



Pack 55 News

September 2011

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.

PACK 55 FALL CAMPOUT!

Don't miss our Fall pack campout at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park! November 12-13

There will be many activities including hiking, campfire, games and races and maybe earning a few achievements along with it! Scouts who do not wish to spend the night can just come for the day or evening festivities. Sugarloaf Ridge is a beautiful place to camp out. Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a night out under the stars! On Sunday morning, Pack 55 will be hosting a yummy pancake breakfast to close the festivities. More details will follow!



CREEK CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT!

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 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 ANNUAL Bike Hike!

Bike with Pack 55 on the Joe Rodota Trail

Sunday, September 25, 2011. 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 Robert Lahaderne (r_laha at sbcglobal.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:

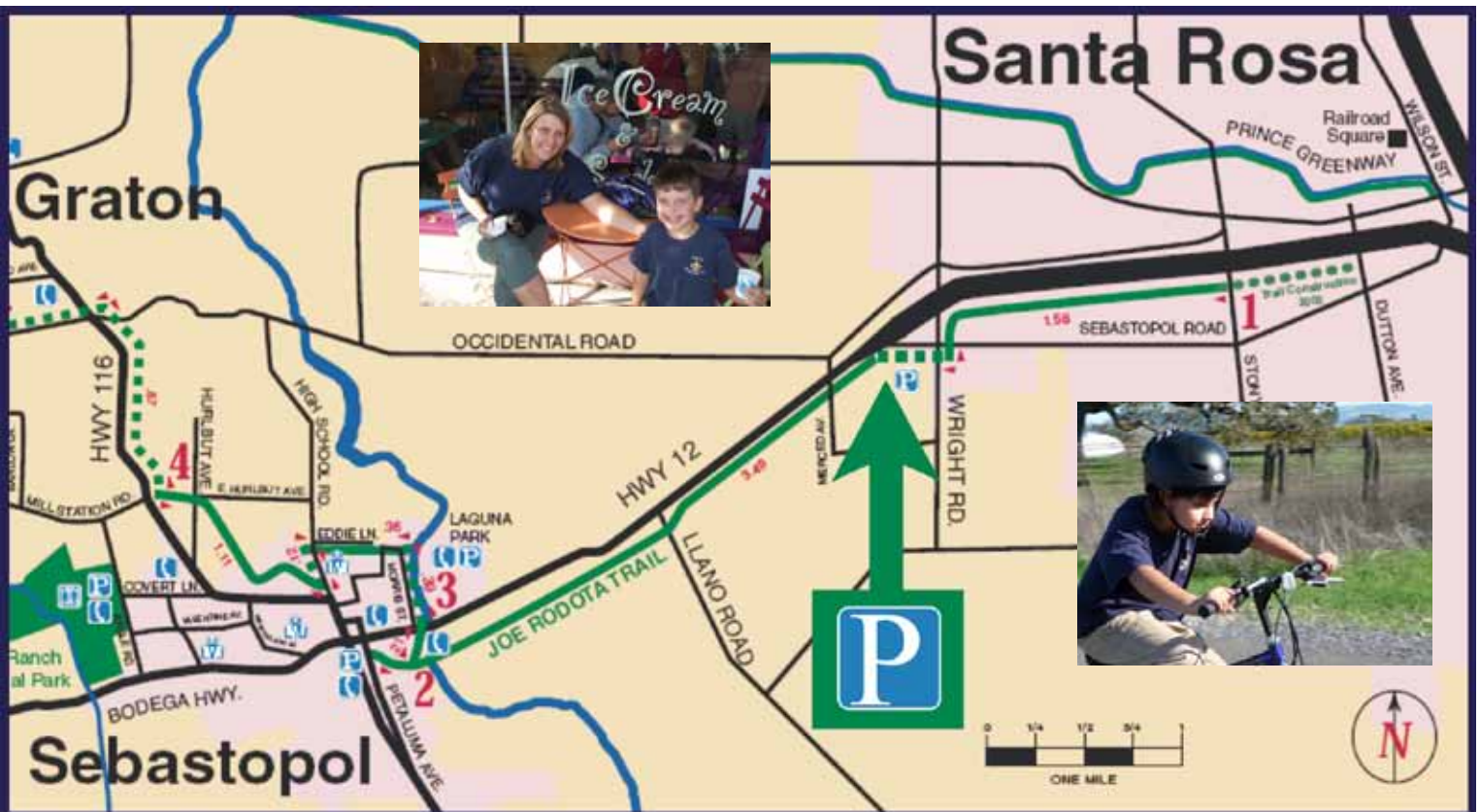
The trail is approximately 3.5 miles one way and flat.

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 17th.

How: There are several ways to sell:

 **Show and Sell:** This is where we sell in front of Starbucks. —stay tuned for den assignments and dates! 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 4th.

 **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 **Brian Stempe 545-5630 stempeb@yahoo.com**



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

- 24 Creek Cleanup, Strawberry 9-10am. Contact: Dave Willis
- 25 Bike Hike to Screamin' Mimi's
- 27 Awards deadline for October pack meeting
- 30-Oct2 Webelos Woods at Camp Navarro

OCTOBER

- 4 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 6 District Roundtable
- 11 Pack Meeting, Yulupa MPR, 6:30pm
- 17 Popcorn orders & money due
- 21 Space Derby, Strawberry MPR, 6-8pm
- 25 Awards deadline for November pack meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 3 District Roundtable
- 4 Den Popcorn Pickup - details to follow
- 8 Pack Meeting, Strawberry MPR, 6:30pm
- 12 Pack Campout - Sugarloaf Ridge
- 29 Awards deadline for December pack meeting

DECEMBER

- 6 Committee Meeting, Strawberry library, 7:00pm
- 8 District Roundtable
- 13 Holiday Caroling (in lieu of pack meeting) Details TBA.
- 27 Awards deadline for January pack meeting

2011-2012 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Save these dates!

- September 24 Creek Clean-up | Strawberry
- September 25 Pack 55 Bike Hike to Screamin' Mimi's
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Webelos Woods at Camp Navarro
- October 21 Space Derby! | Strawberry MPR
- November 12-13 Pack Campout | Sugarloaf Ridge
- December 13 Holiday Caroling
- February 10-11 Pinewood Derby! | Strawberry MPR
- February 24 Blue & Gold Dinner | Strawberry MPR
- March 24-31 Scouting for Food
- April 13 Cubmobile Rally
- May 12-13 Pack Spring Campout | Spring Lake
- May 18-20 Webelos Camporee
- May 26 Memorial Day Flag Service Project
- May 26-28 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 8-10 Family Camp at Camp Navarro
- June 22-26 Cub Scout Resident Camp

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