

Troop 270 Newsletter

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Sir Baden Powell

By Ben

In 1884-85 Baden-Powell became noted for his use of observation balloons in warfare in Bechuanaland and the Sudan. From Oct. 12, 1899, to May 17, 1900, he defended Mafeking, holding off a much larger Boer force until the siege was lifted. After the war he recruited and trained the South African constabulary. On returning to England in 1903, he was appointed inspector general of cavalry, and the next year he established the Cavalry School, Netheravon, Wiltshire. He was promoted to lieutenant general in 1907.

Having learned that his military textbook Aids to Scouting was being used for training boys in woodcraft, Baden-Powell ran a trial camp on Brownsea Island, off Poole, Dorset, in 1907, and he wrote an outline for the proposed Boy Scout movement. Scout troops sprang up all over Britain, and for their use Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys was issued in 1908. He retired from the army in 1910 to devote all his time to the Boy Scouts, and in the same year he and his sister Agnes founded the Girl Guides (in the United States, Girl Scouts from 1912). His wife, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell also did much to promote the Girl Guides. In 1916 he organized the Wolf Cubs in Great Britain (Cub Scouts in the United States) for boys under the age of 11. At the first international Boy Scout Jamboree (London, 1920), he was acclaimed chief scout of the world.

A baronet from 1922, Baden-Powell was created a baron in 1929. He spent his last years in Kenya for his health. His autobiography, Lessons of a Lifetime (1933), was followed by Baden-Powell (1942, 2nd ed. 1957), by Ernest Edwin Reynolds, and The Boy-Man: The Life of Lord Baden-Powell (1989), by Tim Jeal.

Announcements

Thursday May 6th Roundtable
7:00

No Troop 270 P.L.C

Thursday May 13th O.A. Chapter
Meeting 7:00

May 15th Austin Eagle Project 8
a.m. -until we finish! Equipment,
food and drink, will all be
provided. Meet at Scout House at
8 a.m. Questions call 780-1177

No Street Clean-up May 15th

Troop 270 Fishing Campout
Friday May 21st to Sunday May
23rd

Monday May 24th Troop 270
Court of Honor 7:00-8:30

No Meeting on May 31st

Would you like to write an
article in this newspaper?

Maybe you even want to submit a
cartoon?

Do you have a suggestion?
You suddenly just remembered you're
Eagle Project!
Just call Ben.

He will be happy to put your article in
the paper!

Deadline for Next Month's Issue
May 17th

Be Sure to visit the Troop Webpage at
www.riversidescouts.com

Cleaning the Trail

By Derrick

On April 10th 2004 some of the Boy Scouts from Troop 270 went up to Mt. Rubidoux at 8:00 a.m. They were cleaning it up, along with other troops. All we did was clear the path, so people could walk through it easier to see the sunrise for the Easter Sunrise Service. That didn't take long at all, but then we came back to the Scout House and started to clean up there. At the Scout House some people were weed whacking, some people were mowing, and some were edging. We basically cleaned the place up. After lunch we did more cleaning. Then we left about 2:00 p.m. I think the trail and the Scout House looks great.

Lighting the Trail

By Danny

On Easter morning, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts came up to Mount Rubidoux at 3:30 a.m. to light up the trail for the sunrise church service which is held at the top of the mountain at the giant cross. We met at the bottom of the hill for donuts, hot dogs, and hot chocolate before heading up the mountain. Once we went up the trail we looked for a comfortable area. This year our troop had 26 volunteers and we were the largest group on the mountain. The people began hiking up the mountain at about 4:30 a.m. We guided a 191 people and six dogs up our side of the mountain. Together we had a total of 288 people and 11 dogs hike up both trails. When the sun rose we were ready to go home and get some sleep.

Passing the Torch to Those Who Follow

The Job of a Den Chief

By Michael H

What benefits do Scouts receive by becoming a Den Chief? There are many reasons for becoming a Den Chief. You have the opportunity to become a good will ambassador for your troop and introduce Webelos to the world of Boy Scouting. You gain valuable leadership experience by teaching and leading the Webelos den while earning service hours towards your next rank. Being a Den Chief benefits everyone. The troop gets new Scouts, the Webelos learn about a great new program, and you gain an experience you will never forget.

Scoutmasters Corner

By Tom Gebelin

The American Flag

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute actually stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776? I hope you have noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the 13 original colonies, but we learn something new every day! Be surprised at the following only because "they" quit teaching this around 1955...some of you out there might remember. The 1st fold of our flag is the symbol of life. The 2nd fold in our flag is a symbol of our belief in eternal life. The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world. The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for us American citizens trusting in god, it is him we turn to in times of peace as well as in time of war for his divine guidance. The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decaur, "*Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.*" The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie, it is with our hearts we say "*We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under god with Liberty and Justice for all.*" The 7th fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic. The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, without the boundaries of our Republic. The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded. The 10th fold is the tribute to the fathers, for they too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrew's eyes, the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christian's eyes, God the father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of the nations motto, "*In God We Trust.*" After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future you'll see flags folded and now you will know why. Please share this with the children that you love what this symbol stands for...by God's Grace it will continue to stand thusly...for and by "*Liberty and Freedom.*"