

Lien Ket & Pre-Thang Tien 8

Lien Ket is a camp that is held every summer for the past ten years. Most of Vietnamese Lien Doan in Southern California come together, meet at camp and compete against each other. Over the past ten years, Truong Son has done pretty well. Our older scouts and younger scouts work together and as a troop, we have won some and lost some.

Lien Ket usually occurs during Labor Day weekend. On Friday, the troops set up their campsites. On Saturday morning, the camp starts off with an opening ceremony that usually lasts about one hour; real games start from Saturday to Sunday. The main event at Lien Ket is the “Big Game;” it consists of about ten smaller games/events and the games test the troop experience and skills. There is group campfire on Saturday night and large campfire on Sunday night for all of the troop levels to show their talents through skits, dances etc. Monday morning, the troops come together to find out which troop is



the most dominant and they are given awards for what they do best.

This year, there will not be a Lien Ket; instead, there will be a Pre-Thang Tien 8 (or TT8). I do not know much except it is preparation for the Vietnamese World Jamporee next year. The real TT8 is going to be held in July 2006. Scouts from all over the world will all come together to Riverside,

California. I know that next year will be one of the best camping experiences in my life. I will be able to meet people from other countries and learn the ways they do things. I hope every scout in Truong Son learns something as well.

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