

Newsletter – Scouts BSA Troop 41 for Boys

Est. January 1, 1942 – Oldest Continuing Troop in the Antelope Valley – 80 Years

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JANUARY EVENTS

(Dates below supersede those in the Annual Program Plan if different)

Monthly Theme: Winter Survival

Reminder: The *Field Uniform* is to be worn from Labor Day to Memorial Day at each meeting

- Jan 5 (Wed) - Scout Meeting 7 p.m./Committee-Parent Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- Jan 8 (Sat) - Christmas Tree Pickup – Noon start time. Meet at Rec. Bldg.
- Jan 12 (Wed) - 1st Camp Payment of \$125 due per Scout/Adult
- Jan 12 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/PLC Meeting
- Jan 14-16 (Fri-Sun) - Death Valley – Wildrose Campground
- Jan 19 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Board of Review
- Jan 26 (Wed) - Scout Meeting/Arrow of Light – Workshop #2

Death Valley – Wildrose Campground (3.5 hrs./193 miles) – January 14-16, 2022

Note: 4,100 feet – temperatures average 65/39 in January

- Last Day for Signups: Jan 5 - **ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN-UPS AFTER THIS DATE** – rare exceptions are at SM's discretion!
- Food/Gas/Site Fee Money: **DUE Jan 12** – \$36 (\$26 gas+\$0 site fee +\$10 food) – **Cash only – two exact amounts (\$26 + \$10)**
- Drivers: Park entrance fee is \$20 per car unless you have an annual pass. Pay at Stove Pipe Wells on Sunday
- Pack Checks: Jan 12 (Mandatory – no pack-check and you don't go!)
- Meet: 4:45 p.m. Jan 14 @ Rec. Bldg. (Wear field uniform!) Eat dinner *before leaving home* and be on time or be left behind!
- Return: Approximately 3:30 p.m. Jan 16 @ Rec Bldg. (Parents – please be at home an hour before in case we are early.)
- Clothing: Warm jacket for night
- Special Equipment: Hiking shoes and winter sleeping bag or at least a 30-degree bag with a liner in it.
- Other Expenses: \$7 lunch in Barstow on return
- Drivers: Only the driver pulling the trailer will be reimbursed for gasoline for any activity (per Troop 41 Guidebook). All other drivers are to consider their gasoline expenditure a donation to the troop.
- Emergency Contact: Rene Taylor (661) 810-4263

Congratulations to Simon Ross on earning his Eagle rank! He is the 21st Eagle from the troop to reach the Summit. Well done!

Happy 80th Birthday Troop 41! Since 1942 the troop has been continuously chartered in the Antelope Valley and is the oldest continuing troop in the AV. We will have a birthday celebration later this year which is being discussed by the committee now. If you have any ideas on what you'd like to see in the celebration or want to be part of the planning, please contact Anthony Moreno.

Special Note: 1st Camp Chawanakee Payment of \$125 is due Jan 12! Camp cost is \$575 for Scouts and \$330 for adults. Please sign up on the clipboard to lock in your slot. The second payment of \$125 is due Mar 2 while the final payment of \$325 is due May 18. We will only pay for those who sign up. You may make this first payment from your Camp Savings if it's available. Please see John Vento for all payments or Camp Savings.

Recharter Wreath Program – Congratulations to the troop on selling wreathes and adding to their Camp Savings. This year the Scouts sold \$3,414 for a net profit of \$880 that brings them closer to paying for camp. In all they sold 64 wreathes, crosses, and swags while having nine wreathes and trees donated to the troops. This is a great total and says a lot about their selling skills! Well done, Scouts!

Re-charter JTE GOLD 2021 – Congratulations to everyone for helping the troop earn JTE for the 11th year in a row! The troop rechartered with 11 Scouts and earned 1,625 points – well over the 1,000 needed for GOLD. It means that the troop puts on a great program with all the essentials BSA requires and then goes above that. The great effort by all of you makes this possible, so congratulate yourselves on a job well done!

Christmas Party – (Dec 8) A fun time was had with games and an ice cream-eating contest. In the ice cream-eating contest a new champion emerged – Anthony Lukenbill, 2nd place was claimed by Dave Murray, and 3rd place was Landon Wyckhuys. Congratulations to all!

Scouting for Food – This year the Scouts collected **2,480 lbs.** of food, breaking our 2010 high of 1,998 lbs. St. Mary's Food Bank was most grateful for all the food as they prepared food baskets for people in Rosamond. They stressed that without our donations the amount of food they have available to give out would be small, so we definitely made a difference. Altogether 12 Scouts and six adults performed **60.5 hours** of service in bag distribution and collection. We appreciate all of you for going out of your way this Christmas season to reach out and help those in need. Thank you!

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Dues – are \$52 per year and all Scouts are required to pay that amount whether they are at a meeting or not. A Scout must be current in his dues to participate in outings, receive awards, re-charter, or even earn rank until he is once again current. Records are kept by the Scribe/Mr. Paravato, and Mr. Vento. The dues sheet is with the Activity Clipboard showing what each Scout has paid or owes to date. See Mr. Paravato for questions.

Newsletter in PDF – Several parents have asked that the newsletter be sent electronically. It is in PDF format so it's easy to open on any device. If you are interested in receiving it electronically, please let Anthony know. Thank you.

Fund Raisers – Parents, did you know that BSA wants every Scout to earn their own way to camp through money they earn? If not, per BSA, "the boy will not learn how to pay his own way." Also, "anticipated expenses not covered by dues...must be raised through troop money-earning projects." We offer three fund raisers throughout the year, **Popcorn, Re-charter for Wreathes, and Camp Cards**, and it is very important that you encourage your son to participate in them to earn all he can for summer camp with maximum effort.

Tent Policy – Per Troop Guidebook: All troop tents will be lent to a Scout and a buddy, in good condition with no rips, tears, broken poles or zippers. The tent will be in the charge of the Scouts who will care for it. Should any damage occur through other than normal use, the Scout is responsible for the repair or replacement of the tent. The Scoutmaster, along with the Equipment Coordinator, will determine if the damage was done by the Scouts mishandling the tent or through normal use. If determination is made that the Scouts did the damage, the parents will be notified.

PLC Meeting Mandatory Attendance – The Troop policy is as follows: "As part of their duties, attendance at the monthly PLC meeting is MANDATORY for all Scouts who are members of the PLC - the SPL, ASPL, PL's, Troop Guide and Scribe who is not a member, but must attend. Failure to attend a minimum of four meetings in a six-month period will affect the Scout Spirit requirement on the rank they are working on, thereby causing a delay of from four to six months to be eligible for that rank. If unable to attend due to illness or family vacation, they MUST have their assistant attend the meeting. If the assistant then does not attend the meeting, no credit for attendance will be given - simply asking someone to attend is insufficient. A Scout may only substitute for one absent leader at a time – each absent leader must send his own substitute."

Mandatory Scout Parent Participation – Every parent must sign up for at least one short-term project during the year. It can be anything from transportation to a campout, a fundraiser, or Scouting for Food. You may be contacted at any time.



Eagle Summit

George McNamee 1948
Murray Omer Williford 1977
Bruce Eliotte Tipton 1982
Daniel C. Perkins 1986
Nikki Johnson 1990
James Spear 2000
Chris Shaw 2001
William Lostumbo 2001
Arturo Renteria 2008
Brenden Troup 2009
Matthew Bryant 2011

Tyler Kurtz 2012
Michael Bedard 2012
Doug Long 2013
Geoffrey Holmes 2013
Sean Cooper 2015
Cade DeVere 2018
Devonn Veasey 2019
Alan Rennie 2019
Kamar Stephens 2019
Simon Ross 2021



Cade DeVere 1/8
Anthony Moreno 1/17
Caden Robertson 1/27

Uniforms – All uniforms can be purchased through the Scout Shop at Newhall. Please visit this URL for more details: bsa-la.org/scout-shop

TROOP 41 STAFF

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Outdoor/Activities Coordinator – Vacant
Training Coordinator – Vacant

Secretary – Rene Taylor (661 810-4263)
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If you have any questions about information in this newsletter, please call Anthony Moreno