

About the Troop

Welcome to Troop 805. Our troop has been in existence in the Danville area since 1985 – 25 years! It consists of approximately 45 active scouts, 16 uniformed leaders, and numerous other adults and scouters who help support the Troop. The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley charters the Troop.

THE BOYS

We pride ourselves on being a "*boy run*" troop, which means that most of the activities are planned and carried out by the boys. This may not always be the fastest or easiest way to get things done, but it teaches the boys responsibility and gives them the satisfaction of a job well done. They receive the credit and praise for their successful endeavors, and on the occasion when things don't go as well as planned, the boys get the benefit of learning from their mistakes.

Each scout advances at his own pace as part of the learning experience. Older scouts mentor the younger ones, teaching leadership and reinforcing what has been learnt.

In 2010, our 56th Eagle rank was awarded.

THE LEADERS

Our team of adult leaders are always ready to encourage the boys, help them examine what they did or didn't do right so that they can improve their performance, and to facilitate and actively participate in the Troop's outdoor activities. We are there to insure the safety of the boys and to provide guidance as they develop in the three aims of Scouting: to build character, to foster citizenship, and to develop fitness. In order to achieve this, it is essential that the adults provide an atmosphere where the boys *have fun!*

THE PARENTS

All parents are automatically members of the Troop Committee and are encouraged to attend the monthly **parent's meetings** (normally held the second Tuesday of each month at the same time as the regular Troop meeting). The duties of the Troop Committee include selecting the adult leaders, arranging community service projects, maintaining records of advancement and finances, and serving on Scout "*Board of Reviews*". Parents are also encouraged to participate in the Troop's outdoor activities, particularly in regards to providing transportation. They can also become registered Merit Badge Counselors to share with the boys what they have learned through their profession or hobbies. And, parents are also *highly* encouraged to step forward and apply to the Troop Committee to become Committee Leaders or Assistant Scoutmasters.

The Troop Focus

The focus of activities for the Troop is on the outdoor program. Generally we have one major outdoor activity a month. See *Outings and Activities*.



Meetings

WHEN

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Meetings are held every week throughout the year, with the exceptions of the December Holidays and the week that the Troop is at summer camp.

WHERE:

Sycamore Valley Elementary School
2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville, CA 94526

How to Join

A boy may become a Boy Scout if he is 11, or age 10½ and completed the Fifth Grade, or has earned the Arrow of Light Rank as a Cub Scout. He can continue in scouting as a Boy Scout until he is 18.

NEW TO SCOUTING

Boys new to scouting who are interested in joining the Troop should arrange a visit to a Troop meeting. Contact the Assistant Scoutmaster for Recruitment to setup a convenient time for the scout and his parents to view the Troop in action.

WEBELOS SCOUTS

Troop 805 welcomes the chance to visit with Webelos Dens and Cub Scout Packs in the area. We can aid Packs as Den Chiefs, teaching of scout skills, or simply telling about the fun of Boy Scouting.

Webelos are invited to participate in specific Troop outings during the recruitment "season". These include camping, hiking, and community service projects.

Webelos Dens are strongly encouraged to visit a Troop meeting. We hold a Webelos II Open House every fall. For information or to arrange an alternative date for a Troop visit contact our Assistant Scoutmaster for Recruitment to schedule a convenient time.

Contacts

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER - RECRUITMENT:

Ed Laubach 925-736-5221

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Finances

The Troop has an annual **membership fee** of **\$150**; \$130 if crossing over from Cub Scouts. This covers Troop expenses, the Boy Scout Handbook, Troop neckerchief, BSA membership, Boys Life magazine subscription, insurance, to cover rank awards and other council related fees for registration.

The Troop encourages scouts to participate in the BSA National Council Popcorn fundraiser each year. The money received goes directly into the scouts individual Troop account to offset outing fees for the scout; the scout can finance his own participation in this manner.

In March, families are also asked to participate in the **Friends of Scouting** charitable program that goes to support our Council and the National organization. In the past, FOS has asked for a **\$180 per family** contribution.

Uniform

Troop 805 adheres to the National Boy Scout policy of requiring the complete official "Class A" uniform be worn at all Troop regular meetings and outings. Our uniform consists of:

- BSA tan shirt (short or long sleeve).
 - At a minimum, having the American flag patch on the right sleeve, the Council patch and Troop number on the left sleeve, and Boy Scout loops.
- BSA olive-colored long pants or shorts.
- BSA olive-colored belt.
- BSA olive-colored socks.
- Troop 805 neckerchief and slide; provided
- *The Troop does NOT have an official hat and scouts are asked not to wear hats during troop meetings.*

Outings and Activities

SUMMER CAMP

Camp Cherry Valley	2000, 2003, 2008
Camp Hi-Sierra	2002
Camp Kern	2006, 2007, 2010, 2011
Camp Marin Sierra	2004, 2005
Camp Silverado	2001
Camp Wentle	2009
Camp Wolfeboro	1995-1999

DAY HIKES

Back Packing	Short term and long term events in support of hiking program
Bi-Monthly Hiking Program	Hikes suitable for new scouts and more strenuous ones for older scouts. Also, includes Bike Hikes.
Rim of the Bay Progressive Trek	Series of hikes around the San Francisco Bay; may include a campout
Urban Backpacking	Sacramento State Capital

SHORT-TERM CAMPING

Angel Island	San Francisco Bay
Bear Valley Skiing	Usually done the last weekend in January; not really camping as we rent a cabin, but a lot of fun
Meridian District Camporee	April 2011
Moaning Caverns / Calaveras Big Trees	Rappelling and Spelunking
Rock Climbing	Lock-in and climbing at Diablo Rock Gym
Royal Oak Park	Monterey – Sea Kayaking
Snow Camping & Snow Shoeing	Arnold – Bear Valley - Feb '11
Sunset Beach	Monterey Bay
Whitewater Rafting	South fork of the American River; usual July outing
Yosemite National Park	Service Project scheduled for May 2011

HIGH ADVENTURE

Philmont Nat'l Scout Ranch	1992, 1995, 1999, 2004, 2008
Florida Sea Base	2002, 2007

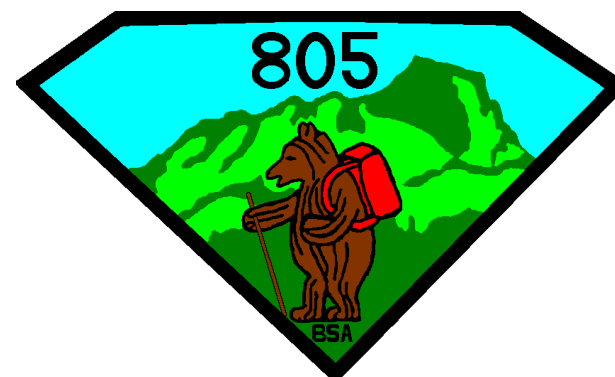
"FIFTY MILERS"

Hoover to Emigrant	1998
Wilderness Trans-Sierra Trek	
Carson-Iceberg Wilderness	1997

"HALF FIFTIES"

Carson-Iceberg Wilderness	2000
Del Valle to Sunol	2006, 2010
Emigrant Wilderness	1997
Lassen National Park	1998

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