



August 2018

Ending Letter

Jayson Lee

First off, I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped my this term one to remember. Though there were ups and downs throughout the entire term, I would say that it was a success.

My main focus for this term was reinvigorating our troop's job system and implementing a system where scouts could trust one another to do what they are supposed to be doing. To start off the term in February, I re-introduced the troop job interviewing system, one that hadn't been used in a few years. The process included a fifteen minute talk with one of myself, Daniel Lin, or Glen Chen, along with a parent. The interview had 4-5 questions that helped each scout lay down his goals for the job he applied for. Throughout the term, I tried giving more definition for each job, creating a presentation that helped create clarity for each role. One example would be the ASPLs role. While in the past, ASPLs have not really done anything much either than fill in for the SPL once in a while, this term each ASPL was given a certain section of the troop to cover: Joshua with SICs, Thomas with Instructors and teachings, and Glen with other troop jobs.

Johnny helped introduce an idea to me that I found quite intriguing, and I decided to follow through with it. As you may have heard, this is the first time that we have enacted a troop job review. I personally thought that it was a great idea because it helped create accountability. As many may have noticed, some scouts have received credit for jobs that they do not really deserve. Instead of doing the job because of your love for scouting, instead you do the job because you want credit to advance to the next rank, a

Troop Announcements

- Come help out with Daniel's Eagle Project, signups in another email
- First-time backpackers are invited to the 8/20 seminar. Also required to attend the 8/25 hike, email Jacob or sign up on slack (headcounts in #general)
- One adult needed for Crew J

Future Events

- August 11-12, Skyline to the Sea (Daniel Kao, Richard Liu)
- August 20, 6:30 pm, Seminar for first-time backpackers (Jacob Nie)
- August 20, 7:00 pm, Personal M. second session (Mrs. Lee, Arthur Wong)
- August 25, Mission Peak training hike (Jacob Nie, Jeffery Ou)
- September 1-3, Labor Day Backpacking (Jacob Nie, Steven Jiang)
- September 22-23, CASA (Leon Lau, Henry Ma)

Fun facts

- Earth's two continental ice sheets, Greenland and Antarctica, are really just enormous glaciers that flow in all directions. Both ice sheets are more than 3,000 meters deep at their

mindset not healthy for our troops environment. For too long have scouts gotten away with lackadaisical work, often letting others down. This review consists of 4 main questions that help determine whether or not a scout gets credit or not for the term's troop job.

Other good things that have happened this term consist of:

- SICs now having to fill out cheat sheets to make planning in the future easier.
- SIC reflections are also back.
- The troop now has a newsletter thanks to Jeffrey Meng, Richard Liu, and Jacob Nie.
- More scouts show up on time after we decided to have headcounts take place at the beginning of the troop meeting for a few months.

Although I believe this term has usually been good, I do have a few regrets and see some problems with it.

- One that I think everyone has noticed is the huge increase of events that we have had this year. It noticeably tired a lot of scouts out and led to diminished attendance for most events.
- I regret not being able to lead the troop at summer camp this year. Usually, summer camp is the best part of being SPL
- One thing that was a result of my focus in other areas was not being able to keep our troop's spirit up. I did not really encourage patrol yells or troop yells all that much.

Once again, I'd like to thank Joshua, Thomas, and Glen for being my right hand men throughout the term. I'd like to thank all of the PLs for keeping their patrols in check and to all of those who held troop jobs. I could not have done it without you guys. Finally, I would like to thank the entire troop for just being awesome! I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish in Hagen's term.

YIS,

Jayson Lee

National Honor Patrol Awards - 2018 Spring/Summer Term

Congratulations to the following patrols who earned National Honor Patrol this term:

- Dragons (2 awards in one term)

thickest spots, below which bedrock is often below sea level.

- The massive weight of ice sheets caused North America's continental plates to sink during the last Ice Age. Many areas of the continent are still floating back up in a process called isostatic rebound.
- Piedmont glaciers are sort of like river deltas for glaciers. Immense valley glaciers spill out onto flat plains. The world's largest is the Malaspina glacier in Alaska, but Greenland's Elephant Foot glacier is worth checking out.
- A glacier's meltwater often seeps down to where the ice contacts the bedrock, where it acts as a sort of lubricant between the ice and the rock, helping the glacier slide faster. This phenomenon is called basal slip.

June/July Advancement

Congratulations to the following scouts for advancing in June and July:

- Arthur Wong, Life
- Jeff Li, Tenderfoot
- Thomas Wu, Scout
- Daniel Kwong, Life

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- Serpents

Summer Camp

Jacob Nie

Summer camp was really fun, everybody! I hope everybody had a great time. Here are some of my personal highlights:

- Sailing 10 miles everyday with Richard to Belmont Park to eat lunch by the beach
- Flying the hull on the catamarans
- Winning the Aquaticade (thanks to our two paddleboarders and our swim relay team)
- A “good” result in the Raingutter Regatta
- Catching a lot of fish on the deep sea fishing trip
- Watching our inexperienced sailors capsize far too often

Gallery



Scouts learn to sail a catamaran during Summer Camp in San Diego.



Scouts pause during a difficult climb up Mt. Shasta.

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