



TROOP 566

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48 Years of Excellence in Scouting!

Recruitment 2011 Edition

Welcome to Troop 566 !!!

Troop 566 is based in Saratoga, CA and has been around for more than 48 years. We have a long history of providing an excellent program and service to the community. We are a large, popular Troop with 55 to 80 members. We accept applications year round from all boys in the 5th grade or age 11 or older. Troop 566 is a place where we hope you will have fun until you turn 18. Many friendships will be made, some lasting a lifetime. Memories will be created and you will be telling your children about the fun times you had as a Scout. This is a great time to ask your parents if they were Scouts and if they can tell you about any of the fun adventures they had.

Questions?

Once you have read through this newsletter, you may have questions. Please feel free to contact the Troop 566 Scoutmaster, Michael Lorenzen. He can be reached by phone at 408-725-1811 or by e-mail at Scoutmaster@bsa566.com

Why do so many boys want to join Troop 566?

Troop 566 is an active and stable group, large enough that trips are never cancelled for lack of support or attendance. There are a variety of activities including 9 weekend trips during the school year and 2 one-week long summer camps each summer. In 2004, we added a Backpacking Mini-Trek to the summer adventures. This trip is open to all Scouts 1st Class and above. Troop 566 sent a dozen Scouts to the 2005 National Jamboree, went to Philmont in the summer of 2006, participated in a 65 mile backpack to the top of Mt. Whitney in the summer of 2007 and sent 4 Scouts to the 2010 National Jamboree.

The two week-long summer camps are in different locations with different programs and emphasis. We encourage all our Scouts to go to both if possible. Dates for summer camps can be found on the Troop calendar or by contacting the Scoutmaster.

Our weekend trips include:

2 backpacks a year (most others are car camping trips)

a snow camping trip or ski trip (these alternate)

a beach camping trip

a car camping trip with a bike hike.

We publish a 2-8 page newsletter each month which includes updates on trips, packing lists for the upcoming trip, Troop events calendar, notes on achievements and more. We maintain an extensive web site for the general public and a password protected, member's only site where Troop forms, newsletters, rosters, and more is available. We use e-mail, voicemail, and phones for communication with parents and Scouts.

Advancement is self-paced and our Troop typically produces several Eagle Scouts (Boy Scouts highest rank) each year. When Scouts turn 14 they may register as both a Boy Scout and as a Venture Scout in our associated Venture Crew 566 or another crew. In the Venture Crew, Scouts participate in higher adventure trips including 10 day backpacking trips at the famous Philmont Scout Reservation. Troop 566 Scouts have served as staff at Chawanakee, Hi-Sierra, and Philmont. Our Troop often keeps Scouts involved to the maximum age of 18.

In the spring, the Troop offers Quickstart, an intensive three day training for new Scouts and parents. This nine hour training and orientation class is conducted in three 3 hour sessions over two weekends in March. This training gives our new Scouts and parents a jump on what to expect on weekend trips. They get to know quite a bit about how to function as a Boy Scout, what the procedures are for advancing in rank and completing merit badges, and become comfortable with the Troop gear that will be used on the trips.

How is the Troop Organized?

The Troop is the larger group consisting of the boys ranging in age from 11 to 18 and the adult leaders. It is led by two Scouts, the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL). These two Scouts are elected by their peers to serve for one year. The SPL and ASPL lead Troop meetings, Patrol Leader Council meetings, and represent the Scouts at the parent Committee meetings.

The Scouts are divided into *Patrols* consisting of 8 to 10 Scouts of about the same age and experience level, plus two older Scouts, called *Troop Guides*, who will advise the patrol. The *Troop Guides* are not the leaders. They are there to guide and teach the younger Scouts.

Each patrol will elect a patrol leader. The *patrol leader* will then assign several very important patrol jobs to other patrol members. These jobs include:

assistant patrol leader - helps patrol leader
grubmaster - oversees food for camping trips
quartermaster - oversees gear for camping trips
scribe—takes notes at patrol meetings & distributes them

Patrols meet two or more times per month at time and location chosen by the patrol. The patrol will work as a group to plan meals for upcoming Troop trips, meet advancement requirements, and work on merit badges. In addition to the Troop and Patrol meetings, Patrol Leaders will attend Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meetings (usually Thursdays between Troop meetings). The PLC is where things get decided.

Whenever possible, Scouts will be the ones in charge. Parents are invited along (Moms or Dads) for safety, to share the experience with their sons, and simply to have a good time but it is the Scouts who make the decisions and do the work.

What are the big differences between Cubs and Boy Scouts?

The name of the entire group changes from a Pack to a Troop. The Troop is made up of patrols of 6-12 Scouts (like dens). The biggest change is that the boys are in charge. Parents oversee events to ensure safety and to contribute where expertise may be lacking. Parents are also involved with the administration of the unit.

Soon these new Scouts will be planning menus, shopping for food, and preparing and cooking meals on the weekend trips. They will be packing their own gear for weekend trips. As they mature, they will lead the younger Scouts under the supervision of the oldest Scouts.

Boy Scout events are not family events as Cub Scout events often are. Parents are invited and welcome to attend camping trips and other Troop events but siblings may not.

How much time does it take to be a Scout in Troop 566?

Troop Meetings: The Troop meets two Thursday nights a month from September through May. These meetings are usually on the first and third Thursday of the month.

Patrol Meetings: Patrol meetings occur at least twice a month (the patrol may elect to do more). The Patrol can vote to change the meeting night at any time.

Weekend Trips: There will be one weekend camping trip a month from September through May. Many are to local spots and you can arrange for late arrival/early departure to accommodate sports and other activities.

Summer Camps: We encourage all younger Scouts to attend both of the week-long summer camps.

Patrol Leaders Council: On alternate Thursday nights (not Troop meeting nights), the PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) meets. This group includes the Senior Patrol Leader, Asst. Senior Patrol Leader and each Patrol Leader. Attendees may bring \$5.00 to purchase beer and pizza. (That's ROOT beer, folks!)

Attendance Requirements: We expect Scouts to attend all Troop events. However, there are times when this is not possible. To maintain a quality unit, Scouts who miss more than 2 Troop meetings in a row or who do not attend at least 4 weekend trips per year may be placed on probationary status. You will get more out of Scouting and have more fun if you attend as many Troop and patrol events as you are able.

Service Hours: A large part of Scouting is service to others. In support of this philosophy, our Troop requires each Scout to perform at least one hour of service each month. These hours may be at school, church, or in other areas of the community. Opportunities for service hours are often published in the Troop newsletter and/or via Troop e-mail. If you are aware of projects or programs where Scouts could be of help, please let us know.

CPR & First Aid: Each Scout and all adult leaders must have current CPR and First Aid certification. The Troop will offer discounted CPR and First Aid classes to Troop 566 members over the course of the year. These classes are usually about 3 to 4 hours in length. Certification is good for two years. Notification of dates, times, location, and cost will be published in the monthly Bugle or through e-mail announcements.

Knots & Lashings: All Scouts are expected to be able to tie the 10 Boy Scout knots in less than 90 seconds and the 5 Boy Scout lashings in less than 5 minutes. There are many opportunities to practice knots and lashings on the weekend camping trips and at summer camps.

What about Parents?

As the boys mature, they will be responsible for planning and carrying out the activities in which they wish to participate. They will take on more and more of the responsibility for themselves and their activities. This first year is a transitional year for them and their parents. Parent oversight is necessary for such things as packing gear for a trip, menu planning, and food shopping. As the boys gain experience, they will be doing more and more of this on their own.

On the first trip camping trip, we would like a parent to accompany a new Scout. Parent participation in this first trip will help the Scout be more comfortable and give parents better idea about what goes on at the weekend trips. Some parents continue camping with us on an ongoing basis while others will go on some trips. Others will help with driving to and from camp but not stay. You may choose what works best for you and your family.

There are many other things parents can do besides come on the trips. Parents are needed to coordinate the yearly FOS campaign, arrange for drivers for Troop activities, store & inventory Troop gear, serve as Troop Treasurer, find & reserve camping trip locations, work with new patrols and more. Training for these volunteer jobs is available. The Troop can only function well if all parents offer some kind of help to the unit. We appreciate your help and support in making Scouting the best experience it can be for your son and his friends in the Troop.

Parents with a particular interest in a specific subject may serve as merit badge counselors. There are about 120 merit badges covering a vast range of skills, careers, and hobbies. For a full listing of the various topics, check out http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges. For more information on how to become a merit badge counselor, check with Asst. Scoutmaster Jerry McMillan or Troop Committee Member Teresa Lorenzen.

Costs

Annual registration fee: Troop 566 voted out fundraisers and weekly dues years ago. Instead, we have an annual registration fee which is currently \$95.00 per Scout. This covers the Scouting year from September through August. This registration fee covers the cost of rank advancement awards, newsletter printing and mailing, Troop equipment and gear replacement and updating, as well as national registration and insurance fees.

Scouts joining mid-year will be charged \$95.00 which will cover their fees through the following August as well as the cost of Troop supplied items including Scout handbook, BSA Requirements book, 566 number patch, 566 neckerchief, neckerchief slide, shoulder loops, 25 year bar, quality unit patch and one Troop t-shirt.

Weekend camping trips: Most of the weekend trips cost \$25.00 which covers food, campsite reservation fees, and other associated costs. Specialty trips that have high expenses (ski trips, ship trips, caverns trip, travel trips with trains or hotels, etc.) will have a higher fee to cover these expenses.

Summer camps: Week-long, council sponsored summer camps cost between \$310 and \$375 per week. This cost covers food, lodging, and most activities for the week. The Troop Mini-Trek cost varies depending on destination.

Friends of Scouting: The Boy Scout Council will ask you for a donation to the "Friends of Scouting" or "FOS" campaign to which you must make a donation of at least \$1.00 per year. If you are able to donate more, please do so. This money goes to support Scouting throughout the Santa Clara Valley.

Uniforms: Scouts will need a complete uniform as detailed on page 3.

Gear: The piece of gear Scouts will need immediately is a good sleeping bag. For recommendations about sleeping bags and where to purchase one, please contact the Scoutmaster (Scoutmaster@bsa566.com). The rest of the gear needed can be borrowed, rented, or purchased over a Scout's career. Please feel free to ask the Scoutmaster about ideas for birthday/graduation/other gifts for your Scout.

Cost Estimates

- O\$95.00 Joining fee & Troop dues.
- O\$10.00 Extra Troop T-Shirts
- O\$90.00 Uniform (*This is an estimate!! Be sure to check the Troop uniform bank before purchasing any uniform items.*)
- O\$25.00 Estimated weekend camp fee (includes food)
- O\$375.00 Estimated Chawanakee Summer Camp—6 nights, 7 days (includes food)
- O\$310.00 Estimated Hi-Sierra Summer Camp — 6 nights, 7 days (includes food)
- O\$30.00 Estimated cost for CPR Certification class
- O\$30.00 Estimated cost for First Aid Certification class

Items you will receive from Troop 566 as part of your joining fee. DO NOT PURCHASE!!

- o 566 number patch for your uniform shirt.
- o 566 neckerchief
- o Boy Scout neckerchief slide
- o Green "Boy Scout" Shoulder Loops
- o 25 year bar
- o Quality Unit Patch
- o Access to the Troop's uniform bank (outgrown uniforms donated by Troop families).
- o Patrol Patch when assigned to a patrol
- o Boy Scout handbook.
- o Boy Scout Requirement book
- o One Troop T-shirt.

Items to purchase or locate in Troop Uniform Bank - Costs are estimates & are subject to change.

Uniform Shirt - If you have the tan color shirt from Cub Scouts you may use it. You will have to remove some patches (save for scrapbook) for Boy Scout use. The Arrow of Light is the only Cub rank patch you may move from a Cub shirt to a Boy Scout shirt.



O Centennial Boy Scout Uniform Shirt: \$24.99—\$39.99

Uniform Pants May use the same ones you used as a Cub Scout *if they are the green color.*

O Boy Scout Convertible Uniform Pants \$34.99—\$39.99

O Centennial Switchback Pants—\$49.99

Boy Scout Socks \$5.99 to \$15.99—several kinds, no standard

Boy Scout Baseball Cap. \$12.99

World Scout Crest Patch. \$1.49

SCCC County Patch \$2.95



Design subject to change.

The Scout Shop is located at the Santa Clara County Council Boy Scouts of America Service Center at 970 West Julian Street just off the Alameda. There are other places where you might buy Scout gear, but none is as complete as the Scout Shop. To get to the Scout Shop from Saratoga, take HW280 South to HW880 North. Take the Alameda exit and turn right onto The Alameda. Proceed on The Alameda to Julian. Turn left onto Julian. The Service Center is two blocks on right. They are open 9:00-6:00 pm Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Uniform items may also be ordered online from www.scoutstuff.org.

Troop 566 maintains a uniform bank that is available to all 566 Scouts on a first come, first served basis. This bank includes outgrown items, mostly shorts and pants. Scout shirts are sometimes available. For specific items and sizes, please check with the Troop Uniform Bank Coordinator. Uniform bank will be available to new Scouts at Quickstart training sessions.

Summer Camp Possibilities

Troop 566 attends two week long summer camps each summer. Included here are details about these camps. Each camp offers a unique experience providing Scouts with opportunities to learn new skills, complete advancement, and have a great time. Specific dates for summer camp can be found in the Troop calendar in the most recent edition of the Bugle or on the Troop member's website (www.bsa566.com)

Camp Chawanakee

Camp Chawanakee is operated by Sequoia Council camp in the Fresno area. It has been around for over 60 years and is considered one of the best camps on the west coast. 400-500 Scouts attend each week of summer. It is on the shore of Shaver Lake and has a great waterfront program (swimming, lifesaving, life guarding, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, sailing, etc.). The camp has recently add a new bath and shower complex, new docks, and a 52 ft climbing wall, which is the 2nd highest of all the western Scout camps.



Camp Hi-Sierra

Camp Hi-Sierra is the Santa Clara County Council camp. It has been around for over 50 years. Approximately 175-225 Scouts attend each week of the summer. It is located along the North Fork of the Stanislaus River above Sonora Pass in the beautiful Sierra mountains. The program includes rank advancement as well as lot of merit badge classes and the infamous Polar Bear Swim. Everyone loves the staff for their spirit and enthusiasm.



9 Weekend Camping Trips

Between September and May, Troop 566 goes on one weekend camping trip per month. These trips are usually to locations within 2 hours driving distance or less of our home base. The Troop meets at 7:00 or 8:00 am on Saturday morning. Scouts and gear are divided up among the vehicles going on the trip and they are off for a weekend of fun.

Menus for these trips are devised by the Scouts in their patrols. On most trips, the Scouts will prepare Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch. Scouts are asked to bring a bag lunch for Saturday. Each patrol is assigned a 3 burner camp stove, a patrol box of cooking gear (pots, pans, utensils), and a grub box containing non-perishable food items. Based on the menu agreed upon by the patrol, the patrol grubmaster will do the shopping for the patrol/cook group. Receipts for these shopping trips can be turned in to the Troop for reimbursement.

Besides cooking their meals, other activities that take place on weekend camping trips include rank advancement, Scoutmaster conferences, campfires and, depending on the location, hiking, biking, swimming, and/or skiing and snowplay.

On the following pages you will find pictures and short descriptions of recent Troop trips. These are examples of places and activities that are typical of year's worth of trips.

NEW MELONES CAR-CAMPING & BOATING TRIP

In September, '08, the Scouts of Troop 566 spent the weekend boating on the waters of the New Melones dam. Scouts had the opportunity to water ski, tube, swim, and earn the motorboating merit badge.



ED LEVIN / MISSION PEAK CAR-CAMPING & HIKING TRIP

In September '09, Troop 566 visited Ed Levin County Park and hiked to the summit of Mission Peak just east of Milpitas, CA.



SAN LUIS RESERVOIR CAR-CAMP & DAM BIKE RIDE

In October, '09, Troop 566 traveled to San Luis Reservoir off of Pacheco Pass where Scouts camped along the canal and rode bikes atop the reservoir dam road to the visitor's center.



HENRY COE STATE PARK BACKPACK

In November, '09 Troop 566 headed south to the hills east of Morgan Hill to go backpacking in the rolling hills of Henry Coe State Park. With a short hike of 1.5 miles into camp, Scouts were treated to a weekend of quiet in natural surroundings.



HALF MOON BAY STATE BEACH CAR CAMP

In December, '09, Troop 566 camped out at the group camp at Half Moon Bay State Beach. On this trip, Scouts spent time digging in the sand, playing football on the beach, and improving their knot tying skills.



CAMP CUTTER – WOODFIRES

In January, '10 Troop 566 Scouts spent a weekend at Camp Cutter in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Camp Cutter is a Boy Scout reservation where it is permissible to use downed tree limbs and forest litter to build fires for cooking. The weekend was spent collecting firewood, learning how to build and tend a cooking fire, eating the great food cooked over the open fires, and learning how to properly put out the cooking and camp fires.



INDIAN GRINDING ROCK STATE HISTORIC PARK

In November, '07, the Troop took a slightly longer trip to Indian Grinding Rock State Park outside of Jackson, CA. In addition to learning about the native peoples who lived throughout the Sierras and sleeping in bark houses, Scouts also took a walking tour of the Black Chasm Cavern.



CAMPOREE

In April, Troop 566 attends the Camporee along with about 200 other Scouts from the Saratoga, Cupertino, and Sunnyvale area. This friendly competition gives everyone a chance to show off their Scouting skills in a number of unique and fun events.



JOSEPH D. GRANT COUNTY PARK

In May, '09 the Scouts of Troop 566 spent a the weekend at Joseph D. Grant County Park in the hills east of San Jose near Mt. Hamilton. This was the first trip for the year's new Scouts. In addition to spending time outdoors, they put their cooking skills into practice.



SNOW TRIP - SKI TRIP

In alternating years, Troop 566 camps in (or on) the snow. To the right you see a snow cave. This is a shelter many of our Scouts create to sleep in. The picture demonstrates how strong a shelter is once it has had a little time to freeze over. Others will sleep in tents on the snow. We compact the snow and use the ledge as a table to create our camping kitchens.

Other years we have gone on a ski trip where we sleep in cabins and spend two days skiing and snow boarding. Those who don't ski can spend the day tubing and saucering at the snoplay park.



COURT OF HONOR

Showcase of Scout's Advancement

Twice a year, Troop 566 holds a Court of Honor. The entire family is invited to join in a celebration of our Scouts' achievements. The evening includes a potluck dinner followed by advancement recognition. The Senior Patrol leader (the boy in charge of the Troop) conducts the advancement recognition.

Our Troop has been lucky to have several Scouts reach Boy Scouting's highest rank of Eagle each year. Scouts earning the rank of Eagle may be recognized at Eagle Courts of Honor during the year.



MINI-TREK,

It is so hard to wait until you are 14 to enjoy the ten day backpacking trips to places like the Philmont Scout Reservation. To give more Scouts this opportunity, we created a Troop backpacking Mini-Trek. Scouts who have completed at least one year with the Troop can attend.

2008 SARATOGA TO THE SEA

In the summer of 2008, Troop 566 Scouts made the trek from Sanborn Park over the hill to Waddell Beach north of Santa Cruz, retracing the steps of their older colleagues who had completed the same trek in the summer of 2004. They enjoyed the trip as much as those who completed it previously and are looking forward to doing it again in the next few years.



2005, ANSEL ADAMS WILDERNESS 1000 ISLAND LAKE



In June/July of 2005, Troop & Crew 566 trekked through the east side of the California Sierra backpacking 22 miles round trip going from 7,700 to 10,500 feet. This trip was 5 days, including 2 days of hiking and 3 layover days. On the layover days, we hiked about 2 hours to the snow remaining on the hills where we had an awesome snowball fight. On this same hike, we had lunch with one of the best views nature has to offer. Food for this camp was carried in by mule packers lightening our load, allowing younger scouts to go along on this trek. Even with all the hiking, backpacking, and snowball fighting, we had plenty of free time to play cards and sing around the campfire.



TROOP 566 CALENDAR, 2010/2011

Date	Who Should Attend	Event	Meeting Time	Location
Thursday, 1/20/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Thursday, 1/27/2011	Patrol Leaders	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 pm	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 2/3/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Friday, 2/4 - Sunday, 2/5	Scouts	February Ski Trip	5:00 pm	Blue Hills Parking Lot
Thursday, 2/10/2011	PLC Meeting	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 2/17/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Thursday, 2/24/2011	PLC Meeting	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 3/3/2011	Scouts & Family	Troop Court of Honor	6:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Thursday, 3/10/2011	PLC Meeting	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 3/17/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Saturday, 3/?? - Sunday, 3/??	Scouts	March Backpacking Trip Location TBD	7:00 am	Blue Hills Parking Lot
Sunday, 3/20	New Scouts & a Parent	Quickstart #1	2:30—5:00 pm	Blue Hills School Grounds
Saturday, 3/26	New Scouts & a Parent	Quickstart #2	8:30 am—11:30 pm	Blue Hills School Grounds
Sunday, 3/27	New Scouts & a Parent	Quickstart #3	2:30—5:00 pm	Blue Hills School Grounds
Thursday, 3/24/2011	PLC Meeting	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 4/7/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Saturday, 4/9 - Sunday, 4/10	Scouts	Polaris District Camporee	7:00 am	Blue Hills Parking Lot
Thursday, 4/14/2011	PLC Meeting	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 4/21/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Thursday, 4/28/2011	Patrol Leaders	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 4/28/2011	Pre-registered Scouts & Adults	CPR Training	6:45 pm—8:30 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Thursday, 5/5/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Thursday, 5/12/2011	PLC Meeting	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 5/19/2011	Scouts	Troop Meeting	7:30—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Saturday, 5/?? - Sunday, 5/??	Scouts	May Camping Trip Location TBD	8:00 am	Blue Hills Parking Lot
Thursday, 5/26/2011	Patrol Leaders	PLC Meeting	7:30—8:30 am	Mountain Mike's
Thursday, 5/26/2011	Pre-registered Scouts & Adults	CPR Training	6:45 pm—8:30 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Thursday, 6/2/2011	Scouts going to Chawanakee & a parent	Pre-Chawanakee meeting	7:30 pm—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Sunday, 6/19—Saturday, 6/25	Scouts	Camp Chawanakee	8:00 am	Blue Hills Parking Lot
Thursday, 7/14/2011	Scouts going to Hi-Sierra & a parent	Pre-Hi-Sierra Meeting	7:30 pm—9:00 pm	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Sunday, 7/24—Saturday, 7/31	Scouts	Camp Hi-Sierra	8:00 am	Blue Hills Parking Lot

CPR & FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

To be prepared for all contingencies, Troop 566 requires that all Scouts be trained in CPR and First Aid. To this end, the Troop sponsors CPR certification classes each spring and First Aid Certification classes in the fall. These classes are less expensive than classes available in the community and are tailored to our Scouts. Please watch the monthly Bugle for details on dates and times for CPR and First Aid classes. If you complete your CPR and/or First Aid Certification through a community class available through Red Cross, American Heart Association, community college, community center, or other organization please forward a copy of the certification card to Teresa Lorenzen (teresa@bsa566.com) for the Troop records.

QUICKSTART, 2011

New Scouts & Parents are invited to get a jump on the what Scouting is all about and how Troop 566 works by attending Troop 566's Quickstart. This is a training session for both Scouts and parents. New Scouts will work with senior Scouts to learn how to use Troop equipment, complete some of the initial rank advancement requirements and learn skills that will help them on the weekend trips and in their patrol.

Parents will meet with the adult leadership to complete forms, learn about Troop procedures, and how to best help their son advance and have fun in Scouts. These are not three repeats of the same training but three unique training sessions. We encourage new Scouts and a parent to attend all three sessions.

Quickstart Training dates for 2011 are:

- Sunday, 3/20 - 2:30 - 5:30 pm
- Saturday, 3/26 - 8:30 - 11:30 am
- Sunday, 3/27 - 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Quickstart Location: Blue Hills School located at 12300 DeSanka Ave, Saratoga

From the parking lot on DeSanka, go onto the schoolgrounds and head to the



IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEW SCOUTS

January 20th	Troop 566 Troop Meeting & Orientation for New Scouts & Parents
March 20th	Quickstart Training Session #1
March 26th	Quickstart Training Session #2
March 27th	Quickstart Training Session #3
April 7th	Troop 566 Troop Meeting
April 21st	Troop 566 Troop Meeting
April 28th	CPR Training for new Scouts & recertification for older Scouts
May 5th	Troop 566 Troop Meeting
May, 2011	Weekend Camping Trip, Dates & Location TBA
May 19th	Troop 566 Troop Meeting
May 26th	CPR Training for new Scouts & recertification for older Scouts
June 2nd	Pre-Chawanakee Meeting
June 19th-25th	Camp Chawanakee summer camp
July 14th	Pre-Hi-Sierra Camp Meeting
July 24th—30th	Camp Hi-Sierra summer camp