



Wentle Scout Reservation – Summer 2010

- *Founded in 1927*
- *2nd oldest continuously run troop in Oakland*
- *117 Eagle Scouts*



Scout Master's Moment

I wanted to welcome the new scouts and the new scout families. Because we have some new parents, I wanted to reflect on the history of the troop, what our troop traditions are and what the vision is for the new scout year ahead of us.

Troop 202 is 84 years old, having been founded in 1927. It is the second oldest continuously run Boy Scout troop in Oakland. It was changed to troop 202 from Troop 2 in the 1950's. We are one of the largest troops in Oakland with 35 scouts and growing. With few exceptions, most of our boys leave the troop for college. In 84 years of existence, we have had 117 eagle scouts. It is up to them to succeed, but if they put in the effort, the adult leaders will do everything in their power to help them. The statistic I hear is that 20% of our boys become eagles when the national average is 3%. In recent years, we have achieved even higher success. The statistic I care about is that scouts in our troop are well adjusted, have fun and lead a fruitful life. What matters is the journey and not the outcome. Did you do your best? Did you enter as a character and did you leave with character?

The primary goal of the troop is to train its young leaders through the framework of community service, outdoor adventures, and development of scout leadership. When we say we are a boy lead troop. This means you, the scouts, plan and execute the meetings and outings. The adult leaders are to be positive mentors and an insurance policy, and get out of the way. We pride ourselves on adhering to the tradition of having older scouts look after younger scouts and being respectful of each other. I am proud of the many times older scouts lead by example or lead by showing the way and not by pulling rank. I am describing the ideal. We must not forget we are working with a diverse group of personalities and characters, and thank goodness for that. It is a process of continuous improvement.

In addition to monthly outings, the troop has a tradition of summer camp at Wentle for all scouts and high adventure every summer for the older boys. This summer we backpacked Siskiyou national forest to a remote alpine lake called Devil's Punchbowl followed by a 6-day whitewater rafting trip down the Klamath River. Next year we are planning a 10-day backpack trip at Philmont, land owned by the national scouting organization in the New Mexico Mountains.

My vision for the coming year is twofold: Adhere to our troop traditions, primarily being role models for the younger scout and being respectful of each other. Secondly, I would like our scouts to have even more fun. With that in mind, our scout leadership has planned a particularly exciting year. We have some of our favorites like Pinnacles and Yosemite. We are going to embrace the winter with a cross-country ski outing and a snow camping trip. A lot of thought has been put into the meeting format by the older scouts. We will teach you life skills, from first aid to poker games like Texas hold-em.

In closing, this is a special time in your life where you will create friendships that you will take with you to high school and beyond. I want you to smell the roses, to remember the journey and not just the triumphs. Middle school and high school is 10% of your life, but seems like the cause of 90% of your psychosis. My hope is that Troop 202 can be a calm island in your adolescent storm. I hope we can give you a unique safe place to relax with friends and peers and learn lifelong skills.

Yours in Scouting,

-Rick Prime

2010 - 2011 Troop Calendar

| AUGUST 2010 | | | | | | |
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6 Labor Day
18 Russian River outing

| OCTOBER 2010 | | | | | | |
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8 Pinnacles outing
19 Court of Honor
31 Halloween

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7 Daylight Savings – ends
11 Veterans Day
13 Point Reyes outing
-Scouting for Food dropoff
20 Scouting for Food – pick up
22-26 Thanksgiving Recess
-No Troop meeting

| DECEMBER 2010 | | | | | | |
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11 Hawk Ridge outing
20-31 Winter Recess
-No Troop meeting

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4 1st Troop meeting of 2011
17 M.L. King Jr. Day
29 Tahoe outing

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14 St. Valentine's Day
21 Presidents Day
26 Tahoe outing

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8 Court of Honor
13 Daylight Savings- begins
19 Los Mochos outing

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8 Yosemite outing
18 Spring Recess (OUSD)

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8 Mother's Day
14 Camporee outing (tentative)
30 Memorial Day
31 Last Spring Meeting

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7 Court of Honor
16 Mt. Shasta outing
19 Father's Day

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4 Independence Day
10 Wente (Summer camp)
TBD High Adventure

The Order of the Arrow

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/OrderoftheArrow.aspx>

Your scout has an exciting opportunity to participate in The Order of the Arrow! The Order of the Arrow, the OA, is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), which was founded in 1915 by Dr. E. Uner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, and fully incorporated as part of the Scouting program in 1948. The OA borrows from the lore and traditions of Native Americans in conducting ceremonies, dance contests, crafts, etc.... OA brothers are elected by their peers in the troop and thereby honored as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives. Eligible scouts are First Class and above and have met some camping requirements.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

1. To recognize those Scouts & Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
3. To promote Scout camping.
4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

As an "arrowman", besides having a lot of fun, your scout will benefit from association with other honor scouts throughout the Council, Region and even the Nation. Your scout will grow as a leader through available trainings and service projects. Membership in the OA will help your scout maintain and

expand their interest in scouting, while gaining knowledge, skills and positive values that will benefit them for a lifetime.

Our Lodge, Achewon Nimat, is part of the San Francisco Bay Area council (SFBAC). Our Village, one of four in Achewon Nimat, is called Achewon Tulpe. We gather for many events in fellowship and the rendering of service to our troop, District, Council and local communities, although service and participation in troop activities always maintains priority over OA participation.

If elected, your scout will go through an induction ceremony called an Ordeal. The ceremony and other aspects of the OA are confidential to non-OA-member scouts, however, any parent is entitled to know the details of the Ordeal and other OA ceremonies and functions. There is a no-hazing policy in the BSA which, of course, the OA strictly adheres to. Also, any scout elected into the OA would easily withstand the required tasks of the Ordeal.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at the above e-mail address or telephone number. I look forward to seeing your scout in the OA and helping them reap the benefits of this wonderful part of scouting.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_the_Arrow



<http://www.oa-bsa.org/>



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Wente Scout Reservation – Summer Camp 2010



This summer I went to Boy Scout camp for the first time. I had been to Cub Scout camps lots - but this was very different. Why? I got myself everywhere on-time and I handled my own money!

Camp was a lot of fun. A few of my favorite things were scrap-fishing, making lanyards and First Aid Badge class. Scrap-fishing is basically fishing for the unprepared. You search and find all of your supplies around the lake. FYI, the fish at Wente love the breakfast bagels! Making lanyards is a fun activity when you want to be quieter. You can pick from about 8 colors of lanyard string. But remember, you have to buy the supplies out of your money. My final favorite activity was my First Aid Badge class. Our instructor's camp name was 'Dora'. He was fun and informative.

Now that I have told you

a few of my favorite things, I would like to share some recommendations for our scouts for next year. First, don't run! It is not worth the pain and lost time when you fall. On the subject of first aid, I would also recommend keeping your first aid kit in your day pack- especially if you are doing the Woodworking Badge!

Secondly, if you want to win the 'Critter of the Week contest', look for a praying mantis. And finally, organize your money in envelopes by activity. I had an envelope for each badge that cost money, an envelope for treats and lastly an envelope with some extra money in it for things like t-shirts, lanyard string, pocket knife, etc....

Camp was a great experience. I had lots of fun, learned a lot, earned badges and got to know the other scouts in Troop 202 better.

Can't wait for next year!

-Nicholas M.

Wente Scout Reservation

Wente Scout Reservation is a Nationally Accredited Boy Scout camp owned and operated by the San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Each year we host thousands of Scouts that in recent years have come from all over California, Oregon, Texas, Alaska, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Florida. To educate our Scouts we have highly trained staff that we bring in from places like Oregon, Utah, Hawaii, Tennessee, Florida, even Taiwan, Chile, Egypt, and France, but mostly the San Francisco Bay Area.

Brownsea – NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training)

Brownsea is designed to teach leadership, but is just as physically demanding as mentally. The Brownsea staff taught very affectively through acronyms. Explain Address Resolve (EAR) helps solve problems, Specific Measurable Attainable Relevant Timely (SMART) helps find and achieve goals, and Explain Demonstrate Guide Enable (EDGE) helps teach and lead others. Brownsea was amazing, but difficult, and fun but demanding. It is one of those things that is good to have done, but you don't want to go through it again in the same way.

Brownsea was great because you depended on the rest of your patrol. There were no adults to get in the way, only your Troop Guide (TG), a Brownsea graduate. Each patrol has a TG. The only reason for the TG's is to get you through your first day. After that, all they do is eat your food and remind you to use the buddy system. They don't answer any of your questions, but instead just say "you'll find out" or "ask your patrol leader". Brownsea was also fun because you got to do things as a patrol. Brownsea's patrol system was a suggestion. It was up to you and your patrol to bend the system based on what fit. For example, there is a list of six jobs and each of the six patrol members gets a different job on each of the six and a half days. Everyone has to be a patrol leader one day and same with the assistant patrol leaders. However, the other jobs are more flexible. The cleaners don't have to do ALL the cleaning, and the cook doesn't have to do ALL the cooking. In

my patrol, we had two of us doing the main cooking and one person set the table every meal. It worked out well because we ate good food every night.

Brownsea was an awesome experience and one of the best weeks of my life. The good memories were just as numerous as the bad, like playing games and swimming every morning. Everything had a time and everything started on time. If you were late, you simply missed some of it. I didn't like some of the more boring lectures, nor how we had to stand for long times in the sun every day, but it was all part of the fun experience. Over all, Brownsea was tough to go through, relieving when over, and satisfying when accomplished.

Jacob L.



Blue Troop

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

Scouting's Teaching EDGE

- Explain how it is done.
- Demonstrate the steps.
- Guide learners as they practice.
- Enable them to succeed on their own.

Brownsea – NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training)

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National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is the current incarnation of youth leadership development training offered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The program is conducted at the council level over a week or over two weekends. It is intended to provide standardized, in-depth training covering a number of leadership ideas and skills for Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Varsity Scouts.

SFBAC - NYLT
San Francisco Bay Area Council
(SFBAC)
National Youth Leadership
Training (NYLT)
Boy Scouts of America
Wente Scout Reservation

Session 1

June 12 to 18, 2011

Session 2

June 19 to 25, 2011

A couple of weeks ago I attended Brown Sea. It was a memorable experience with plenty of learning opportunities. In fact, the entire trip was an educational event. Every time you attended a seminar on another part about being an effective leader, you were given an example by the lesson that was given, and a chance to practice this afterwards with your patrol. The whole trip was in perfect boy-scout style with, hats, full class A, and a hiking stove. At Brown Sea you learn that you are always late. On time was late, early was on time, and if you were late you got yelled at. Here is an average day in the life of a Brown-Sea scout.

6:00-wake up call, "wake up!!! You're late!!!" with bells - tent flaps thrown open

6:01- bolt out of bed blurry eyed and getting yelled at

6:02- assemble your patrol, all present and accounted for

6:02:30- run down to the water front

6:06- line up in patrols and engage in exercise

6:16-forced to run into the lake and get splashed

6:20-all out of the lake, dry off

6:23-send two scouts go get food

6:40 - begin cooking food

7:20- eat food with guest

7:40- clean up, take the food bin down

8:00- troop meeting, where you sing songs, and make sure everyone is present

8:20- course meeting, where you stand in the hot sun and listen to the entire course of 200 some guys say they are present and then listen to a bunch of fake " funny" announcements

8:40-troop meeting, sing more songs and hear deep words of scout master wisdom

9:20- leadership lecture, " REALLY fun stuff!!!"

11:00-pioneering project, hot and tiring but no break.... Builds character...

12:00-go make the trek down to commissary to get food

12:20-cook food

1:00-eat food with guest

1:30-clean up

2:00- you're late!!! Get to troop assembly, hear more profound

worlds of wisdom and get yelled at for not wearing your hat at exactly the right angle

2:30-more leadership lectures

4:00-walk over to green camp for...

Gasp!.. More leadership lectures!!!

5:30-pick up food for dinner

5:45-cook dinner

6:30-after a crazy frantic 45 minutes of an almost failed attempt at making steak, you eat dinner with a pompous guest

6:40-clean up

7:00-troop assembly

7:30-more leadership lectures!!! yayaya!!!

8:30-water break!!! followed by more seminars, this time on..... Leadership!!!

9:30-Fee time!!!JK! there is no fun time at Brown Sea.

10:00-session over, go to sleep now!!! Be quiet!!!

10:02-change into your swim suit for tomorrows morning dip and pass out in 5 seconds flat...

Jonathan K.

Red Troop



Becoming a Boy Scout

Scout Emblem



1. The **three points** of the trefoil stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.
2. The **shape** of the Scout badge means that a Scout can point the right way in life as truly as does a compass in the field.
3. There are **two stars** on the badge. They symbolize truth and knowledge.
4. The **eagle and shield** stand for freedom and a Scout's readiness to defend that freedom.
5. The **scroll** bearing the Scout motto is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.
6. The **knot** at the bottom of the scroll serves as a reminder of the Scout slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily.

Origin of the World Scouting Symbol "Fleur-de-Lis"

In Scouting's early years, critics accused Baden-Powell of trying to turn boys into soldiers, holding up as evidence the Scout symbol, which they called "a spear-head, the emblem of battle and bloodshed". The Founder quickly replied, The crest is the "Fleur-de-Lis", a lily, the emblem of peace and purity.

In truth, he had chosen as Scouting's emblem the sign for the North Point, universally shown on maps, charts and compass cards, because "it points in the right direction (and upwards), turning neither to the right nor left, since these lead backward again..." Lady Baden-Powell added later, "It shows the true way to go."

Baden-Powell explained the origins of this sign. In the Middle Ages, mariner Flavio Gioja designed it to make the seaman's compass more reliable. In Italian, North was "Tramontana". Gioja used a capital "T" to mark it, and in deference to King Charles of Naples, whose crest was the Fleur-de-Lis, combined the

letter with that emblem.

To explain the meaning of the Scout emblem, Baden-Powell said, "The two stars on the two side arms stand for the two eyes of the Wolf Cub having been opened before he became a Scout... The three points of the Fleur-de-Lis remind the Scout of the three points of the Scout's Promise..."

In the World Scout emblem, the Fleur-de-Lis is surrounded by a circle of rope tied with a reef knot to symbolize the strength and unity of the world brotherhood of Scouting: "Even as one cannot undo a reef knot, no matter how hard one pulls on it, so as it expands, the movement remains united."

The three tips of the Fleur-de-Lis represent the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others. The two five-point stars stand for truth and knowledge, and the 10 points on the stars remind us of the 10

points of the Scout law. The ring holding the emblem together represents the bond of brotherhood.



The symbol is white on a royal purple background, colors Baden-Powell chose because, in heraldry, white stands for purity and purple for leadership and helping others.

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