



# THE TROOP LOG



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## Calendar Items

04/06	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
04/13	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
04/13	7:00 PM	<b>Scout Committee Meeting</b>
04/20	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
04/27	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
05/04	7:00 PM	Stake Court of Honor
05/06	4:00 PM	Father and Sons (Castaic)
05/11	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
05/11	7:00 PM	<b>Scout Committee Meeting</b>
05/18	7:00 PM	YM/YW Activity
05/25	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
06/01	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
06/08	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
06/08	7:00 PM	<b>Scout Committee Meeting</b>
06/14	7:00 AM	High Adventure (Mammoth)
06/15	7:00 PM	<b>NO MEETING</b>
06/22	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting
06/29	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting

Dates and Times are subject to change. Please check our website (<http://troop100.pbmddm.org>) for updated calendar information.

[F] - Troop Fundraising Activity

## New Eagle Scout



On Thursday, February 25, 2016, **Randy Kirk** passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review at the Verdugo Hills Council.



Supporting Randy at his Eagle Scout Board of Review was Scoutmaster Randy Kirk, Sr.

*Congratulations to Randy Kirk on becoming Troop 100's newest Eagle Scout!*

## Eagle Scout Court of Honor



The Eagle Scout Court of Honor for **Daniel Goytia** and **Randy Kirk** will be held sometime in the middle of May.

Please check the troop website for an update for date and time of the Court of Honor.

We encourage everyone to support Daniel and Randy when honored for receiving scouting's highest award.



Easter  
03/27/2016



Memorial Day  
05/30/2016



Flag Day  
06/14/2016

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Troop Website: <http://troop100.pbmddm.org>  
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Troop100Scouts>

## Previous Troop Activities

On Friday, January 15, 2016, the troop went on a campout to Leo Carrillo State Beach. The boys spent the night at the adjacent campsite and visited the beach area on Saturday morning.



On Saturday, February 13, 2016, the troop held its annual Valentine's Day fundraiser dinner. As in the past, we had spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, rolls and dessert. Also, those present picked up their fundraiser bags for their Valentine's

Thank you to everyone who helped make these two fundraisers a success!

## Wilderness Survival Guide: How to Stay Alive if Lost, Hurt or Stranded

The following are the main points contained in the Wilderness Survival Guide. For detailed information, please refer to the article on the [ammo.com](http://ammo.com) website:

<http://ammo.com/articles/surviving-in-the-wild>

Imagine a fun afternoon hike. You're enjoying the quiet of the forest, the dappled light shining through the trees, and the intoxicating smell of the leaves when thick fog rolls in unexpectedly at 4:00 p.m. In a panic, you follow the wrong trail for hours along a progressively steeper face until you've run out of daylight.

Folks heading outdoors in search of adventure don't plan on getting lost or hurt in the wilderness. It can happen to the best of us, and when it does, **people underestimate the challenges of the wilderness and overestimate their own ability.**

To help you avoid becoming a statistic by rightly explaining the dangers of the wilderness and ensuring that you are physically and mentally prepared for any snags during your adventures, we've put together this wilderness survival guide.

### Stay Found – Make Survival Training a Waste of Time

Prevent this by staying found – know where you are at all times:

- Keep a topographic map of your area readily available.
- Refer to it constantly.
- Continuously match up features around you with points on the map.
- Take note of when you are able to pinpoint your position exactly – stream crossing, switch back, etc.
- Learn and apply a rough idea of your trail pace.
- Look forward along your trail and set expectations for arriving at chosen landmarks.
- If the landmark is not reached within a reasonable time, stop and reassess.
- Use your trail speed to get a better idea of your general location.

### Fear the Weather – Wilderness Enemy Number One

Unexpected nasty weather in the mountains can turn a pleasant day hike into a life or death situation for the unprepared and is a most dangerous foe.

Plan accordingly:

- The right headgear
- Sunglasses
- The right Shirt
- The right Pants
- Rain gear
- The right footwear

### Communication

Create a **Trip Plan** and share it with others:

- Where are you going?
- When are you going?
- Who is going on the trip?
- What will you be doing?

### Buddy Up – One Is The Loneliest Number

Solo hikers account for 58% of all lost hikers.

You're more likely to get lost if you go out alone. Find a friend and stay found.

### Survival Kit – The New Ten Essentials, Plus...

The Boy Scouts of America includes a list in their handbook called the "Ten Essentials." We've borrowed their list, expanded upon it, and rearranged it. The items are organized by priority, based on how quickly they will need to be used if a survival situation develops.

- Map and compass
- Mobile Phone
- Whistle
- First-Aid Kit
- Rain Gear
- Extra clothing
- Matches and fire starters
- Water bottle
- Multi-Tool

- Extras
  - Toilet paper
  - Signal mirror
  - Sun protection
  - Parachute cord
  - Flashlight
  - Duct Tape
  - Garbage bag
  - Trail food

## Survival Priorities

*Remember The Rule of 3:*

- You will die in 3 minutes without air.
- You will die in 3 hours without warmth or shelter.
- You will die in 3 days without water.
- You will die in 3 weeks without food.

*Priorities:*

1. STAY CALM
2. S.T.O.P.
3. FIRST AID
4. SHELTER
5. FIRE
6. WATER
7. SIGNAL

## Conclusion



Even the most experienced veteran of the outdoors can become lost, injured, or stranded. Make every effort to avoid a survival situation by knowing your location at all times, and coming to a **S.T.O.P.** as soon as you have any doubt.

Keep calm, and decide to act not on your feelings, but on your logical plan for survival. Focus on true survival priorities, and conserve your energy. 95% of all rescues are successful in less than two days, so your unexpected challenge should be quickly resolved.

If you remember nothing else, remember this: **ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING AND WHEN YOU WILL RETURN!**

The above information was provided by **ammo.com** and is available on their website:

<http://ammo.com/articles/surviving-in-the-wild>



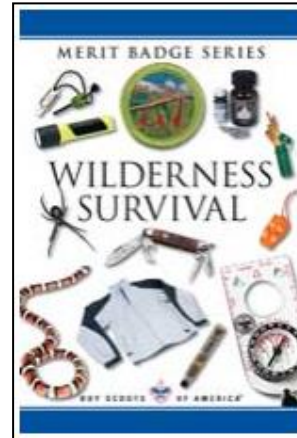
## Additional Information

For more information about wilderness survival, please refer to the following:

**Troop Website:**

[http://troop100.pbmddm.org/advancement/ten\\_essentials.php](http://troop100.pbmddm.org/advancement/ten_essentials.php)

**Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Book:**



**Merit Badge Requirements:**

<http://www.usscouts.org/mb/mb117.asp>

**And Remember the scout motto:**

