

The April 2005 Parent's Meeting for Troop #206 was held on Monday, April 4th at 7:30 PM at Sacred Heart School in Menlo Park. The meeting was conducted by Committee Chair, Earl Shelton. Present at the meeting were Eric Von der Porten, John Gregory, Mike Calbert, Bill Ashworth, Mary Subirous and Ildiko Barker. Other attendees included Hana Archbold, Frances Reneau, Cathy Hardy, Pam Fosnes, Ray Stewart, Julie Devita, Malena Jauregui and Paul Robitsch.

The past events that were discussed included The Annual Pancake Breakfast and Wilderness Survival Weekend. The Pancake Breakfast which was co-chaired by Hana Archbold and Lisa Walsh served as our biggest fund raiser of the year. This year we made \$2,995, which was more than 2004 at \$2,220 and 2003 at \$1,600. Hana also extended her total appreciation to all who contributed to the Pancake Breakfast's success both at the meeting and through numerous e-mails. We were also fortunate enough to have musical entertainment from Wayne Subirous on the piano and Peter H.'s band. The weekend of March 19th and 20th was Wilderness Survival. Organized by Peter V. and Assistant Scout Master, Peter Otte, the event took place at a Boulder Creek Camp as a night hike to Meadow Camp. Although there was some light sprinkling involved, the hike still incorporated some nice wilderness and a good experience. They also built shelters and the other adults involved were Ray Stewart, David Reneau, Roger Hardy and Emma Shelton.

April events will include Paddling Day #1, backpacking and an Eagle Court of Honor. The first of Paddling Day #1 was held on Saturday, April 9th and was under the direction of Bill Ashworth. The event was for preparation of Class 1 Rapid events. The next paddling event is set for May 14th and is scheduled at the Russian River. Backpacking is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th. Peter V., as well as Assistant Scout Masters Emma Shelton and Phil McHale will be leading the event. It will take place in the Ohlone Wilderness along a trail from Sunol to Del Valle. The backpacking weekend offers both a high route for more experienced Scouts and a shorter low route for patrol scouts who are less experienced. There was a flyer passed out during the April Parent's Meeting and you may also go on-line to check it out as well. The area is off Calaveras Road, past the Sunol Grade and it is a must-do outing before attending the Troop Trek. The Eagle Court of Honor is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd at 2PM. At this event, which will take place at Trinity Church in Menlo Park, we will be celebrating advancement to Eagle Rank for both Brad Livermore and Mike Wright. Hospitality will be provided by the Cathy VonDerPorten, along with Hana Archbold, Sandy McVey, Laura Rhodes and Julie Devita.

May will include another Parent's Meeting, our Annual Work Day, Paddling Day #2, Castle Rock and Grave Decoration. The Parent's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at Sacred Heart. The Annual Work Day will take place on Saturday, May 7th and will be coordinated by both Peter V. and Bill Ashworth. It will commence at 8AM and take place at Trinity Church. The purpose of the event is to help our sponsor keep the grounds in shape. We tentatively plan to have a clean-up day at Trinity, including painting the outdoor benches and perhaps completing other related tasks as needed. We should be done by 12 Noon and there will be two shifts to work. Breakfast will be provided for the earlier shift and lunch for those who work the later shift. Castle Rock is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd and will be under the supervision of Assistant Scout Master, Phil McHale. This will incorporate rock climbing and easy backpacking on top of Skyline. The Scouts will be backpacking in for approximately 2 miles, do pitches and then climb at the end of the hike, followed by a 1 mile hike to camp, then 5 miles hiking to return to the cars. We will finish off the May activities by participating in the annual Grave Decorating which is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th. With the help of Advancement Chair Pam Fosnes, we will spend the morning helping to plant flags in front of the Veterans Gravestones at the San Bruno Veterans Memorial Cemetery. It will take approximately two to three hours and when we're done, we will have completed a total patriotic transformation. We have been doing this for about twelve to fifteen years. After completing the grave decoration, we will meet for breakfast or brunch; more than likely at a nearby McDonald's.

June will include numerous activities, including yet another Parent's Meeting, the Bean Hollow Beach Picnic/Summer Court of Honor, Whitewater Rafting, Junior Leadership Training and a Pre-Summer Camp Meeting. The June Parent Meeting will take place on Monday, June 6th at the standard time and place. Our annual Bean Hollow Beach Picnic/Summer Court of Honor will be led by SPL Peter V. and Earl Shelton. This will also function as our end of year party and wrap up meeting. Whitewater Rafting is scheduled for

Saturday and Sunday, June 18th and 19th. It will be under the direction of Bill Ashworth and adults, scouts at their siblings will be attending. Although Whitewater Rafting is officially closed, sign-ups can still be accepted. It will take place at the Cache Canyon Regional Site and there is also an optional Friday night for camping. JLT (Junior Leadership Training) is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th through Friday, June 24th. It is sponsored by the Pacific Skyline Council JLTC, is by invitation only and will take place at the Boulder Creek Scout Reservation. Adult Leaders will nominate Scouts to participate, and the troop pays a large portion of the fee. Last, but not least, Monday, June 20th will be the Pre-Summer Camp Meeting. Julie Devita and Roger Hardy will direct the meeting and all Scouts and their parent's who will be attending Summer Camp must attend this meeting to prepare for and cover all aspects relevant to camp. It will be held at Trinity Church in Menlo Park.

Summer Camp is scheduled for July 10th through July 17th. At this time, at least 28 people are attending and it will take place at Camp Olijato in the Sierras. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Devita and the balance of your payments are due by the end of April. Remember, you may apply profits from the Pancake Breakfast sales as camp credits.