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Council Executive Message

Los Padres Council
Scouters, leaders
and supporters,



Congratulations to our 2017 District Award of Merit Recipients

The District

Award of Merit is the highest award our local districts can bestow upon a volunteer, and you are a deserving recipient. This year we have awarded 6 very deserving volunteers thus far. John Brinker and Sandra Shove of South Coast District, Nate Moss and Jarrett Prichard of Camino Real District, and Karen Kudija and Nichole Hider from Del Norte District.

The awards have been or will be presented at your local district dinner, make sure you attend to recognize our great volunteers. Visit your local district page at the council website for further details. www.lpcbsa.org

LPC BSA Vision and Impact

Thanks to your efforts and dedication Los Padres Council has been able to help youth become leaders for the last 98 years. As we deliver our Mission and review our Vision to determine who our Council will be for the next century we acknowledge that our volunteer and supporters are the key element to our ability to keep developing leaders. Your support is now more important than ever as we look to increase the impact we have in our communities and with our families. We envision serving more youth with a diverse set of programs that include our traditional Scout

programs and add programs that will deliver the same set of values to our youth but use different systems to do it. These programs include Lion Scouts, Ventures and Explorers, which are family friendly, co-ed and career educational. The programs allow us to reach out to a diverse set of new program partners to serve our diverse communities. Our vision is to be a quality standard of youth development in our communities by expanding our program while still delivering the same core values of being a good leader. You will be key to that vision; your resources and support will enable our Council to fulfill its Mission and Vision for the next 98 years. Whether it's volunteering, donating, asking others to get involved or a combination of all, you will make an impact. I encourage you to reach out to me, the council board or your district leadership and share with us how you would like to be involved. Together we can guide more youth towards great leadership than we can individually. I look forward to seeing you on the trail.

Serving more youth is our priority in 2016

We need your help to do this. We need your support of our Friends of Scouting campaign. While we are making great strides of getting increased support from local community business and foundations they like to know how many of our own families support the program they are a part of. Your support in FOS will greatly increase the chances that we will get additional community support and improve the service we give you and our Scouts. The campaign has kicked off, and there are several ways to participate:

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1. Set up your unit's presentation. There are several ways your unit will be recognized and rewarded for participating including a FREE weekend at Rancho Alegre and FREE advancements for an entire year. Talk with your local DE to set up and get details.

2. Text FOS to 38470

3. Click here if you would like to participate now: <http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/finance/friends-of-scouting/65260>

Yours in Scouting,
Carlos Cortez, Scout Executive/CEO

Los Padres Council Service Hours

Throughout Los Padres Council the Eagle Scouts have been very busy completing various projects. Totalling over 2,500 hours so far this year, they have completed service both indoors and outdoors. Recently the Santa Barbara News Press column "Trail Quest" mentioned the new signage installed by Jeremiah Swider from Troop 26. The Blackburn brothers from Troop 87 both worked at St Andrew's UMC on projects so that they could earn their Eagle at the same time. There have already been 12 Eagle Scouts just from Camino Real district this year! Del Norte has produced 6, South Coast 5, Live Oak 3 and Cachuma 1, getting off to a record breaking pace for 2017.

South Coast Scouts participated in the Annual Scouting for Food collection in February for the local Foodbank. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts turned out and they delivered record amounts of canned goods despite a fallen tree AND a sinkhole blocking the entrances to the Foodbank!

Keep posting those hours and listing the organization which benefits from the unit's service. Service hours are an essential part of the Journey to Excellence program as well as being a significant part of what we do in Scouting. Any service project which members of your unit perform should be reported to the Boy Scouts of America at:

<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx> .

Eagle Project Service Hours

The Barrier	102
Planting Fish & Game Safety Berm	80
Fire Station 20 Roof Prep	83
Identification & Documentation of Veterans	112
Repair & Replace Picnic Tables St Joseph's Church	230
Canalino School Picnic Tables	85
Solvang Poles Project 2017	77
Camp Arroyo Grande Bench Restoration	35
Eagle Scout Bench	55
Play Structure at Santa Lucia School	123
ST Rose Adult Learning Center Prayer Center	146
Painting Fire Hydrants	72
Kermit King US Map & Capitals	86
Fence Repair Santa Margarita Fire Department	64
Kermit King Elementary Buddy Bench	105
Music Library	77
Trail Sign Installation	357
Free Lending Library	46
Landscaping at SLOSA Rifle Range	62
Sundial at St. Andrew's UM Church	71
Wedding Trellis UMC	93
Geocache & Orienteering Practice Course	164
Preschool Bulletin Board & Planter Box	20
Handicap Accessible Handwashing Table	32
SLOCA Xylophone	120
SB Wildlife Care: level washing platform	64
Vedanta Library Improvement	107

Remember, only the total number of hours for Eagle Projects is added through the Eagle application process so the unit should log in to update the report as to number of people involved, value of materials and the organization benefitting from the project.

Submitted by Rosemary Zea Bauer,
Council Registrar

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Upcoming Events: Council [please refer to the calendar at lpcbsa.org to sign up for classes and events]

7-8 Apr., Wilderness First Aid

29 Apr., BALOO Training, Rancho Alegre, Cherokee campsite

5-6 May, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders

6 May, Scout-O-Rama

13 May, Order of the Arrow COC Site Visitation

19-21 May, Order of the Arrow Spring 2017 Ordeal

11-17 June, Lifeguard Academy

16-17 June, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders

22 June, District Operations Meeting

25-30 June, Rancho Alegre Camp Staff Training Week

30 June, FOS Campaign Completion Date and Victory Celebration

19-28 Jul, National Scout Jamboree, information at www.bsajamboree.org.

Upcoming Events: Cachuma District

4 Apr., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

21-23 Apr., Tri-Valley Camporee

2 May, Tue., District Dinner, 7 pm

6 June, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

31 Mar – 2 Apr., Camporee

12 Apr., OA Chapter Meeting

13 Apr., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

26 Apr., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

10 May, OA Chapter Meeting

11 May., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

24 May., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

14 June, OA Chapter Meeting

15 June, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

19-23 June, Cub Scout Day Camp

28 June, Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

6 Apr., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm

6 Apr., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

8 Apr., Merit Badge Pow-Wow

20 Apr., Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

28-30 Apr. District Camporee

4 May, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

4 May, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

18 May, Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

20 May, Merit Badge Pow-Wow

1 June, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

1 June, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

8 June, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Meeting and New Member Welcome

15 June, Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

19-23 June, Cub Scout Day Camp

Upcoming Events: Live Oak District

20 Apr., Roundtable (Lompoc)

21-23 Apr., Tri-Valley Camporee

27 Apr., District Committee Meeting

18 May, Roundtable (Lompoc)

25 May, District Committee Meeting

15 June, Roundtable (Lompoc)

22 June, District Committee Meeting

26-30 June, Cub Scout Day Camp

Upcoming Events: South Coast District

3 Apr., Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

13 Apr., Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting

13 Apr., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

21-23 Apr., District Camporee

26 Apr., Unit Commissioner Meeting

1 May, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

11 May, Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting

11 May, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm and Fireside Chat

24 May, Unit Commissioner Meeting

5 June, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

8 June, Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting

8 June, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

20-23 June, Cub Scout Day Camp

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Spring Recruitment Outreach

Have spring membership numbers got you down?

Has rechartering and Webelos bridging taken a toll on your unit's leadership and membership numbers? Well, there is no time like the present to try and make changes to rebuild. Your unit should plan on taking the time now, to work with the Council and District Membership Team to plan, organize and carryout an effective Spring recruitment plan for your Pack, Troop, Crew or Post so you can fill some of the holes in your unit.

The Council and District Membership team is here to help. For recruitment support please reach out to your District Executive or District Membership Chair for Support. Please turn to these individuals to help your unit with ideas, free resources and support.

Here is a basic timeline to guide your path

March

Spring round-up planning should take place in each unit.

April

Cub Scouts – Hold at least one spring round-up and Lion Cub recruiting for Kindergarten age boys to 4th grade.

Lion Dens should be added to Packs that don't currently participate in the program. A Lion Den, added now, becomes a Tiger Den on June 1, 2017, before Day Camp. Contact your District Membership Chair or District Executive to arrange the training for your new Lion Cub Coordinator and Lion Cub Guide.

Cub Leaders - Plan on attending and participating in as many Spring School Carnivals and community events to announce, through flyers, your recruitment date. Conduct a recruitment night at each school your recruit from after the carnivals and community events.

Boy Scouts – Work through district membership chairs, Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters to insure a successful Webelos-to-Boy Scout Transition. Recruit new Boy Scouts through fifth grade recruitments. Learn how to identify and develop opportunities for

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mock camp sites, Troop open Houses and Troop Recruitment events.

All traditional programs – Conduct a mass mailer or phone campaign to all dropped youth as another opportunity to re-join active units. Unit's should plan to host an activity and recruitment booth at local community events.

May

Follow-up area-wide recruitment. Area-wide recruitments should be carried out only as a follow-up to the individual unit recruitment efforts. Typically, area-wide recruitment only has an impact on those individuals that were tied up at individual unit recruitment events and could not attend.

The membership team is here to help.

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Program Proclamations

It's spring and our calendars are starting to fill up with Scout events. Here's hoping that you are aware of the many scouting activities.

From what I understand April is the month for Camporees. Depending on which District you are, determines when and where you are going. Remember this is an event that Webelos as well as Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers can participate in. Depending on which part of the Scouting family you are involved in would determine if you go to a Camporee and camp, or just go for the day for a visit to see what's going on.

On May 6, please join us at Waller Park in Santa Maria, we're going to have our Council wide Scout-O-Rama. Should be a really fun day. Watch the website for sign up forms for your units, We hope to see you there!

Things that are coming up include:

Cub Scout Day Camps, again that date depends on where in the Council you are. If you don't see what you want in the calendar, perhaps a call to your District Chair and you volunteering to make things better would help? We are trying to ensure that everybody has a good summer, we could use some more volunteers as we try to ensure that the program proceeds.

We also have Cub Scout Resident Camp coming up in July. Dates are July 5 to July 8. It's a great way to spend some time with your Cub Scout aged son. If you haven't done Resident Camp at Rancho Alegre you really should consider it.

If your troop isn't going to camp at a convenient time, perhaps helping your Boy Scout/ Varsity Scout get to Summer Camp at Rancho Alegre would fit into your schedule. Dates for camp this year are July 9 to July 15.

Other things to watch for include University of Scouting. If you would like to get involved and make that happen, please contact Lynn Johnson (lynnjohnson@gmail.com) and we can get you involved in that process. We want to have another successful session this year. We are also looking for help with NYLT in 2018 & on our Wood Badge Course, please don't hesitate to get involved. It is fun and very rewarding.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any of the programs in the Los Padres Council, please just let me know. Happy Scouting Adventures, until next time.

2017 Family Friends of Scouting Recognition Plan

In addition to the individual contributor FOS recognition patch, the following is a unit recognition plan:

- Scout Supporter Recognition: \$150
 - FOS LPC collector patch
- Council President's FOS Unit Award: Unit achieves 100% participation and agreed upon unit goal
 - President FOS streamer for unit flag
 - Free weekend at Rancho Alegre for the entire unit, weekend is the unit's choice subject to availability. (Weekend program not included)
 - Recognition on the council website as a Council President Unit.

Rancho Alegre Summer News

For the first time in five years, Rancho Alegre has hosted a National Camping School. Camp directors, program directors, rangers, and COPE/Climbing instructors from around the country participated in this intensive, one-

week training experience at the end of March. We greatly appreciated this opportunity that was provided to us by the National Council to showcase our great Rancho Alegre facility and program!

Our busy weekend calendar this spring includes Wilderness First Aid Training, BALOO Training, and a South Coast Camporee. In addition, two service weekends are planned to maintain and upgrade our facilities. The Order of the Arrow and Alpha Phi Omega have both stepped up to provide such service.

Finally, in order to fully utilize our new climbing tower, we are in need of certified COPE instructors. Our local COPE director, Tim Collins, is prepared to offer this training over a weekend at Rancho Alegre. Any adults who are interested should notify Scott Oldenburg, our camp director, at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org or call him on his office phone at 805-686-5167.

Rancho Alegre Summer Camp

Plans for Cub Scout and Boy Scout resident camps are now being completed and we are beginning to hire our summer camp staff.

Cub Scout family and resident camp will be held from July 5-8 and will feature a complete shooting sports, aquatics, and handicraft program that is tailored to the BSA's new advancement requirements. Fee information and registration forms are available on our council website at:

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/cub-scout-and-family-resident-camp/45236>.

Boy Scout resident camp will be held from July 9-15. In addition to submitting their \$150 "hold a site" deposit and completing a site reservation form, Boy Scout troops who plan to attend camp also need to submit a \$100 per Scout initial deposit by April 1 with a second \$100 deposit due by May 15. Fee information and registration forms are available on our council website at:

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/boy-scout-summer-camp/45241>.

Rancho Alegre will also be offering a special opportunity for Scouts to strengthen their aquatics skills and receive certification as BSA Lifeguards. Application forms for our Lifeguard Academy which will be held over the week of June 18-24 are available at:

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/life-guard-academy/45240>.

2017 Council Scout-O-Rama

Mark your calendar now and plan to have your unit participate in our Saturday, May 6 Scout-O-Rama at Dinosaur Park in Pismo Beach. This show of "Scouting in Action" is an exciting opportunity to showcase our program of fun and adventure! More information, including unit participation forms, will be available shortly on our council website at www.lpcbsa.org.

We are also offering sponsorship opportunities for vendors who would like to financially support this event. Units who secure such sponsorships can earn Friends of Scouting (FOS) credit for securing such sponsorships. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson, our council vice president for program, at lynnjohnson@gmail.com or call our council program office at (805) 686-5167. [submitted by Scott Oldenburg]

2017 District Camporees

Camino Real District: March 31-April 2 at Camp French

Live Oak/Cachuma Districts April 21-23 at VAFB Halvorson Woods

South Coast District: April 20-22 at Rancho Alegre

Del Norte District: April 28-30 at TBD

2017 National Scout Jamboree

Our council still has a few remaining slots to fill out our contingent for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia. This event is truly a once-in-lifetime opportunity for most Boy Scout

participants! Scouts and adult leaders who are interested in registering are encouraged let us know of their interest by signing into the Jamboree website at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

The trip for our contingent will also include a tour of major sites on the east coast, starting in the Philadelphia area. The Jamboree will run from July 19 to 28, 2017. We anticipate that the total cost will be approximately \$3,500, the same as the last Jamboree.

Those who would like to get more details are welcome to contact Scott Oldenburg, our Jamboree staff advisor, at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org or call him at (805) 686-5167

April Is Youth Protection Month



Youth Protection is not something we just do annually or for rank advancement. It is a program that should be implemented at every meeting, every outing, and every opportunity that adults and youth intermingle. It is not just something for Scouts, it is universal for all school, sports, and educational programs. Each April every unit should be doing something to emphasize the BSA's Youth Protection Guidelines. For adults this could be a good time to make sure that all adults are current on their Youth Protection Training (it is an annual requirement in Los Padres Council). For Scouts this would be an excellent opportunity to show one of the BSA's age appropriate videos on Youth Protection, such as It Happened to Me, A Time To Tell, or Venturing Personal Awareness.

For more ideas on how your unit can protect our youth, check out the Youth Protection Ideas page on the Council website at <http://www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection/ypchampions.aspx>

Day Camps are Coming!

Los Padres Council is proud to announce the 2017 Day Camp theme that will be shared council wide: **Bug Hunters!** The Council plans to offer a Day Camp to our Cub Scouts in the districts of South Coast, Live Oak, Camino Real, and Del Norte. Below is a list of the dates for each camp:

- Camino Real: June 21-23
- Del Norte: June 19-23
- Live Oak: June 26-30 (Santa Maria), July 10-14 (Lompoc)
- South Coast: June 21-23

Our Day Camps have typically offered a plethora of activities for our Scouts. For example, shooting sports such as BB guns and archery is a favorite among Cub Scouts. More fun activities are offered like wood and leather work, STEM activities, and other exciting crafts and games to enjoy.

Day Camp is a wonderful opportunity for Cub Scouts to discover new interests and to try new things in a positive and safe environment. Boys learn valuable lessons and make lasting friendships while having a blast doing it. Not only that, but it gets these Scouts out of the house and active, which is a huge benefit of Day Camp for Scouts and parents alike. In regular life, many Scouts don't get a chance to participate in the specialized activities that are offered to them at Day Camp. That is one of the many reasons Day Camp is so positive and important to any Cub Scout experience.

However, Los Padres Council needs volunteer help in order to make each Day Camp successful. Currently, our Day Camps are severely understaffed and we are asking all interested and willing volunteers to step up. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering and helping our Day Camps happen then please contact the District Executive of your District. Help us give our Cub Scouts the best week of their summer by delivering great programs.

Submitted by Erica Mundell-McGilvray,
District Executive

Summer Camp 2017

Rancho Alegre is the gem of the Los Padres Council. There is plenty to do at this camp



at one of the most reasonable prices in all of California. In fact, our basic prices had a modest \$10 increase from last year. This summer there will be three programs occurring at the camp.

LIFE GUARD ACADEMY: Our Life Guard Academy is a great program for older youth (need to be at least 15, but we train adults as well and you don't even need to be registered in Scouting.) It is a weeklong intensive

program that prepares Life Guards for camps, community pools, and special programs. Participants stay in our dormitories and have nutritious, delicious food prepared by our Dining



Hall Staff. Dates are June 11-17. Cost is only \$350 (\$325 if registered and paid in full by April 30, 2017.)

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP: Boy Scout Summer Camp opens on Sunday, July 9, and ends on Saturday, July 15. For Scouts attending with their unit, cost is \$385.00 per youth. Adult leadership is \$230.00 each, however based on the number of youth attendees, there is sliding scale on no charge payments for some adults.

Provisional Scouts (attendees not attending with their unit and under the supervision of our provided Scoutmaster) are charged \$410. We also have a special rate for Day Campers of only \$355. These Scouts are dropped off each morning and picked up by 5 pm. Breakfast and Lunch provided; and they can stay late on one evening for dinner and program.

Rancho Alegre has a wide variety of programs that cater to the new Scout (Trail to First Class) and Merit Badges in Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Nature, Scoutcraft, Physical Fitness, Health and Safety, and Handicraft. In addition, there is our new Climbing Tower (with Climbing Merit Badge) and COPE Course.

If the drought leaves us with an adequate source of water, we will again offer the Canoeing, Kayaking, and Rowing Merit Badges. Our Trail to First Class program has been redesigned to be in compliance with the new requirements which become mandatory on January 1, 2017.

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP: Our third program is Cub Scouts and Family Resident Camp which runs July 5-8. Rates for this program are \$295 for one adult and one child or \$350 for the entire immediate family. Older siblings needing to work on rank requirements can schedule time in Scoutcraft to demonstrate and get signed off.

Our offering of activities include bb guns, archery, handicrafts, and swimming. Utilizing the current Cub Scout rank advancement requirements, our friendly camp staff will work with Scouts to complete a number of the outdoor activity each of the different ranks. This is a great way for a family to get a mini vacation. And speaking of vacation, our camp theme this year is **Wild, Wild West**.

Summary:

- Boy Scout Summer Camp - July 9 July 15
- Cub Scout and Family Resident Camp - July 5 - July 8
- Lifeguard Academy - June 11-17

For more information about Summer Camping contact Council Program Director Scott Oldenburg at 686-5167 or scott.oldenburg@scouting.org. Our website will be up and running shortly with all this information and forms. [submitted by Wayne Rascati]

Free Firewood

Rancho Alegre is offering free firewood (mostly pine) for those who wish to haul it away. The wood is from trees on the property that had to be removed. If you are interested in picking up wood, please contact a Ranger at Rancho Alegre before coming (805-686-5167).



Training Trail

See the Training Policy on the Council website www.lpcbsa.org for a complete explanation and schedule of training courses. Click on the blue "Training" Tab on the homepage left hand column for a drop down list of training courses and the council training policy.



Youth Protection Training Must Be Renewed Every Year – per the policy of the Western Region of the Boy Scouts of America. The web site allows for 2 years until the YPT refresher, but that is not the policy we are working to.

Online Training Updates TRAINING

On-line training is now available for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

Upcoming Training

April 29 BALOO outdoor training for cub scout leaders at Camp Cherokee at Rancho Alegre

May 5-6 Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills & Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders at Rancho Alegre, 6:30 pm Friday evening to 6:00pm Saturday.

June 16-17 Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills & Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders at Rancho Alegre, 6:30 pm Friday evening to 6:00pm Saturday.

University of Scouting

The 3rd Annual Univ. of Scouting is scheduled for Oct. 14th once again at the LDS church in Orcutt. It will feature many required training courses and the fun and exciting supplemental classes you've come to expect.

Your District Training Chairs

Del Norte District – Sean Tashma, satashmausmc@aol.com

Camino Real District – George Brown, kf6pbl@hotmail.com

Live Oak District – Alan Munch, munchfmy@gmail.com

Cachuma District – Brad Ross, rossbrada@gmail.com

South Coast District – Zea Bauer, zbauer13s@gmail.com

Council Training Chair –

Roundtable – Our BEST Kept Secret

If you're looking to network and fellowship with other leaders, find out what activities they do or where they go hiking and camping, or you want to learn about program themes and much, much, more, then you should be attending your district Roundtable meetings.



Del Norte District – 1st Thursday of the month

7PM at Atascadero Lake Pavilion Scout Hall

Camino Real District – 4th Wednesday of the month 7PM at the Elks Lodge in San Luis

Obispo

South Coast District – 2nd Thursday of the month 7PM at the LDS Church 2107 Santa Barbara St.

Philmont Training Center

The new 2017 course brochure is now available online. Check out all the great courses available next summer and throughout the year! There are activities for the entire family

while you do training. Check it out at:

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx>

Philmont Trek Reservations Available

If your Troop hasn't been to Philmont, now's your chance. Los Padres Council has two crew reservations for the summer of 2018.



2018 National Youth Leadership Training

We are actively looking for staff for 2018 National Youth Leader Training. If you know of youth that have completed this course and would like to serve on staff, please contact Lynn Johnson (489-6072 or lynnhjohnson@gmail.com) or if there are adults from units that send youth to this course and would like to support the course, please let Lynn know that too.

2018 Wood Badge Experience

We are actively looking for staff for Wood Badge. If you have your beads and would like to learn more about how Wood Badge can benefit you, please contact Lynn Johnson (489-6072 or



lynnhjohnson@gmail.com). Wood Badge is a really nice way to improve your outlook, learn how to better run your unit, and also benefit your profession. Ask any of the folks you know that wear more than two beads and they will tell you what a blessing it is.

Rancho Alegre Capital Campaign and Immediate Needs

At the March 11th meeting of the Council Camp Committee our Camp Rangers stated that the camp was in need of a new tractor and camp truck. The present tractor was acquired used over 20 years ago. At present, the vehicle requires huge maintenance in both time and parts. The Committee hopes that someone who is upgrading their tractor for something larger would consider donating the current one to the Scouts at little or no charge. While we realize that donated equipment does not always provide a "perfect fit" to meet a wide variety of camp needs, we would particularly like to secure a tractor that has the following specifications: a bucket on the front, a power take-off on the back for a mower and a 3 point hitch, at least 46 horsepower, and equipped with bigger or industrial tires.



"Dream Tractor"

In addition, one of our trucks is no longer usable. The vehicle which is supposed to be used only for emergencies and transport is now being used for maintenance. Again, the Ranch is looking for a replacement vehicle at little or no cost.

If you have either of these vehicles that could be donated in whole or in part to Rancho Alegre, please contact Scott Oldenburg, Council Program Director at 686-5167 or scott.oldenburg@scouting.org.

During the 50th Anniversary of Rancho Alegre in 2015 a list of identifiable projects and needs for the future of the camp was developed and posted on the Council website: <https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/rancho-alegre-capital-campaign/61669>. These items include improvements to our water system, additional dormitories, and program area improvements. If you or someone you know would like to make an endowment or gift to one of these needs, please contact Scott Oldenburg at the phone number or email above.

Chumash Lodge 90 of the Order of the Arrow

As spring gets started I am happy to report, on behalf of our Lodge Chief Aaron Morse, that we have successfully concluded a good unit visitation and OA election season. As the District Camporees are upon us, each Chapter will be conducting CallOut Ceremonies at the closing campfires for each Camporee. We will be conducting two Ordeals this spring and summer to induct the new candidates into the Order. The Spring Ordeal will be held at Rancho Alegre on the weekend of May 19-21. All current Arrowmen are strongly encouraged to attend and join in Cheerful Service to the Council and Fellowship with your Brothers in the Order. Registration information and forms are available on the Lodge Website (<http://http://www.chumashlodge90.net/www/>) as well as online registration on the Council website (<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=1928493&OrgKey=1643>). Please do not forget that we will be holding our Annual OA Rededication Ceremony at Rancho Alegre on the evening of July 11, during Scout Summer Camp. The Summer Ordeal will be held on the weekend of August 25-27 at Rancho Alegre.

In addition to upcoming Lodge events, we are seeking Adult OA Member volunteers to fill three open and critical Associate Advisor positions: Membership, Communications, and Camping Promotion. The Membership Advisor works with the Lodge Secretary and the Membership Committee on managing Lodge membership records, event registration and attendance, and direct communication to Candidates for Ordeals, and Brotherhood eligible members for Ordeals. The Advisor for Communications works with the Lodge Secretary and the Communications Committee

to produce the quarterly Lodge newsletter, "The BearClaw" as well as promoting Lodge events online and on social media. The Camping Promotions Advisor works with the Lodge youth Chair of the Camping Promotion Committee to update the "Where to Go Camping Guide", camping promotions presentations and materials for unit visitations, Council events and Section Conclave, as well as coordinating promotions with the Council Camping Committee. If you have an interest in contributing to the Lodge in one of these positions, please contact the Lodge Advisor, Dr. Jacques Benoit (contact information below).

We have an exciting summer of camping opportunities and Lodge events coming up, so get them on your calendars, participate and let's make this the greatest summer ever for the Lodge, the Order and for Scouting!
Dr. Jacques Benoit sbboyscout@gmail.com
Cell: (805) 896-4489

Editor's Soapbox

The Los Padres Press is published bi-monthly and distributed **by request** to registered Scout leaders in the Los Padres Council. To be added to the distribution list, please send your email address to Wayne Rascati at RanchoAlegre@cox.net. Apparently only about 50% of the eligible Scouters receive the LPP at this time.

The intent of the Los Padres Press is to promote communication within the council. If you have information to share, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please let me know. Start-Stop-Continue feedback is welcome. Contact Brad Ross, Editor, rossbrada@gmail.com, 805-688-4849 (evenings)



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COMMISSIONER'S CHALLENGE: 2018 FREE ADVANCEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

WHO: All Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews.

WHAT: FREE cloth rank advancement badges for 2018

HOW: Meet all 8 requirements shown below **NO LATER than November 30, 2017**

R E Q U I R E M E N T S

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	1. The unit has increases youth membership on its 2018 charter renewal 2017 renewal membership: _____ 2018 recharter membership: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	2. The charter renewal for 2018 was ready (completed paperwork registration fees turned in by November 30, 2017 . Completed on: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	3. All registered unit volunteers have completed their position specific training. (As specified in the Los Padres Council Training Policy.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	4. Unit qualifies and applies for Journey to Excellence recognition
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	5. Participates in a council level event as a unit. (Day camp or Summer camp or Scoutorama, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	6. Unit participated in 2017 popcorn or camp card sales
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	7. Unit participates in the Council 2017 Friends Of Scouting campaign
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	8. Unit meets their assigned FOS fair share goal as assigned by the district.
B o n u s		FREE 2018 Merit Badges or belt loops: meet steps 1-10
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	9. Every family in the unit participate in Friends of Scouting (100% participation)
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	10. Unit contribution averages a minimum of \$175.00 per member family

If the unit meets all eight requirements, then they qualify for FREE ADVANCEMENT AWARDS! If unit meets requirements 1-8 and the bonus incentive, all Merit Badges or/belt loops will be FREE for the 2018 year. Fill out this form and turn it in with your charter renewal. Los Padres Council Scout Shop will have a list of all units that qualify for the awards program. In addition, unit will receive Friends of Scouting President's award.

Circle one: Pack, Troop, Team, Crew

Unit No.: _____ Unit Leader's Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ email: _____ District: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

(Unit or District Commissioner Signature)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

(District Executive Signature)

R E C O G N I T I O N I N C E N T I V E

The following cloth badges are FREE for all units qualifying for the free advancement awards program:

PACKS: Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light

TROOPS, TEAMS & CREWS: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scout

Fine Print: The awards plan is good only LPC Council Scout Shops. It cannot be redeemed for cash. All paperwork must be completed on time, as noted above, by **November 30, 2017**. This includes all fees and payments. Awards will be provided for the 2018 calendar year. Units must meet all six requirements and have all appropriate signatures in order to receive the free advancement awards. In order to qualify for the Bonus incentive "all MB/belt loops/pins free program" requirements 1-8 along with the bonus requirement must be met.

Camp Cards You Say?



Every year Scouts are continually faced with one big problem:

There is never enough money to go around. There always seems to a camp out or trip that you desperately want to attend but you cannot find the funds and you miss out on the experience.

Well, Los Padres Council heard the call and is responding with a new, LPC Boy Scout Camp Card. The Discount Card is packed with local vendors from across the Council that Scouts sell to earn their way to camp. Los Padres Council has produced three regionally driven versions of the card that will enable your Scouts to maximize their sales potential through a discount card that offers both single use and renewable discounts from local vendors in your area.

The Camp Cards have already hit the streets and will be sold until May 31, 2017. Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts and Parents of Scouts can check out Camp Cards from the Los Padres Council through renewable 2-week consignment contracts-- that means it costs nothing to participate. Camp Card contracts can be renewed as long as we have cards. Most Packs and Troops will be able to use their commission to pay for those Scouts that sell to go to Resident Camp or Day Camp and have the money to buy Scout supplies or other Scout related materials for that Scout's scouting experience.

Below is a list of features and benefits for Scouts from the new Camp Card.

- 50% Commission coming back to the unit for every card sold
- A \$5.00 price point for each card
- Scouts who sell at least 25 Cards will receive a Boy Scout draw-string backpack.
- Scouts who sell at least 25 Cards will be entered into a drawing for a drawing for weekly prizes like a free week of Resident Camp at Rancho Alegre or other great prizes
- Sell 150 cards, Cub Scouts will get a free week of Day Camp (in addition to your drawstring backpack and 50% commission.)
- Cub Scouts who sell 250 cards will receive a free week of Resident Camp at Rancho Alegre (in addition to your drawstring backpack and 50% commission.)
- Boy Scouts who sell 500 cards will receive a free week of Resident Camp at Rancho Alegre (in addition to your drawstring backpack and 50% commission.)

If your unit is not selling Camp Cards but you want your child to participate, the Council will work with you!

Jamboree Scouts, if you want to sell Camp Cards individually, please have your unit Camp Card Coordinator contact your District Executive directly, so we can get you registered separately from the other Scouts in your unit who are selling.

In addition, the Council will work with Jamboree Scouts directly to arrange for them to sell individually.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Please feel free to contact Paul Bradley, the LPC District Executive involved with Camp Cards, with questions. He can be reached at C (916) 257-9728; O (805) 461-4019 or paul.bradley@scouting.org.

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