setting up tents. Once the tents and snow caves were set up it was getting dark so the Patrol Leaders had to take charge and get dinner going. At this time the leadership was going around to each Patrol making sure their food was good and checking in with Patrols to see if they needed help. Jonathon K. and Jacob L. did a good job as acting Patrol Leaders. After dinner, some boys had to go to bed because they were cold and the ones that were still standing went to the adult campsite for Thorns and Roses. It was a good camp fire provided by the other troop that kept everyone warm.

The next day we woke up early and made breakfast, since the boys had worked so hard the day before the leadership

decided to let the boys play in the snow for an extra hour. Both troops went sledding and joined together for a huge snowball fight. When the fun was over, the scouts packed up their gear and got ready to hike back to the cars. The hike out of our campsite wasn't as hard as the hike going to the site. When we got the gear packed into every car, the drivers decided to drive to a burger place in Arnold. This was our last stop before going home. We all enjoyed dining on our burgers and milkshakes but finally it was time to go home. Diego R.

Boy Scout Motto

Be Prepared!

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to -

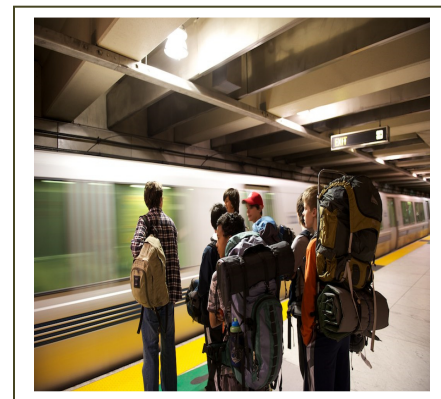
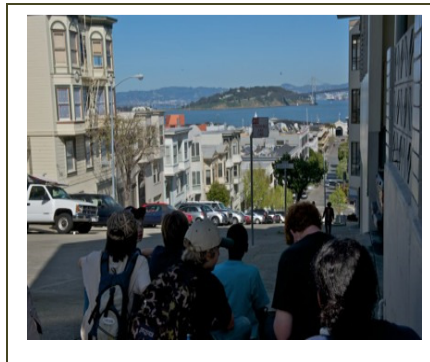
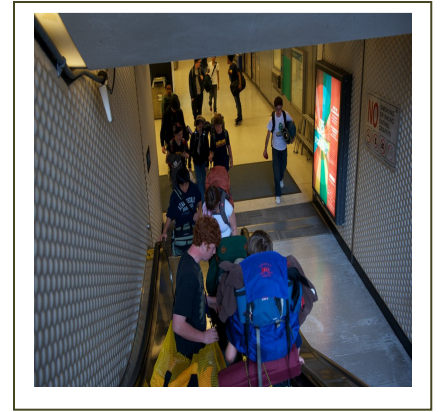
- Be clean in my outdoor manners
- Be careful with fire
- Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- Be conservation minded.

Urban Outing – San Francisco

March 27-28

It was a very new style of camping for Troop 202 this weekend. After an intense snow camping trip, a relaxing camp out in an empty office floor in San Francisco was just what the doctor ordered. The Troop 202 Boy Scouts met at Rockridge BART in Class B uniforms at 1pm on a Saturday afternoon. Once in the City (Montgomery St.) we walked a few blocks from the BART station to the office building that is usually used for CPR training. Everyone dropped off their gear and got their urban hiking gear out. When everyone was ready the urban hike began. We walked through San Francisco in two separate patrols. First we walked down to the ferry building and walked around the pier and then up the 300 steps to Coit Tower. Next was a down hill hike to Lombard Street, then up to the top of the windy road. From Lombard Street we hiked to Union Square. After Union Square it was a short walk to the office building in total it was a 5 mile urban hike. The Patrol Leaders then took charge and got dinner ready for their Patrols as the leadership watched. After dinner kids then hung out and learned how to play poker from Mr. Barnes. But everyone was excited for the movie (Transformers) so Mr. Prime got it started. During the movie the leadership had a major discussion about this year's upcoming High Adventure. Once the movie was over the Troop came together for a Thorns and Roses.

Then the next day the troop woke up early so other people could use the office building. A quick breakfast and clean up allowed us to get on BART and return to Oakland by 8:30am. The outing to San Francisco was a huge success and everyone had a good time. -Diego R.



Yosemite National Park

April 9 -11

The Yosemite outing this year was overall a breathtaking, magnificent, memorable trip. We left from the Monclair teacher's parking lot early Friday morning and proceeded to our Valley Floor campsite, which had a spectacular view of Half Dome and the various mountains and peaks surrounding it. After cooking dinner, we retired to our tents and got prepared for the hike we would go on the following day. We had a 7am wake up on Saturday morning; we cooked breakfast, prepared our day packs and lunches, and then caught the Yosemite bus to the "Yosemite Falls" trailhead. We arrived at the trailhead around 10:30am hiked for about an hour and a half before we reached the bottom of Yosemite Falls where we stopped to take pictures of the wonderful views of Half Dome, the falls, and to eat lunch. After a nice lunch and long enough break, we proceeded to follow our goal of reaching the top of Yosemite Falls. We started the second part of our hike around 12:45 and expected to arrive at the top of Yosemite falls around 3pm. The trail was rigorous and as we neared the top we encountered a major altitude change, about 3 feet of snow, and a slippery, steep trail. We beat our goal by about 20minutes and got everyone to the top of Yosemite Falls by 2:40pm. We set up a water filter at a nearby stream and refilled water bottles, and took about a 15minute break at the top of the falls mesmerized by the spectacular view. The trip down the mountain was faster for most of us, but was also very difficult for others. However we all made it down safely and overall had an amazing day, and a wonderful hiking experience. The next day we had an early wake up at around 6am, we then packed up camp and headed out by about 9am. The trip was memorable for everyone and definitely a troop favorite. -Zane S.



Boy Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily!

Big Basin Redwoods State Park

May 1-2

Troop 202 assembled once again at the Montclair teachers' parking lot for the last time before summer to go on the Big Basin backpacking trip. We had 17 scouts attend the outing. The troop left the parking lot at 10:30 am in cars bound for Big Basin, California's oldest state park. When every car had arrived at the headquarters, the boys ate lunch and prepared themselves for the 5.5 mile hike, which is a lot for scouts of all ages.

We had reservations to sleep at Sunset Camp and our hike started on Sunset Trail. The trail was a little muddy at times and we had to crawl under several very

big trees that had fallen across the trail, but the troop was successful in making it to the campsite before sundown. Once at camp the Patrol Leaders took control, assigned duties and we began cooking. Dinner was ready fairly fast because everyone brought freeze dried food. After dinner the troop went to the top of a hill for Thorns and Roses and Mr. Barnes telling the "Golden Arm". Then every scout went to bed and prepared to leave the next morning.

The troop woke up bright and early to leave the campsite. After eating, taking down tents, the dining fly, and several camp

sweeps, the troop was ready to leave. We returned to the park village on the Berry Creek Trail and Skyline Trail. On the hike back to the park village, we stopped to fill our water bottles and used iodine tablets to purify the water. We hiked along the creek and passed several waterfalls and took pictures. The hike back to the village seemed to go by faster than the hike in and before we knew it we were back in our cars heading home. The trip was a great success and every boy had a good time.

-Diego R.



Troop Information

Leadership

Adrian W-O., Senior Patrol Leader
 Diego R., ASPL
 Spencer W., ASPL
 Andrew W-O., Quartermaster

Other: Jacob H., former Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Guides

Ben J.
(Beavers)

Zane S.
(Cobras)

Aaron L.
(Wolves)

Patrols

Beavers

David M.,
Patrol Leader

Cobras

Baxter S.,
Patrol Leader

Wolves

Jamie M., Patrol
Leader

Will T., APL
 Matan B.
 Evan W.
 Evan H.
 Alex N.
 John O.
 Avery B.

Jacob L., APL
 Lorcan Y.
 Cheyenne B-J.
 Kyle M.
 Jerry F.
 Marco M.
 Connor P.

Jonathan K.,
 APL
 Cassius B-J.
 Nicholas Z-L.
 Karl K.
 Gary F.
 Nicolas M.
 Ryan D.
 Lucas H.



Hiking Merit Badge

We will be doing a twenty mile hike on Saturday May 22 in Tilden, Redwood, and Chabot Parks. We will meet at 6:30 AM at the Steam Trains in Tilden Park and hiking the East Bay Skyline Trail to the Lake Chabot Marina.

ALL ADULTS AND SCOUTS SHOULD EMAIL MR. BROCKET IF THEY PLAN TO ATTEND AND WHETHER THEY WILL ATTEND THE FIRST HALF, SECOND HALF, OR THE COMPLETE HIKE



Wente Scout Reservation

Some of the merit badge classes fill up quickly. Those who sign up soonest have a better chance of getting the classes they want. Mr. Prime will make recommendations for newer scouts. He will also approve all class choices.

There will be a parent meeting about Wente during the May 25 meeting. We will meet in the band room at Montera at 7:00. If this is your scout's first time to Wente, or if you have questions about camp, you will want to attend this brief informational session.

Lastly, a fabulous opportunity for a few parents! Would you like to go on a vacation with your son, all expenses paid, in a beautiful location? Have you been thinking of a scenic lakeside retreat where you can kick back and relax? All meals are provided and all activities are available to you. Spend a few days to a week at Wente, and you will come home with the memories of a lifetime. Camp is fun not only for the scouts, but also for the adults who attend. Limited spaces remain.

SF BAY AREA COUNCIL**Training Calendar**

<http://www.sfbac.org/training/calendar>

EAGLE REQUIREMENT CAMP

Summer Session: June 21-26, 2010. Eagle Requirement is a special camp focusing on the merit badges required for Eagle. Even though the focus of the camp is advancement there will be opportunities for many other activities and a few other merit badges as well.

Who's Eligible:

Boy Scouts who are at least 14 years or older by the first day of the session he is attending and a Star or Life rank.

Cost: \$285 per Scout

Contact info:

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Be Prepared: The Motto of the Boy Scouts of America

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<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/boyscout/bsmotto.asp>

Be Prepared.

That's the motto of the Boy Scouts.

"Be prepared for what?" someone once asked Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting,

"Why, for any old thing." said Baden-Powell.

The training you receive in your troop will help you live up to the Scout motto. When someone has an accident, you are prepared because of your first aid instruction.

Because of lifesaving practice, you might be able to save a nonswimmer who has fallen into deep water.

But Baden-Powell wasn't thinking just of being ready for emergencies. His idea was that all Scouts should prepare themselves to become productive citizens and to give happiness to other people. He wanted each Scout to be ready in mind and body for any struggles, and to meet with a strong heart whatever challenges might lie ahead.

Be prepared for life - to live happily and without regret, knowing that you have done your best.

That's what the Scout motto means.

The Meaning of the Boy Scout Law

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A Scout is Trustworthy.

A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is Loyal.

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

A Scout is Helpful.

A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is Friendly.

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

A Scout is Courteous.

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

A Scout is Kind.

A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

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.

A Scout is Cheerful.

A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is Thrifty.

A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is Brave.

A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

A Scout is Clean.

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is Reverent.

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.