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For Members of Los Padres Council, BSA

Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo Counties

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Summer of Fun

As you are starting to enjoy this summer of fun, Los Padres Council would like to remind you of the program we are offering in the next few months.



Cub Scout Programs

- Santa Maria Cub Scout Day Camp 10th - July 14th
- Cub Scout Adventure Weekend Aug. 11th - Aug. 12th



Scouts BSA Program

- National Youth Leadership Training June 26th - July 1st
- National Jamboree July 19th - July 28th



Order of the Arrow Program

- Summer Ordeal June 26th - July 1st



Scouter Trainings

- BSA Chainsaw Training July 2nd



District and Council Events

- BSA Sporting Clay Competition June 10th
- Joe Vasek Memorial Ride July 8th
- Boots 'N Bling Aug. 24th



District and Council Meetings

- Cuesta District Committee June 15th, Aug. 17th, Sep. 21st
- Pacific Coast District Committee June 6th, July 11th, Aug. 1st, Sep. 5th
- Los Padres Council Board June 20th, Aug. 15th, Sep. 19th

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Has your troop gone some where cool?

Have your scouts helped out the community?

Do you have a fun scout story?

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

*Also, I hope you enjoy our new *Knots of the Month* series that we started with this edition. Our team has some additional ideas that may be coming to future editions, and we hope that you will enjoy the new content.*

Joseph Kamlet
Los Padres Press Editor
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Council Staff Updates



Please join Los Padres Council in welcoming our new Pacific Coast District Executive, **Noel Wright**. She will be serving the Pacific Coast District and Santa Barbara County for all things Scouting and Exploring related. Although originally from Ohio, Noel and her family have recently relocated to the Central Coast after several years of residing in England. She currently resides outside the Lompoc area with her three children, husband, dog, and several chickens. Noel holds a master's degree in science specializing in the criminal justice system. She has a background as a college instructor and in the law enforcement field.

Noel brings with her a passion for the scouting community. She has served in a volunteer Scout leadership position for approximately five years as a committee member, den leader, and merit badge counselor providing a solid understanding of the organization. Her collaboration efforts with others, people-centered nature, and compassion for scouting, contribute strong skills to Los Padres Council. Noel can be reached at noel.wright@scouting.org or by phone at (805) 242-1633. Please feel free to reach out to her should you have any Scouting or related questions or concerns.

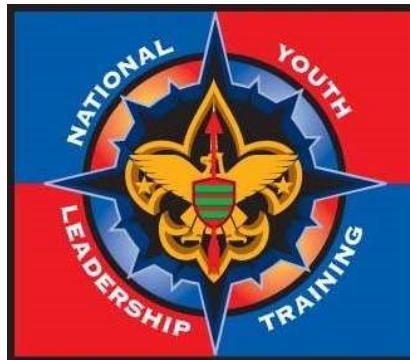
Please join Los Padres Council in Welcoming **Aaron Espinoza** as the new Associate Development Director for the council. Aaron is a Cal Berkley graduate with extensive experience in Software Engineering and project management. Aaron's passion extends back to his scouting as a youth day and him earning the Eagle Scout Rank in Los Angeles County. Aaron spent some time working in Philmont in the Ranger Trainee program. His ability to learn quickly and effective leadership will be an asset to our council. Aaron officially starts with LPC on June 16th. He can be reached at aaron.espinoza@scouting.org once he starts with our team.



You Have an Impact

Your donation of time, treasure, and talent make a significant impact in our youth. Whether in a local unit, district, or council your contribution is having an impact. Your donations allow us to keep providing support to our units, leaders, and scouts. Whether it is attending an event, providing a scholarship, or sponsoring the Eagle awards you make a difference. Your talent provides our scouts with the needed knowledge to learn new skills and keep advancing towards their goals. We invite you to have an even larger impact by supporting a fundraising event, donating, or becoming a MB counselor. You will not only make an impact in a young life, but you will add to your legacy.

Support our scouts by clicking the link below:
<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/053/appeal/6338>



2023 NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training

The Los Padres Council's Co-Ed NYLT Course!

June 26 (Mon.) through July 1 (Sat.), 2023
at Rancho Alegre

Participant Course Fees:

\$350 for Regular Registration

For Questions Contact:

NYLT Course Director - Mr. Sean Tashma

1-760-219-4277 or email: CuestaDistrictTraining@gmail.com

or sign up at lpcbsa.org by following the link on the calendar tab

Los Padres Boy Scout Council

1-805-967-0105

IF YOU CAN SEE IT YOU CAN BE IT

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.

William Brown Losson – Troop 41

Aiden Garrett – Troop 51

Jay Miller – Troop 26 (Pacific Coast)

Ethan Prescott – Troop 51

Jacob Rossel – Troop 60

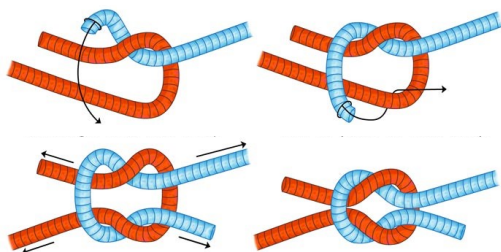


Knot of The Month: The Square Knot

The Square Knot, also known as the Reef Knot, is one of the most common knots, and it also has its ties to scouting. On the uniform, it appears on the bottom of the World Crest (the purple patch) and also is the main knot used in the awards. It is one of the few knots to be named in multiple advancement requirements (such as Wolf, Arrow of Light, Scout, Tenderfoot, and Apprentice Sea Scouting), and part of the reason for this is that it is easy to tie...

Learning and Teaching

In my experience in teaching the square knot, it can be one of the most frustrating for scouts when taught in large groups. The main reason that I credit for this is the common way of teaching it: just left over right, right over left. This method can be confusing, frustrating, and discouraging since it is easy to accidentally tie a Granny Knot. Instead, I always recommend that instructors know this alternative method to help those scouts achieve their goal. It first starts by making a bight (fold in the rope). Then pass the other end through the bight, around the back, and back down in the front. Pull each end to tighten (this is called dressing the knot) And voilà, *a square knot every time*.



Common Misuse

While the square knot is one of the most common knots, it is also one of the most commonly misused knots. The square knot's true purpose is as a binding knot (a knot used to tie off a tightened rope tightened around objects). A good way to remember this purpose is to refer to it as the Reef Knot; this name comes from sailors using this knot to bind excess sail to the boom (the horizontal beam). It is an extremely common misconception that it can be used to tie two ropes together (called a bend), even if the ropes are the same. One of the most popular references for knots specifically says this about the Square Knot,

“there have probably been more lives lost as a result of using the Square Knot as a bend (to tie two ropes together) than from and other half dozen knots combined.”
(The Ashley Book Of Knots, p. 258)

If there is one thing to take away from this month, just remember this:

To Bind, but not to Bend, that is the square knot.

Knot of the month: The Scouter's Training Award



Adult leaders in the BSA have multiple opportunities to be recognized for their achievements and dedication to helping deliver outstanding programs to our youth. This recognition typically comes with a knot which may be worn on that leader's field uniform.

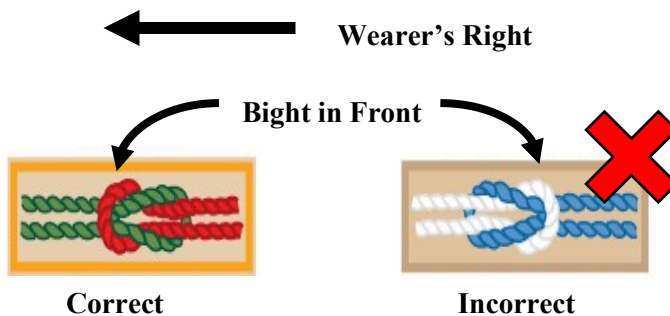
Trained leaders play a key role in being able to support our Cub Scout and Scouts BSA programs. One of the awards available to Scout leaders of Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts is the Scouter's Training Award, which a leader can earn after serving in their role for at least two years.

To earn this award, a leader must first take their position specific training for their position. In addition, for each of two years of service, they must attend either a University of Scouting, or four Roundtables run by their district Roundtable Commissioner. They must take at least one additional training during this time period.

Also related to this award is putting the training to use, to help the unit performance. Included in these requirements are the requirement to participate in annual unit planning meetings, and provide leadership to meet unit and council objectives.

Once the requirements are met, an application form can be downloaded by going to <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> and submitting it to the Council Training Chair.

Once earned, this knot – like any knot - is worn over the left pocket on the BSA field uniform, such that the bight in front of the rope ends is to the wearer's right. This can be a little difficult to tell on single color knots, so some multicolor examples are shown below.



Not of The Month: Monthly Safety Moment

Along with our Knots of the Month, we want to share a “NOT” of the month, to remind our leaders that safety plays a central role in enabling our youth to have FUN and memorable experiences. As many of our units are preparing to attend summer camps or go on longer trips, this month’s safety NOT concerns “caravans” – driving in a follow-the-leader style so that all vehicles stay in a group.

Surprisingly, the Guide to Safe Scouting – the standard for most requirements for managing safety – does not explicitly rule out this practice. But it presents a number of safety challenges that unnecessarily put Scouts and leaders at risk.

Caravanning is usually done when some drivers don’t know the route to take, or to make sure everyone gets to the destination (the final destination, or a rest area or location to break for lunch) at about the same time. But caravanning can result in driving too closely to the vehicle in front, or taking other driving maneuvers to keep sight of the lead vehicle. These could be abrupt lane changes, a need to pass other vehicles, or driving above the speed limit if separated due to a slower moving vehicle. These actions can lead to accidents.

To avoid caravanning, you can instead take the following actions:

- Ensure all drivers have proper directions before the trip
- Have a scout or another person in the vehicle serve as navigator. Make sure that the navigators in each vehicle have phone numbers for other navigators, so that they can coordinate with other vehicles without distracting the drivers.
- Drive the speed limit (or safest speed based on weather and road conditions). If everyone drives at the same speed, everyone will arrive at the destination about the same time.
- Coordinate with other drivers during rest stops, in case plans need to change.

Be safe on all of your adventures this summer!

Not of the month: This is a Scouting Rule... NOT!

In our inaugural Myth-busting article, we are focusing on a common myth of Troops who are traveling.



True or False: Scouts must be wearing their uniform during travel?

As the name of this article implies, this is NOT a BSA policy; the above statement is False.

Wearing a Scout field uniform during travel has some benefits. First, unit leaders responsible for the youth can quickly identify them at rest areas, or when traveling by air or other public transportation where there are opportunities to be separated. Also, a Scout wearing a uniform more clearly realizes that they are representing the Boy Scouts of America, so their behavior may reflect this additional expectation of good “Scout-like” behavior.

But there are no formal requirements to wear a field or activity uniform during travel. And insurance coverage from the BSA is not affected by the clothing worn by our Scouts.

Saturday July 8, 2023

JOE VASEK MEMORIAL RANCHO ALEGRE RIDE

**Rancho Alegre Boy Scout Camp at Larson's
Field**



You are cordially invited to attend the Rancho Alegre Ride. We are bringing this amazing ride back to raise funds to help rebuild Boy Scout Camp

Rancho Alegre

**Contact Craig Juratsch for Details
(805) 570-7687**

8:30 - Gates Open
10:00 Morning Ride
12:-2:00 Light Lunch

2:00-4:00 - Afternoon Ride
4:00-6:00 - Social Hour/Refreshments
6:00- Campfire dinner by Robert Bonilla

Music by Ron Miller

\$125 for entire day - \$60 for dinner and entertainment



Council Commissioner's Update

Scouts and Scouters,

Summer is rapidly approaching! It is time to think about all the adventures we will enjoy later this year, as most of you as well as our Units have already planned their summer activities. The Sierra's will present a unique opportunity this year. With all the snow and water, we received this year, parts of the Sierra's and therefore many of our Scouting Summer Camps will either be snow covered or very wet. Pack and travel accordingly. Runoff and mudslides will also be a factor this year with many creeks, streams and rivers running faster and higher than has been observed in many years. Many of our favorite hiking, camping and trail locations have suffered mudslides, debris flows and other natural events which have changed the landscape. This all presents an opportunity to do more of a thorough pre-planning for any trips as well and investigating any changes or damages that may have occurred to our favorite spots! This is a great way to expand your giving without costing a lot all at once. This bonus of snow and rain has also brought about more water, full lakes, lush vegetation and an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife. Take time to get outside and enjoy this abundance, but please do so safely! The trails and campsites beckon, especially for most of us who missed a year or more of no camping. See you on the trails! Happy Summer, Scouts and Scouters!

Commissioner Service

Your Commissioners' are here to help all our adult leaders with any insight, information, advice, suggestions, resources or just anything you may need. All our Commissioners stand ready to help guide you in any and every way possible. We also have the resources of April and Noel, our two tireless Field Scout 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 to 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! We are always looking for dedicated adults who may be interested in possibly becoming a Unit serving Commissioner. Interested?? Please reach out to me.

Yours in service to Scouting and the youth we serve,

Bob Putney
Council Commissioner

Rancho Alegre Update



- Larsen’s Meadow Bridge Crossing Repair is complete.
- Dorms two and three are nearing completion. We have contracted with Peter Lapidus Construction to grade a walkway between the Dorms and add an asphalt handicap parking spot.
- Improvements continue to be made to Frank Lodge including the installation of new LED Lights in the dining areas and kitchen. The Camp office had heating and air conditioning installed. The improvements are the result of a generous donation by the Raintree Foundation.
- Pacific Coast and Cuesta Districts held their own district camporees on April 21st to 23rd. Pacific Coast hosted in upper camp and Cuesta hosted in Larsen’s Meadow.
- Units in the know realize what a gem Larsen’s Meadow is for Unit Camping and Programming. There is still availability for this fall’s camping season. Contact glen.goddard@scouting.org for reservations.
- The Joe Vasek Memorial Rancho Alegre Ride is planned for July 8th. A horse ride and dinner are planned. The cost is \$125.00 for the entire day or \$60.00 for dinner and entertainment. If interested in attending (you don’t need a horse) please make a reservation at <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/053/event/397>
- Recorded Rain Fall from this winter’s storms was over 29”.

Order of the Arrow

The weekend of May 19th through 21st, Chumash Lodge held our annual Spring Ordeal. We had about 80 members attend this event (making it the largest in recent years), and about half of them were new members. Members of our lodge lived up to the spirit of service and helped prepare Rancho Alegre for this year’s NYLT program (*Page 3*).

As summer begins, I hope that everyone is preparing for some awesome trips with their units. Most of our summer activity will occur in your local chapters, so be sure to keep an eye out for emails from your chapter. Later in summer, we do have another Ordeal on August 4th - 6th, at Rancho Alegre. You can register for this event at <https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2958911&orgkey=1643> or by sending your registration form to the SB Scout Office.

Because this year has a National Jamboree, our lodge is offering a limited edition, 2-piece lodge flap for the event. This will first be offered to members who are attending National Jamboree, and extras will be sold at future lodge events



If you have any questions about our program or have ideas for potential service projects, please feel free to reach out to me at jskamlet@gmail.com. Until next time,

Keep the Spirit Alive,

Joseph Kamlet
Lodge Adviser

Program Update

Scouters:

We've had a great few months of Program activities! Some of the highlights:

- Both Districts held their Camporees in late April, with hundreds of Scouts in attendance and great participation
- Our council held a University of Scouting in May (training for adult leaders), our first in a few years
- Our Chumash Lodge (Order of the Arrow lodge) held its Spring induction weekend and welcomed 40 new members, and six current members converted their membership to Brotherhood level
- Cub Scout Packs continued with their Blue and Gold ceremonies, Arrow of Light ceremonies, and Webelos-to-Scouts BSA crossover ceremonies.

We have a lot of upcoming activity this summer:

- Our Districts are each running a Cub Scout Day Camp this summer
 - Cuesta District has a Cub Scout Day Camp planned for June 19th - 23rd in Atascadero.
 - Pacific Coast has theirs planned for July 10th - 14th in Santa Maria.
- National Youth Leadership Training will be held June 26th - July 1st. Scouts who are over 14 (over 13 with approval) and are First Class are eligible to attend. Spots are still available but sign up soon! Go to <https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2972961&orgkey=1643> to sign up.
- We have 38 participants who will be comprising our 2023 National Jamboree contingent! They depart mid-July and will tour parts of Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and Virginia prior to attending the Jamboree from July 19-28.
- The Order of the Arrow (OA) has its summer weekend scheduled for August 4th - 6th.
- Cub Scout Adventure Weekend is scheduled for August 11th - 12th.
- BSA Chainsaw Safety Training is being held July 2nd. Limited space is available; contact Len Kamlet (lkamlet@gmail.com) or Glen Goddard (glen.goddard@scouting.org) for more information.

Looking beyond the summer, we have activities planned in September and October. Mark these on your calendar now and look for more information.

- Pacific Coast District is planning a Merit Badge Pow Wow running 3 weekends in September and October
- **September 30th:** the council with help from the OA, will be running a Webelos Woods (for all Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts) at Larsen Meadow, with camping available on the 29th and 30th
- **October 27th - 28th:** we will be running trainings required for Cub Scout Packs to go camping (BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) and Scoutmasters to be fully trained and lead campouts (IOLS – Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills)
- **November 4th:** The Order of the Arrow will be hosting its Lodge Leadership Development (a leadership training course for youth) and then its annual banquet, both at Rancho Alegre.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with our program needs. If you have an interest in advancement, training, service, camping, awards, or other aspects of the program, please contact me to find out how you can help our council youth and your fellow scout leaders!

Len Kamlet
Council VP of Program



Los Padres Council, BSA is happy to invite you to our annual **Boots & Bling Event** to be held on August 24, 2023, at Cypress Ridge Pavilion. This fun western theme event is designed to not only to give people an opportunity to come together in fellowship but also to recognize leaders in our community who have helped build character and leadership in our local youth.

We are proud to announce this year's event will recognize two dedicated community leaders, Thomas Parson, who will be honored with Los Padres Council's Legacy Award, and Tom Lebens who will receive the NOESA recognition. The event will include entertainment, a delicious 5 course meal, free wine, and an auction full of great items.

On behalf of the Planning Committee, we invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to impact the lives of thousands of youths by being a sponsor for the event and joining us for this fun event and auction on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at the Cypress Ridge in celebration of the leadership Tom and our youth have provided our community.

We look forward to your commitment. To sponsor and RSVP fill out form below and mail to LPC-BSA 4000 Modoc Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93110, or email carlos.cortez@scouting.org

Make sure to contact us soon as this event has limited room and will fill fast. As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our youth!

Platinum Sponsor - \$10,000

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 - Recognition on Council website
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- Bronze recognition in Tribute Journal
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For more information, please contact Carlos Cortez 805-963-0105 or carlos.cortez@scouting.org

