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For members of Los Padres Council, BSA Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo Counties



Council President Views

How about those Eagles! I am looking forward to the Eagle Gathering on June 26th at Rancho Alegre. We have invited all current and past Eagle Scouts to join for a lunch and fellowship and to learn how Scouting has impacted their life and career. If you know of an Eagle Scout who resides in either Santa Barbara or SLO Counties please share this invitation with them and go to the Council website to sign up if you have not yet done so. See your fellow Eagle Alumni and share your Scouting story.

About a month ago we had a campfire chat with our Council Key 3 that was broadcasted live via Zoom and Facebook Live. Many of you liked the format and so I think we will do the same again next quarter. To improve this campfire program, I would like to find a Scout and a unit leader to be the MC and ask the questions of our Key 3 team. Could be a merit badge item for Communications Merit Badge as well. Send in your introduction video to our DE April by the end of June for consideration.

This week your Council Key 3 will be attending the National Meeting via Zoom. Beyond the general business meetings, we will have breakout sessions for Membership, Governance, Safety, and a host of other topics that make up our Scouting program. There are also some organizational changes to the current structure. In the future we will no longer have Areas for our Council, but new geographic regions called NST (National Service Territories). Our board will have representatives on each of the various committees. These committees include Safe Scouting, Diversity and Inclusion, Council Relations, Leadership and Governance, Membership, Program and Operations, Marketing, Finance and Development and Council Performance. This will give us a greater voice and enhance communications with the National leadership and each Council

I suspect that you have COVID fatigue. Not from the virus itself, but from all the social and government restrictions imposed since its origin over a year ago. It appears that through June 15th California will still require masks and other restrictions now in effect. Problem is that they still have not provided any guidelines after this date for group gatherings and other Scouting programs or activities. I want to remind all our Scouting members and families one of the 12 Scout laws, a Scout is Obedient. We obey the laws and abide by the rules. Remain diligent and obey the current restrictions until they are modified. We will present updated guidelines as soon as we have them from the regulatory agencies. Now is not the time to quit. Make your plans for summer camp as many BSA camps will be operational and open to Scouts this summer. Call the main office for a listing if needed. Hang in there for just a bit longer as COVID will soon be in the rear-view mirror and we will be back to activities and programs as usual. I find that those who quit have more regret than those who stay the course and never quit. Do not give up on your Scouting journey no matter the obstacles.

Yours in Scouting,

David Brown
Council President

EXPLORING
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

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Summer is Here!

I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. The safety of our community is our top priority. Both physical and mental health are a major part of scouting.

Things are finally changing, and we are gradually moving away from COVID-19 it is time to start preparing for summer. BSA summer camps will be open in CA and scouts will have the opportunity to participate on site while assuring we follow all safety guidelines.

As you prepare to take scouts to summer camp assure your training is up to date, visit your www.my.scouting.org account and review your training is completed. In addition, participate in the informational sessions of the camp you are attending to assure you are aware of all the guidelines and prerequisites your troop will have to abide by. If you have not booked summer camp for your troop you still have time. Most camps still have openings so reach out and book your reservation.

We also are looking forward to day camp in our council, both live and virtual along with live adventure days at Rancho Alegre. While Rancho Alegre is still construction, we are planning to have program days and activities so keep checking for the latest updates. If you like a tour to see the construction progress, just contact Glen at glen.goddard@scouting.org to schedule a time.

Thank you all for your continued leadership and contribution to our scouts. I look forward to seeing you on the trail soon.

Yours in Scouting,

Carlos Cortez
Scout Leader/Scout Executive

Council Commissioner Update

Scouts and Scouters,

There is light at the end of this *llooonng* tunnel! COVID and the conditions it has imposed on us have really affected us all. I am sure, if you ask any Scout, they will say, 'when can we get back camping and outdoor, overnight fun again?' We have been promised that on or around June 15th, we will be provided with new relaxed COVID recommendations which will include camping and overnight outdoor event information. Stay tuned and get ready for that release!

Have you signed up for Cub Scout Day Camp? Has your Troop signed up for a summer camp at one of hundreds of BSA Summer Camps which will operate this summer? Is your Venture unit planning some awesome overnight fun or trips? If not, what are you waiting for? I, like all of you, want to hit the trail or see you at outdoor camping events or activities. Plan now so you are prepared once we find out what those new CA and our two local Counties Department of Public Health recommendations and requirements will be.

Does your unit have a New Member Coordinator? If not, why not? Most Units do not have time to engage, entertain, answer questions, and sit with a parent or family when they drop in at one of our meetings. They want to ask questions and get information. That is what a New Unit Coordinator does. Training for that position is on-line and Units can designate their New Member Coordinator as the one who receives Scouting inquiries and leads from **Be A Scout**. Be Prepared for new families and parents to visit your units now. Engage and train a New Member Coordinator now in anticipation of families, parents and youth visiting to consider joining your unit.

Commissioner Corps

Our Commissioners are always here to help. From answering questions from leaders, to locating information, determining local Scouting contacts, best practices, Unit advice, Unit Health check-ups and so much more, that is what we as Commissioners do. In my opinion, it is the best volunteer position in Scouting. My hat is off to all 18 of our Los Padres Commissioners for their dedication to serve our youth through support of our Units. I wish I could say we had an assigned Unit Commissioner for every unit in our Council, however, sadly we do not. Are you interested in possibly finding out more about what a Commissioner does? Would you like to talk to someone about becoming a Commissioner? Please reach out to Tom Lebens our Cuesta District Commissioner, Sandy Shove our Pacific Coast District Commissioner, Rick TerBorch our Los Padres Council Administrative Commissioner, me, or one of our awesome Unit Commissioners. We are here to support you as Unit leaders so that we all together ensure that the Promise of Scouting is delivered in a safe, effective, fun and ethical way. See you Camping or hiking this summer!

Bob Putney
Council Commissioner



Camp Rancho Alegre Update

Schipper Construction has been busy this Spring with construction beginning on the three staff 2-Bedroom buildings. The Structural Insulated Panels (SIPS) have been erected with wood framing on the interior. Doors and Windows have been installed. Concrete porches were also poured. Roofing and siding are next in the process. We have just begun to assemble the SIPS panels for the first of two Staff 6-bedroom buildings.



NCS Short-Term Camp Training

A National Camping School Short Term Camp training was offered on Saturday, May 22nd with six learners in attendance. As of January 1st, any council organized overnight camp program that is one, two, or three nights require a trained Short-Term Camp Administrator. This includes district camporees, council camporees, Cub Scout/Webelos Family Camps, Order of the Arrow events, training events and more. Congratulations to April Wright-Lichfield, Len Kamlet, Brian Hascall, Kathryn McClure and Joseph Bauer for successfully completing the training.



Order of the Arrow

We are still anticipating that we'll be able to hold Lodge events this summer at Rancho Alegre! These will begin as fellowship opportunities, just to get back together as Arrowmen. Look to upcoming emails for more details.



Congratulations to our Arrowmen who are (soon to be) graduating from High School. Included in this group are some of our officers who will be going off to college out of state, so there will be new opportunities for leadership positions. Contact your local leaders, or your Lodge Chief Joey M or Lodge Adviser Brian Hascall for information. Youth positions including Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice Chief, and Chapter Recorder are open in many of our chapters, and Chapter Adviser or Associate Chapter Adviser roles are available for adults in a few of our Chapters. In addition, we are always looking for more members to help shoulder the burden and help your fellow Arrowmen in Cheerful Service.

Unit elections for Troops and Crews are nearly completed. If your Troop has not yet held or arranged to hold an election, contact elections@chumashlodge90.net to schedule your election. We expect to notify our newly elected Candidates by mail in early June, along with those Candidates elected in 2020 who were unable to complete their induction due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our first Induction weekend is scheduled for August 6-8, with a second Ordeal planned for October.

September 17-19, the Section W-4N Conclave will be held at Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. Signup is now live! Go to <https://sectionw4n.org/conclave/> to register or for more information.

Finally, it's not too late to pay your 2021 dues! Go to <http://www.chumashlodge90.net> and follow the Dues link.

Len Kamlet

Associate Lodge Adviser

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BOOTS n' Bling

Friday, August 13th
RECEPTION 6:00PM - 7:00PM
DINNER & AWARD PRESENTATION

JIM BRABECK,
past CEO of Farm Supply,
Los Padres Council's Legacy Award

BRIAN HASCALL,
Long time Scouter and public servant-
National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

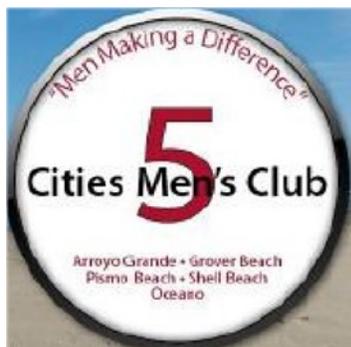
SANTA MARGARITA RANCH BARN • 9000 YERBA BUENA AVE SANTA MARGARITA

Don't forget to register for our first annual *Boots & Bling* BBQ fundraiser by clicking this link:

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2815040&orgkey=1643&ReturnURL=//lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/app/calendar/month/1643/2021-08-01/-1/0/>

This fundraiser is a fun event designed not only to give people an opportunity to come together for fun, food, and drink, but also to **recognize leaders in our community who have helped build character and leadership in the youth of San Luis Obispo County.** We are proud to announce this year's event will recognize Farm Supply and past CEO Jim Brabeck who will be honored with Los Padres Council's Legacy Award. Additionally, local Scouter and public servant Brian Hascall will be honored with the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award for all of his work to keep our communities healthy and our local youth safe and thriving.

Extra thank you to San Luis Ambulance and the Five Cities Men's Club who are amongst our first sponsors of the event!



Jim Brabeck

Beginning in 1969, Jim served for 53 years as President/CEO of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Supply Company, a 2700-member agricultural supply cooperative located in San Luis Obispo for 53 years and was Outside Director of Farm Credit West, a 6-billion-dollar Agricultural Credit Association.

Jim's passion for youth has been inspired in part by his involvement in local 4-H and FFA programs and the positive impact these organizations have had in developing leadership skills in participants.

Additionally, Jim has witnessed firsthand the changes that can occur within troubled youth through intervention and guidance during his forty-four years of service as a member of the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Consequently, The James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Fund was founded as a result of Jim's strongly-held beliefs and past experiences with the goal of bettering the lives of youth in both the larger agricultural community and the juvenile justice system.

For local scouts, if a scout needed supplies for an Eagle project, Farm Supply was ready to give the scout whatever they requested!

While Jim has always been especially passionate about youth, he also cares about the needs of our community as a whole and has therefore given tirelessly in a variety of ways to numerous local organizations, such as law enforcement, receiving local, state and national recognition for his efforts.



Brian G. Hascall

Brian began his scouting career in 1972 when he joined Cub Scout Pack 464 in Canoga Park, California. He went on to earn his Arrow of Light award and moved on to Boy Scout Troop 464 where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1982. He also was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Malibu Lodge 566 in 1978. He went on to become the Lodge Vice-Chief of Activities and competed on a national level in OA Ceremonies competition at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference held in Austin, Texas. Brian's ceremonies team was chosen to appear in the closing show at the 1981 NOAC in front of 8,000 OA members which was an honor for all four ceremonialists.

Brian was hired as a Deputy Sheriff by the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office in 1990. He served in numerous positions in the Sheriff's Office including Cambria Resident Deputy, Senior Deputy, Detective, Sergeant, Public Information Officer, Watch Commander, completing his career as a Commander. He recently retired after 31 years of service to the County of San Luis Obispo and its constituents.

In 2004 Brian began volunteering as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts when his son, Alex joined the Cub Scouts. When Alex advanced to the Boy Scouts, Brian began serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 450 in Nipomo. Brian served as Scoutmaster from 2007 to 2010. He then accepted the role as District Chair for Camino Real District as well as serving as a Unit Commissioner for Cub Scout Pack 13 in Arroyo Grande. In 2009, Brian became an Order of the Arrow Associate Adviser for Chumash Lodge as well as assisting with the operation of the local OA Chapter in South San Luis Obispo County. In 2012 Brian became the Chumash Lodge Adviser as well as stepping up to the role of Camino Real District Commissioner. Brian continued in these two roles until he relinquished them in 2015. In 2019 Brian again became the Lodge Adviser for Chumash Lodge and is currently serving in that capacity. Brian has also served on the South San Luis Obispo County Eagle Scout Board of Review since 2010.

Brian is an active Kiwanian and has been a member of the Oceano Kiwanis Club since 2008. He has served two terms as President and received the Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award as well as being named the Kiwanian of the Year. Brian enjoys the focus of the Oceano club of helping the local children through service projects and support of the Boys and Girls Club.



Los Padres Council is proud to congratulate the following Scouts in achieving the highest rank in Scouting, The Eagle Rank. These young people committed to becoming the best versions of themselves and strive to be examples to others as they lead the path forward. In achieving this rank, they have just begun their journey of leading progress that will improve the life of many and change our world for the better.



Wyatt Spencer – Pacific Coast Troop 26

Christopher Davis – Troop 87

Vincent Migliaccio – Troop 37

Christopher Platt – Troop 37

Calling all Eagles!

Los Padres Council would like to invite you to our first Gathering of Eagles BBQ on Saturday, June 26, 2021. The networking lunch will be held at Camp Rancho Alegre and attendees will have the opportunity to meet fellow Eagles in the area, hear updates on Scouting in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties and hear from our very special guest speaker, Jim Lewis, Pismo Beach City Manager. You will also get an update and tour of Camp Rancho Alegre and witness its building progress.

To RSVP go to:

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2815851&orgkey=1643&ReturnURL=//lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/app/calendar/month/1643/2021-06-01/-1/0/>

or email Ken at Kenneth.Miles@Scouting.org

GATHERING OF EAGLES

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2021

CAMP RANCHO ALEGRE—2680 CA-154, SANTA BARBARA

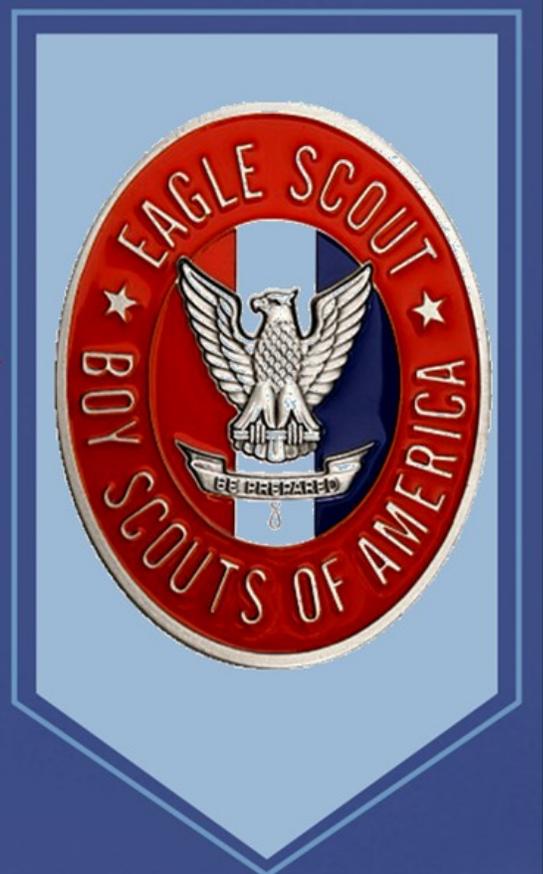
10:30-12:30 REUNION (LUNCH PROVIDED) - 1:00-2:00 CAMP TOUR



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

EAGLE SCOUT
JAMES R. LEWIS

CITY MANAGER
PISMO BEACH



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
LOS PADRES COUNCIL

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle.

Cuesta District Highlights

I love my dog, but if he hears fireworks or the sound of a vacuum, he runs and hides. Not so with Stubby, a little stray bull terrier found by J. Robert Conroy and smuggled into the 102nd Infantry during WWI. Sgt. Stubby was originally intended to just be a mascot, but soon proved far more useful. After suffering a mustard gas attack, Stubby became ultra-sensitive to its odor and was able to run through the trenches, barking and biting soldiers awake before an attack. Stubby could locate wounded Americans on the battlefield by listening for the specific sounds of English amid the sounds of battle. He'd stay and bark until the medics came, or lead the soldiers back to the trench.

Once, when a new soldier in the trench called to him, Stubby's ears went flat and he charged. The man ran, and Stubby bit him on the leg, causing him to fall. Stubby kept attacking until soldiers came. The man he bit had been a German spy who was mapping out the trenches.

Eventually, Stubby was injured and unable to return to the front line. He spent the rest of the war on duty in the hospital, improving the morale of the wounded men. By the end of WWI he'd been in 17 battles. Sgt. Stubby lived out the rest of his life comfortably with Conroy, the man who found him.

In June, Boys Life magazine will focus on, among other things, the Scout Law of Bravery. The story of Stubby shows us that no matter the circumstances – our size, experience, or even our breed – we all have within the ability to be brave and do great things; the ability to be brave amidst the chaos of our times. I hope that, when faced with adversity – no matter how big or small that adversity is – we can find it within ourselves to be brave. As they said in Britain at the start of World War I, “Keep Calm and Carry On.”

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chairman

Pacific Coast District Highlights

Well summer is about to arrive, and I'm certain most units have made their summer camp plans and reservations by now. If you haven't and are running into “sold out” notices from camps within a reasonable distance of Santa Barbara County, I'll try this coming week to get a rundown of Southern California and Central California Scout Camps where space is still available for units and the number of Scouts they can still accommodate. I'll get that information out to you at next week's PCD Roundtable.

I also hope that some units are sending contingents to the Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve High Adventure Bases. For those of you that have not been to them, each offers the epitome of high adventure experiences for Scouts and Scouters. For situations where the unit cannot attend as a group, there are usually “contingent units” offering individual spots available within those temporary units.

The National Service Territory System (NST) is about to descend upon us with significant changes to Scouting's organization structure and methods of operation and interaction with local Councils. My first impression of this new Scouting Order is a good one. Gone are the Regions and Areas, and arriving are “Service Territories” with easier and more direct interaction between local Councils, the new Territories, and National BSA. Each local Council will now have direct Council representatives on each of nine Territory Functional Committees, giving the local Councils overall a much greater voice in the Scouting programs. It will take a while for all of this to unfold but the current plans are to have it operational by the end of summer. I am attending a week-long training seminar on this at the Philmont Training Center in late June, and will keep all of you advised of ongoing developments and progress on this innovative process.

Have a great Scouting Summer! After the COVID Crisis of the past 15 months, all of our Scouts and Scouters deserve such a welcome break from all that the pandemic forced us to endure! We'll keep you advised of District, Council, and NST happenings throughout the summer months.

Tom Parker

Pacific Coast District Chairman

Los Padres Council Cub Scout Adventure Day!

BB guns, Archery, Slingshots, Science & Summer Fun!



Rancho Alegre, Larson Meadow
2680 CA-154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
Saturday, August 14th - 10:00am-4:00pm

\$40 per registered Scout

(\$25 if parent/guardian volunteers for the day)

\$75 per non-registered child 6-10 years-old

\$5 discount for siblings

Last Day to Register – Sunday, August 1st at 11:59 PM.

For more information: [Click Here!](#)

Attendance is limited; please register early to avoid disappointment!

Announcement Scout Executive's Packet

19 Cub Scout Elective Adventures to be Retired Effective May 31, 2022

Every year Cub Scout Adventures are reviewed to identify trends and determine interests of our youth, den leaders and Cub Scout families. In our ongoing efforts to keep the Cub Scouting Adventure program relevant to today's families, Cub Scout elective Adventures are reviewed for both content and popularity. The most recent review has identified 19 elective Adventures that do not meet the standards of youth and den leader engagement, with the lowermost being earned by less than 3% of eligible youth. They will be retired effective **May 31, 2022**. The retiring of these adventures allows Cub Scouting to be more agile as we make continuous improvements to the program.

We know that some families may want one last chance to earn these Adventures. Some den leaders may have already made plans for the upcoming program year. To help with transition, these Adventures will be available until the end of 2021-2022 program year.

The elective adventures to be retired are:

Affected Elective Adventures (Effective May 31, 2022)		
SKU	Rank	Adventure Name
619922	Tiger	Family Stories
619925	Tiger	Earning Your Stripes
619930	Tiger	Tiger Tales
619931	Tiger	Tiger Theater
619940	Wolf	Collections and Hobbies
619944	Wolf	Grow Something
619947	Wolf	Hometown Heroes
619950	Wolf	Motor Away
619958	Bear	Beat of the Drum
619960	Bear	World of Sound
619963	Bear	Make it Move
619968	Bear	Robotics
619978	Webelos/AOL	Looking Back Looking Forward
619979	Webelos/AOL	Maestro
619997	Webelos/AOL	Project Family
619992	Webelos/AOL	Build My Hero
619989	Webelos/AOL	Adventures in Science
619975	Webelos/AOL	Fix It
619982	Webelos/AOL	Movie Making

Use the attached FAQ for communicating this change in your council.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are these Elective Adventures being retired?

- In our ongoing efforts to keep the Cub Scouting adventure program relevant to today's families, Cub Scout elective adventures are reviewed for content and popularity. These 19 adventures are the least popular among Cub Scouts based on sales and advancement data. The retiring of these adventures allows Cub Scouting to be more agile as we make continuous improvements to the program.

May 31, 2022?

- We understand that some families may want one last chance to earn these adventures and some Den Leaders may have already made plans for the next program year, so we are giving a full program year to allow for this transition. June 1st is when the vast majority of Cub Scouts have transitioned to the next rank.

Can Cub Scouts still earn these Adventures in the 2021-22 program year?

- Yes! These elective adventures can still be earned during the 2021-22 program year. These 19 Adventures will remain part of the program until **May 31, 2022**.

What happens on May 31, 2022?

- Effective May 31, 2022 these Elective Adventures will no longer be considered part of the Cub Scouting program and the Adventure Loops and Pins for these Cub Scout Adventures will no longer be available for purchase. Earned adventures will be archived in Scoutbook and Internet Advancement and will appear as earned but will no longer be able to be marked as completed after May 31, 2022.

Can Cub Scouts still wear the Adventure Loops and Pins after they retire?

- Absolutely! In Scouting once an adventure is earned it is never taken away. These adventures are still considered official program and may continue to be worn after they retire on **May 31, 2022**.

I'm a wholesale distributor, what should I do with my existing inventory?

- Through 2021, and the first part of 2022, are designed to be a sunset year for these adventures. Cub Scouts will continue to earn these adventures and need the recognition pieces associated with them. We advise that you sell down your inventory during this time and be cautious about reordering inventory.

I'm a wholesale distributor, can I return my Adventure Loops and Pins?

- Normal return policies apply. Please contact your Territory Sales Supervisor for specific questions about our return policies.



Youth Focus Group Survey: Methodology

As a part of the Boy Scouts of America's continuous improvement process, Scouting families and participants are invited to share feedback on the National Scout Jamboree experience. This process will involve coordinated focus groups and virtual surveys. These sessions will start in mid-May and conclude in late July. Once completed, feedback gathered will be aggregated to produce a final report on recommendations for improving the jamboree adventure.

1

Focus Group Promotion & Registration – Scouts and Scouters will be invited to participate through the Boy Scouts of America's integrated marketing communications. Through Scouting social media and digital outlets, Scouts will be invited to participate in a virtual focus group. Additional in-person focus groups will be held at the Philmont Scout Ranch and Summit Bechtel Reserve this summer. Scouters and families are also invited to participate through an online survey. To comply with internal BSA policies, Scouts under 13 will require parental/guardian permission.

2.1

Online Survey

Scouts and Scouters participating in the Family Adventure Camp, Orion Project, or Telescopium will be invited to attend an in-person focus group.

2.2

Parental Consent

If a Scout is under 13, they will be required to provide a parent's or guardian's email before they can complete an online survey or participate in a virtual focus group.

2.4

Virtual Focus Groups

Scouts can participate in a virtual focus group facilitated through Zoom. This will offer an opportunity for Scouts to share their feedback.

2.4

In-Person Focus Groups

Scouts and Scouters participating in the PTC Family Adventure Camp, Orion Project, or Telescopium will be invited to attend an in-person focus group.

3

Debrief Survey – Scouts and Scouters after participating in either a virtual or in-person focus group, a debrief survey will be made available to participants. This will offer participants an opportunity to share additional thoughts and complete the research process.

4

Data Analysis/Reporting – Data collected from focus groups and surveying will be compiled and analyzed into usable recommendations for the BSA Jamboree Department, National Jamboree Task Force, and other stakeholders to inform decisionmaking in the future.



Youth Focus Group Survey: Survey Links

NJTF Focus Group/Survey Registration

Scouts, Scouters, and family members are able to use this link to register for a focus group or to receive a virtual survey.

Link: http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3fQ2UCvn6bu0p06



Virtual Survey Link

Scouts, Scouters, and family members are able to use this link to complete a virtual survey if they are unable or choose to not attend a focus group. It should take approximately 12-15 minutes to complete.

Link: http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_becsVAjVfv6PDCe



Focus Group Debrief Survey Link

After attending a focus group, participants will be asked to complete a short debrief survey. This will offer participants an opportunity to share additional thoughts and complete the research process.

Link: http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJAI7LYesBeL2Sy



Program Updates

Training

We are starting to schedule training for our leaders. In May we held a National Camping School Short Term Camp Administrator training, which will allow us to hold District and Council short (1-3 night) campouts, such as BALOO, IOLS, Camporees, OA Ordeals, and more. Over the summer and into the fall we will be holding unit leader trainings, while planning for a University of Scouting toward the end of the year. Stay tuned! If you'd like to help lead individual sessions for unit-specific training, skills sessions for IOLS or BALOO, or trainings for our University of Scouting, contact Len Kamlet at lkamlet@gmail.com.

If you are a trained leader and looking for an excellent training course, plan to attend Wood Badge! While our council will not be hosting a Wood Badge course this year, there are a number being offered nearby. Two of our local leaders plan to help staff a course with Western Los Angeles County Council, being held at Camp Josepho. The dates of this course are October 22-24, and November 12-14. Hold these dates, and contact me for more information about this or other courses being offered.

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is being updated in June. If you have only partially completed your training, complete it now or you may need to restart the course. Use this also as a reminder to check your YPT status; if you haven't taken the course in the last 12 months please retake it as soon as you can.

Service

National BSA is encouraging all of us to take part in service this summer, to support our environment, our neighbors, and our local community. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/> for more information.

Advancement

Scouts continue to make progress on their Advancement. We continue to see Scouts achieving the rank of Eagle, Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts earn their AOL, and more.

The Cub Scout program has reviewed its Cub Adventures, and is in the process of retiring some of these effective May 31, 2022. See the information about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our online Merit Badge PowWow has completed. Over 110 Scouts participated, and again a big thank you to Jeanne Gard, our District Advancement Chair for Cuesta District, who organized the PowWow.

Awards

If you have celebrated a multiple of 5 years of membership in Scouting (5, 10, 15, ...) you are eligible to receive a Veteran Award. Download and complete the form at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-701.pdf>, and submit it to the Council office or your local council staff member and we can recognize you for this accomplishment.

Camping

Our big news is that the Cuesta (North County) Cub Scout Day Camp will be in person in Paso Robles, starting June 14! While limited to 35 Scouts (due to COVID-19), we are looking forward to an exciting week of camp for our Cub Scouts. Go to <http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2821850> for information and registration.

For Pacific Coast Cub Scouts, we will not have a week-long day camp, but will be holding Adventure Day on August 14. Stay tuned for more details.

For our Scouts BSA units, we are hoping to host a Camporall (combined Camporee for both Districts), likely sometime this fall. Our Council Camping Committee is working with our Districts to identify dates, times, and leaders to help. If interested in helping contact me or your District camping chair.

We are right around the corner from in-person camping, and I know all of our members are looking forward to California's plan to relax these restrictions.

US and State Flag Retirements

Camp Rancho Alegre is still under construction and we cannot hold flag retirement ceremonies yet. Until then, other drop-off locations include:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and American Legion offices
- Local Fire Departments
- Participating Ace Hardware locations
- Girl Scouts

Other options include burial, and shredding/recycling. Please check online for proper procedures.

COVID Update Status

May 24, 2021

Unit leaders,

We appreciate your dedication and leadership during these challenging times. We are aware that Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties are now both in the orange tier. While this is great news for our communities, we still have not been informed what this means for our units and scout activities. We have reached out to both counties' public health departments for clarification. As we receive guidance and information from all the entities, we are interacting with we will review the council guidelines to check if any updates can and should be made.

The safety of Scouts, volunteers, employees, and our communities are our top priority. With that in mind we will keep working on assuring you are aware of any changes as we receive them and do our best to find ways to decrease the limitations we have while abiding by direction given. As it stands today, we are still working under the May 4 2021 guidelines.

The guidelines are reviewed by the committee on an ongoing basis with information received from governing agencies. Once we get guidance on how the updated guidelines affect scouting an update to LPC guidelines will be issued.

Thank you for your support and patience. We are very thankful and humbled for your continued commitment to our youth and scouting.

For information the full COVID-19 Guidelines, see pages ____

Santa Barbara Service Center Trading Post

The Santa Barbara Service Center Trading Post will be open for walk-ins beginning June 1st and fully open June 15th. We will be following State and Council guidelines for indoor small spaces.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

<https://www.lpcbsa.org/>

Store hours will remain as Monday through Friday, 10:00AM to 12:00PM, and 1:00PM to 4:00PM. We will be closed on holidays.

From Sunday, **May 23 through June 19**, customers can purchase **two or more** pairs of Thorlos socks and receive **25-percent OFF** their sock purchase!



LOS PADRES COUNCIL (LPC) COVID – 19 GUIDELINES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

To: All LPC Volunteers and Employees

In Scouting, we promise to do our best. As we move ahead, the council is reviewing federal, state, and county guidelines to assure we are functioning within them and trying to do our best to get the “outing” back in Scouting. The safety of Scouts, volunteers, employees, and our communities are our top priority. We thank you for your commitment and patience on this most important of issues.

With safety and risk management in mind and based on guidance from health officials, LPC has adopted the following procedures for council, district, and unit activities.

Inform family members of all participants that participation is optional and that by participating they accept any responsibility due to COVID 19 exposure and will not hold LPC, BSA, volunteers, or Chartered Organization liable for exposure.

Anyone who feels any symptoms of becoming ill or any type of illness, should not attend any event, activity, meeting, or outing.

CAMPING/OVERNIGHT ACTIVITIES are not permitted at this time.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES: strongly discouraged, as advised by health authorities. In general, the more people from different households a person interacts with at a gathering, the closer the physical interaction is, and the longer the interaction lasts, the higher the risk that an infected person, symptomatic or asymptomatic, may spread it to others. Public health studies have also shown that the risk of transmission is increased in indoor spaces, particularly in the absence of appropriate ventilation.

Unlike indoor spaces, wind and air in outdoor spaces can help reduce spread of the virus from one person to another. Increase fresh air circulation by opening windows or doors, as much as possible, especially in the rooms where people are gathering.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES may occur under limited conditions:

1. Attendance is limited to 25 people or 25% of room capacity, whichever is less.
2. Approval should be obtained from the Chartered Organization and the meeting site owner and/or manager.
3. Social distancing must be maintained.
4. Masks must be worn except when eating or drinking; food consumption is discouraged.
5. Events should be limited to two hours.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: permitted with the following restrictions:

1. Obtain approval of Chartered Organization.
2. **TIME LIMITS** – there are no time limits for single day activities.
3. **GROUP SIZE** – limited to 50 people.
4. **SOCIAL DISTANCING** – maintain at least 6 feet between participants.
5. **MASKS** – all participants need to wear cloth or *similar disposable* masks at all times. Face shields are optional, but do not replace masks. Masks may be removed for vigorous physical activity.
6. **HAND WASHING** – washing with soap and water for 20 seconds is ideal. Hand sanitizer is an option when soap and water is not available.
7. **TRANSPORTATION** – youth should be transported to and from activities by their parent; leaders should not transport youth that are not their own children.
8. **ILL OR EXPOSED** – any individual who is ill or has been exposed to an active COVID 19 case should not participate.
9. **YOUTH PROTECTION** – continue to follow all YPT guidelines (no one on one contact, 2 deep Leadership, and the Guide To Safe Scouting) at all times.

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES are encouraged. Utilize available digital and online resources, such as video conferencing, to continue Scouting meetings, projects, and advancement, adhering to the current youth protection guidelines already in place for digital communications.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR PLANNING AND CONDUCTING GROUP OUTINGS

1. Avoid places that the public frequents, such as food service facilities and recreation sites with high use.
2. Keep family units together, and keep them separated from other family units, especially during transportation.
3. High risk individuals (those over 65 years or with underlying health issues) should NOT participate.
4. Ensure frequent cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, restrooms, and other areas frequented by multiple individuals.
5. Ensure that pre-event medical / health screening is conducted for all participants – see the link below for guidance.
 - a. <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-057.pdf>
 - b. <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/pre-event-medical-screening/>
6. Avoid sharing project and activity materials and equipment – if they must be shared, they must be cleaned AND sanitized between uses by different participants.

FOOD SERVICE:

1. No potluck, buffet, or collectively prepared food should be served – everyone MUST bring their own food and water.
2. Food and drink should be limited to outdoors.
3. Everyone must practice hand washing before and after eating.
4. Masks may be lowered or removed while eating or drinking but must be put back on as soon as they are done with the eating or drinking.
5. Individuals must stay 6 feet away from everyone outside their own household while eating or drinking.

Adult only onsite and overnight training guidelines permitted will be separately published

HOW TO WEAR A FACE COVERING

1. Put the face covering on BEFORE you enter an area where it is required
2. Ensure that it covers the mouth and nose
3. Ensure that it fits firmly with no gaps at the nose, chin, and cheeks
4. Do not touch the face covering while it is being worn

How to remove a face covering:



Acceptable face coverings:

1. Disposable masks- replace when they become soiled and at the end of each day.
2. Cloth face masks – launder in hot soapy water daily.

We will continue to evaluate the ongoing situation and prioritize the safety of everyone involved in Scouting. Youth, families, volunteers, employees, and our communities – are our number one priority.

We realize these decisions are not without their challenges, and we thank you for helping meet the needs of our communities in difficult times.

The steps we are taking reinforce the many ways – big and small – that Scouting empowers character and leadership today and for generations to come.

RESOURCES:

US CDC web site

<https://CDC.gov>

CA DPH web site

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

SLO County web site

<https://www.emergencyslo.org/en/covid19.aspx>

Santa Barbara County web site

<https://publichealthsb.org/>

<https://publichealthsb.org/purple-tier/>