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News You Can Use for members of the Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties **August 2017**



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Council Executive Message

Scouts, Scouters, Friends, Families and Community Leaders,



This past month has been a difficult one as collectively Los Padres Council and I have had to deal with the total loss of Rancho Alegre where we hosted 9,000+ young people every year through Scouting and the Outdoor School programs. At the same time, it's been the type of week that brings clarity to why we dedicate ourselves to helping young people. In between the chaos and many meetings as we prepare to move Los Padres Council forward, I have visited with the Lord in efforts to get wisdom on how to deliver a proper message on behalf of our council.



After many prayers, the most important thing I realized I would like to say is, **thank you**. Thank you for all the leadership and support you have provided our council, Scouts and our youth for many years. Your dedication and commitment are the backbone of Scouting and the positive impact that thousands of youth receive.

Dr. Robert Gates, former Secretary of Defense and former Director of the CIA, as well as past president of the BSA, once said “we must address the world as it is and not how we wish it was.” For some of you, this instance has caused them to question this movement

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and whether they can or should continue to support it with their time, talents and treasure. This has reminded me that your leadership is needed now more than ever. It has reminded me that our reaction to the circumstances we encounter is precisely what this movement has sought to instill in each of us since the first day we chose to become part of it, Be Prepared.

How we react to the challenges we have ahead of us while staying on point with the ideals and values of Scouting will shape our future success. Remember that our mission is not to simply build a bigger council, but to improve as a leadership development organization that focuses on the positive impact we have on our communities by providing solutions and service; and by helping to improve the lives of young people. We are committed to putting our youth and our units at the center and focusing on their success.

We have a significant amount of work to do to achieve our goals. I truly understand the grief an incident like this has created, so I humbly ask - please stay with us. Your participation can insure that not only we recover, but improved from this. Keep investing in our youth by making sure they embrace and live by the Scout Oath and Law and build a better world for all without prejudice.

Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,

Carlos Cortez

Cub Scout Father and Scout Executive/CEO
Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America

To get updated on Rancho Alegre status or to get involved, visit www.lpcbsa.org or follow us on Facebook

Council President Views

We are all saddened by the recent destruction of our beloved Rancho Alegre by the Whittier Fire in early July. However we feel very fortunate that no lives were lost and that everyone was safely evacuated before the rapidly moving fire engulfed the camp. Thanks to quick action by Council staff, boy scouts who

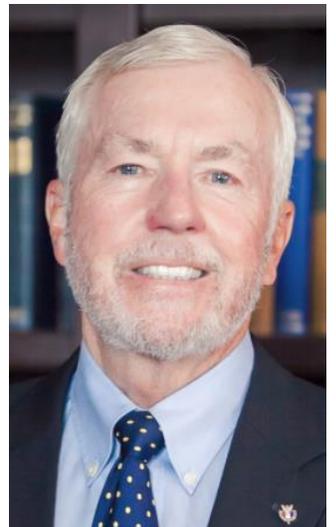
were scheduled to begin their summer camp at Alegre the following Monday were reassigned to other Scout camps in California. The Council is grateful to other camps for accommodating our scouts at the last minute!

We are also blessed with a strong Scout Executive and Council Board as well as a dedicated staff who are working hard to develop a plan to rebuild our camp. Your ideas and comments are welcomed as we look at various scenarios of moving forward with reconstruction of Alegre.

For those who may have missed it, our Scout Executive Carlos Cortez was recently honored by the Pacific Coast Business Times. In a special issue in June that honored Hispanic leaders in the Central Coast, Carlos was featured as the honoree for the nonprofit sector. Please join me in recognizing and thanking Carlos for this recognition, not only for him but for Boy Scouts of America.

I just returned from hiking two weeks in Montana. The Beartooth Range in southwestern Montana is a positively beautiful and remote group of mountains. After spending a day in Yellowstone National Park, my wife, daughter and I drove the Beartooth Scenic Highway for 68 miles to Red Lodge, Montana. From Red Lodge we took day hikes of 8 to 12 miles on different trails in that area. The glacial lakes and wild flowers provided some of the most spectacular scenery I have ever seen. I recommend this area to scouts and parents who are looking for a new and peaceful adventure!

Yours in Scouting,
John Brinker, Council
President



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Upcoming Events

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

1 Aug., Membership, Program, and Popcorn Kick-offs

5 Aug., Popcorn Take Order Sales Begin

19 Aug., Order of the Arrow Council of Chiefs Meeting (Section W4N)

25-27 Aug., Order of the Arrow Summer Ordeal

26 Aug., Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee

29 Aug., Popcorn Show and Tell Orders Due to Council

14 Sep., Popcorn Show and Tell Delivery

15-17 Sep., Order of the Arrow Section W4N Conclave

16 Sep., Popcorn Show and Tell Distribution

23 Sep., STEM & PG&E: Nuclear Science Merit Badge

28 Sep., District Operations Meeting (Distribution of 2018 Charter Renewal Packets)

29 Sep. to 1 Oct., Catholic Scout Retreat

30 Sep., Wilderness First Aid (session 1)

2 Oct., District FOS Chairs Recruited

5 Oct., Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee

7 Oct., Wilderness First Aid (session 2)

10 Oct., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

14 Oct., University of Scouting & Cub Scout Leader Pow-Wow

19 Oct., Scouting: A Celebration of Youth

21-22 Oct., Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)

21 Oct., Popcorn Take Order Sales End; forms due on 24 Oct

21 Oct., STEM & PG&E: Electricity Merit Badge

27-28 Oct., Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

30 Oct., Unit FOS Chairs recruited

Cachuma District

1 Aug., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

5 Sep., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

3 Oct., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

Camino Real District

9 Aug., OA Chapter Meeting

10 Aug., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

23 Aug., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable & Unit Commissioner Meeting

13 Sep., OA Chapter Meeting

14 Sep., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

27 Sep., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable & Unit Commissioner Meeting

11 Oct., OA Chapter Meeting

12 Oct., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

25 Oct., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable & Unit Commissioner Meeting

Del Norte District

3 Aug., Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

3 Aug., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

17 Aug., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting

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31 Aug., Thu., Eagle Board of Review
2 Sep., BALOO training
7 Sep., Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
7 Sep., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
14 Sep., Thu., 6/7 pm, OA Chapter Meeting
19 Sep., Tue., Life to Eagle Seminar
21 Sep., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
28 Sep., Thu., Eagle Board of Review
5 Oct., Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
5 Oct., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
12 Oct., Thu., 6/7 pm, OA Chapter Meeting
17 Oct., Tue., Eagle Project Coach Training
19 Oct., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
21 Oct., Sat., Charter Organization Representative Training
26 Oct., Thu., Eagle Board of Review

Live Oak District

17 Aug., Roundtable (Lompoc)
24 Aug., District Committee Meeting
21 Sep., Roundtable (Lompoc)
28 Sep., District Committee Meeting
11 Oct., Charter Renewal Orientation
19 Oct., Roundtable
26 Oct., District Committee Meeting

South Coast District

7 Aug., Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
10 Aug., Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting

10 Aug., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
17 Aug., Eagle Board of Review
24 Aug., Unit Commissioner Meeting
24 Aug., Eagle Board of Review
4 Sep., Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
14 Sep., Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting
14 Sep., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
16-17 Sep., Goleta Lemon Festival
21 Sep., Eagle Board of Review
28 Aug., Unit Commissioner Meeting
28 Aug., Eagle Board of Review

Program

Program Proclamations

[Will return in October issue]

Lynn Johnson
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Rancho Alegre News

Our Boy Scout Camp Rancho Alegre was a victim of the recent Whittier Fire near Cachuma Lake. All the staff and instructor's lost their homes. Scout camp facilities and the Outdoor School will rebuild from the ashes with the community's support and contributions.

<https://www.gofundme.com/camp-rancho-alegreoutdoor-school>

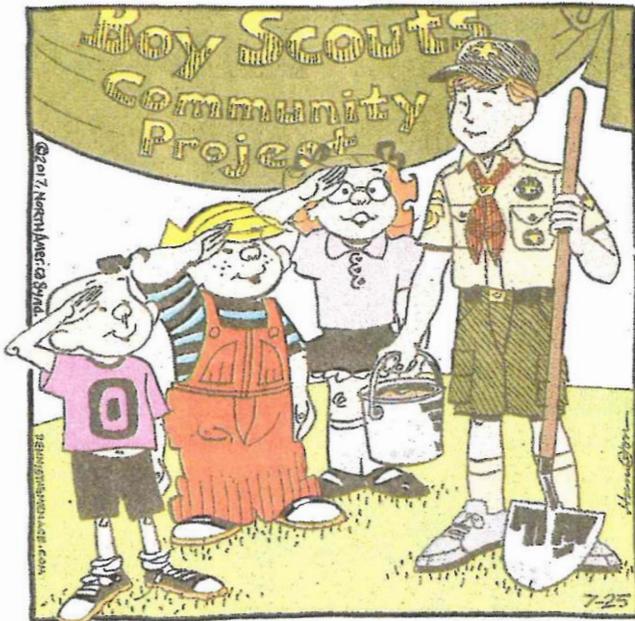
As of 29 July \$6,330 has been raised toward the goal of \$100,000; the campaign is trending.

Scout leaders, parents, and Scouts who have additional questions concerning Rancho

Alegre can e-mail him at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org.

Los Padres Council Service Hours

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“Thank you for your service.”

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>.

[Submitted by Rosemary Zea Bauer, Council Registrar]

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

2 Sep. BALOO training sponsored by Del Norte district



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,

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South Coast District – Zea Bauer,

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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 (NYLT). 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

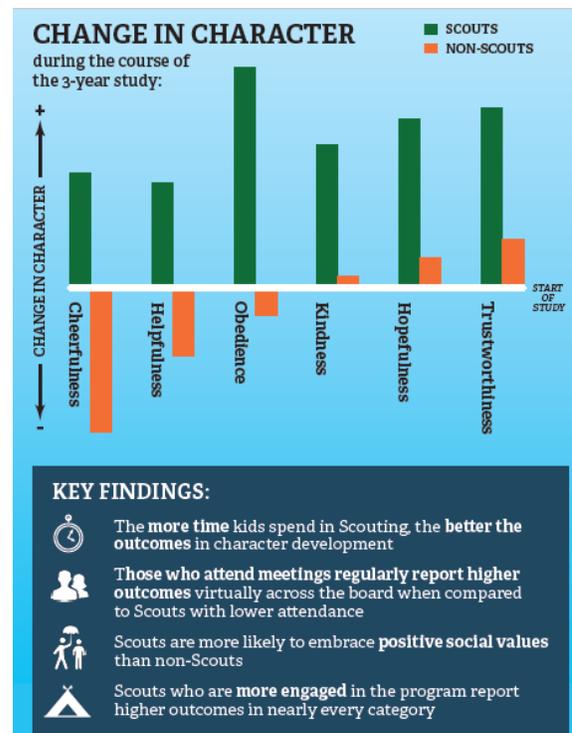
We are actively looking for staff for Wood Badge. If you have your beads and would like to learn more about how Wood Badge



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.

Membership

Fall is almost here and with it comes and opportunity to recruit new scouts. Why do we make such a big effort to recruit new scouts? A recent study conducted by Dr. Richard Lerner and Tufts University has confirmed what the BSA has believed and thought to be true for many years, Scouting causes positive changes in the character of youth. The study compared Scouting youth to non-Scouting youth over a period of several years and found an increase in positive character development when compared to non-Scouts. The following infographic shows the benefits in to youth who become scouts.



Recruiting also makes a difference to you unit's program and viability. The more youth that

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your unit has, the more opportunities are opened for the Scouts. This is largely due to an increase in adults that can help with the program and make things happen. Adults and Scouters also bring resources to your unit that you might not already have. There is no drawback to having too many Scouts, Scouters, and Adults. Right now, is a great time to start thinking about what your pack needs to do to successfully recruit this fall, and throughout the year. Remember, recruiting is a year-round activity! Every unit should have a recruiting event before the end of September.

Most units have set recruiting methods developed overtime, without or with planning. The "we've always done it this way" method is not the most effective. To help those units recruit differently, using different approaches that are proven to work through use, the Council conducts membership training on a regular basis for all units interested. Los Padres Council provides training to any Pack, Troop or Crew leadership every summer through the Council's District Membership Committees. In addition, we rely on a wide variety of materials developed and available from the National BSA library and from unit developed materials. We advocate the use of "best practices" that are tried and true in recruiting new members. These resources and methods provide your unit with time tested ways of recruiting scouts. Including time lines for setting up a recruiting event, checklists that help organize recruiting activities, signup night organizational chart, info on Council provided resources, and more.

The Council will provide training in Del Norte, Camino Real, Live Oak and South Coast districts in late July and early August.

Talk to your District Executive to find out your district's date for training and who should plan on attending. In addition, they can provide you with directions to find a lot of training materials through the national Scouting websites.

Here is contact information for your District Executive:

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South Coast District

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Cachuma District

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[submitted by David Athey, Membership Vice President]

Order of the Arrow Chumash Lodge 90

Chumash Lodge 90, which was formed in 1996 by the merger of the Canalino Lodge 90 and The Chumash Lodge 304, has been cheerfully serving our local council for 101 years.

[submitted by Dr. Jacques Benoit, Adviser, Chumash Lodge 90]

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Camp Card Sales a Success

Scouters;

I want to thank all the Scouts and their parents who participated in the inaugural Camp Card Sales Campaign for the Council. Your efforts and enthusiasm made this new endeavor a smashing success. Our objective was to empower Scouts and Units with a fundraising opportunity with little or no overhead that would be mutually rewarding to all. I hope all of you benefited from this opportunity and are doing great things with the money you earned. Every sale also contributed to the Council's goals and our ability to provide the best Scouting experience ever. A special thanks to District Executive Paul Bradley, for his leadership, planning and execution of this new fundraiser. Please join me in congratulating the Camp Card Prize recipients listed below for 2017. These Scouts did a great job of selling. Each weekly recipient was selected from the "I Sold 25" winners that were turned in weekly by the Unit Camp Card Coordinators.

All prizes have been distributed to the respective offices for distribution. Please contact your District Executive to arrange delivery of your prizes. We also welcome your suggestions and ideas to make it even better.

As a Council, these Scouts, and hundreds more across Los Padres Council, helped to make the Camp Card a successful campaign. We hope to see all Scouts participating with this fundraiser next year.

Yours in Scouting,
Dave Brown
Council Development VP

Camp Card Weekly Winners

1. Wyatt Lomino, P 111, DN, \$ 25 gift card to Target.
2. Grayson Snodgrass, T 324, LO, \$ 25 gift card to Target
3. Seth Roldan, T176, DN, \$ 25 gift card to Target.
4. Connor Gates, T 4, SC, \$25 gift card to Target

5. Alex Ekegren, P 214, CR, \$ 25 gift card to Target.
6. Campbell O'Lary, T 51, DN, 1 Ravine Waterpark Admission
7. Gabe Limotta, T42, CAC, \$25 gift card to Target
8. Lucas Sharpiro-Jones, P 92, DN, 1 Ravine Waterpark Admission
9. Zachary Liljenquist, T 46, CAC, \$25 gift card to Target
10. Jonah Mosher, P 31, CR, \$ 25 gift card to Target.
11. Gage Chaney, T 60, DN, \$ 25 gift card to Target
12. Alec Mahar, T 308, CR, \$ 25 gift card to Target.

Camp Card Top Sellers Awards

1. Brendan Mendoza, T 60, DN, \$ 50 gift card to Wal-Mart
2. Grant Komm, T 60, DN, \$ 50 gift card to Target
3. Ryan Dostalek, T 308, CR, 2 admission tickets to Boomers

Camp Card Grand Prize

Joe Cooper, T123, DN, RCA Voyager III Tablet

Advancement Update

The following changes to camping requirements were made effective August 1, 2017:

Second Class

Current Requirement

1a. Since joining, participate in five separate troop/patrol activities, three of which include overnight camping. These five activities do not include troop or patrol meetings. On at least two of the three campouts, spend the night in a tent that you pitch or other structure that you help erect (such as a lean-to, snow cave, or tepee).

New Requirement

1a. Since joining Boy Scouts, participate in five separate troop/patrol activities, at least three of which must be held outdoors. Of the outdoor activities, at least two must include overnight camping. These activities do not include troop or patrol meetings. On campouts, spend the

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night in a tent that you pitch or other structure that you help erect, such as a lean-to, snow cave, or tepee.

First Class

Current Requirement

1a. Since joining, participate in 10 separate troop/patrol activities, six of which include overnight camping. These 10 activities do not include troop or patrol meetings. On at least five of the six campouts, spend the night in a tent that you pitch or other structure that you help erect (such as a lean-to, snow cave, or tepee).

New Requirement

1a. Since joining Boy Scouts, participate in 10 separate troop/patrol activities, at least six of which must be held outdoors. Of the outdoor activities, at least three must include overnight camping. These activities do not include troop or patrol meetings. On campouts, spend the night in a tent that you pitch or other structure that you help erect, such as a lean-to, snow cave, or tepee.

Changes to Requirements for Eagle Palms

1. A new Eagle Scout can instantly receive, alongside his Eagle medal, all Eagle Palms he has earned for merit badges completed before he became an Eagle Scout. These Palms recognize additional merit badges earned before completing the Eagle board of review. Previously, an Eagle Scout needed to wait three months between each Palm — even if he earned the extra merit badges before becoming an Eagle. This meant that, under the old rules, a young man who became an Eagle Scout at 17 years and 10 months, was mathematically unable to earn any Eagle Palms.

- Example: Glenn, a 16-year-old Life Scout, has 36 merit badges at the time of his Eagle Scout board of review — 15 more than required. Previously, he would've needed to wait three months after his Eagle board of review to receive his Bronze Palm, another three

months for his Gold Palm and another three for his Silver Palm. Under the new rules, he can get that Silver Palm (representing 15 additional merit badges) along with his Eagle medal at his Eagle Scout court of honor. No wait required.

- Note: After becoming an Eagle Scout and receiving the Palms already earned, additional Palms may be earned by completing the revised requirements, including the three months tenure between awarding each Palm.
2. The three-month tenure requirement has been expanded to allow active participation in any BSA program — not just the troop and patrol.
 - This recognizes that as some Scouts get older, their Scouting participation shifts to the Order of the Arrow, summer camp staff or elsewhere.
 3. The leadership requirement has been broadened to include “accepting responsibility” as well as “demonstrating leadership.”
 4. The Eagle Palm board of review has been eliminated.
 - Eagle Palms are not ranks, so the Eagle Palm board of review was seen as an unnecessary step. A unit leader conference is deemed to be sufficient and may be conducted at any time during the tenure requirement.

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. If you have information to share, please let me know. Start-Stop-Continue feedback is welcome. Contact Brad Ross, Editor, rossbrada@gmail.com, 805-688-4849 (evenings)

WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS OFFERED!!

The Los Padres Council is pleased to once again offer a Wilderness First Aid Course. This course is now required for all units that attend one of the National High Adventure Base Programs (Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier). It is also a great course to take for all units that are going on a backcountry trip.

Wilderness First Aid is invaluable to you, the unit or trek leader, as it goes well beyond your basic first aid.

When you are hours from available emergency medical services, you will be really thankful that you took this course! This course is 16 hours in length, but invaluable in the resources you will learn to use.



The course will be held at the Scout House, Atascadero Lake Pavilion, 9315 Pismo Street, Atascadero on SAT 30 SEP and SAT 07 OCT 2017, from 8:00 to 5:00 both days

No meals will be provided.

A pre-requisite for the course is current (taken within 2 years) certification in Adult CPR and AED (automatic external defibrillator). You will need to bring a copy of your card to the course. ALL participants must be at least 16 years of age and bring a current BSA Medical, Parts A & B & C

Costs for the Wilderness First Aid course: Los Padres Council Scouters \$110.00 per person; Non Los Padres Council Scouters \$140.00; Non-scout community members \$160. Costs include the course, course materials, supplies, and certification card.

Priority will be given to: 1) Los Padres Council scouters, 2) other council scouters, then 3) non-scout community members

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRI 01 SEPTEMBER 2017

You must attend all course sessions and participate fully - this is a physically demanding course.

To sign up, go to the council website, www.lpcbsa.org and click on the link to the Wilderness First Aid Course.

For more information, e-mail George Brown at kf6pbl@hotmail.com or call him at 805 459 4225.



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The advertisement features a young boy in a dark blue Cub Scout uniform shirt and tie, with his arms raised in a joyful gesture. He is wearing several patches on his shirt. The background is a vibrant yellow and blue comic book style, with a jagged yellow tear effect revealing a blue background. In the top right corner, there is a small logo of a Cub Scout head in a diamond shape. The text is prominently displayed in blue and white, with the discount offer being the central focus.

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Day Camp Photos from George Brown, Camino Real District. Clockwise from top left: den chief at the cub level, on the range, boats ahoy, den chief teaching flag folding, cubs at the squirt



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Rancho Alegre Memories from Zea Bauer: clockwise from top left: Camporee, climbing wall, Pack 21 end of year campout & advancement at Larsen Meadow, Bridging at Larsen Meadow

