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Webelos Woods

From October 28th - 30th, Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts came down to Larsen's Meadow at Rancho Alegre for an event we haven't held since 2016: Webelos Woods! Enduring what turned out to be some cold nights (overnight temperatures dipped below 40°F), these scouts and their parents braved the weather and had a great time.

Working on advancement toward Cast Iron Chef, Scouting Adventure, Outdoor Adventurer, and Game Design, these Cub Scouts enjoyed learning about knots, Dutch Oven cooking, Leave No Trace, the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law, and more! In addition, they got to shoot participate in Archery, BBs, campfires, and other fun activities.

Food and staffing was provided primarily by members of the Order of the Arrow and a few other volunteers. As always I am grateful for the support and willingness from our Scouts and Leaders to help make these events a great success.

We look forward to next year's Webelos Woods, which will likely be held earlier in the school year (late September/early October), and we hope to see all of our units come join us!



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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Feel free to reach out if you have anything you would like included in the next edition of the Los Padres Press!

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Save the Dates in 2023

Pacific Coast District Recognition Banquet

On Saturday, January 28th, 2023, Pacific Coast District will be celebrating the contributions of our volunteers at the District Recognition Banquet.

Contact Joseph Kamlet (jskamlet@gmail.com) for more information

National Youth Leadership Training, 2023

Los Padres Council is pleased to offer National Youth Leadership Training again this summer! Scouts who are First Class and will be at least 13 years old at the start of the course are invited to join us June 26th - July 1st to learn about teamwork, leadership skills, and more about Scouts BSA Troop organization, so that they can return to your units as stronger leaders.



Contact Sean Tashma (cuestadistricttraining@gmail.com) for more information.

Happy Holidays from Cuesta District

As one who aligns with the Christian faith, I tend to wish others “Merry Christmas”. But as a Scouter, I acknowledge there are others who worship differently, or with a different humility. With respect to the Scout Law, to be friendly, courteous, and kind (as well as reverent), I want to invite everyone - whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Eid-al-Adha, Festivus, Noodlemas, or any other winter holiday (or none at all) – to have a Happy Holiday Season, and to take my “Merry Christmas” and accept it in the spirit offered.

Merry Christmas to All!

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chair

Limited Hours for the SB Trading Post

The Santa Barbara Trading Post will be operating during limited hours (10:00 AM – 12:00PM) from December 26th to December 30th. Please plan accordingly.

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.

Elijah Stieger – Cuesta Troop 26

Jacob Hinshaw – Troop 2103

Aidan Jones – Troop 450

Gage Chaney – Troop 60

Luke Heckman – Troop 51



Camp Rancho Alegre

Raintree Foundation Gift

The Los Padres Council, BSA received a generous gift from the Raintree Foundation to use towards the Frank Lodge. With the funds the Lodge will have repairs including: Two Kitchen in sink disposals replaced, kitchen bathroom toilet repaired, building plumbing issues repaired, general cleaning and waxing of the dining hall floor, pest control and service of refrigeration units. Thank you to the Raintree Foundation for helping us to keep the Frank Lodge in tip top shape!

Camp Work Party

On Saturday November 5th, 2022, Rancho Alegre hosted a Camp Work Party. Projects included sprucing up the gate entrance and removing encroaching chaparral to the camp road, Xeriscape Garden cleared of weeds and cleaned up for future replanting of California native plants and use as an educational display, Chapel area cleared of invasive plants and weeds, bike trail maintenance and moving picnic tables and misplaced building materials to a more suitable location. Thank you to Robert Tucker, Work Party Chair, for Coordinating this effort.

Camp Swimming Pool

The Rancho Alegre Camp Swimming Pool is being refurbished. The green algae been treated for elimination and now the pool water is becoming clear. The pump house had the old equipment removed and is now being replaced with state-of-the-art pumps, treatment system and electronic monitoring. The pool will be available on a limited basis this spring.

Unit Camping at Larsen's Meadow

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.

Help Us Rebuild!

For ways to give or to schedule a tour, please contact Carlos Cortez at carlos.cortez@Scouting.org. 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.

Scholarship Opportunity for Eagle Scouts

Help spread the word!



The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) scholarship application portal opened on December 1st, and is open until January 31st, 2023. Last year NESA awarded 65 Eagle Scouts with \$536,000 in scholarships. Whether Scouts plan to attend a 4-year university or trade school, make sure they are prepared to apply. These scholarships are available to seniors in high school through junior year in an undergraduate program or the halfway point of an associate degree or skilled trade program.

To learn more visit: <https://nesa.org/scholarships/>

LPC President Remarks

Greetings Scouting Family,

It has been a very busy year end for our Los Padres Council. Starting with the Salute to Scouting recognition dinner in October. We recognized board member Doug Scott with the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award and Bob Maloy with our LPC Legacy award. It was a wonderful venue and dinner at the Santa Barbara Club thanks to John Brinker. Trey Pinner was our master of ceremonies and Mike Brown was our featured speaker. I was delighted to be there with my Eagle Scout sons from Charlotte and Sacramento. The dinner raised money for our Council, recognized some hard-working volunteers and engaged guests to be part of our Scouting Mission.



A couple of weeks later, thanks to the efforts of board member Robert Tucker we had a Clean up Day at Rancho Alegre with about 60 volunteers showing up to help improve and clean up the campus. Beyond Scouts we also had volunteers from Dunn School, SAGE Alliance, Trek, and Los Olivos Rotary Club show up to help with the clean up day. After the clean up we had some lunch compliments of The Berry Man and an Eagle Court of Honor following a successful clean-up day.



A week later your Los Padres Board had their annual retreat meeting at the Alisal Ranch. We made some major accomplishments with our Strategic Plan, next year's budget. Perhaps the best outcome of our meeting was the focus we had for our Key Performance Indicators of Membership growth for both youth and adults, and opening Rancho Alegre/Outdoor School by Autumn 2023.

I am in constant awe of our Scouting family and the many things that they accomplish each and every day. Our newest District Executive for the Pacific Coast District, Manouri held a successful FOS afternoon at her Solvang home. This got her neighbors and friends engaged with her Scouting involvement which was contagious with donations, new members, and new connections. Great event with new way to share our Scouting movement. I applaud her innovative ideas and actions.



There are so many Scouts and leaders that I am truly thankful for. I know your community is also thankful for the help and assistance our Scouting units provide daily. The Scout slogan is Do a Good Turn Daily. That means **doing something to help others each day without expecting anything in return**. It means that Scouts do their part to care for the community and the environment. It is good to see our Scout slogan practiced by our Scouting family and not just a buzzword.

I am grateful to each of you this Thanksgiving and every day. May you have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I also want to wish you a warm and blessed Christmas holiday. We look forward to the coming new year and the Scouting opportunities that unfold.

Yours in Scouting,

David Brown
Council President

Commissioner Update



Scouts and Scouters,

Thank-you, thank-you! This has been a remarkable year in many ways. Rebuilding from COVID losses and separation, re-starting meetings and events in-person and growing Scouting. Each and every one of you reading this newsletter has had a hand and played a significant role in helping our Council and more importantly our youth-serving organization return to normal. We would not be where we are now without your help! We still have more work to do, and the number of Cub Scout Packs stills need to be grown, in order for us to remain viable and support the youth we serve. As we all move forward to the new year, take a moment to offer thanks to all those in your Unit and those who helped you, your Scout and your Unit(s) grow and be successful this year. Personally, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation for all the efforts and tireless work that all of you did to make our Units, Districts and Council successful this year. Finally, we cannot offer the services as a Council to our Scouts, their families and our Volunteers without monetary donations and support. I know many of you support our Council via Friends of Scouting and many other ways already. What I am asking is that if you use Amazon for shopping, how about selecting Amazon Smile and or Amazon Prime Smile by selecting the **Los Padres Council - Boy Scouts of America**, as your designated charity. This is a great way to expand your giving without costing a lot all at once. Happy Holidays to all of you!

Commissioner Service

Your Commissioners' are helping Leaders complete re-charter for the 2023 Scouting year. It is never too early to begin re-charter as many Units and Leaders across the U.S. begin re-charter in mid-December, which significantly slows down the system and can lead to delays. Our Commissioners' stand ready to help and guide you in any and every way possible. We also have the resources of April and Manouri, our two tireless District Executives who can provide additional help and guidance if needed. Your Commissioner is the go-to person for all types of questions, guidance on issues, policies, safety information, and just about everything else. So, don't hesitate to contact your Unit Commissioner for any type of help and or guidance. Don't have an assigned Unit Commissioner? Then please reach out to your District Commissioner or me and we will help you in every way we can.

On behalf of all our Commissioners, thank-you for helping us make the adventures of Scouting happen! Enjoy the holidays with your Scouting families and have a safe and restful time with your family.

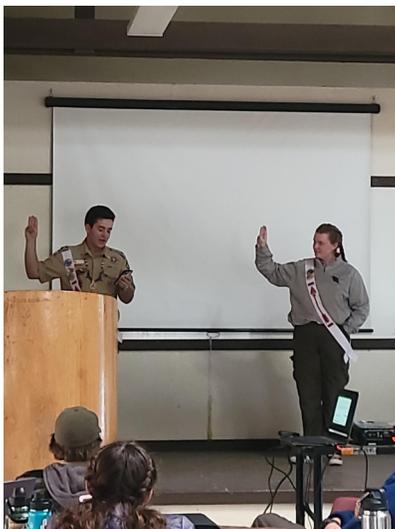
Yours in service to Scouting and the youth we serve,

Bob Putney
Council Commissioner

Order of the Arrow

Chumash Lodge was well represented at the 2022 Section G18N and G18S combined conclave, held in Irvine September 16-18. Our outgoing Lodge Chief Joey Massey will be serving our G18N Section Secretary for 2023. Congratulations to Joey! It's not too early to be thinking about the 2023 section Conclave, now scheduled for September 22-24, 2023.

On November 17th and 18th, Kevin Sweeney and April Wright-Litchfield received the Vigil honor, the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow. This honor is given to those who are recognized for the service that they have given and will continue to give to the scouting program.



On December 3, we held our annual Lodge Leadership Development, which was a fun day used to hone the leadership skills of members in attendance. Later in the day, on December 3 Cassidy G was installed as our new Lodge Chief, as Joey Massey's two-year term ends. The other 2023 Lodge Officers were sworn in. Sam S and Keithan O will serve as Lodge Vice Chiefs, Elijah S will serve as our Lodge Secretary, and Daisy S will serve as our Lodge Treasurer. Join us in congratulating Cassie and all of our other officers.

Also, Joey Kamlet, a former Lodge Chief in Chumash Lodge, will become Lodge Adviser, while Brian Hascall will be taking on the role of Associate Lodge Adviser for Ceremonies. We thank Brian and Joey for the leadership they provided in their most recent roles, and look to their continued involvement and leadership.

The night ended with the Lodge Annual Banquet, at which several more people received honors for their contributions to our program. Brendan Haydon and Dan Cooper received the Outstanding Arrowman of the Year award (aka the Silver Arrow). Joe Cooper and Lance Martin received the James E. West awards. Lastly, a new award called the "Order of the Donut" was presented to Lance Martin as another way to thank him for ~~bringing donuts~~ his continued service.

It will soon be time again to renew your membership! We should be sending your 2022 Dues Patch for those who paid in 2022 (a bit overdue, but now a great gift for the holidays!), and sending information about 2023 dues. Our calendar for the year will be updated soon and can be found at www.chumashlodge90.net. All events are listed, but here are some upcoming events:

And please, get involved with your local chapters. Contact your local leaders, or your Lodge Chief Cassidy G or Lodge Adviser Joey Kamlet (jskamlet@gmail.com) for information.

We look forward to seeing your continued participation, and thanks for your continued involvement in Chumash Lodge.

Len Kamlet
Lodge Associate Adviser

Program Updates

TRAINING:

In October we held Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub leaders and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) for Scouts BSA leaders. Sean Tashma, David Forrest, and their teams provided excellent and fun trainings which will help our leaders lead their units on campouts, hikes, and more.

We're also pleased to announce that we will be holding a University of Scouting early next year, likely in late February. Stay tuned for specific date and details! If you'd like to help lead individual sessions for our University of Scouting, contact Len Kamlet at lkamlet@gmail.com.

As we come to the end of the year and rechartering, remember to check your Youth Protection Training (YPT) status. If you haven't taken the course in the last 12 months please retake it as soon as you can.

CAMPING:

While we regret that we will not be holding a summer week-long resident camp for Scouts BSA at Rancho Alegre this year, we are looking to see if we can schedule any short term camping opportunities. We are also working on scheduling Cub Day camps or Adventure Days at various locations throughout our council.

For our Webelos, in October we held our first Webelos Woods since 2016. With events led by our Order of the Arrow youth and other volunteers, seven packs joined us and had a great time! See the summary article elsewhere in the Los Padres Press.

SERVICE:

Organized by Robert Tucker, one of our council board members, we held a Cleanup Day at Rancho Alegre on November 5. We thank all of our volunteers who worked to improve the condition of our camp.

Eagle Scout project service can now be recorded in Scoutbook! If you look at your Life Scouts' progress, there is now space to enter the Eagle Scout project 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.

Yours in Scouting,

Len Kamlet
Council VP of Program

Scout Executive Message

Thank you for your continued support of Los Padres Council and our scouts. A local Scouting Alumni recently told us that the journey of becoming an Eagle Scout was what turned him from a child to an adult he could be proud of. Our goal is to provide that opportunity to all youth and their families who wish to participate in our programs.

Families today are faced with trying to find an activity for their children that is not only affordable, but also builds character and instills values. Scouting is this program, and as we look to the season of giving, we would like to offer you the opportunity to help our youth.

It costs Los Padres Council \$255.00 to offer sufficient programming to each child who participates in Scouting. Your support is crucial to helping us maintain the quality of the programs we offer. Below is a link that gives you the opportunity to help young people grow to become citizens who are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

There are several ways you can help our scouts:

1. If you're able, donate to Los Padres Council to help us achieve our mission. You can also give online by going to <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/053/appeal/5814> .
2. Assign Los Padres Council, BSA as your charity of choice in Amazon Smile, so when you shop part of your expense will be donated back to our council, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-0793411>
3. Assign Los Padres Council, BSA as your charity of choice for your employer's matching donation program
4. Donate to camp Rancho Alegre <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/053/appeal/4966>
5. Share the opportunity to help a scout through their scouting trail with your friends on social media or other platforms

Every gift counts and has an impact on our youth. Happy holidays and thank you for your ongoing support and leadership.

Carlos Cortez
Scout Executive