



Pack 55 News

September 2010

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR SCOUTS AND FAMILIES



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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING SCOUTS!

It's going to be a great Scouting year for Pack 55!

**It will be a year filled with great events,
fun activities, and opportunities to help
our community too!**



ATTENTION NEW SCOUTS!

Set your eyes on your BOBCAT!

Follow the 8 tracks of the BOBCAT trail in your handbook and complete its requirements. The Bobcat, the first rank & badge of cub scouting can then be awarded to you at our October 12th Pack Meeting! Tell your den leader when you have completed the requirements so he/she can submit the award for you.



CREEK CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT!

This continues to be a Pack 55 favorite!
Families are more than welcome to come.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 9-10AM

MEET AT THE STRAWBERRY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Santa Rosa's Creek Stewardship program will provide the gloves, trash bags and picker-uppers. Attire: Pack 55 (Class B) T-shirt if you have one or your Scout uniform (without neckerchief); rainboots if you want to walk in the creek; some like longsleeves due to branches etc.

PARTICIPATION QUALIFIES FOR ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEAVE NO TRACE BADGE.



PACK 55 NEEDS PHOTOS!

At the many scouting events throughout the year, there are many opportunities for great photos! If you have photos from Den or Pack events that you would like to share, please send them to us. We will use them for newsletters and our photo collage we are building for the end of the year bridging ceremony. Email is preferred, and please label the file names or provide captions & Den numbers so we know who is in the photo. Feel free to email them to Sandi Coero at sandic3730@yahoo.com. *Thanks!*

PACK 55 ANNUAL Bike Hike!

Bike with Pack 55 on the Joe Rodota Trail

Sunday, September 12, 2010. 2:00pm

- Starting at 2:00 PM and ending in Sebastopol at Screaming Mimi's Ice cream.
- Bike safety will be discussed before we head out.
- Read up on "Leave No Trace Awareness Award" and take its pledge in your handbook. Practice the guidelines on the Bike Hike and it will count as one of the outing requirements.
- Check your handbook for rank requirements you can fulfill.
- Wear your Pack T-shirt or uniform. See you there!!
- Contact Brad Blair (bvhs at comcast.net) so we can give Mimi's a rough head count.

For More Trail Info Please Visit:

http://www.sonoma-county.org/parks/pk_rodta.htm

http://www.sonomacounty.org/parks/pdf/park_maps/WCTrailMap.pdf



Route:

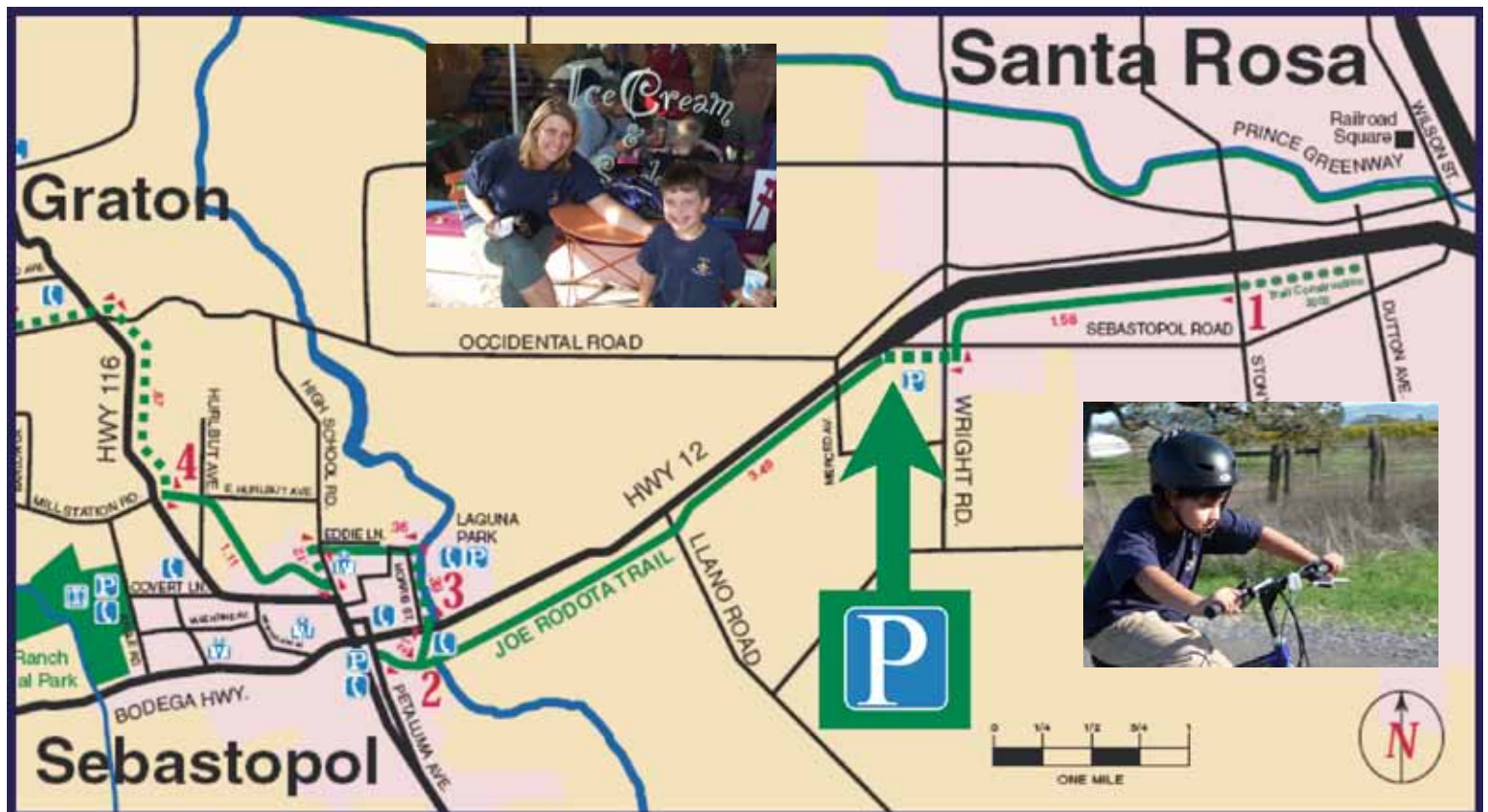
The trail is approximately 3.5 miles one way and flat.

Meeting:

Meet at the Wright Road trail head at 2:00 PM for safety instructions and kick-off.

Safety:

All child riders must wear helmets to participate. Adults must accompany scouts to provide assistance at intersections and street crossing.



TIME TO GET



POPPIN'!

What: ANNUAL TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALES.

Why: This is Pack 55's one and only sales fundraiser of the year. Girl Scouts sell cookies. Boy Scouts sell POPCORN! Funds earned this year will go directly to reducing Scouts' out of pocket costs for scouting events such as the pack campout, Summer Camp and Twilight Camp.

When: NOW through October 22nd.

How: There are several ways to sell:

Show and Sell: This is where we sell in front of Starbucks. Oct. 2nd & 9th, 10am-2pm—stay tuned for den assignments! NEW! Scouts can get credit towards prizes or gift cards for these sales.

Take Orders: Traditional order form. Scouts sell to family, friends, their parents' workplace, etc. Cash or Checks payable to "Pack 55." You can tell folks you sell to that delivery will be around November 15th.

Online sales: Register at www.trails-end.com to have your own scout account. Your out-of-town family and friends can place orders and you receive the credit towards prizes.

Info: Refer to the popcorn insert details on these and other selling options. For all of your popcorn questions, contact Robert Lahaderne at r_laha@sbcglobal.net.



BELT LOOP OF THE MONTH



CUB SCOUT SPORTS - BICYCLING

The requirements listed below are taken from the **Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide** (34299B) 2006 Printing.

BICYCLING BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain the rules of safe bicycling to your den leader or adult partner.
- Demonstrate how to wear the proper safety equipment for bicycling.
- Show how to ride a bike safely. Ride for at least half an hour with an adult partner, family or den.

BICYCLING PIN

Earn the Bicycling belt loop, and complete the first requirement below and complete four more of the following requirements:

- Make a chart to record at least 10 hours of bicycling. (required)
- Participate in a pack, den, or community bike rodeo.
- Demonstrate how to repair a flat tire on a bicycle.
- Make a poster illustrating different types of early bikes and show it to your den.
- Give a demonstration to your den or pack on the proper use of safety equipment and gear.
- With the help of a parent or adult partner, register or re-register your bicycle.
- Go on a "bicycle hike" with your family or den. Obey traffic rules related to bicycling.
- Repair or restore a non-functioning bicycle to a safe condition. Include the installation of all proper safety devices.
- Visit a bicycle race or exhibition.
- Help set up a bike rodeo or bike competition for your pack.



PACK 55 CALENDAR & INFORMATION

CALENDAR (Updated Monthly)

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Bike Hike, Joe Rodota Trail, 2:00pm
- 21 Committee Meeting, Strawberry Library 7:00pm
- 25 Creek Cleanup, Strawberry 9-10am. Contact: Dave Willis
- 28 Awards deadline for October pack meeting

OCTOBER

- 1-2 Webelos Woods
- 2 Popcorn show & sell / Starbucks 10:am - 2:00pm
- 7 District Roundtable
- 9 Popcorn show & sell / Starbucks 10:00am - 2:00pm
- 12 Pack Meeting, Yulupa MPR, 6:30pm
- 16-17 Jamboree on the air
- 16-17 Pack Campout
- 22 Popcorn orders & money due
- 26 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 26 Awards deadline for November pack meeting

NOVEMBER

- 4 District Roundtable
- 7 Space Derby workshop
- 9 Pack Meeting, Strawberry MPR, 6:30pm
- 14 Den Popcorn Pickup - details to follow
- 19 Space Derby!
- 30 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm

DECEMBER

- 2 District Roundtable
- 14 Holiday Caroling (in lieu of pack meeting) Details TBA.

2010-2011 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Save these dates!

- September 12 Pack 55 Bike Hike to Screamin' Mimi's
- October 1-3 Webelos Woods
- October 16-17 Pack Campout
- November 19 Space Derby!
- December 14 Holiday Caroling
- January 21-22 Pinewood Derby! Strawberry MPR
- February 11 Blue & Gold Dinner, Strawberry MPR
- April 15 Cubmobile Rally
- April 30 Cuboree
- April 30-May 1 Webelos Camporee
- May 10 Pack Meeting/Bridging - Camp Wa Tam
- May 28 Memorial Day Flag Service Project
- June 17-19 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 24-27 Cub Scout Resident Camp

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