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Calendar of Events

December and January Events

12/9. Tuesday. 7:00PM

Scoutmaster Monthly Meeting

12/10, Wednesday. 7:00PM Wkly Troop Meeting

12/13, Saturday. 8:00AM

Ryan's Eagle Project. See Website for details

12/17. Wednesday. 7:00PM

Troop Meeting - Troop party and gift exchange

12/19-1/2, Kyrene Winter Break

12/22-1/9, Horizon Winter Break

12/22-30 Hanukkah

12/24, Wednesday. 7:00PM

Weekly Troop Meeting—~~canceled~~

12/25 Christmas Day

12/31, Wednesday. 7:00PM

Weekly Troop Meeting—~~canceled~~

1/7, Wednesday. 7:00PM Wkly Troop Meeting

1/9-10 Fri-Sat. NCCS Region 13 meeting

1/14. Wednesday. 7:00PM Wkly Troop Meeting

1/17-19, Snow Camping Use 3 day weekend

1/19. Holiday-MLK Day

1/21. Wednesday. 7:00PM Wkly Troop Meeting

Oren's Eagle Project

By Grant G.

This past month Oren worked on his Eagle Project. We helped him fix the cactus trellis for the Botany Department at Corona Del Sol High School. There were several scouts that helped him to complete his project along with a few members of the fog patrol. We had to help dig out several railroad tie boarders that were rotted and replace those. Others we were able to fix without having to replace. We spread rock for the pathway next to the cactus trellis. In addition, we helped clean up some of the dead brush around the planter area. Scouts learned how to use pick axes, weed whackers, and leaf blowers.



Oren's Project Team for his Eagle Scout Project



Oren is apparently pleased with the results...

Fall Festival at St. Benedicts

The Fall Festival was held the first week-end in November. The scouts put up the traditional rope bridge, which they also manned. In addition, the scouts provided security and carried out the community service of trash patrol.

The Phoenix Patrol camped out in the carnival area, and the Sidewinders and Falcon Patrols camped out in the backfield. All-in-all it was a successful event!



Court of Honor



The November "Court of Honor" was quite exciting. In addition to all the merit badges and Palms earned, we had one rank advancement. Scott, our newest scout, earned the Tenderfoot rank. Devin, our MC, earned a very special award, the award for selling the most Scout-O-Rama tickets. He sold over 600 tickets, third in the district.

Finally, Cub Scout Pack 978 joined our ceremony. I hope they decide to bridge to our troop next spring.



Scouting Skill of the Month: LEAVE NO TRACE KEY PRINCIPLES

Plan Ahead & Prepare

- Know the regulations for the area visited.
- Visit in small groups of 4-6.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails, campsites, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.
- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites. Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods.

- Deposit waste in catholes dug 6-8 in deep at least 200 ft from water, camp, and trails.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 ft away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap.

Leave What You Find

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

Minimize Camp fire Impacts

- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.

- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, scatter cool ashes.

Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals..
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

Source: www.lnt.org

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Famous Quote:

"I can't say I was ever lost, but I was bewildered once for three days."
Daniel Boone