

Los Padres Press

News You Can Use for members of the
Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America
Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties **June 2018**



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Council Executive Message

Friends of Rancho Alegre and Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, Congratulations Rick TerBorch for receiving the 2018 Silver Antelope from the BSA Western Region at the National Annual Business meeting this past May. Thank you for your continued



commitment to all our youth locally and nationally. Your dedication to helping volunteers and units has a tremendous impact in the future of thousands of young people. We are all very proud of having you on our team.

Volunteers like Rick and you are the key to making sure we keep making an impact in the life of many youth, boys and girls, in the future.

Some things in the BSA are changing, but our core mission and program are not. The Scout Oath and Law have not changed and are more relevant today than ever before as we move ahead to reach out and prepare our youth for life. With girls joining the Cub Scout ranks officially on June 7 we are getting closer to proving a family-oriented program to all our youth. Scouting BSA will follow soon to service girls ages 10 to 18, effective February 1, 2019, which will complete our ability to serve all young people in all of our programs, Cubs, Scouting, Venturing and Exploring. If your unit plans to serve girls please make sure you are prepared and have the needed volunteer leaders trained and in place so all of our youth can have a positive experience.

While this is going on we have activities to support your efforts with all your Scouts. Scoutorama at the fairgrounds in Santa Barbara on June 16 is set to be one of the best ones yet. Plan to attend and participate in all the activities available and have your Scouts earn a patch while having tons of fun. Day camps are also around the corner and are set to include boys and girls Cub Scouts. Sign up now to be part of the fun while completing some award requirements.

We are coming up on the one-year mark since the Whittier fire destroyed Rancho Alegre. We are now at the construction stage of our endeavor to rebuild Rancho Alegre. Our master plan is complete. The architects are drafting building plans and the infrastructure is being developed. Many things will happen fast now, and we would like to invite you to see the vision. On June 23 from 11 am to 2 pm we will have our groundbreaking ceremony at Rancho Alegre. You are all invited to come and see what we have planned.

Serving more youth is still our priority as we adjust for the changes we are facing. As we

have the opportunity to serve more youth and be more inclusive of the entire family unit we are still focused on developing young people into leaders. While we are losing one of our partners in the LDS church, we are confident that we can still serve the families in those units. We look forward to helping those Scouts and units find a new charter organization or unit when they are ready and we thank all the support the LDS church and their families have afforded Scouts thus far.

With the changes we are embarking on and the challenges we are facing due to the loss of Rancho Alegre your support of our Friends of Scouting campaign is more meaningful and impactful than ever before. While we are making great strides of getting increased support from local community business and foundations we have lost a large portion of our operational income due to the loss of our camp operations. Rancho Alegre accounted for 55% of our annual operational income and subsidized our Scouting programs. Your support in FOS greatly increases the chance that we can get additional community support and improve the service we give you and our Scouts. The campaign has kicked off, and there are several ways to participate:

1. Contribute on www.lpcbbsa.org
2. Text FOSBSA to 56512
3. Set up a fundraiser in support of LPC
4. Check with your work on matching gifts
5. Include us in any foundations you are involved in

Thank you for the leadership you provide to our youth as they prepare to become our future leaders.

Yours in Scouting,
Carlos Cortez
Scout Executive. Los Padres Council
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Council President Views

It's hard to believe that 2018 is almost half way over! There has been lots going on in the Council and many more activities are planned for the remainder of the year. Each district has

been busy with many scouting events and I have been fortunate to attend a number of them. As I have said previously, I continue to be impressed with the dedication and hours spent both scouts and volunteers to promote scouting and our many programs.

Your Council Key 3 (Carlos Cortez, Dave Penn and me) recently attended the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. This was a great opportunity to hear firsthand about many of the recent changes and initiatives that are underway. Considerable time was spent discussing the inclusion of young women into scouting programs. As you know this new initiative is well underway; with cub scouts already admitting girls and Scouts BSA to include young women ages eleven to seventeen starting in February 2019.

Our own Rick TerBorch was awarded the Silver Antelope Award at this national BSA meeting. Congratulations Rick, this is truly a well-deserved recognition!

Another focus at the annual meeting was diversity. This includes diversity within scouts at all levels as well as adult volunteers. As you may know, Carlos and your board have had an emphasis on diversity over the past year and will continue this focus moving forward. During the annual meeting your council received a Bronze Level Diversity Award. While we are proud of this designation, we still have much work to do in this area moving forward!

Rancho Alegre rebuild planning continues to be a priority back home. The Phoenix committee (Alegre rebuild) continues to meet weekly. We have had several large meetings with representatives from various stakeholder groups related to the camp. These meetings provided an opportunity for them to add their perspectives and ideas. Recently we have completed the plot plan, which provides a graphic of the proposed new main camp. Copies of this plan are available at locations within the council for review. We are pleased that John Matthews has joined the council as the project engineer and will be overseeing the rebuild of our camp.

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A special shout out to Scott Oldenburg, who will be retiring this summer. Scott has worked tirelessly in the past ten months to provide Outdoor School to our local schools. While the number of participants has been sharply reduced due to the fire, Scott was able to continue the program for a number of our schools. Scott, we will miss you!

On a personal note, I had the good fortune of spending two weeks in late March hiking with my wife in southern Patagonia. We spent time in the Andes in both Chile and Argentina and saw condors on many days, lots of glaciers and beautiful fall colors. The hiking was rigorous, up to seventeen miles a day. I was mindful daily of the “physically strong” part of the Scout Oath!



Have a great summer and thank you for all you do for scouting!

John Brinker, Los Padres Council President

Upcoming Events

Council [please refer to the calendar at lpcbsa.org to sign up for classes and events]

13 Jun., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

16 Jun., Santa Barbara Zoo Scout-O-Rama, Earl Warren Showgrounds (South Coast hosts)

20 Jun., Recruitment Training

21 Jun., Thu., District Operations Meeting, 7 pm

23 Jun., Saturday, Rancho Alegre Groundbreaking and Tours, 11 am to 4 pm

30 Jun., 2018 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign completion

30 Jun., STEM day at PG&E, Electricity Merit Badge, PG&E Education Center, Avila Beach, 9 am to 1 pm, limited to 40 participants

14 Jul., Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meetings, 3:00 to 4:30 pm Saturday

20-21 Jul., Order of the Arrow Section Work Day at Rancho Alegre, 6 pm Friday to 5 pm Saturday

27-29 Jul., National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Part 1

3-5 Aug., National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Part 2

7 Aug., Membership, Program, and Popcorn Kickoff

14 Aug., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

24-26 Aug., Order of the Arrow Summer Ordeal, 6 pm Friday to 9:30 am Sunday

13 Oct., University of Scouting, 8 am to 4 pm

19-21 Oct., Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA / JOTI)

26-27 Oct., Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), 6:30 pm Friday to 6:00 pm Saturday, Larsen Meadow, sponsored by Cachuma and South Coast Districts.

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Cachuma District

5 Jun., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
7 Aug., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

Camino Real District

13 Jun., OA Chapter Meeting
14 Jun., Thu., District Committee Meeting
25-29 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp (Los Osos)
27 Jun., Roundtable
11 Jul., OA Chapter Meeting
12 Jul., Thu., District Committee Meeting
25 Jul., Roundtable
8 Aug., OA Chapter Meeting
9 Aug., Thu., District Committee Meeting

Del Norte District

7 Jun., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
14 Jun., OA Chapter Meeting
16 Jun., Cub Scout Leader Recruitment
18-24 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp (Del Norte)
21 Jun., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
28 Jun., Thu., Eagle Board of Review
5 Jul., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
12 Jul., OA Chapter Meeting
19 Jul., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
26 Jul., Thu., Eagle Board of Review
2 Aug., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
9 Aug., OA Chapter Meeting
16 Aug., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
30 Aug., Thu., Eagle Board of Review

Live Oak District

9-13 Jul., Cub Scout Day Camp (Santa Maria)

South Coast District

4 Jun., Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm
14 Jun., Merit Badge Thursday
14 Jun., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
14 Jun., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
21 Jun., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
22-24 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp
28 Jun., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting
28 Jun., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
2 Jul., Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm
12 Jul., Merit Badge Thursday
12 Jul., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
12 Jul., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
19 Jul., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
26 Jul., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting
26 Jul., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
6 Aug., Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm
9 Aug., Merit Badge Thursday
9 Aug., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
9 Aug., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
16 Aug., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
18 Aug., Membership Recruiting Kickoff
23 Aug., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
30 Aug., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting

Del Norte District Activities in June

Camp Sales End

Contact must be closed out by June 16, 2018. (Individual extensions be received if situation warrants.

Cub Scout – Position Specific Leadership Training

DAY / DATE: Saturday - June 16, 2018

TIME: 0900-1200

LOCATION: 9315 Pismo Ave, Atascadero. Scout Hut is located on back side of Lake Pavilion.

COST: Free

SPONSORED BY: Del Norte District Training Committee

INSTRUCTORS: Sean Tashma, Eric Anderson, Bob Putney

PREREQUISITE: Current Youth Protection Training Certificate

DESCRIPTION: Provides Cubmasters, Den Leaders, and Committee members with the BSA required training for Cub Scout Specific Training. Students gain information and tools they need to conduct successful Cub Scout Pack/Den/Committee meetings.

STUDENT BRINGS: Copy of Youth Protection Certificate

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Sean Tashma 760-219-4277 or satashmausmc@aol.com

Please call, text or email to register for this course.

Cub Scout Day Camp

June 18-22, 2018

1020 Creston Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

PGE Merit Badge

June 30, 2018

PGE Training Center, Avila Beach, CA

For more information please contact Paul Bradley, 805-4610-4019 or paul.bradley@scouting.org

Program Proclamations

Oh boy it's June!!! This means it's time for Camp! Whether your unit is getting geared up for Day Camp, getting to a weeklong Boy Scout adventure known as Summer Camp, or perhaps, if you are one of the lucky ones, going to some sort of High Adventure activity, it's finally June. Summer is finally here.

So, what's going on around the Council? In other sections you can read all about the latest Order of the Arrow event (which by the way is back at Rancho Allegra). With any luck, you are reading this before June 16, there's still time to catch South Coast District hosting the Council's Annual Scout-O-Rama. I'm excited to see how this works. I'm also excited to see how Del Norte District handles next year's event. I think this rotating Scout-O-Rama is a great thing. Please share your opinion on Scout-O-Rama.

We also get to continue to prepare for University of Scouting, which will be in Orcutt on October 27. You'll find more information about this in the last few pages of this issue. Also, we have a great opportunity to get involved in Wood Badge. We have a flyer about that as well. If you need information please ask either a member of your District Key 3, or let me know and I'll share the information I have.

By now, I'm sure you've heard about extending all the opportunity of Scouting to the entire family. If you have questions about what is going on with that, please let me know, I'm happy to share what I have. If you are looking for Packs and Troops that are preparing to take on the new opportunities regarding Family Scouting, I can share what I know with you.

If you need to reach me, you can always do that by either calling me, 805-489-6072, or email me at lynnjohnson@gmail.com.

Until next time, Happy Scouting, enjoy your summer, and I'll see you down the trail.

Lynn Johnson

Council VP – Program & District Operations

Order of the Arrow



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The impossible happened! Lodge leadership was able to conduct a highly successful Spring Ordeal on May 18-20 at Rancho Alegre.

Impossible is possible with the know- and creativity that the youth demonstrated. They had to overcome some challenges: the camp still does not have potable water, it lacks propane gas for cooking, and internet capability has still not been restored. But more about that later.

A primary purpose of the OA is service. Members and candidates performed a number of valuable tasks. First, there was the weed whacking to create a fire defensible space around existing buildings. Then there was trail work. One crew worked on repairs to the Chapel and then apply a protective layer of paint to the benches. There were activities to improve the Dining Hall such as windows and kitchen cleaning. There were crews busy painting picnic tables at Larsen Meadow and the main part of camp.

In the midst of this service, the Lodge was able to induct 29 new Ordeal members and had 11 Ordeal members seal their membership by attaining Brotherhood.

Under the direction of Lodge Chief Joey Kamlet and Ordeal Master Alex Madajian, the activities were planned and coordinated for success. Thank you to all the candidates who brought drinking water as well as power and hand tools to make the service projects possible. But a big shout-out goes to Ben Bishop and his kitchen crew. Using only toasters and microwaves, healthy and nutritious meals were served in keeping with the Ordeal weekend. New menu items were tried and many of them will be back once normal power is restored to the kitchen. On Saturday evening one of the best meals ever served at Rancho Alegre in recent years was prepared by members of the Knights of Columbus, Goleta Valley Council 5300. Eighty

people dined on barbecued tri-tip and chicken, roasted corn, salad, and an ice cream dessert bar.

During the summer the Lodge will be active at several Council activities and hosting Brothers from other Southern California Lodges who are coming to help the camp recover from last year's Whittier Fire. This Rancho Alegre service day will July 21st. Come the night before and stay over with our Brothers from Section W4N. Cost is nominal – only \$5.00. We would like a big turnout of Brothers to show our Section Brothers how powerful we are as a small lodge.

Before that on June 16th, Lodge members will be present in Santa Barbara for the Scout-O-Rama at Earl Warren Showgrounds. On the following weekend (June 23rd) the Lodge has planned a service weekend at Rancho Alegre which coincides with the Groundbreaking and Community Tours for the camp's rebuilding.

On August 24-26 the Lodge will hold the annual Summer Ordeal at Rancho Alegre. By that time construction activity should be occurring for the rebuilding of the Ranch. In addition to additional trail work, the Lodge will be working on the Xeriscapes Garden. The Lodge received a matching grant from National for this activity. Prices remain the same - \$50 for Ordeal Candidates; \$48 for Brotherhood Candidates, and \$30 for General Members. Registration can be done online. Look for an upcoming issue of The Bear Claw



Finally, if you haven't made a \$10 donation to obtain the OA Camp Fundraiser Bear Pin, you will have that opportunity to do so at any of the activities mentioned in this article. They make wonderful thank-you gifts and they can be presented to an OA Brother as a memento at an Eagle Court of Honor. The pin was designed so you could work on both your uniform or sash and on suit coat. The money donations received from the pin sales goes as a gift to the Council for the Camp's reconstruction. [submitted by Wayne Rascati]

Training Trail

See the Training Policy on the Council website www.lpcbsa.org for a complete explanation and schedule of training courses. Click on the blue "Training" Tab on the homepage left hand column for a drop down list of training courses and the council training policy.



Youth Protection Training Must Be Renewed Every Year – per the policy of the Western Region of the Boy Scouts of America. The web site allows for 2 years until the YPT refresher, but that is not the policy we are working to.

IOLS/BALOO Training Held

The updated BALOO training is now an overnigher, so the Cachuma and South Coast Districts combined to offer a combined BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation for Cub Scout leaders) and IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters) training on May 11-12. We had 8 BALOO participants and 12 IOLS participants for the course at Larsen Meadow. The campfire program that the participants put on Friday evening was the best that I have seen at a training course. A lot of learning took place for the participants as well as for staff. This was the first time we have combined these two courses, so we have developed plans to make the course even better on

October 26-27. If you need either one of these trainings, please plan to be there. Registration information will be available soon. [Your editor, Brad Ross]

2018 National Youth Leadership Training WHAT IS NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)?

NYLT is an outdoor leadership training program for youth leaders developed by the Boy Scouts of America. A highly trained youth staff under the supervision of adult advisors set the example in modeling the core learning and leadership messages of the NYLT syllabus.

The course focuses on teaching advanced leadership skills through the patrol or crew method. The participants will be challenged to accomplish activities and projects using the leadership skills taught in the course. Participants will experience the simulation of a month in the life of a unit, complete with meetings, activities, and planning for the big monthly outing.

WHAT ARE THE COURSE OBJECTIVES?

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit program;
- To teach and practice key leadership skills and relate these skills to the participant's unit responsibilities;
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences that other Scouts and Venturers have found to be successful and useful in their home units;
- To give participants a varied experience with emphasis on the patrol method and new ways to teach Scoutcraft skills in a fun atmosphere back in their home unit;
- To create an enthusiastic and fun situation where participants will experience "Scouting at its best";
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and his or her home unit leader.
- To create a youth training pool to assist in District level training events.

WHAT ARE THE PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS?

– Participants in this program must be either Venturers or Explorers at least 16 years old or Boy Scouts First Class, Star, Life or Eagle and at least 14 years of age by course start date.

– Boy Scouts attending should have had a successful experience as a patrol leader and be a Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (or preparing to fill one of these positions); and have the recommendation of their unit leader.

– 13 year-old Boy Scouts and 15 year old Venture Scouts may be considered in exceptional cases if their Unit Leader contacts the NYLT Course Director to recommend them.

– Venture Scouts or Explorers who are Crew or Post members looking to step into a leadership role for their Crew, Post, or school in the upcoming year should definitely attend.

– OA Chapters are encouraged to send teams of their upcoming leaders to the course.

– All NYLT participants must have a completed Annual Health & Medical Record (AHMR) with Parts A, B and C completed. Part C of the form is the physical examination which must be signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider recognized by the BSA. Recognized providers are physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants. Substitute forms will not be accepted.

COURSE DATES (2 each 3-day weekends)
Friday, July 27, 2018 – Sunday, July 29, 2018
Friday, August 3, 2018 – Sunday, August 5, 2018

COURSE LOCATION

We run the NYLT program completely outdoors at Larsen Meadows, in Rancho Allegre.

For more information contact Aaron Houston (aaronh@wildwooddoorfactory.com)

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Council Training Chair – Vacant

Roundtable – Our BEST Kept Secret

If you're looking to network and fellowship with other leaders, find out what activities they do or where they go hiking and camping, or you want to learn about program themes and much, much, more, then you should be attending your district Roundtable meetings.



Del Norte District – 1st Thursday of the month

7PM at Atascadero Lake Pavilion Scout Hall

Camino Real District – 4th Wednesday of the

month 7PM at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo

South Coast District – 2nd Thursday of the

month 7PM at the LDS Church 2107 Santa Barbara St.

2018 Wood Badge Experience

We are actively looking for staff for Wood Badge. If you have your beads and would like to learn more about how Wood Badge can benefit you, please contact Lynn Johnson (489-6072 or



lynnhjohnson@gmail.com). Wood Badge is a really nice way to improve your outlook, learn how to better run your unit, and also benefit your profession. Ask any of the folks you know

that wear more than two beads and they will tell you what a blessing it is.

Pilot Wood Badge Courses in Western Region

There are two regional updated Wood Badge courses offered in the Western region:

Utah National Parks Council

July 16–21 (Monday–Friday)

Tifie Scout Camp, near Mt. Pleasant, Utah

Register: Go to

<http://www.utahscouts.org/woodbadge> , select Register online, and course W2-591-18-4; or click on this direct link to the registration page: <http://www.utahscouts.org/registration/calendar/detail.aspx?ActivityKey=2085822&OrgKey=2195>

Course Director Paul Radcliffe,
darluap@gmail.com

Chief Seattle Council

September 28–30 and October 13–14 (Friday–Sunday and Saturday–Sunday)

Camp Pigott, near Monroe, Washington

Register: Go to

www.seattlebsa.org/WoodBadge and click on “Register for Fall 2018 Wood Badge” or click on this direct link to the registration page: <http://seattlebsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendar/detail.aspx?activitykey=2359031&orgkey=3694&ReturnURL=/app/calendar/month/3694/2018-09-01,2018-10-07/3694/0/>

More information:

www.seattlebsa.org/WoodBadge ;
woodbadge@seattlebsa.net

Course Director Bonnie Stafford,
bjstaffordhi@gmail.com

The duration of the updated course is 5 days (previous duration is 6 days). The courses are open to scouters that have not previously taken Wood Badge leadership training. Contact Lynn Johnson (lynnhjohnson@gmail.com) for more information.

Updated Youth Protection Training Now Available

Over the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. Over time, these policies have become standard with organizations across the nation. Now, the Boy Scouts of America is releasing fully updated training to further strengthen our ability to protect youth.

These changes include:

- Updated Youth Protection Training, including insights from experts and survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse. This is the designated Youth Protection Training for all adults. All volunteers must take the new training by **October 1, 2018**, no matter when they took the previous training.
- Effective June 1, 2018, adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
- An expanded ScoutsFirst Helpline to aid volunteers and families in addressing potentially dangerous situations.
- Unlimited counseling and support for healing to anyone who has ever been abused in Scouting.
- Youth Protection Training for youth members available in 2019.

Philmont Backcountry Treks

Cancelled

(June 8 to July 14) Due to Ute Park Fire

The safety of our youth participants, volunteers and staff is a priority for everybody at Philmont Scout Ranch and the Boy Scouts of America. While efforts continue to extinguish the fire currently burning in the back-country, the anticipated damage and inability to access the affected areas makes it currently impossible to host back country programs. Until the fire is extinguished, the areas are inspected and the damage assessed, it is impossible to definitively state when those programs will resume.

At this time, we have made the difficult decision to cancel all backcountry treks that were scheduled to take place in the Philmont backcountry from June 8 – July 14, 2018. We hope that back country treks may resume after July 14, 2018 with altered itineraries, assuming the back country is safe and infrastructure is restored.

Additionally, programs scheduled to take place at Philmont Training Center will also be canceled through June 23, 2018. The Philmont Training Center expects to welcome back participants beginning with Philmont Family Adventure on June 24, 2018.

The NAYLE program, which takes place at Rayado Ridge Leadership Camp seven miles south of the Philmont Base Camp and is unaffected by the Ute Park Fire, will go on as scheduled.

Over the next few days, we will be contacting the lead advisor or contingent leader of all crews that are impacted by this decision, starting with those that are scheduled to arrive first, as well as affected PTC coordinators.

We will continue to work with local, state and federal authorities to continuously evaluate the fire and air quality to ensure that we can safely deliver outstanding program.

Thank you for your support and patience.
Al Lambert
Assistant Chief Scout Executive, National
Director of Outdoor Adventures

Membership and Recruiting

Summer is here and everyone is getting ready for camp and outdoor fun. It's also a great time to start planning for fall recruiting. Wait, what? Fall recruiting is so far away you say, you can wait till August to start planning. Your unit could wait till August, but why not start now. Starting now alleviates last minute problems that occur when you wait till the last minute. Why do we make such a big effort to recruit new scouts? Recruiting makes a difference to you unit's program and viability. The more youth that your unit has, the more opportunities are opened for the Scouts. This is largely due to an increase in adults that can help with the program and make things happen. Adults and Scouters also bring resources to your unit that you might not already have. There is no drawback to having too many Scouts, Scouters, and Adults.

Right now is a great time to start thinking about what your unit needs to do to successfully recruit this fall and throughout the year. Every unit should have a recruiting event before the end of September. If you wait till August to plan your recruiting, you will lose valuable time that could have been spent recruiting. If you recruit after September, then you are eating into your program time.

Most units have set recruiting methods developed overtime, without or with planning. The "we've always done it this way" method may not be the most effective use of your recruiting time. To help those units recruit differently, using different approaches that are proven to work through use, each District will be conducting a membership training. Los Padres Council provides training to any Pack, Troop or Crew leadership every summer through the Council's District Membership Committees. In addition, we rely on a wide variety of materials developed and available from the National BSA library and from unit developed materials. We advocate the use of "best practices" that are tried and true in recruiting new members. These resources and methods provide your unit with time tested ways of recruiting scouts. Including time lines

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for setting up a recruiting event, checklists that help organize recruiting activities, signup night organizational chart, info on Council provided resources, and more.

Talk to your District Executive to find out your district's date for training and who should plan on attending. Just a little planning now will ensure you have a successful recruiting event this fall. Want to get started now? Check out the Recruiting Night Playbook. This National Council resource provides you with the outline for a successful event.

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[submitted by David Athey, Membership Vice President]

Editor's Soapbox

The Los Padres Press is published bi-monthly and the link is distributed **by request** to registered Scout leaders in the Los Padres Council. To be added to the distribution list, please send your email address to Wayne Rascati at RanchoAlegre@cox.net. If you have information to share, please let me know. Start-Stop-Continue feedback is welcome. Contact Brad Ross, Editor, rossbrada@gmail.com or 805-350-9203

2018 Popcorn Sales



2018 Popcorn Sales Dates

District Kick-off Dates: TBD

Show & Sell

Show & Sell Orders Due to Council: 8/28/18

Show & Sell Order Pick-up: 9/15/18

Show & Sell Invoice Due & Super Saturday Return Day: 10/20/18

Take Order

Take Orders Due to Council: 10/23/18

Take Orders Pick-up & Final Invoice Due: 11/17/18

Prize Orders Due: No Later Than 12/1/18.

To register your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post, Please use the form below.

(To receive 2% bonus commission please return this form by July 2, 2018)

Email to: April.Wright@Scouting.org

LOS PADRES COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2018 CAMPMASTERS POPCORN SALE

UNIT COMMITMENT FORM

PACK/TROOP/CREW #: _____ DISTRICT _____

UNIT LEADER: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

UNIT KERNEL: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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Leave No Trace 101**

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**Scoutmaster
Training**

**Campfire Cooking for
Scouts & Adults**

**NEW CLASS!
Use Lion Cubs to
Grow Your Pack**

**High Adventure
Planning**



October 27, 2018 8am to 4pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1219 Oak Knoll Rd.
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Boy Scouts of America**

Wood Badge 2018

WOOD BADGE

SAVE THE DATES!

August 26-26 & September 21-23, 2018

Both 3-day weekends will be held at
Camp Tecuya in Frazier Park, near Gorman off I-5

Hosted by Verdugo Hills Council

In Conjunction with:

- Long Beach Area Council
- Southern Sierra Council
- Los Padres Council
- Ventura County Council



More information is at

WoodBadge.vhcbsa.org



WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge is the next step beyond your basic Scout leader training.

In basic training, you learn position-specific skills, like how to be, say, a Cubmaster.

In Wood Badge, you learn how to be a leader.

Participants spend 6 full days (two-three-day weekends) learning modern leadership theories from contemporary scholars such as Ken Blanchard (author of the *One Minute Manager*), Stephen Covey (author of *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* and *Principle Centered Leadership*) and Spenser Johnson (author of *Who Moved My Cheese*) to name a few.

You also learn by doing — working in a team, planning a project, solving problems, etc.

Participants then have 18 months to apply these skills in five different projects they choose.

The course fee covering both weekends is \$250. Participants must complete both weekends and the five projects (the “ticket”) to receive course credit and the Wood Badge regalia.

HOW WILL I BENEFIT?

- Learn the leadership and team dynamic skills developed in corporate America.
- Learn how to develop Scouting’s values in your own life, as well as in your Scouts’.
- Learn how the skills you learn can apply to other aspects of your life.
- Improve the quality of your Scouting program and the impact that Scouting will have on the lives of its members
- Be better prepared to give our youth the opportunities to live Scouting’s values and to become better citizens.
- Have fun as a Scout for six days as you “advance” from Cub Scouting through Venturing.

COURSE TOPICS

- Team development
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Leading Change
- Valuing Diversity
- Project Planning
- And much more!

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Go to <http://WoodBadge.vhcbasa.org> for more information.

Rancho Alegre Groundbreaking



**RANCHO ALEGRE
GROUND BREAKING
CEREMONY
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018**

Please join us as we break ground on our new campus at Rancho Alegre, home of the central's coast Scout Camp and The Outdoor School. Come see our plans on the recovery process from the devastation of the Whittier Fire and how we plan to better serve the youth and families in the development of leaders for our local communities.

11:00 am Site Visit
12:00 Noon Refreshments
1:00 pm Program

Rancho Alegre is in the foothills of the Santa Ynez mountain range of the Los Padres National Forest, approximately 20 miles North of Santa Barbara and 15 miles South of Solvang at 2680 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA.



COME VISIT LOS PADRES COUNCIL, BSA AND RANCHO ALEGRE, HOME TO SCOUT CAMP AND THE OUTDOOR SCHOOL

PARTICIPATE IN OUR VISION TO REBUILD FROM THE WHITTIER FIRE

BE A PART OF BUILDING OUR FUTURE LEGACY

SEE THE FUTURE HOME FOR SERVING OUR YOUTH - THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

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