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Hispanic Heritage Month

The observation of Hispanic Heritage started in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson as a week long recognition of the contributions made to our country by those of Hispanic/Latino heritage. In 1988 under President Reagan it was expanded to cover 30 days from September 15 to October 15.

This year's theme is "Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving our Nation", the theme is meant to invite us to recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture. Latino/as serve as Civil Rights leaders, politicians, military, educators, first responders, science pioneers, and public servants, and leaders of industry. Individuals who have contributed to the History of our Nation include Supreme Court justice Sonia Maria Sotomayor, former secretary of the Department of Labor Hilda Solis, UFW co-founder and civil rights leader Cesar Chavez, astronaut Franklin Ramon Chang Diaz, Nobel Prize awardees Luis Walter Alvarez, and Baruj Benacerraf these leaders are famous for the impact they have made to our great country, but there are many more that serve our country quietly and with pride. The 2015 census counted 1.2 million Hispanic or Latino/as veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

For many of us in the BSA this month represents a very important time where we can help all feel represented and included by taking the opportunity to have our own Scouts talk about their culture with pride and share that pride with their fellow Scouts. As a leader in our movement it is important that we encourage our Scouts to

express and demonstrate their pride as an educational piece for all the Scouts in their unit. It is an opportunity for units to have a Fiesta theme at their meetings and educate our Scouts while having fun planning traditional Hispanic/Latino games and serving food. This can be an exciting opportunity for Hispanic/Latino families to get involved in something they are comfortable and proud of. Units can visit museums and monuments that have displays around Hispanic Heritage month to further their education, excitement, and complete some advancement requirements. Participate in your local community's Hispanic Heritage month celebration as a unit to demonstrate your support and welcome more families into your unit.

This month presents a unique opportunity for us to expand our Scouts knowledge of the community they live in, and welcomes our Hispanic and Latino families into the program we all love. Your kids, families, and Scouting overall will benefit from us embracing all in our community.

!Viva BSA!

Carlos Cortez

Scout Executive/CEO

Council President Views



My previous President's Message started out with the phrase "Scouting and Summer, what a great combination". I hope that was certainly the case for all of you and your associated scouting activities. Making the most of all those outdoor opportunities is what many young folks will cherish about their scouting life, especially when they get older.

As we leave the freedom of summer we move to other exciting scouting opportunities like POPCORN! We are deep into the BSA popcorn selling season. I hope you are all helping getting out there and offering up some of those tasty popcorn snacks to your family, friends, and co-workers. Remember, you can also help provide those tasty snacks to our wonderful troops overseas by asking folks to make a special donation on your order sheet. Good luck, and get out there and make a difference for your unit by selling and raising funds for your unit and the council. By the way, my favorite flavor is the caramel corn!

As I have settled into my role as council president, I am constantly reminded about how many people it takes to make scouting happen on the Central Coast. As we celebrate 100 years of scouting on the Central Coast, I wish to thank all those leaders, volunteers, and staff that have been a part of this amazing scouting history. Hundreds of Eagle Scouts, thousands and thousands of merit badges earned, belt loops awarded, rank advancement, Courts of Honor, miles hiked, camping nights (warm and cold), rockets launched, leadership opportunities, miles swam, arrows hitting the bullseye, knots tied, and countless other character building events have happened because of you and your fellow scouters. Thank you for giving of your time, talents, and treasure to make the difference. I can only hope the next 100 years will be as successful as the past 100...

Trey Pinner
Council President

Order of the Arrow

Chumash Lodge in the Order of the Arrow has had an active summer, and we're getting ready for a busy fall!

In August, we held our Summer Induction weekend, with approximately 40 of our members working to welcome 23 new Ordeal members and having 13 of those members achieve Brotherhood. Joey Kamlet, with help from Andrew Murach and our Lodge Executive Committee, led us through changes to our By-laws so that we are now better



aligned with the new Los Padres Council Districts, and addressed areas that help us be prepared for our future. We have consolidated into four chapters, so that we have a northern and southern chapter within each District. In addition, we elected our new Lodge Officers who will be installed at our annual banquet in November.

Our Lodge Chief Jase M. attended a High Performing Lodge meeting where he learned about the new Lodge Performance Measurement Program (PMP), which replaces Lodge JTE. He learned that our Lodge is expected to have one of the brightest futures of the lodges in our Area!



Then, in September, 22 members attended our Section W-4N Conclave. Held at Camp Whittier, it started out in our favor as we were assigned to stay in the Chumash campsite. The weekend continued to be favorable to our

Chumash Lodge, where we won six of the eight trophies awarded. We swept the communications trophies for Best Website and Best Newsletter (the Bear Claw), thanks to the efforts of Ben B. and Joey Kamlet. [Go to the Lodge website at www.chumashlodgego.net or follow the OA link under Programs from the Los Padres Council website to see these now award-winning items.] Our ceremonies team, with Ceremonies Chair Brendan H, Joey M, Kevin S, and Joey Kamlet, won three of the four trophies in the ceremonies competition.

On Friday October 4 and Saturday October 5, Chumash Lodge is hosting a (patch) Tradoree at the Veterans Memorial Building in Lompoc. Go to <https://www.bsator.com/event/chumash-lodge-1st-annual-tradoree-state-california/> for more details.

On Saturday October 19 we will be attending a THRIVE webinar at Rancho Alegre, and then will host a fellowship with options to join us in the afternoon and dinner, or a quick overnight campout (BYOT – bring your own tent!). Go to the Council calendar to register. There is no charge for this fellowship.

And on Saturday November 16, we will again be holding a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) Training during the day, and that evening will host our Annual Lodge Banquet with the installation of our new Lodge leadership. Please plan to attend, and again go to the Council calendar to register for these events.

We look forward to seeing you participate in more of our Lodge events in the coming year!

[submitted by Len Kamlet, Associate Lodge Adviser]

The Phoenix is Rising

The rebuilding of Rancho Alegre



teaching respect, inspiring wonder

Report #2 September 2019

Mark your calendars for October 2020 - one year from now. This is the goal to have the Outdoor School open for students.

The best news was that most of the building permits were issued by the County of Santa Barbara over the last month. Thanks to RRM and Stantec for all their hard work with the county.

Most of the grading is done for the main campus.

The water treatment plant is in the ground and the pipelines are being installed. With this system we will be able to be use reclaimed treated water for irrigation in certain parts of the camp. The water system continues to be improved.

The parking lot has been graded and is ready to be used. This will also be the location for our solar panel system. We want to make sure this system is visible to those that visit the site.

The foundations for the dorms and the naturalists housing units are done and soon there will be framing going up on these buildings.

The contractors are working hard on the details of the plans to make sure that we will be happy with this new campus.



Use of the Camp:

There are many other things happening at the Camp. Last month the OA held their ordeal and over 60 scouters attended this weekend.

Please know that there are opportunities for Packs and Troops to use Larsen's Meadows for camping and other activities during this coming year. Please schedule your events as soon as possible as this is becoming a popular local camping area.

For reservations contact the Santa Barbara Service Center: 805-967-0105.

Friends of Scouting in 2020

Los Padres Council would like to thank all of our Scouting supporters. Whether it is your time, treasure, or talents, your investment in our programs is what has kept us able to continue our mission to invest in the lives of our local youth. As a local Eagle Scout put it, "The journey of becoming an Eagle Scout has turned me from a boy, into a man. Getting the rank

of Eagle was like my personal growth. I didn't wake-up one day as a man, but I grew into one... It was amazing traveling on the journey to manhood with so many exceptional individuals who I am proud to call my friends, and are to this day, incredible men of character." As we get closer to the holiday season and the end of the year, Los Padres Council hopes you would consider supporting our programs through our Friends of Scouting 2020 Campaign. Every dollar donated goes directly to our operating budget so that we may continue to provide the resources necessary to provide a quality program. Information will be available on the website shortly. For more information, contact Ken Miles, Development Director at Kenneth.Miles@Scouting.org or (805) 835-9456.

Scout Shop Announces Move to SLO!

Los Padres Council is happy to announce that we will be consolidating the locations of our Santa Maria and Atascadero Service Centers to one new Service Center in San Luis Obispo! The location will be announced in the near future and the Council will come into full ownership in October. Stay tuned for a grand opening announcement near the end of the year!



Summer Camp Stories

The Boys of Troop 60 and the Girls of Troop 1602 Had a Great Week at Camp Oljato This Summer, along with the Parents who Helped Make it Happen!



This past July, while much of Paso Robles Troop 60 was at Philmont (along with one of the girls from new Girls' Troop 1602), 11 younger scouts from Troop 60 plus 10 girls from Troop 1602 and seven parents attended Camp Oljato together, and for several of them it was their first Summer Camp experience!

After months of planning and preparation, the two Troops headed out from Paso Robles for Oljato early Sunday morning July 7. On our way to camp, we met up with former Los Padres Council Program Director Scott Oldenburg in Fresno. It was great to catch up with Scott, and he even treated the Troop to breakfast!

Once we arrive at Huntington Lake, we loaded gear and people onto the boats and traveled across the lake for a week of adventure.



After our camp tour and Health and Swim checks, we settled into camp and got to know our camp friends. The opening campfire Sunday night was exciting and memorable, with many new skits and songs (and some classics as well!)

On Monday four more of our Scouts from Troop 1602 joined us, straight off their completion of the Los Padres Council's NYLT Course, and everyone embarked on their classes of merit badges and Trail to First Class. During the week, the Scouts from both Troops earned a combined total of over 60 merit badges, and even more requirements and advancements for ranks.

The week was filled with many adventures, including camp-wide campfires and the "Songfest," many waterfront activities, building and sleeping in Wilderness Survival shelters, some major campsite improvement projects in both of our campsites, Arapaho and Chippewa; tubing on the lake, the Tribe of Oljato, Campsite Cooking Wednesday, the "Starcruise," the "brisk and refreshing" Polar Bear Swim, fishing, and getting things from the trading post "Oljato-style!"

A few other notable accomplishments included both Troops each earning the "Honor Troop Award" for their participation, service, and achievements during the week; T-1602's Erin Rowins winning the log-rolling championship at the camp-wide Olympics; Mr. Haggmark continuing the Troop 60 tradition of winning the belly-flop contest (and also tying for first place in the adult leader golf contest!); Mr. Hoggatt (Troop 1602) catching the largest fish and the most fish for the week at camp; and Mr. Haggmark and Mr. Napolitano successfully completing IOLS training at camp.



But of all the many accomplishments, perhaps the one of which I'm most proud is how well all the Scouts from Troop 60 and from Troop 1602 all worked together as teams and as friends to have a Scout-run fun experience for both Troops, truly demonstrating how well the Scouts can organize, support, and encourage each other with just a small bit of adult guidance. And that magic is demonstrated no where better than at a week of summer camp!

The other highly notable aspect of our week at summer camp was how absolutely well received and treated were the girls of Troop 1602. Right off the bat, they were welcomed with respect and enthusiasm, from their fellow Scouts at Troop 60, to all the camp staff, to all the other Scouts and leaders in camp. Every day the girls were commended for their great spirit and attitude, and many, many folks commented on how glad they were to see the girls at summer camp! And we had the additional pleasure of seeing a meeting other girl Troops who were at camp the same week with us, from Troops in the Bay Area and the Central Valley.

I have no doubt this summer camp experience will lead to many more great Scouting and summer camp adventures for all these boys, girls, and parents, including even possible returns to Camp Oljato for some, and some future camp staffers too! When you get back home and you hear a Scout tell his or her parents: "That was so much fun – I can't wait to go do that again!", you know it was a great week, and that a good time was had by all. (I can't wait to do it again!)



Steve von Dohlen
Scoutmaster, Troop 1602
ASM, Troop 60



Boy Scout Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

DATE: Friday, November 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM through Saturday, November 2, 2019 @ 8:00 PM

CHECK-IN AND TENT SET UP: 5:00 to 6:00 pm

OPENING CEREMONEY: 6:03 pm sharp!

LOCATION: Camp Arroyo Grande
250 Wesley Ave.
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

COST: \$ 35.00 (Cost covers hand-outs, meals/snacks, and "TRAINED" emblem. No refunds!) **Minimum of 10 registrations to conduct the class.**

WHAT TO BRING: see the checklist of the reverse side.

WHAT WILL BE SUPPLIED: outstanding trained leaders, written materials, campsite, snacks for Friday night's Cracker Barrel, food for cooking your Saturday breakfast, lunch on Saturday, and lots of fun!

PLEASE HAVE DINNER BEFORE YOU ARRIVE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

PARKING IS VERY LIMITED, SO MAKE SURE THAT YOU CARPOOL!

YOUR CAMP EXPERIENCE ENDS SATURDAY AT 8:00 PM!

By Tuesday, October 29, 2019, please let us know if you have any special dietary restrictions or food allergies (e.g., lactose intolerant, vegan, Kosher, etc.). Thank you!

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Name: _____ District: _____

Unit: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____ FEES PAID: _____

For more information, please contact::

David Forrest, Cuesta District Boy Scout Training Chair

slo6@verizon.net

M (760) 887-2222

Acct 1-6801-817-20

Every Scout Deserves Trained Leaders

Personal Camping Checklist

- Uniform and clothing appropriate for the season and the weather, including a hat
- Personal camping gear:
 - Backpack with rain cover
 - Day pack
- Small tent, ground cloths, and stakes
- Sleeping gear:
 - Sleeping bag
 - Pillow
 - Sleeping pad
 - Ground cloth
- Eating kit:
 - Spoon, Fork, Knife
 - Plate
 - Bowl
 - Cup/mug for water
 - Thermal mug for coffee/tea/cocoa
 - Mesh dish hammock for drying dishes
- Cleanup/personal hygiene kit:
 - Soap
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Dental floss
 - Deodorant /antiperspirant
 - Comb
 - Small towel
 - Large towel, if taking a shower
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect repellent
 - Personal first aid kit, including acetaminophen or ibuprofen or aspirin
- Other gear for specific activities
 - Flashlight/headlamp
 - Lantern
 - The Boy Scout Handbook*
 - BSA Fieldbook**
 - Notebook
 - Pen/pencil
 - Knife
 - Ax*
 - Camp saw*
 - Sharpening stone*
 - Honing oil*
 - Mill bastard file*
 - Ignition file*
 - Camp shovel
 - Cotton gloves
 - Compass
 - Local topographical map
 - Lawn chair/camp chair
 - BSA ID number
 - Copies of completed certificates for Youth Protection, Fast Start, This is Scouting, and "trained" card from attending Scoutmaster/ASM Leader Specific training
- Optional personal items:
 - Watch
 - Camera
 - Small ice chest with snack food, soda, and water (We are feeding you at cracker barrel, breakfast, mid-morning, lunch, and mid-afternoon, but it is healthy stuff and does not include soda or candy!)

* Check with your troop to see if you can borrow if you do not have this item. If camping with other Scouters from your unit, you can share these items as long as there is one for every two Scouters in attendance.



Cuesta District

Cuesta Training Committee Proudly Offers:

Who: Cub Scout Leaders
What: BALOO Training
When: October 25, 2019 at 6pm to October 26 at 6pm
Where: Camp Arroyo Grande
 250 Wesley Ave, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
Cost: \$35 per camper by Oct 18, \$45 after October 18, 2019,
 No registrations after Oct 22.

POC: Sean Tashma 760.219.4277 or

cuestadistricttraining@gmail.com

Class Max size: 25 people – Minimum of 10 to hold the Course.
 Students need to bring Online BALOO and YPT certificate,
 BSA Medical Form A&B, and their own dinner for Friday
 night. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Please alert
 staff of any food restrictions. Class A uniform for
 ceremonies, Class B for sessions.

Use attached form to enroll at local Scout Service Centers

For BSA use only : 1-6801-816-20

UNIT CONTACT: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____

ATTENDEES:	FEES:	YPT	BALOO ONLINE	MED FORM A&B

TOTAL # ATTENDING:
 TOTAL \$ PAID:

FOOD ALLERGIES Y/N?:
 DIETARY RESTRICTIONS Y/N?:
 MEDICAL NEEDS Y/N?

SPECIFIC NEED:

REGISTER AT SCOUT SERVICE CENTER:

ATASCADERO
 7350 El Camino Real #201
 Atascadero, CA 93422
 805-461-4018

SANTA MARIA
 228 Town Center E 2nd Floor
 Santa Maria, CA 93454
 805-925-1955

SANTA BARBARA
 4000 Modoc Rd.
 Santa Barbara, CA 93110
 805-967-0105

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BALOO

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

Who should take BALOO?

The BSA requires that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event. That includes pack camping and Webelos den overnights.

A BALOO-trained leader should be at any overnights regardless of whether it is a pack, district or council event.

BALOO consists of two components: online and hands-on. You'll need to complete both — in order — to qualify as a "Trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader and receive the BALOO recognition patch.

1. Online component: The online portion of BALOO is available 24/7 on the BSA Learn Center. Just log in to My.Scouting.org to begin. The goal of the online portion is to make the best use of time to allow leaders to experience as much as possible during the practical hands-on training.

2. Practical, hands-on component: This 1.5-day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities.

Every Scout deserves a  Leader!

INDIVIDUAL CAMPOUT CHECKLIST FOR PACK OVERNIGHTER

Our pack is conducting an overnights on Oct 25 at Camp Arroyo Grande
(Date) (Location)

We will meet at Camp Arroyo Grande at NLT 600 pm.
(Location) (Time)

We will conclude at NLT 600 pm on Oct 26.
(Time) (Date)

- Tents will be furnished.
- Bring your own shelter.
- Cooking equipment will be furnished
- Bring your own cooking equipment.

A full Cub Scout uniform is required for the overnights. Sturdy shoes that are suitable for hiking will be useful. The following is a list of equipment that would be useful on the campout. Check off each item in pencil as you lay out your equipment pack.

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| <p>Camping Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tent or tarp, poles, and stakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterproof ground cloth or plastic sheet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress or pad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon, mesh bag <input type="checkbox"/> Clothesline <p>Clothes Bag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout uniform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poncho or raincoat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket or coat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pajamas or sweatshirt, sweatpants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underwear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Durable shoes, shoe laces <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hat or cap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloves <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extra socks, shoes, other extra clothing <p>Family Gear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawn chairs <input type="checkbox"/> Cooler or ice chest <input type="checkbox"/> Cot or pad <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking equipment as outlined by pack overnights coordinator | <p>Toilet Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washcloth, towel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soap in container <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Extra plastic bag or container <p>First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First aid kit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water bottle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flashlight, bulb, batteries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle <input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins <p>Extras</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Camera <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notebook and pencil <input type="checkbox"/> Nature books <p>Program Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit, towel <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work gloves |
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Program Proclamations and Reflections

It's been a busy two months, we've been busy changing things around the Council and trying to make Scouting work more effectively for the youth of our Council. We are seeing programs becoming more active and we're seeing signs that our programs are improving. Let's spend some time and talk about what's going on.

We recently held our latest Quarterly District Operations Meeting. We are seeing signs that the Council is getting stronger. We have a HAT team that is forming, we are having training events happening in both Districts and our University of Scouting is set for October 26 (more on that below). We are organizing a Shootings Sports committee that has input to how Rancho Alegre will provide shooting sports. A good COPE course is just down the calendar. We have advancement moving forward, and our Districts are strong as they work with the young people that we serve.

As I'm sure you are aware, we have pulled all of us volunteers into two groups to help make the programs needed by the Districts to support our Packs, Troops & Crews. This appears to be occurring. We seem to have stronger Districts than in the past, and that's a positive thing. We'll continue to work towards this goal.

In case you didn't know, The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the honor society in Scouting BSA. A Council's group is known as a Lodge. For your information, we are the Chumash Lodge. OA is operated by youth members, advised by adult volunteers. There are ceremonies and activities that Lodges control. Our Lodge tries hard to do a good job for all those involved. The area (we are one of the councils in Area 4 of the Western Region) sponsors events for Lodges called Conclaves. It is my understanding that in Area 4 there are normally two Conclaves held. We are part of the north Conclave and there is also a southern Conclave. Our young people competed at this year's conclave recently, they won six different trophies from those completion. Those trophies are on display in the Santa Barbara office. Congratulations to those that were so successful in representing the Los Padres Council in the format.

As mentioned above our training committee is making progress. We have committed people in both Districts that make various training courses happen. In addition, on October 26 we will hold our fifth annual University of Scouting. This is a fun day of learning. If you want more information, please check the Council Calendar for Saturday, October 26.

As you plan your events, you need to know that both Districts are hosting an Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course. The dates are November 1 & 2, sign up on the Council calendar. The Pacific Coast District is also hosting an IOLS course this November. That one will be November 15 to 16. If you know of folks that need this course, it really doesn't matter which they attend, whichever is best for them. Both have information on the Council Website, or feel free to ask and we can get you any information that you need.

We are also getting things ready for the 2020 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) that we as a Council provide. This year it will be in June and will be held at Rancho Alegre. Check the Council calendar for more information.

Can you see why I'm so happy to see all these things happening? This is a great time to be Scouting. It can only happen because of folks like you. We can make real differences in the lives of the young people we serve. Have a great two months, I'll be watching for you down the trail.

Good luck with your next issue. If you need anything else, please let me know.

Lynn Johnson

Council VP - Program & District Ops

Meet Caleb Wright

I am 20 years old and an Eagle Scout out of Troop 93 in Los Padres Council where I am currently employed as a sales associate. I am a full-time student majoring in chemistry at Allan Hancock College. I am hoping to transfer to Chico State Fall 2020 to further my education and obtain a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

Whenever I get free time, I chose to spend that freedom rock climbing. Most of the time I climb inside at my local gym "The Pad," but I will often go and climb outdoors with my friend, who is an Eagle Scout as well. I developed my love of rock climbing while I was in scouts. I have many fond memories of taking the rock climbing merit badge at summer camp, this may be partly due to the fact that I have completed the rock-climbing merit badge multiple times at several summer camps. I have other interests such as bingeing television shows, playing video games, and listening to audio books. My favorite television show is without a doubt Avatar: The Last Airbender, and my favorite game is The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild. I am particularly fond of audio books because they can fill idle time such as driving, where one cannot surrender too much attention yet still be able to process information. I have a goal to go to Yosemite National Park before the end of the year and climb, providing School and work permits.



Caleb Wright

Caleb has been with Los Padres Council for 2 years. He is currently working at our Santa Maria Service center.



The Sale you've been waiting for is here!

Beginning August 1st to October 31st ALL Uniform Shirts will be 25% off when purchased with a Uniform bottom.



***Must be purchased together. Offer valid online and in participating Scout Shops 8/01/2019 to 10/31/2019. Other restrictions apply.**

Please shop at any of our 3 Los Padres Council Service Centers

Santa Barbara
4000 Modoc Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
Open M-F 10 to 5
(805) 967-0105

Santa Maria
228 Town Center Mall East
Santa Maria, CA 93454
Open M, W, F 10 to 5
T & Th 10 to 6
Sat 10 to 4
(805) 925-1955

Atascadero
7350 El Camino Real
Suite #201
Atascadero, CA 93422
Open T, W 10 to 5
Th 10 to 6
(805) 461-4018

Pacific Coast District Highlights

Youth or adult, Scouting has something for you. Long ago as an assistant Scoutmaster, I would go on a Scouting summer camp with my son's troop that included Whitsett, Kern, Emerald Bay, and Pico Blanco. All great camps and often the best part of Scouting. Since then both of my sons have become Eagle Scouts and are now starting to volunteer as Scout leaders with sons of their own in their new community.

This past month I had the opportunity to join LPC Council leaders and other Council leaders from across the US on a trip to Philmont and do some fly fishing. What an amazing time it was with other scout leaders. We talked about the Scouting Movement and learned what other councils are doing to provide better experiences to their Scouting members. It was an opportunity to build better friendships and teams within our own LPC and of course fishing stories.

The point is that our Scouting program is designed to lift all members from good to great whether youth or adult. The resources are there be it training for our volunteers or camping opportunities at one of the many Scout camps. While there is some transfer of benefits through osmosis and being a member, there is no doubt that the best results and value is achieved with full engagement. For the best youth program and experience, be the best parent and get YPT training, help by being a Den leader or assistant, join the parent committee and be part of the team.

In working with others, I tell my team that you are either part of the problem or part of the solution, which one is up to you. If you have a complaint or different perspective, I can deal with that, but I expect you should also have a solution or alternative that will improve the status. We all need this type of feedback and help. So, for a better Scouting experience get involved in a deeper way and be on the solution team. We have some positions on the district board and are looking for some additional adult scouts to volunteer and join our dedicated team.

Pacific Coast District Openings include; Vice Chairman, membership, FOS, and training. Please reach out to me if you would like to be part of the district team or know of someone who is too shy to ask but would be perfect with the opportunity.

Yours in Scouting,

David Brown

Pacific Coast District Chairman

PS. Please check your calendar and note our next Pacific Coast District meeting is August 6th starting at 7PM at Mother Hubbard's in Buellton. Hope to see our leaders there.

Cuesta District Highlights

It has been some time since any news was reported from the Cuesta District. I just returned this evening from giving yet another Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation – this one to Pack 51 in Atascadero. (Yes we are still giving opportunities to help the District with a pledge through the Friends of Scouting campaign.) Just a few years ago this pack was at 27 members. Tonight they announced they were at 60 members, with a few girls as members of the Pack. The excitement at this, their first Pack meeting of the year, was palpable. They did a project to highlight the Scouting value of Thriftiness. I then presented on the FOS campaign, followed by a number of conversations with pack leaders and parents. Everyone wants the same thing – to provide a quality program for all kids.

We are here to report that we are alive and kicking. As is to be expected with any "newly formed" District, we have not been without our fits and starts; but the Committee is growing, and we continue filling members are volunteering for positions of responsibility. Since our Committee meeting in August we have added four new members to Chair positions – Lynn Johnson, Jeanne Gard, Amanda Lamar and David Ito. I want to welcome them to the Committee and thank them for their service. And a continuing thanks to all those already serving the District Committee.

The Cuesta District is headed in the right direction. We continue to work with all the Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts to demonstrate that we are here for them, that we have only their best interests at heart. And we will continue to support and bolster the best youth leadership development program in the nation. Stay tuned for continuing good news, and thank you all for your help and support.

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chair

Come Celebrate With Us!

Los Padres Council is gearing up for two of our biggest Fundraisers of the year! The first event: **Scouting: A Celebration of Youth** will be held on October 17th at the Santa Barbara Club. We are extremely thankful to all of our sponsors including our Platinum Sponsors: Richard & Marguerite Berti and Wells Fargo. Los Padres Council is proud to award two very deserving honorees. Andrew Winchester will be receiving the National Eagle Scout Association's *National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award* and Richard Berti will be rewarded one of the first ever *Los Padres Council Legacy Awards*. These men have been elected for this honor for their extraordinary community service and dedication to helping youth.

The **Major Member Dinner** is a similar event that will be held in San Luis Obispo County on Wednesday December 4th at the Cliffs Resort. We are thrilled to honor Joseph Ririe with the National Eagle Scout Association's *National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award* and Supervisor Lynn Compton with the *Los Padres Council Legacy Award*. The council also looks forward to highlighting some of our oldest chartered partners and celebrating our history at both events. If you would like to buy tickets, sponsor either of the events, or learn more, please go to our website at www.lpcbsa.org or contact Erica directly at Erica.mundell-mcgilvray@scouting.org.

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Adult Registration

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is committed first and foremost to keeping youth safe. Part of that commitment includes continually updating our youth protection policies to help ensure we are always on the forefront of youth safety.

As you know, one of the BSA's many barriers to abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the adult volunteer application process. **The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs.**

Please complete the process listed below at your earliest availability to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders. **Please note that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.**

1. Review the two separate disclosure documents linked below that are being provided to you separately for your review. They are titled "Background Check Disclosure" and "California State Law Disclosures (Non-Credit)."
2. Once you have reviewed them, print the separate document titled "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization." Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature. Note: A print signature is required for this document. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
3. Turn in the signed "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form promptly to your unit leader or local council service center.

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or local council service center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

We are truly grateful for your continued commitment *to keeping youth safe and for helping them learn, grow, and thrive through Scouting programs.*

National Registration Fee Increase

As national evaluates the growing cost of delivering the Scouting program, a vision team of volunteers and staff from across the country is considering the best way forward that will likely require us to implement a national membership fee increase for youth members and adult leaders as of January 1, 2020. This prospective change is being driven by the significant cost increase of the liability insurance we must carry to cover all official Scouting activities.

We do not know the amount of the increase at this time since this requires National Executive Committee input and approval. Please know that we are only considering this change out of necessity, and we are committed to ensuring that all youth can experience the character-building benefits of Scouting regardless of their financial situation. That is why, in anticipation of a likely increase, we are working to establish a donor-funded BSA Registration Assistance Fund to provide financial support to those who need it. This fund will be in addition to the many existing council and unit membership assistance funds.

We recognize the timing of this likely fee increase creates challenges as units have already begun collecting fees for their 2020 registration renewal process. We sincerely apologize and hope you understand that we would not be pursuing this path were it not absolutely necessary to ensure the BSA can continue carrying out its mission to serve youth. We are committed to supporting you through this process and are making necessary adjustments to the online re-chartering system to ensure units can carry out the normal yearly process with as few issues as possible.

We recognize this is neither easy information to hear, nor to convey, but we want to be transparent as we have information to share so you can prepare your units appropriately. We commit to providing the new registration fee no later than October 23, 2019, which would take effect on January 1, 2020. The re-chartering system will still open on October 1st to allow units to do their roster work.

2019 Popcorn Sales

"May The Corn Be With You!"

Right now, we have 21 Packs and Troops out in our community participating in the Show and Sell portion of the sale campaign. Their sales are going very well! So much so in fact that some have already run out of popcorn to sell! Not to fret, other Packs and Troops are rallying together to help them out by sharing some of their products with them so that they can continue their sales to fund their programs. After all a Scout is helpful and this is the perfect example of that. If you missed out on the sale but still need some additional funds to help fund your own unit program, it is not too late!



As you know Los Padres Council is here to help provide life changing programs, educational experiences, and unparalleled fun to the youth in our area. We salute you and the role that you play to that end as well! If your Unit has opted not to participate in this year's Council offered Popcorn Campaign, it is not too late, we can help your Scouts pay their way. We have a unique opportunity for you and your Scouts to participate that may change your opinion of what it takes to earn money for your Unit while also supporting your Council and other units who are members here with you.

We regularly get feedback as to why Units choose not to participate: not enough time, complexity of the sale, not enough volunteers to manage, we run other fundraisers, our Scouts don't want to be in public selling. I am asking you to consider an alternative way for your Scouts to participate, earn money for their program, help support our Council, and hopefully fund the best Scouting Experience possible! We have a sales program available for your Scouts that would enable them to simply contact friends and family anywhere in the US to ask for their support through the purchase of popcorn online. Supporters pay for the product directly, your Unit and Scouts get credit for any sales, and our vendor partner handles delivery of the product without you having to touch anything! We hope you can agree that this is a great way for your Unit to earn substantial additional funds without affecting your ongoing activities. If you were to promote this approach to your Scouts and each were to reach out to just 10 potential supporters, each participating Scout could easily raise \$220 for your Unit and local Scouting (based on 2018 average of \$45 for each online sale supporter, and research indicating that 70% of those approached will provide support). Is there any better way for your Unit to potentially earn \$1,000 or more from the comfort of your members collective homes?

We know that scouting can be expensive, and we all want to give our scouts the best experience possible. We truly need your help and hope that you can participate together with us to generate the funding for your program while also supporting the services we provide to all. Should you need additional information please feel free to contact April Wright-Litchfield at (805)478-9375 or at April.Wright@Scouting.org. We need your help and stand ready to help you have a great year in scouting! Can we count on you?

Los Padres Council Staff

*From all of us at Los Padres Council,
Thanks for reading and for all of your
support!*

