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It's Autumn, Time to Think About the Year Ahead!

The Troop's Annual Planning Meeting

It's Fall, Summer is over, days are getting shorter, and there is a crispness in the air.

But now the Scouts are back in School. Homework, Sports, and Band takes a priority in Scouts lives. Troops adapt, but how can you keep the Scouts involved? By generating excitement by planning your 2008 activities, including Summer Camp!

Troops have various ways of planning, but we recommend an Annual Planning Meeting, this gives you a great stage to get the Scouts excited about the Scouting year ahead.

If you have any questions regarding Summer Camp at SSRLV please call Toni in the Camping Department, at (714) 546-4990 ext. 136, or email us at bsa.ssrlv@gmail.com



Recruitment Ideas

Have your Troop host a "Webelos Partner and Pal" weekend.

As a former Scoutmaster part of my job was to get Webelos to bridge over to Boy Scouts and have them continue their Scouting advancement.

But every year I would have many Webelos either quit Scouting after receiving their Arrow of Light, or linger a couple of months and then drop.

This last Webelos Partner and Pal weekend I noticed a Boy Scout in attendance with a pack, and thought "What a great recruitment tool."

If you had your Troop host a group of Webelos during Partner and Pal weekend the Boy Scouts could help the Webelos Scouts in their advancement, the family would get to see how a Troop operates, and make friends before joining. I think we could retain a greater amount of these Scouting Families.

The next Webelos Partner and Pal Weekend is April 25-27, 2008. This could be a great recruitment outing for your Troop.

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LDS Weeks

at Lost Valley

It's Monday morning, after a good nights sleep, most of the Troops are eating a great breakfast, but some Troops are still on the road.

Troops chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) are still enroute to camp. If they are arriving at 8:00 AM what time did they leave? An LDS Troop will usually meet at 4:00 AM so they can get to Camp, do medical re-checks, and swim tests before the first Merit Badge Session.

Well to make it easier on our LDS Troops we are having two LDS Weeks in Camp Irvine on July 7th – 12th and July 21st – 26th. LDS check-in will begin Monday at 8 AM until 10 AM. What about the Merit Badge sessions that are being missed during that time? Well on LDS Weeks we'll lock enrolment for Sessions 1 & 2 on Monday, meaning we will not drop any of the Scouts 'Registered' for those sessions. Any Scouts on the 'Stand-by' list will have to wait until Tuesday to see if they can be accepted to that MB class. For more information just email bsa.ssrlv@gmail.com requesting LDS Week information.

Wi-Fi in the Valley

Every cloud has a silver lining, we've all heard that phrase, but what was the silver lining to the 2003 fire? Well without the fire we may not have phone & internet access to campers on both sides of camp, let me explain. In 2000 we only had two radio telephone lines out of camp, one for phone calls, and the other for the FAX machine. Camper's access to the phone was limited.

In 2001 we installed a satellite internet dish, and 14 miles of phone lines. The plan was to replace the existing lines and install a payphone outside the Business Office for Scoutmaster's use. At that time high-speed internet access was being deployed down the hill, in the Business Office we had "high speed" via satellite. We got one full summer of use on those phone lines.

Then came the 2003 fire, destroying most of the phone line, a loss of over \$200,000, an asset that could not be insured due to our remote location, and it's exposure to the elements.

In the rebuilding process we turned to technology for a cost effective replacement to the phone line. A microwave system was proposed, however a repeater site would have to be constructed. The location of the repeater site is on the "Three Beaus", the mountain to the northwest of camp. Since there are no power lines to the site, both solar and wind are used for power generation.

The new microwave system became operational in 2006, and provides a full T-1 into camp. Using VoIP technology we have eight telephone lines, including phones at the Scoutmaster Lounge on both sides of camp. In 2007 we deployed Wi-Fi hotspots in the valley. They are located in Beckman Hall, Casey Lodge, Tom Tabb Center, and The Business Office.

Telephone, as well as Internet access, is available to all adult leaders at no additional cost.

To access the internet you'll need to know your MAC address, the first time you log-on you'll not be able to access the internet until your are authorized by the Business Office. Since we have limited bandwidth we request no streaming audio or videos, or downloading of large files.



Of course we know one of the great things about camping is to un-plug from civilization for a week. If you just want to relax leave the laptop at home, and enjoy the great outdoors. But, if you need to bring it, you may. We just suggest locking it up in your car.

Go Climb a Rock!

If you been around long enough you remember that bumper sticker. Rock Climbing is one of the best ways to build up a team, especially with the older Scouts in your troop. There is something about rappelling down an exposed rock face with your friends around that makes for an adventure.

But how can you see if your Troop likes rock climbing, without getting your own gear? Our Campmaster Corp will be happy to get your troop out on Cathedral Rock, here at Lost Valley. If the climbing bug bites, and we warn you it may, we offer Climbing Instructor Training during Summer Camp for adult leaders. So go ahead, Go Climb A Rock!

SSRLV CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

9 – 11 Soil & Water MB

DECEMBER

7 – 9 NRA Rifle/Shotgun

JANUARY

CLOSED

FEBRUARY

CLOSED

MARCH

14 – 16 Forestry MB

APRIL

11 – 13 Fish & Wildlife MB
25 – 27 Webelos Partner & Pal

MAY

23 – 26 Holiday Family Camp
30 – 31 OA Ordeal

JUNE

1 OA Ordeal
6 – 8 OA Ordeal
7 – 13 National Camp School
20 – 26 Trailblazers
29 – Summer Camp Week 1

JULY

– 5 Summer Camp Week 1
6 – 12 Summer Camp Week 2
13 – 19 Summer Camp Week 3
20 – 26 Summer Camp Week 4
27 – Summer Camp Week 5

AUGUST

– 2 Summer Camp Week 5
3 – 9 Summer Camp Week 6
10 – 16 JROTC Week 1
17 – 23 JROTC Week 2
29 – 31 Holiday Family Camp

