

Pack 55 News

December 2009



NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES



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HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECTS



Holiday Caroling:

The Lodge at Paulin Creek

Tuesday, December 22nd
6:30pm

**BRING SMILES AND JOY TO OUR ELDERS
THROUGH CAROLING!**

DATE: Tuesday, December 22nd

TIME: 6:30pm

PLACE: The Lodge at Paulin Creek. 2375 Range Ave.
Santa Rosa 95403

ATTIRE: Official Cub Scout Uniform...and any fun, holiday accessories you may have such as scarves, Santa hats, winter hats, reindeer antlers, jingle bells (you get the idea.)

Caroling Songbooks of familiar songs will be provided.

We are looking for scouts who would like, have the talent or desire, to sing a solo/duet or would like play their instrument as a solo/duet etc. Contact Mark Kelley: at 573-9163 or mark.kelley at goAAA.com.

Pack 55 Service Project:

Redwood Empire Food Bank

Two more dates added!
Saturday, December 5th
Saturday, December 21st



The families who served in November bagged apples, sorted and weighed and labeled bags of pasta, swept the floors and more! A good time of serving our community by all. A few spaces are left! Email Bonnie if interested. If your family is unable to attend these dates, email Bonnie about how to organize a time to serve with your family or Den. Contact for sign-ups and information: Bonnie Day 290-4826; 2bonnieday at comcast.net



BOOK SIGNING AND MEET THE AUTHOR!

MEET AUTHOR ALVIN TOWNLEY AND CATCH THE "SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE"

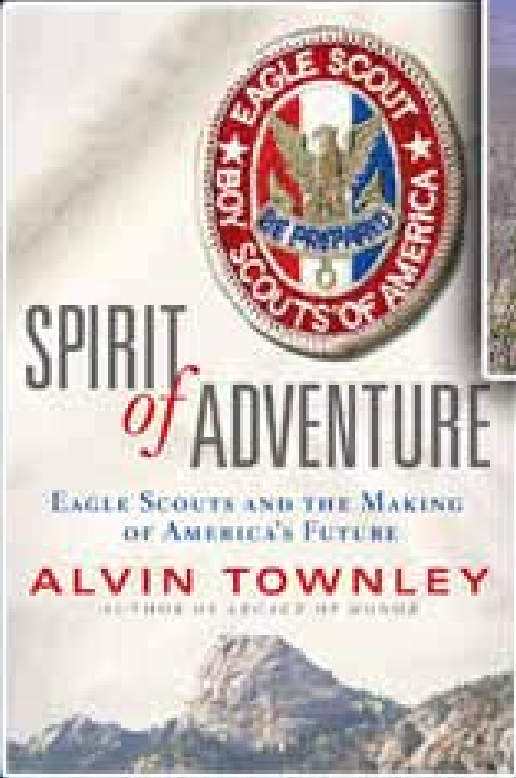

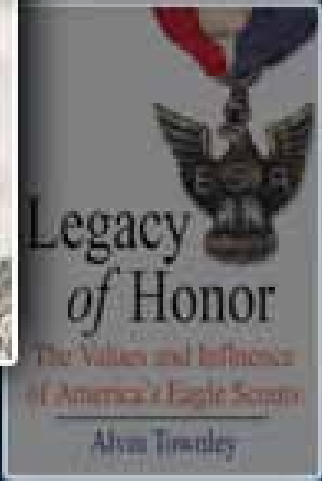
On December 10, 2009, Author Alvin Townley will visit the Redwood Empire Council. The Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park will host a book signing and reception at 5:30 PM and the Redwood Empire Council will host a dinner, with keynote speaker Alvin Townley, at 7:00 PM.

Townley is the author of "Legacy of Honor", the book highlighting the contributions of Eagle Scouts. His new book, "Spirit of Adventure" introduces America to a new generation of leaders - young Eagle Scouts who are leading lives of purpose and adventure. He discovered an inspiring story of service and leadership.

Please join us to celebrate the adventures and contributions of Eagle Scouts everywhere!

Visit www.redwoodbsa.org to view full details and to register.

Released May 12, 2009!

SPIRIT of ADVENTURE
EAGLE SCOUTS AND THE MAKING OF AMERICA'S FUTURE
ALVIN TOWNLEY
AUTHOR OF LEGACY OF HONOR

Legacy of Honor
The Values and Influence of America's Eagle Scouts
Alvin Townley

Available Now!

CAMP!

If you are one to start your summer plans over the holidays, be sure to put at least one scout CAMP into your summer plans. Camps put the OUT in scOUTing! Attending with fellow Pack families is particularly fun. Start talking up the summer at your den meetings!

Family Camp at Camp Navarro

June 18th-20th (Friday-Sunday AM)

Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Navarro

June 21st -24th (Monday -Thursday AM)

June 25-28th (Friday-Monday AM)

Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park

July 19th-23rd (2:30pm-7:30ish)

Family Camp at Camp Riggs

July 23rd-25th (Friday evening-Sunday AM)

Webelos Woods at Camp Noyo

(via the skunk train!)

July 31st-August 1st (Saturday AM-Sunday)

August 7th-8th (Saturday AM-Sunday)

Boys LOVE Camp!

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

NorCal Jamboree:

A Centennial Celebration

April 16-18, 2010



Our overnigher this year is a **BIG DEAL!** It only comes around once every 100 years! Keep April 15-18 clear on your calendar--at the very least, Saturday, April 17th for a day trip. Refer to last month's flier, now on our website. Or visit:

<http://www.100thanniversaryjamboree.org>

We will sign up together in January.

Years in the planning, this is an event to thrill everyone, from visitors and new Scouts to the most experienced Scout-er! It only happens once every 100 years, Pack 55. Let's GO! Campsites are first-come, first served. Attend all weekend, or come for the day. Let us know you want to attend PRONTO! If you have an RV? If you want a campsite, call the Alameda Fairgrounds asap—RV space is quite limited!



It's Pinewood Derby Time!

January 22 & 23rd, 2010

Your Den leader will have your Scout's Pinewood Derby kit in hand over the holidays. Check in with them if you want to start working on yours over the winter break. You may want to peruse the rules before building your car - the official rules and guidelines are posted on our web site. For building ideas, hints and tips, search online. Pinewood derby information **ABOUNDS!** If you have an unused kit from a previous year, please use it or return it for others to use.



BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH

CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS - MUSIC

The requirements listed below are taken from the **Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide** (34299B) 2006 Printing.

MUSIC BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain why music is an important part of our culture.
- Pick a song with at least two verses and learn it by heart.
- Listen to four different types of music either recorded or live.

MUSIC PIN

Earn the music belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

- Make a musical instrument and play it for your family, den, or pack.
- Teach your den a song.
- Play a song by yourself or in a group, in unison or in harmony.
- Create an original melody and/or original words for a song.
- Using a tape recorder, capture natural sounds of the environment or record songs you create, and use your recording as soundtrack for a short skit or as background for a movement activity.
- Attend a live musical performance or concert.
- Demonstrate conducting patterns for two songs using two different meters (two-, three-, or four- beat meter) while your adult partner or den members sing or play the songs you have selected.
- Take voice or dance lessons or lessons to learn to play an instrument.
- Create movements to a piece of music without words to demonstrate the moods of the music: happy, sad, calm, excited, playful, inspired.
- Learn about a composer of some music that you enjoy.



PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

DEN

DEN LEADERS

DECEMBER THEME: WORKS OF ART

- 1 Pack Meeting, 6:30pm, Strawberry MPR
- 18 **New Date!** Committee Meeting, 7pm - Strawberry Library
- 22 Holiday caroling at the Lodge at Paulin Creek
- 22 Awards deadline for January pack meeting

JANUARY THEME: POWER UP!

- 5 Pack Meeting, 6:30pm, Strawberry MPR
- 12 District Roundtable
- 14 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Strawberry Library
- 22 Pinewood Derby Check-In, Strawberry MPR
- 23 Pinewood Derby, Strawberry MPR
- 30 University of Scouting

FEBRUARY THEME: HAPPY BIRTHDAY B.S.A.!

- 9 Youth Protection & District Roundtable
- 11 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Strawberry Library
- 19 Blue and Gold Dinner - Strawberry MPR

MARCH THEME: TAKE FLIGHT

- 9 Safe swim defense & District Roundtable
- 11 Committee Meeting, 7pm - Strawberry Library
- 13 Scouting for food
- 16 Pack Meeting - Strawberry MPR
- 20 Scouting for food
- 20 Trainer's edge training

2010 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- January 22-23 Pinewood Derby! Strawberry MPR
- January 30 University of Scouting
- February 19 Blue & Gold Dinner, Strawberry MPR
- March 13 & 20 Scouting for Food
- April 16-18 Nor Cal Jamboree
- April 30-May 2 Webelos Camporee
- May 1 Cuboree
- May 8 Human Race / Jamboree on the Trail
- May 11 Bridging Ceremony at Camp Wa Tam
- May 15 District Pinewood Derby
- May 29-31 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 18-20 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 21-24 Resident Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 25-28 Resident Camp at Camp Navarro
- July 19-23 Twilight Camp at Rincon Valley Park
- July 31-Aug 1 Webelos Woods at Camp Noyo
- August 7-8 Webelos Woods at Camp Noyo

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