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



LPC President Remarks

Greetings Scouting Family,

I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season and 2022 is off to a great start.

At the first of the year, California law was expanded to require all volunteer youth leaders over 18 to take a mandatory State reporting test and submit fingerprints. This is in addition to our YPT requirements as they are separate from the State Testing. See our Council Commissioner comments in this newsletter for more. **It is important that all our adult volunteers have this State training to retain their Scouting registration status.**

This next month is our Council Annual Business Meeting scheduled as a Zoom for February 15th. I hope all our Charter Representatives try to be there and get the latest on our Los Padres Council endeavors.

Putting the Fun Back Into Scouting.

We refurbished the old BBQ/Smoker that was severely damaged in the fire and it is ready for use again at Larson. We also now have a mobile Tomahawk throwing trailer for more Scouting fun. Our program team is putting together the operating guidelines and procedures for the use and safety for both the event and towing the trailer. We will have a training as soon as they have completed their tasks. We want all age-appropriate units to utilize this fun asset for building membership both youth and adult, advancement, fund raising and positive publicity. If you're properly trained and approved, our registered adults may check out the trailer for use at your unit or event. The trailer is equipped with lighting so you may use after sunset if needed. I have also attached some photos.

If you would like to be considered for a position on our Board of Directors, please send me an email with your level of interest and how you think your skills would help our Scouting Movement. I can then forward your interest to our nomination committee.

Remember to join our Facebook page with a **like** and **follow** for up-to-date activities and Scouting endeavors throughout the Council. Also feel free to add your own announcements and success to the page at <https://www.facebook.com/LPCBSA/> Invite others to like the page as well. Our social presence, membership and communications will all benefit.

If you would like me or any other board member to visit your unit or be part of a Court of Honor, Blue and Gold, or recognize one of your leaders, feel free to reach out and ask. Visiting your unit or event is fun and the best part of this office. My Scout email is PresidentLPCBSA@gmail.com.

Give some appreciation and a shout out to our leaders both volunteer and staff. Their work and dedication keeps our Scouting Movement the best youth program on the planet. Give an atta-girl or atta-boy to those who give so much. That little gratitude goes a long way. If you want that special thanks and feeling from helping others, become the leader your Scout needs. The rewards and feeling you get, can change at least two lives.

Yours in Scouting,
David Brown
Council President

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Help Wanted!

The SLO store is waiting to reopen, but we need your help to make that happen. If you have experience in sales, please contact Judie Stowe to apply.

Judie Stowe

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Service Star Awards

Been involved in Scouting for more than a year? You get a gold star.

All youth or adult leaders who have reached one year of tenure with the Boy Scouts of America are eligible to begin wearing service stars. The stars are an underused outward symbol of how long you've been involved and a quick way for new Scouts, parents and leaders to see who has Scouting experience.

No Application Necessary. Usually Awarded during Pack Graduation, Spring Court of Honors.

Council Commissioner Update



Scouts and Scouters,

Happy New Year! There is so much to be thankful for, and yet a level of uncertainty surrounds around all of us. It is no secret that this COVID pandemic has put all of us through very difficult times and continues to do so. In this new year as we continue to deal with the effects and ever-changing directions, rules and impacts of COVID, we must choose to remain focused on the health and welfare of our youth. Our Scouting programs are one of the keys to keeping youth engaged, active, focused, learning, leading and achieving. All of us can role model why Scouting is so crucial and so vitally important during these challenging times. This pandemic has caused a very serious mental health and resulting depression crisis amongst all youth. You and your family members can help reduce this depression and the impacts of the youth mental health crisis by inviting families to join and experience Scouting!

Commissioner Corps

What is a Commissioner and what do they do?

Commissioners are Scouting adult service volunteers who have experience and training focused toward helping Scouting unit leaders conduct an exciting and engaging youth program. They are go-to problem solvers, someone to bounce ideas off-of and are there to cheer lead for our Scouting programs. Our Commissioners are working to help those Units completing and submitting their re-charters for the 2022 Scouting year and helping them with their activity planning for the 2022 Scouting year.

New this year is CA Business and Professions Code 18975 which was introduced as AB-506, the CA State Mandated Reporter training. This bill was introduced by our CA State legislature and was signed into law by our governor. It is a CA legal requirement to ensure that all organizations who serve youth receive training and take a Live Scan background check. To be clear, it is not a Scouting BSA rule. I know this new requirement will be a burden, however if it ensures a higher level of protection for the youth we serve, it is good thing! It is each of our personal responsibilities to ensure we protect every one of our Scouting youth by keeping our BSA Youth Protection Training current and completing the CA Mandated Reporter training as soon as possible.

This pandemic as discussed above has been very brutal on our Unit Leaders, Units, parents and Scouts. It has been especially brutal on our Cub Scout Packs and Explorer Posts. Over the next 2+ years we will all need to work together to help invite friends and families we know to join Scouting, to help grow our Units, form new ones and establish new connections. Won't you help by actively inviting friends and families you know to attend a Scouting event?

If you do not have a Commissioner assigned to your Unit, contact your District Commissioner, or reach out to me. Do you have Scouting experience and would like to have one of the best jobs in Scouting?

Then being a Commissioner is for you. We are here to serve Unit Leaders, Unit adult and youth membership to ensure the best possible Scouting experience.

Thank you all for what you do for Scouting! I appreciate it and I know our Scouts do too.

Let's all embrace Scouting BSA's new membership drive called Adventure On! by doing just that!

Adventure On!

Bob Putney
Council Commissioner

Camp Rancho Alegre Update

Building progress at Rancho Alegre is steady.

We are happy to announce that the Fire Marshal has approved moving forward with finishing the interior of the buildings. This means that three of the five dormitories will be finished with power in the next few weeks. We have recently met with Frank Schipper Construction to work on two Camp Dormitories for completion by Summer. The next steps to complete include pulling electrical line to the building and energizing them, installation of the pocket doors, dry walling the bathrooms and installing sinks, toilets and water to showers. Camp Road widening with pullouts is planned for this spring. The old Anacapa/Anapamu dorm renovation is near completion and will be ready for occasional use this Spring.

The new bike trails are surviving the winter weather. We have had some downed limbs on the trails that are removed after each storm. We have had a high school cycling team use the trails for conditioning and practice. This year we will open the trails to the public roughly once a month for a fee. Council Units are also invited to ride the trails.

Recent Storms have brought more than seven inches of rain to camp. The rain has caused some damage to camp roads, but camp roadways are passable as much of the damage has been repaired. Camp is now beautifully green.



Looking for a place to camp? Why not Larsen's Meadow at Rancho Alegre? If your unit would like to camp at Larsen's Meadow, email Glen Goddard, Program/Facilities Director, at ggoddard@scouting.org. For ways to give or to schedule a tour, please contact Carlos Cortez at carlos.cortez@Scouting.org. We look forward to offering leasing opportunities to small groups in the summer.

Join us in Rebuilding the future of Rancho Alegre! Fundraising for this project has reached 75%. Your contribution is a gift to future generations of youth to experience the great outdoors. [Donate Now to Rebuild Rancho Alegre.](#)

2022 Friends of Scouting

To be a Friend of Scouting is an opportunity for the community to make donations to Scouting youth on the Central Coast. **Scouting is just as important today as ever for the health and vitality of our children, families and community.**

If you are a community member that is a Friend of Scouting who believes in Scouting's character-building mission or supports outdoor learning programs at Rancho Alegre, please know that your contribution is **an investment in local youth and is needed NOW** as we transition from the disruption of this incomparable global pandemic.

Please know that your 2022 FOS pledge and gifts are more crucial than ever in these changing times. For those that have pledged already...THANK YOU! Your council is hard at work preserving local scouting programs.

Scan the QR code below to make your donation today.



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.



Caleb Ready – Troop 50

Benjamin Foxford – Troop 322

Chancellor Foster – Troop 322

Davis Peterson – Troop 1

Tanner Zepeda – Troop 95

Rowen Manriquez – Troop 1

Kevin Sweeney – Troop 413

Pacific Coast District Highlights

Wishing a belated Happy New Year to all of our Scouts, Scouters, and Scouting Families! The new Scouting Year is getting off to a rousing start with the planning of new programs, activities, recognitions, and new Scouting adventures. After many delays, our District Recognition Dinner is now set for Saturday, February 26, 4pm – 6pm, at the Camp Rancho Alegre dining hall on Hwy.154 above Lake Cachuma. The Santa Ynez Elks Club's famous grilling team will be putting on a stupendous western-style barbecue for attendees.

In addition to our regular awards to Scout leaders during that event, we will have several special awards bestowed upon very worthy recipients including BSA Life Saving Medals to several courageous and fast-thinking Scouts, as well as District Awards of Merit to two very deserving Scout Leaders. For the first time in Los Padres Council, we will be honoring several educators and administrators from some of our county's schools and school districts with the BSA's prestigious **Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award** presented to those that improve students' lives and learning by proactively modeling and teaching Scouting values. The dinner will be a very celebratory event topped off with one of the best barbecue dinners available on the Pacific Coast for the low cost of \$30 per attendee. Registration forms for the event will be sent to all units early next week.

Planning for the 2022 Pacific Coast District's program year is underway by the district leadership team –and will include participation and input from several unit leaders representing both north and south county. Draft program suggestions will then be presented to our District Committee for approval. We are very hopeful that the COVID situation will continue to dissipate to allow a full Scouting program at all levels and in all parts of the district.

All of us who have been, or currently serve as Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Venturing Advisors, and other Scouting adult leadership positions know that one of our primary responsibilities is educating our young scouts to become outstanding citizens and the leaders of tomorrow, and we do a good job in that regard – often by mentoring them in an apprentice-like style. But, we sometimes forget to keep ourselves in a learning mode so that we can resolutely fulfill our Scouting leadership roles without faltering. One way of doing this is to adopt our own apprentice-like approach to learning new things and new methods. That means seeking out those who know more about a topic than we do and absorbing some of their knowledge and expertise by meeting and talking with them, by reading books and other literature on the subject at hand, deep dives into relevant websites, and viewing subject-matter videos. We are often surprised to discover that we have some of those expert resources within arm's reach – within our own units or district or council, in our communities, and among our merit badge counselors. In my own almost 40 years of Scouting, I've rarely encountered such experts who are unwilling to share their knowledge and skills with Scouting, whether it be for the leaders or the Scouts themselves. All we have to do is make a few inquiries and reach out to them. If we ask, they will come!

In the Spirit of Scouting,

Tom Parker

Pacific Coast District Chairman

Cuesta District Highlights

Happy New Year!

This month, I'd like to focus on a different kind of message. Instead of telling you all what is up, and what we are doing, or discussing a perspective on a monthly Scouting focus, I'd like to take a moment and talk about resolutions. But these aren't your typical resolutions, nor is it a particularly original perspective.

Some years back, during a sermon, our priest talked about Lent. For those that don't know, Lent is supposed to be about sacrifice. So often, during Lent, practitioners will give something up as a sacrifice during the 40 days of Lent – much like Jesus' sacrifice during his 40 days in the wilderness. (One year, I gave up caffeine for 40 days – YIKES!)

This priest asked us – what says that a sacrifice is about giving something up? Why do we choose to give up chocolate, sodas or caffeine? Is it not also a sacrifice to take something on? This got me to thinking – I always found it hard to decide what to give up for Lent. But I am never at a shortage of things that I could, maybe should, take on.

And I often have the same issues at New Year's. With regard to New Year's resolutions, many of us are always looking for some ways to improve ourselves. And these are noble thoughts. Is it not also noble to decide to take something on for the sake of others?

I would encourage you, if you have not already taken on a New Year's resolution (i.e. eat better, more exercise, etc.) ... or even if you have – to consider taking on a role in your Unit or District Committee. We've all heard the cliché "many hands make light work." It is the same with Scouting. Your District Committee exists solely to support the program of Scouting for the units. And this support requires our Time, Talent and Treasure. And we need people who can help us in all avenues of supporting the Scouting movement. And the more people we have involved, the less time it will take any of us.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please reach out to me, or April Wright-Litchfield, our Cuesta District Scout Executive. Or reach out to any member of the District Committee, especially those you might be more comfortable with. We look forward to your help – and best of luck on your New Year's resolutions.

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chairman

Order of the Arrow



It's time again to renew your membership! Go to www.chumashlodge90.net or <http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2022-oa-dues-renewal/2874853> to register for 2022.

It's also election time for Scouts BSA troops! Scoutmasters should have received emails for requesting an election, or can email our elections team at elections@chumashlodge90.net to request a date. We're hoping to have the elections completed by mid-March and hopeful that we can have our callouts (announcing those who have been elected) at the district camporees.

NOAC 2022 is July 25-30, at the University of Tennessee. If you wish to join the Chumash Lodge contingent, contact Lodge Chief Joey M or Lodge Adviser Brian Hascall.



Our calendar for the year can be found at www.chumashlodge90.net. All events are listed, but here are some upcoming events:

- We are having a spring fellowship, with an opportunity for Ordeal level members to convert their membership to Brotherhood, March 11-13. Even if you're not participating with the Brotherhood conversion, come join us for fellowship, fun, and some service to Rancho Alegre.
- Spring Ordeal is May 13-15
- Summer Ordeal is August 5-7

And please, get involved with your local chapters. Contact your local leaders, or your Lodge Chief Joey M or Lodge Adviser Brian Hascall for information.

Len Kamlet

Associate Lodge Adviser

Silver Beaver Award

The highest award that a local council can give to a volunteer Scout Leader for service to youth.

Of the hundreds of awards that are presented each year, the Silver Beaver is the highest and most prestigious honor awarded to a volunteer by a local council. As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly volunteer, the Boy Scouts of America recognizes the need to acknowledge those individuals who truly go above and beyond to guarantee the availability of a quality Scouting program. Please consider nominating a dedicated Scouter that has influenced the program of Scouting in your area for this award.

Silver Beaver recipients will be recognized at the Los Padres Council Volunteer Recognition Banquet slated for March 5th, 2022.

When nominating a Scouter for this honor in the Los Padres Council, please consider the following:

- This award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered BSA adult volunteers within the Los Padres Council
- Service of a non-Scouting nature is also considered during the evaluation process
- Nominations must be submitted only on the BSA National Nomination Form.
- The Los Padres Council recognizes and truly appreciates the dedication of all volunteers on the Central Coast; however, we are limited by National BSA protocol as to the number of Silver Beaver Awards that can be presented.
- All nominations will be reviewed by a volunteer committee

Nomination Forms can be downloaded from <https://www.scouting.org/resources/forms/>

Email all nominations to glen.goddard@scouting.org or lkamlet@gmail.com.



How to Register Bridging Scouts Online!

It is that time of year again where Scouts that have earned their Cub Scout Arrow of Light award start bridging into their Scouts BSA Troop. A lot of Scoutmasters assume if they transfer a Scout in Scoutbook over to their Troop then the Scout's membership also transfers with them. That is not the case. Scoutbook is only for recording Scouting advancements, service hours, leadership positions, etc. BSA membership features are located in My.Scouting.org. There unit volunteers can view their existing unit roster, training records, view/accept online applications and manage their BeAScout.org unit pin. National has put together this handy-dandy how-to guide to help Cub Scout volunteers and parents transfer Scouts bridging into their respective Scouts BSA Troops. This is such an important step in the registration process! We don't want your Scouts earning merit badges and ranks if they are not first registered in a Scouts BSA Troop. When they go to try to earn their Eagle rank, it could complicate things for them if they weren't registered when they earned those badges and ranks! Please see the attached how-to to get your first year Scouts registered.



Program Updates

TRAINING:

As many of you have heard, a California bill which went into effect January 1 requires all volunteers working with youth to take mandated reporter training for volunteers. If you haven't already, please go to <https://californiascouting.org/lpc/> for a step by step path for taking the training and uploading it into the database. For volunteers this is a one-time training with no expiration date, as long as you stay registered in the council. Note that volunteers will also need to be fingerprinted for Live Scan; once the council is registered to accept the data we will share information on completing this part of the requirements. We thank you for your efforts to keep our youth safe.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS): We are looking to hold an IOLS for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters the weekend of March 18. Looking out further, we are hoping to get in-person training offerings for Committee members and Den Chiefs, to be run during 'free time' at each district Camporee. Look for more information coming soon. Also at the Camporees, we are looking to offer Archery Rangemaster training. Stay tuned for these and other training opportunities!

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT): We are running an NYLT this summer over two weekends, June 24-24 and July 15-17. We are still looking for a Quartermaster (adult) and more Scouts who have taken NYLT to serve on staff. Contact Course Director Paul Rutherford at paul93108@gmail.com to learn more or volunteer,

If you're looking for other in-person unit leader specific trainings (Den Leaders, Cubmasters, etc.), or if you're a trained leader and would like to help with the training, contact me at lkamlet@gmail.com.

CAMPING:

Exciting development is happening at camp! We are in the process of rebuilding the rifle range, suitable for Cub Scouts BBs and Scouts BSA rifle shooting, and are getting the pool ready for use again. In addition, we've identified leaders who will soon be attending National Camp School to serve as Shooting Sports Director and Aquatics Director. As we complete more of the rebuilding, look for announcements for events at camp.

Also, Larsen Meadow is available to rent for your units; contact Glen Goddard (glen.goddard@scouting.org) for more information.

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.

Please plan on joining us March 5 at the Masonic Lodge in Santa Maria for our annual Council banquet, where we will be presenting the Silver Beaver award for our outstanding volunteers, along with Commissioner and other awards.

ADVANCEMENT:

As of March 1, all of the COVID-related adjustments to advancement are being ended by BSA National. These include the options for at-home (virtual) campouts, delays in swimming requirements, and others.

We are hoping to hold an online Merit Badge PowWow again this year. Look for announcements coming soon. If you are a merit badge counselor and want to help, contact Cuesta Advancement Chair Jeanne Gard (butterfly313@sbcglobal.net).

SERVICE:

Scouts have been busy with service projects, and spent much of the last few months performing food drives and other community service. Over 10,000 pounds of food (or cash equivalent) have been donated to local organizations as a result of your efforts. And this doesn't count the hours of trail cleanup, beach cleanup, and other service we've performed. Keep up the great work!

Yours in Scouting,

Len Kamlet
Council VP, Program

Transfers and Multiples for My.Scouting

In My.Scouting, users can now make transfers between units. Members can now transfer themselves or parent/guardian can transfer their child from one unit to another. Unit leaders also have the ability to transfer youth from their unit to another such as in Arrow of Lights transferring to a Scouts BSA troop. Unit leader transfers are done in the “Roster” tab of Member Manager or Organization Manager. Transfers or multiple registrations for members or youth can be done under Menu > “My Application” tab.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the unit I’m transferring to know I transferred?

Standard approval is still required. Youth transfers are approved by unit leaders and Adult transfers are approved by the COR or their designee. The approval is done just like all other approvals with online registrations, through “Application Manager”.

Can I transfer my youth who is Arrow of Light to a Troop not associated with my Pack?

Yes, youth can be transferred to any active unit in your council.

Can I transfer people into my unit?

No, only Unit leaders or parent/guardians can transfer youth from their Scout Unit.

Can all adult leaders transfer out of the unit?

No, the Chartered Organization Reps cannot be transferred.

Can other adult leaders transfer an adult?

No, adults can only be self-transferred using the “My Application” tab.

Don’t adults need to fill out the application form again?

No, but when an adult transfers, they will need to answer the basic Youth Protection questions again and cannot transfer if their Criminal Background check is not completed.

What are reasons I cannot transfer a youth?

Only youth in our database with a “parent relationship” can be transferred so a notification can be made. This relationship can be corrected in ScoutNet, contact your scout office to have them make this connection.

Youth that are too young to join a unit will not be able to transfer (such as a Cub Scout joining a Venture Crew).

Can I transfer to another Council?

Not yet, this feature will be added in a future release.

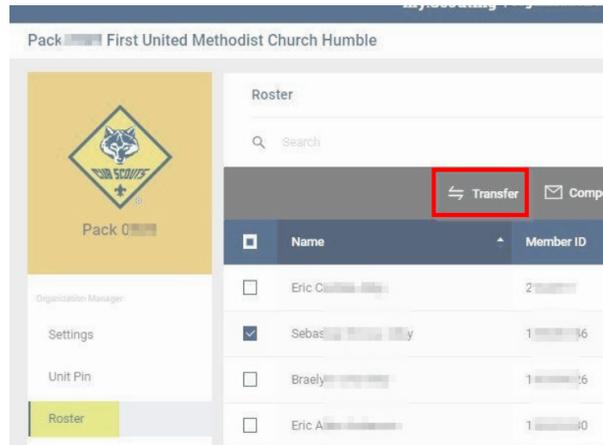
Making a transfer online is done in “My Applications” if you are the parent/guardian of a youth, or if you are a unit leader, this is done in “Organization Manager” or “Member Manager.” These tools are found under the Menu dropdown on the left of the screen.



Unit Leaders

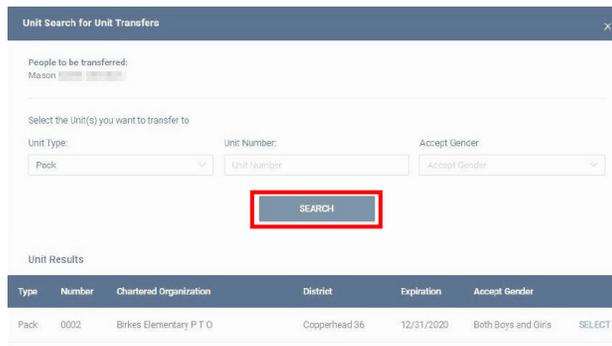
Within Member Manager and Organization Manager (yes, they are almost the same, but some users don't have access to one or the other) you will find a "Roster" tab. Click this and it will display the units and member information.

You must first select the member you want transferred and then click the Transfer button found in the gray bar.

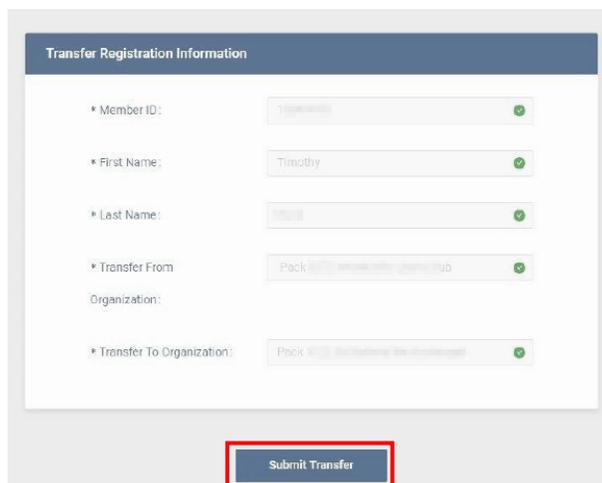


A leader can select more than one person to be transferred but you can not mix youth and adults. One youth is selected in the example above.

Next you will pick the unit type you are transferring the youth to (Pack, Troop, or Crew), and then you can either specify the unit number or click "Search" and select a unit from the results.



After the unit selection is completed a box will display to allow you to review the transfer. If all is correct, click "Submit Transfer."



Once the transfer is made, the unit receiving the new member will be notified and they have the ability to accept the person in "Application Manager"

Self-Transfer Using “My Applications”

An adult leader or the parent/guardian of a child can make a transfer using the “My Applications” tool found on the dropdown menu on the left side of the My.Scouting landing page.

When My Applications is selected, you will see any youth associated to you. In the example below Duane and his son Mason are listed and Duane can transfer or multiple either registration.

TRANSFER / MULTIPLE / RENEW APPLICATIONS

Personal Information

Duane [Avatar]

Member ID: [Redacted]

[Transfer] [Multiple] [Renew]

Mason [Avatar]

Member ID: [Redacted]

[Transfer] [Multiple] [Renew]

The transfer process is similar as the roster page - you select the unit type to transfer to by entering the unit or using the search button. Multiplying into another unit works the same way by selecting where you want to multiple in.

Unit Search for Unit Transfers

People to be transferred:
Mason [Avatar]

Select the Unit(s) you want to transfer to

Unit Type: [Pack] Unit Number: [Unit Number] Accept Gender: [Accept Gender]

[SEARCH]

Unit Results

Type	Number	Chartered Organization	District	Expiration	Accept Gender	
Pack	0002	Birkes Elementary P.T.O.	Copperhead 36	12/31/2020	Both Boys and Girls	SELECT

Unit Search for Unit Multiples

People to multiple:
Duane [Avatar]

Select the Unit(s) you want to multiple to

Unit Type: [Pack] Unit Number: [Unit Number] Accept Gender: [Accept Gender]

[SEARCH]

Unit Results

Type	Number	Chartered Organization	District	Expiration	Accept Gender	
Pack	0002	Birkes Elementary P.T.O.	Copperhead 36	12/31/2020	Both Boys and Girls	SELECT

Once you have transferred or multiplied a pop-up window displays acknowledging it was successful.

Any transfers or multiple transactions you have completed will be reflected on the My Applications page.

MY APPLICATIONS

Personal Information	Date Submitted	Application Status
[Avatar] Duane [Avatar] Member ID: [Redacted] [Redacted]	18 November 2020	Pending Action by BSA

[WITHDRAW] [REVIEW APPLICATION]

BSA Bankruptcy Update

Dear BSA Scouting Community,

The national organization of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has made significant progress in its financial restructuring as part of its ongoing efforts to reach a global resolution that will equitably compensate abuse survivors and ensure the BSA, and its mission continues for years to come.

As a result of extensive negotiations, the BSA has announced that it is extremely pleased to report that it has reached agreements that will add an \$800 million contribution from Century Indemnity Company and related companies to the proposed Settlement Trust to compensate sexual abuse survivors. The Coalition of Abused Scouts for Justice, the Future Claimants' Representative, the Ad Hoc Committee of Local Councils, and state court counsel representing the majority of the abuse survivors were closely involved in the negotiations and support these agreements.

The settlement, which is subject to Court approval, also provides for additional contributions from the BSA and its local councils on behalf of chartered organizations. These contributions include a payment of \$40 million from the BSA's local councils (split between \$15 million additional cash at closing and an increase of \$25 million to a non-recourse note), along with their current commitment of \$600 million. The settlement also provides for additional potential payments attributable to growth in BSA membership over the coming years on account of chartered organizations' continued sponsorship of Scouting units.

Together with funds already committed by the national organization, local councils, Hartford, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the proposed Settlement Trust to compensate abuse survivors is now expected to exceed \$2.7 billion. The BSA anticipates additional insurance settlements and other settlements in the coming weeks that will be added to the total contributions agreed upon to date for the Settlement Trust.

This is an extremely important step forward in the BSA's efforts to equitably compensate abuse survivors. The BSA says it hopes the contributions agreed upon to date will lead to further settlement agreements with other parties. In addition to the BSA's continued negotiations with other insurers, the BSA has worked diligently to create a structure that will allow the Roman Catholic-affiliated churches and United Methodist-affiliated churches who sponsored Scouting units to contribute to the proposed Settlement Trust to compensate sexual abuse survivors. The BSA says it looks forward to continued discussions with those parties. Other chartered organizations who participate will also receive significant protections under the structured agreement.

I want to underscore that Los Padres Council is separate and distinct from the national organization. The national organization and the Ad Hoc Committee of Local Councils cannot commit our council to do anything that our local council has not voluntarily agreed to do on its own.

Our camp, properties and all local contributions are controlled by our council Our planned programming continues to move ahead as scheduled. We are looking forward to a very successful 2022, which will be filled with adventures and unparalleled experiences for our Scouts, including camporees, day camps, youth leadership training, clay shooting invitational, mountain biking at Rancho Alegre, and much more. In addition, we hope to complete the rebuilding of Rancho Alegre in time for the Outdoor School to resume in the fall of 2022 to provide adventures and unparalleled experiences for junior high school children at the Outdoor School science camp. These are the experiences that make the Los Padres Council, BSA, such a great organization. The Los Padres Council is committed to ensuring these opportunities exist for youth in our area well into the future.

We do want to share with you that Los Padres Council will be contributing to the survivors trust of \$1.8 million to receive protection from possible future lawsuits from incidents that occurred prior to February of 2021. That contribution will be partial cash and the physical property of the Santa Barbara scout service center on Modoc. The council board spent over a year working on various options to identify the best way to meet the council's contribution and for the future sustainability of the council. While this saddens all of us, it was decided that this option is the best for Los Padres Council's sustainability and future. We are able to operate from the service center until the BSA bankruptcy case is complete the property is sold, during which a committee will be appointed to identify a new service center in Santa Barbara County to assure we keep serving our current and future members, families, and volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting. If you have any other questions about the national organization's financial restructuring, please visit www.bsarestructuring.org. If you have any questions about our council and its contribution, please contact one of us.

Yours in Scouting,

Carlos Cortez

Scout Leader/Scout Executive