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Council Executive Message

To the 67 Eagle Scouts in the Los Padres Council Class of 2015 –

It is my honor and delight to congratulate all of you for completing the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. On behalf of the Council and its leadership, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our communities. Your accomplishment is something we can all be proud of. Life is a series of challenges—by becoming an Eagle Scout you have demonstrated that you are ready to overcome those challenges. You have demonstrated to other youth that goal setting, hard work, and dedication do get rewarded. Keep applying that to everything you do.



You are now part of a very elite group, so remember that this is only the beginning of your journey. As you move forward into the future others will look to you for leadership and guidance. I trust that you will keep making us proud and live by the Scout Oath and Law. Thank you and congratulations.

Eagle #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Unit #	District
3472	Gabriel	R	Zachrich	Arroyo Grande	Troop 0026	CR
3473	Wyatt	Christian	Copeland	Lompoc	Troop 2103	LO
3474	Brandon	Kyle	Elliott	Lompoc	Troop 0103	LO
3475	Eli	Nielsen	Wright	Santa Barbara	Troop 0020	SC
3476	Jace	William	Wright	Santa Barbara	Troop 0020	SC
3477	Benjamin	Joseph	Donahue	Buellton	Troop 0042	CA
3478	David	Patrick	Shove	Santa Barbara	Troop 0036	SC
3479	Harrison	Ian	Wethington	Arroyo Grande	Troop 0489	CR
3480	Samuel	Tanner	Spackman	Santa Barbara	Crew 0020	SC
3481	Michael	Anthony	Chiavacci	Santa Maria	Troop 0394	LO
3482	Trevor	James	Neri	Santa Maria	Troop 0076	LO
3483	Stephen	Robert	McCaffery	Santa Barbara	Troop 0026	SC
3484	Jose		Ojeda	Nipomo	Crew 0432	LO
3435	Michael	Leon	Velasquez	Paso Robles	Troop 0060	DN
3486	Richard	Lloyd	Andrus	Paso Robles	Crew 0264	DN
3487	Christian		Cabrales	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0322	CR
3488	Bernard	Corcoran	Duffy	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0322	CR
3489	Joseph	Christian	Guidetti	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0006	CR
3490	Steven	Aaron	Tallant	Arroyo Grande	Troop 0489	CR
3491	Jared	Thomas	English	Orcutt	Troop 0093	LO
3492	Jonathan	C	Frey	Goleta	Troop 0105	SC
3493	Mark	Elias	Phillips	Lompoc	Troop 0103	LO

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3494	Jeremy	Everett	Ladwig	Lompoc	Troop 2103	LO
3495	Johnathan	Daniel	Reyes	Buellton	Troop 0042	CA
3496	Jeremy		McNeil	Nipomo	Crew 0432	LO
3497	Benjamin	Stockton	Gaines	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0308	CR
3498	Tegan	Donavan	Rawlins	San Luis Obispo	Team 0355	CR
3499	Carter	Phillip	Block	Goleta	Troop 0037	SC
3500	Jacob	Kent	Steelsmith	Goleta	Troop 0122	SC
3501	Jason		Diep	Santa Barbara	Troop 0004	SC
3502	Nicholas	E	Ray	Solvang	Crew 0046	CA
3503	Patrick	Edward	Miller	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0006	CR
3504	Jerry	Alvino	Zuniga	Atascadero	Troop 0155	DN
3505	Cooper	Douglas	Merrill	Nipomo	Crew 0432	LO
3506	Joseph	Frank	Parrish	Santa Maria	Troop 0087	LO
3507	Nathan	Andrew	Voigt	Goleta	Troop 0122	SC
3508	Duncan	Bradford	Smith	Carpinteria	Troop 0050	SC
3509	Roy		Hapeman	Santa Barbara	Troop 0001	SC
3510	James	P	Taylor	Santa Barbara	Troop 0026	SC
3511	Riley	Kimrin	Barrad	Santa Barbara	Troop 0026	SC
3512	David	Philip	Zevallos	Santa Barbara	Troop 0026	SC
3513	Brent	Kenji	Underwood	Arroyo Grande	Troop 0026	CR
3514	Michael	Robert	Limotta III	Arroyo Grande	Troop 0042	CA
3515	Jams	Michael	Dale	Goleta	Troop 0105	SC
3516	Luke	Daniel	Williams	Goleta	Troop 0105	SC
3517	Joshua	Cooper	Acuna	Santa Barbara	Troop 0026	SC
3518	Tyler	Bryant	Cruise	Lompoc	Troop 0394	LO
3519	Nathan	John	Cofield	Orcutt	Troop 0093	LO
3520	Royal	Anthony	LaPlante IV	Santa Maria	Troop 0093	LO
3521	Jack	Anderson	Copeland	Santa Barbara	Troop 0105	SC
3522	Logan		Hulstine	Santa Maria	Crew 0086	LO
3523	Collin	Bradley	Olmstead	Orcutt	Troop 0095	LO
3524	Eric	Hanping	Wang	Goleta	Troop 0004	SC
3525	Zachary	Kekai	Adams	Atascadero	Troop 0150	DN
3526	Felipe	Antonio	DeJesus	Atascadero	Troop 0226	DN
3527	Lucas	Kirk	Springe	Paso Robles	Troop 0176	DN
3528	Andrew	George	Magie	Templeton	Troop 0434	DN
3529	Samuel	Pratt	Eisendrath	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0006	CR
3530	Dylan	Liam	Ceronio	Nipomo	Troop 0450	CR
3531	Warn	Alan	Burt	Solvang	Troop 0041	CA
3532	Anthony	Sanders	Arena	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0060	DN
3533	Mitchel	Scott	Watterson	Templeton	Team 0364	DN
3534	Grant	David	Scheiffele	Paso Robles	Troop 0060	DN
3535	Iver	Kevin Kent	Hansen	Paso Robles	Troop 0060	DN
3536	Zachary	Sands	Hymas	Morro Bay	Troop 0214	CR
3537	Eric	Steven	Rinell	Arroyo Grande	Troop 0322	CR
3538	Jacob	Alexander	Kramer	San Luis Obispo	Troop 0322	CR

2016 is well on its way but we wanted to review some of our 2015 highlights with you.

- Over 2,800 registered members
- Over 1,500 registered leaders
- Over 22,500 service hours donated to our local community

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- 67 Scouts achieved the Rank of Eagle
- Over 21,000 pounds of food donated to local pantries
- Over 3,000 MB badges and awards earned by our Scouts
- Over 14,000 people served by our Council

Thank you for your contribution to these accomplishments. We would not be able to do this without your leadership and commitment to our youth, families and communities.

Serving more youth is our priority in 2016, but in order to accomplish this we need your help. We need your support of our 2016 Friends of Scouting campaign. While we are making great strides in getting increased support from local community businesses and foundations, they like to know how many of our own families support the program that they are a part of. Your support in FOS will greatly increase the chances we will get additional community support and improve the service we give to you and other Scouts. The 2016 campaign has kicked off. Be part of the improvement and contribute in support of one or many Scouts. Every contribution counts!

Click here if you would like to support a Scout now.

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/friends-of-scouting-2015/1680957>

Thank you for the support you have afforded our Scouts in the past, we look forward to your support. If there is anything I can ever do to support your or a Scout's efforts please let me know. Thanks to the 2015 sponsors of Los Padres Council, listed below. Their support has made a difference in the lives of over 14,000 people served by our Council.

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Yours in Scouting
Carlos Cortez
Scout Executive/CEO

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

- 6 Feb.**, Scout Sabbath
- 7 Feb.**, Scout Sunday
- 9 Feb.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting 7pm
- 13 Feb.**, Executive Board Retreat
- 16 Feb.**, Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Feb.**, Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day, morning and afternoon sessions
- 26-27 Feb.**, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders
- 27 Feb.**, STEM day at PG&E (see pages 19 & 20)
- 27 Feb.**, BALOO Training at Arroyo Grande, 8:30 am
- 5 Mar.**, Scoutmaster, Varsity Leader and Venturing Leader Position Specific Trainings in Santa Maria, 9:00 am or 9:30 am start
- 5 Mar.**, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders, 1-5 pm, Day 1
- 11-12 Mar.**, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders, 6:30 pm Friday to 5:00 pm Saturday, Day 2
- 15 Mar.**, Executive Board Meeting
- 19 Mar.**, Southern California Commissioners' College
- 8-9 Apr.**, Wilderness First Aid, noon Friday to 9:00 pm Saturday, Rancho Alegre
- 12 Apr.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting 7pm
- 19 Apr.**, Executive Committee Meeting
- 28 Apr.**, District Operations Meeting, Santa Maria

19-28 Jul. 2017 National Scout Jamboree, information at www.bsajamboree.org. LPC will be organizing a troop and a crew to attend.

Upcoming Events: Cachuma District

- 2 Feb.**, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 7 Mar.**, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 4 Apr.**, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

- 11 Feb.**, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 24 Feb.**, Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable
- 27 Feb.**, BALOO training
- 10 Mar.**, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 23 Mar.**, Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable
- 14 Apr.**, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 15-17 Apr.**, Camp-O-Ree
- 27 Apr.**, Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable

Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

- 4 Feb.**, OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 4 Feb.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 11 Feb.**, OA Chapter Meeting and Ice Cream Social, 7 pm
- 18 Feb.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 20 Feb.**, Merit Badge Pow-Wow, 8 am to noon (see pages 17 and 18)
- 26 Feb.**, Fri., District Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- 3 Mar.**, OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 3 Mar.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

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10 Feb., OA Chapter Meeting with Hawaiian Theme, 7 pm

17 Feb., Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

7 Apr., OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm

7 Apr., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

14 Apr., OA Chapter Meeting, 7 pm

21 Apr., Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

23 Apr., Merit Badge Pow-Wow, 8 am to noon

24 Apr., Railroad Merit Badge

29-30 Apr., Del Norte Camp-O-Ree

Upcoming Events: Live Oak

5 Mar., Merit Badge Pow-Wow, 8:30 to 1:15 pm

12 Mar., Merit Badge Pow-Wow, 8:30 to 1:15 pm

19 Mar., Merit Badge Pow-Wow, 8:30 to 1:15 pm

Upcoming Events: South Coast

1 Feb. Mon. 5:40 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 4000 Modoc Rd., register on-line.

4 Feb., Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting

5 Feb., District Pinewood Derby

10 Feb., District Award of Merit Nominations Deadline

11 Feb., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

24 Feb., District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm

27 Feb., Scouting for Food, 8 am to 1:30 pm

3 Mar., Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting

7 Mar. Mon. 5:40 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 4000 Modoc Rd., register on-line.

10 Mar., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

18 Mar., District Recognition Dinner for Adults and Eagle Scouts, 5:40 pm

23 Mar., District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm

4 Apr. Mon. 5:40 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 4000 Modoc Rd., register on-line.

7 Apr., Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting

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

16 Apr., BALOO Training

22-24 Apr., South Coast Camporee

27 Apr., District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm

Rancho Alegre Update

Our council properties committee has developed a new list of capital improvement projects for Rancho Alegre. This list, along with some photos and diagrams, are now available for viewing on our Los Padres Council website. We invite individuals, foundations, and other organizations to support the long range development of our camp by donating dollars or services to these projects. We are also pleased to report that we received funding toward the construction of a **new climbing wall** at camp at the conclusion of 2015! This exciting program enhancement will improve the camping experience of older Scouts and Venturers. [Submitted by Scott Oldenburg)

2015 SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

Council President Randal Moos and Del Norte District Commissioner Bob Putney received the 2015 Silver Beaver award from the Los Padres Council.



Bob Putney



Randal Moos

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

Both Randal and Bob exemplify dedication and commitment to helping our youth attain their goals at all levels of our programs. Due to their continued leadership and support our council has improved and our youth have received the support they need.

Thanks to Randal and Bob for all they have done, and for blazing the trail for others to follow.

Council President Musings

Dear Scouts and Families as well as Fellow Scouters,

We are entering into a very interesting new year with many positive accomplishments in 2015. You may notice in both the Scout Executive and Council Commissioner reports, we finished 2015 much stronger than we expected and ironically it was our financials that finally lead us to the Journey to Excellence (JTE) Bronze Award at the council level.

I know many of you may be thinking: What's the big deal about these JTE awards and our standing as a Council? Most of our units focus on their own activities, tracking their accomplishments, probably unaware of the bigger picture.

Here are a couple reasons why it's important to always do our best when keeping track through JTE:

Currently we have a much reduced staff situation in our Council. Mr. Cortez is doing his best with the support of a limited staff covering a large territory including: 2 District Executives, Program Director, Office Manager, Registrar



and Accounting. We need to add a minimum of 2 more staff. Our JTE performance and overall health as a Council can either help us or hurt us depending on the positions we're attempting to fill. These are BSA professionals who know what to look for and are interviewing our Council as well.

Most of us are competitive and always want to succeed at whatever competitive endeavor we engage. Well the same holds true when trying to recruit, our performance matters when trying to build our team toward success. Many prospects with experience come from other Councils and need to feel like they're on a winning team and have upward mobility. They want to advance their careers, feel more stability and make more money. This is normal in every industry.

This year we are going to make some positive changes throughout our Council. Please work with your Unit Commissioner to get the JTE scorecard completed so that we can make our Council and Scouting the best it can be.

Yours in Scouting, Randal Moos

Council Commissioner Corner

Charter Renewal

We have completed the charter renewal period for this year. The December 31st deadline has passed. Some units have discovered that advancements and their patches will not be issued without a completed re-charter process. Units should have them reviewed by their Unit Commissioner to ensure that the forms have been completed correctly and that the required training mandates have been met. If your unit does not have an assigned Unit Commissioner, contact your District Commissioner.

It is important that your unit has completed the charter renewal process, including posting by the Council Registrar. There is no grace period for late charters in the Los Padres Council this year. As mentioned in the previous Council newsletter, units which did not complete the re-charter process by December

31st will be considered lapsed/unregistered until such time as the charter renewal process is completed and posted.

As also discussed in the last Council newsletter, adult volunteers must meet certain mandated training requirements in order to reregister on the unit's re-charter roster. All adult volunteers must complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) on an annual basis beginning this year. A volunteer must have a 2015 completion date for YPT in order to reregister. Adult volunteers in unit leadership positions must have completed the designated position specific training program for their position in order to reregister. If you need assistance with the process, contact your Unit Commissioner, your District Commissioner or the Council Commissioner.

Journey to Excellence the 2015 Journey to Excellence (JTE) program ended on December 31st. By the end of January, you should finalize and submit your unit's 2015 JTE scorecard. Contact a local commissioner for assistance. At the same time, your commissioner will be discussing the 2016 JTE program with your unit.

If your unit does not have a Unit Commissioner, contact your District Commissioner. [Submitted by Dave Penn]

Pertinent Program Proclamations

We just concluded our January projects. We as the lead volunteers of the Council were able to get together at the District Workshop on January 23. We first talked about our successes in 2015. There are many good things going on, it's great to be involved in this great organization, and it's great to be a member of Los Padres Council. We are still celebrating that not only did the Council score a Bronze recognition for 2015 in Journey to Excellence, but each one of our districts also rated either Bronze or Silver. This doesn't happen often that all Districts and any Council are able to do that. The criteria are such that either can earn a rating while the other is not able to be successful. Way to go people, that is

really good news! We also spent some time at the District Workshop talking about how to increase those ratings for 2016. We can do this, and here are some ideas on how to make that happen.

Then that evening we held our annual Council Dinner. It was nice to see so many good scouters together. We were honored to have seven Commissioners received their recognition for tireless jobs well done. We finished up the evening with congratulating Randal Moos and Bob Putney on their receiving the Silver Beaver awards for 2016. Both of these gentlemen have done much to ensure that the lives of the youth of the council are blessed.

In the next two months, we're going to need to get ready for Camporees around the Council. Scoutmasters have you contacted your Order of the Arrow chapter leadership and invited them to come to your troop meeting for OA elections? Are you ready for Camporee and to help your Scouts have a fun time? Have you talked to the various Webelos Den Leaders and invited them to bring their dens to meet you there and talk about what your Troop has to offer?

Cub Scout Leaders, are you ready for the Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day? There will be two sessions on February 20, see the website for more information and to get registered.

Speaking of fun days, we are going to have a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) Day on February 27. It's sponsored by PG&E and will be at the Energy Information Center, just south of SLO. The website has more information for you on that. It's going to be wonderful, and we are very glad to have PG&E's support again.

Happy Scouting everyone! We are doing great things to help the young people of our Council. Thank you for all that you do, I hope to see you on the trail as we help make 2016 an even better year than 2015 was.

[submitted by Lynn Johnson]

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day

Registration is now open for our Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day on Saturday, February 20th. Cost is only \$12 per Cub Scout and includes three great events archery -, bb guns, and slingshots. Registration can only be made on line at the Council website. There are two sessions. The morning session runs from 9 until noon. The afternoon session is from 1 until 4 pm. Check-in will be at the Observatory by the Scout entrance one half hour before the event starts. Only 40 scouts per session. To sign up for the morning session, use the link - <http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/cub-scout-shooting-sports-day-morning-session/1743927>

The afternoon session link is <http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/cub-scout-shooting-sports-day-afternoon-session/1743928>.

This event sells out early, and this is the only time it is being offered this year. Get your reservation in early. Packs wishing to make this into a overnight camping opportunity or a full day of hikes and other activities should contact Scott Oldenburg. For additional information, contact the Rancho Alegre Business Office at 686-5167 or alegre@hughes.net.

[submitted by Wayne Rascati]

Summer Camp 2016

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 will remain the same as last year. This summer there will be three programs occurring at the camp.

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 12-17. Cost is only \$335 (\$310 if registered and paid in full by April 15, 2016.)

Boy Scout Summer Camp opens on Sunday, July 10, and ends on Saturday, July 16. For Scouts attending with their unit, cost is \$375.00 per youth. Adult leadership is \$220.00 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 \$400. We also have a special rate for Day Campers of only \$345. 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 COPE Course, and we are 90 percent certain that we will be offering the Climbing Merit Badge. It appears that the drought may be over and based on the amount of rain the area receives, we are planning on offering the Canoeing, Kayaking, and Rowing Merit Badges. Our Trail to First Class program has been redesigned to be in compliance with the new requirements effective January 1, 2016.

Our third program is **Cub Scouts and Family Resident Camp** which runs July 17-20.

Rates for this program are \$285 for one adult and one child or \$335 for the entire immediate family. Older siblings needing to work on rank requirements can schedule time in Scoutcraft to demonstrate and get signed off. Cub Scout rank advancement requirements changed in 2015, and our camp will work on Scouts completing some of the activity



programs in 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 Hawaiian Vacation. Think of how much you will save on airfare and expensive hotels if you celebrate the event and at any of our camps.

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]

Membership Roundup

Would your Pack like to have more Cub Scouts, more leaders, and more fun? Are you looking for ways to recruit members? Is your unit planning to carry out two recruiting events this year? Do you have a Unit Membership Chairperson? The answer to these four questions should be... YES! But how do get to yes? First, download the **2016 Membership Growth Plan** from



<http://pcbsa.doubleknot.com/membership/60336>

This Unit Membership Growth Plan contains everything you need to plan and carryout two successful recruiting events in 2016. Second, recruit a **Unit Membership Chairperson**. You're best recruiting and retention tool is an adult unit volunteer.

Don't delay in filling your Unit Membership Chairperson position. This Scouter is a member of your unit's committee whose **sole focus is membership growth and retention**. Don't know who to ask you say. Well, the Unit Membership Chairperson can be anyone that is energetic and wants to help. Try to find a volunteer who is a connector. A connector is someone who knows a lot of other parents. It could be a parent who is involved in PTA or other organizations. It could also be someone who is just interested in the position. The main thing is you just need to ask them.

What does a Unit Membership Chairperson do? And what resources are available to make this vital position easy? The **Unit Membership Growth Plan** has all the answers and tips. Since the Unit Membership Chairperson solely focuses on membership the activities are straight forward.

So what is the Council/District/Unit recruitment plan this year? A broad overview is included below. Be sure to download the **Unit Membership Growth Plan** to get all the needed information.

- Conduct two recruitment/Scouting promotion events in 2016.
- Ask your local Boy Scout Troop and Order of the Arrow Chapter for recruiting help.
- Distribute membership fliers to schools and churches in the unit's area.
- Conduct Scouting rallies and boy talks in schools, leveraging council support when needed.
- Attend the district's membership chair training sessions, which will focus on best practices.
- Participate in the Adopt-a-School service and community service projects needed for Scouting's Journey to Excellence score.
- Help your unit achieve Scouting's Journey to Excellence gold status in membership.
- Update the unit's BeAScout pin and follow up with leads.
- Make sure the unit's Webelos transition to Scouts.

The most important thing we can do is provide an opportunity for boys to join.

Download the plan now and get started. This is going to be your Scout's best year of Scouting yet!

[submitted by David Athey, V.P. Membership]

2017 National Scout Jamboree

Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders who are interested in participating in the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia are encouraged let us know of their interest by signing into the Jamboree website at:

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

The Jamboree will run from July 19 to 28, 2017. The trip for our contingent will also include a tour of major sites on the east coast, starting in the Philadelphia area. We anticipate that the total cost will be approximately \$3500, the same as the last Jamboree.

Our steering committee will soon be selecting leaders for our council contingent which, we anticipate, will include a Scout troop of 36 Scouts and a coed Venture patrol of 8 youth.

More details will be available soon on our council website and through our local council service centers. [submitted by Scott Oldenburg]

Trainer's Corner

Dr. Larry Basham, Council Training Chair

2016 ADULT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- o All direct & indirect leaders must be fully trained in 2016 to re-charter for 2017
- o This means classroom and/or online training as required for your position
- o Youth protection training must be renewed every year



What does this mean to You?

- o If you are a Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster, Den Leader/Asst. Den Leader, or Pack Committee member you MUST complete the online training (all modules) for your position
- o If you are a Scoutmaster/Asst. SM, Varsity Coach/ Asst. Coach or Venture Advisor/Asst. Adv., you MUST complete the Position-Specific training for your position AND Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)

Please see the policy outline 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.

UPCOMING COUNCIL TRAINING EVENTS:

Feb. 26-27 - Intro. to Outdoor Ldr. Skills & Webelos Ldr. Outdoor training - Rancho Alegre Friday 6:30pm to 9pm Saturday



March 5 - Scoutmaster/ASM Position-Specific Training – Santa Maria (during MB Pow-Wow)

IOLS/OLS-WL Session 1 – Santa Maria (after Pow-Wow) 1-5pm

March 11-12 - IOLS/OLS-WL Session 2 – Pioneer Park, Santa Maria, 6:30pm Friday to 5pm Saturday

April 8-9 - Wilderness First-Aid & CPR – at Rancho Alegre (MUST register by March 18th)

May 6-7 - IOLS/OLS-WL at Rancho Alegre, 6:30pm Friday to 9pm Saturday

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

This is required training for Scoutmasters, ASMs, Varsity Leaders & Venture Advisors whose crews camp to re-charter for 2017- take it early, classes are limited!

TRAINERS NEEDED!

if you would like to share your Scouting knowledge and skills with the next generation of Scout leaders, please contact Larry Basham, Council Training Chair at 967-8995 or DrBuzz2@aol.com to see what you can do to help.

Philmont Crew Reservation Available

Los Padres Council has reservations for two crews for the summer of 2017. If you or your unit would like to go, call or email Larry Basham for details (DrBuzz2@aol.com or 805-967-8995). See the Philmont website for details. www.philmontscoutranch.org **Deposits of \$100 per person are due April 1st 2016.**



The council contingent crews for 2015

WOOD BADGE 2016 ADULT LEADERSHIP TRAINING "Growing Stronger Units"

Sept. 3-5th (Sat. thru Monday) at Rancho Alegre and

Sept. 22-24th (Thur. thru Sat.) at Camp Three Falls

This year Los Padres Council is excited to be partnering with Ventura County Council and Southern Sierra Council to host the premier adult leadership training course, Wood Badge. Scoutmaster/Course Director, Joe Bauer, attended the Leadership Training Conference for Wood Badge Course Directors and came home excited to make this year's course the best ever. For all the information and to download a course flier, go to the training tab at the council website: www.lpcbsa.org or contact Joe Bauer at jobauer2@yahoo.com.



Philmont Training Center

The new 2016 course brochure is now available online or at your local Council Service Center. 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 www.http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx



NYLT – National Youth Leadership Training

This great co-ed leadership opportunity for youth ages 14 thru 20 is scheduled for August 1st to the 6th at Rancho Alegre. The course fee is \$250 but you can get a \$25 Early Bird Discount if you register and pay the course fee by May 31, 2016. Course Director, Paul Rutherford, recently attended a Leadership Training Conference for NYLT Directors at Camp Pollock located near Lake Arrowhead to get all the latest course updates and ideas. He's started rounding up staff members, beginning with a core of returning staffers from past years. It promises to be a "mountain top experience" which you won't want to miss. For more information see the council training page at www.lpcbsa.org or contact Paul Rutherford at Paul93108@gmail.com



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.

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ONLINE TRAINING & RESOURCES

There are very helpful resources such as the **Den & Pack and Troop Resource Guides** and **Troop Program Features**. These are full of great meeting plans and ideas for having exciting activities. If you haven't checked it out, take a few minutes to do so. You'll be glad you did. <http://Scouting.org> There are many online training courses and resources available on the BSA Learning Center. If you are new to Scouting, you will want to take the orientation



courses such as, "Fast Start" and "This Is Scouting" for your particular program just to get on-track. Of course **Youth Protection Training** for each program level is online and **NOW required to re-new every year**, as well as Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely and Troop Committee Challenge.

Service With A Smile

Scouts Compete Impressive Number of Projects Benefitting Local Communities in 2015

Looking back over the past year, many Scouts, their families and friends have pitched in to assist, improve, educate and benefit a wide variety of individuals and organizations throughout Los Padres Council. Units collected thousands of pounds of food, delivered meals, built and restored everything from signs to trails, picked up litter, engaged in environmental projects, and even ventured into building 3D printers and STEM computers. Over 5,000 hours were recorded involving over 200 separate projects, delivered by over 2,000 scouts, families and friends, and completed by 65 units from Carpinteria to Atascadero.

In addition, the Class of 2015 Eagles completed 67 projects, totaling over 7,600 hours in many local communities. Although one of these projects involved over 737 hours, most averaged 125 hours each.

Right at the end of 2015 7 Eagles, 3 from Camino Real and 4 from Del Norte had their Boards of Review.

From Camino Real, Zachary Hymas of Troop 214 completed an improvement to the outdoor classroom at the Monarch Grove.

Eric Rinell, Troop 322, built a home for musical instruments.

Jacob Kramer, also of Troop 322, renovated an outdoor chapel at the United Methodist Church in San Luis Obispo.

Over in Del Norte, three scouts from Troop 60 wrapped up the year with some significant projects. Anthony Arena developed and constructed a compost system for the San Luis Obispo Community Garden.

Grant Scheiffele constructed an Archery Range for God's Country.

Iver Hansen oversaw the remodel of a bathroom for the Pioneer Day tractor Committee.

Mitchel Watterson, from Team 364, organized an American Sign Language DVD library for SLO County. Quite a finish to 2015.

In the South Coast, Troop 36 started out the new year by spreading mulch in the front garden area at the Council Office in Santa Barbara which not only improved the appearance but should help with conserving water and maintaining the plants during the ongoing drought.

As service is a vital part of each unit's basic program, it is highly likely that even more hours were donated by the other 100+ units throughout the Council, but, unfortunately, were not recorded. For 2016, please be sure to enter your unit's community service activities at:

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

Thank you all for everything each unit, large or small, is doing to make our communities cleaner, healthier, more fun and better places to live and work.

[submitted by Zea Bauer, Council Registrar]

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 wrascati@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)

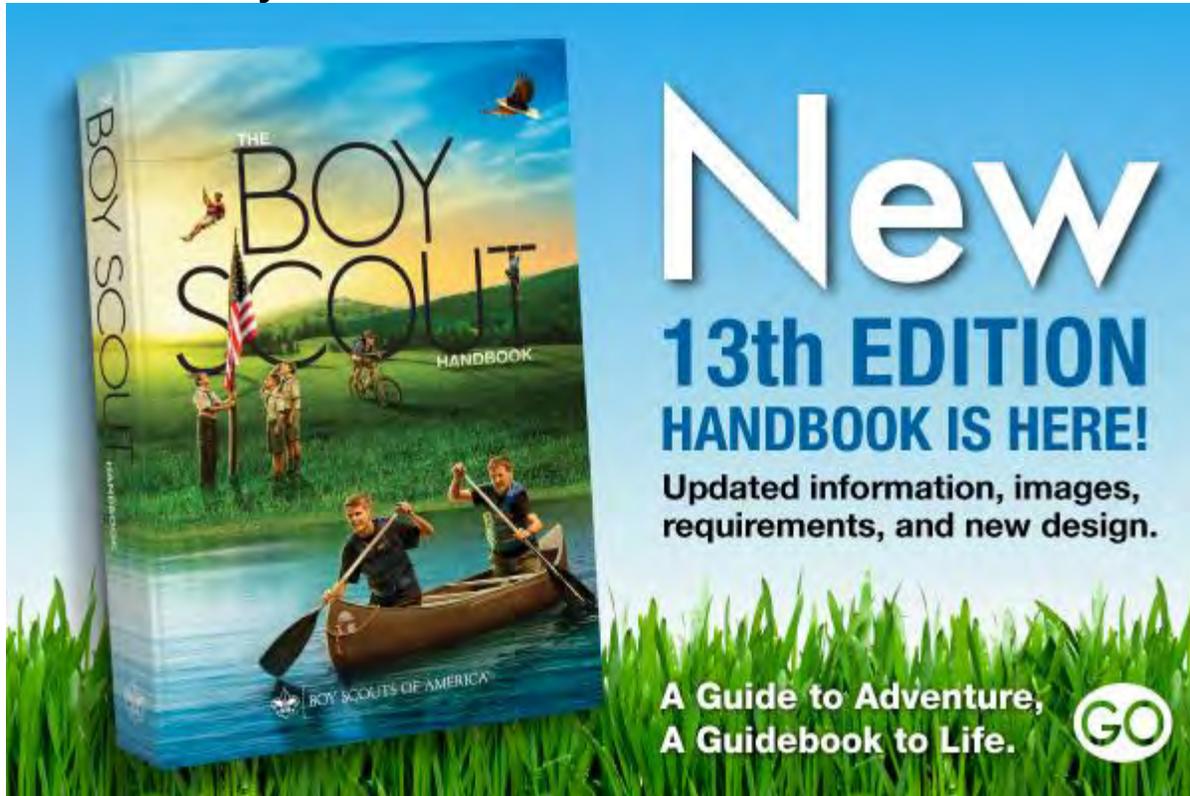
Troop 36 Updates Landscaping at Council Office

Here are the before, in-progress, and after photos, as the front of the council office is beautified.





13th Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook is now available



Updated with important advancement changes, plus great new info on physical fitness, service, environmental stewardship, and more... this is your latest, most complete handbook to date!

Still the go-to guide for every Scout, keeping Scouts better protected and always prepared, this new edition features updated images and design, plus additions pertaining to:

- Service at all ranks
- Healthy eating habits
- Updated requirements and rank information
- Physical fitness at each rank
- Outdoor ethics
- Weather safety
- Risk assessment and mitigation
- Requirements incorporating Duty to God to show Scout Spirit

At your Scout Shop and online at ScoutStuff.org, the New 13th Edition Boy Scout Handbook is currently available in Perfect Bound (621131) and Coil Bound (621132). Spanish version will be available in March 2016.

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Del Norte District Merit Badge Pow Wow 2016



Saturday's: February 20, April 23, & May 28, 2016
Location: LDS Church, 2600 Ramona Road, Atascadero CA

Welcome to Del Norte District's 18th Annual Merit Badge Pow Wow! The Pow Wow is a Merit Badge seminar where Boy Scouts and Merit Badge Counselors can meet for the purpose of advancement and enjoyment in a safe environment.

Here are this year's guidelines:

Be prepared:

Wear your full field uniform. Uniform inspections will be conducted on each Saturday.

Bring blue cards for each of your Merit Badges, signed by your Scoutmaster.

Bring current Merit Badge pamphlets.

Bring note paper and pencil and any other supplies you may need.

Plan ahead for the merit badges you are working on.

Please come prepared to work on your merit badges.

✳ In accordance with the advancement policy on group merit badge instruction, each Scout will pass-off his requirements individually. Attendance alone is not enough to earn a merit badge. Requirements must be completed for the Scout to receive credit. Merit badges may require work outside of Pow Wow.

Schedule:

7:45 AM Opening Ceremony

8:00 – 8:50 Period A

9:00 – 9:50 Period B

10:00 – 10:50 Period C

11:00 – 11:50 Period D

11:50 Closing Ceremony

Snacks will be served between each session.

Register:

Rank your top seven (7) choices. You will be assigned four (4) classes. If you only need a limited number of Merit Badges, please understand that we will do everything we can to help you. You should return your registration to your Scoutmaster as soon as possible. Class assignments are on a first come first served basis.

Please note - First Aid Merit Badge, Scout must be 1st Class and will be 2 periods, C&D.

Scoutmasters must review and sign each form and return forms as a unit .

Payment:

\$10.00 if paid before February 5, 2016

\$20.00 after deadline or if paid at the door (no guarantee for class availability)

Unit payments will be accepted at the Atascadero Scout Shop.

If you have any questions, please call the Pow Wow Chairman, May Nunes at 466-1553.

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DEL NORTE MERIT BADGE POW WOW 2016

Dates 2/20/16, 4/23/16 & 5/28/16 - Time 7:45 to Noon
LDS Church, 2600 Ramona Road, Atascadero, CA

Scout Name: _____ Rank: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Troop # : _____ Scoutmaster: _____

Scoutmasters Approval: _____

If the above information is not filled out, your application will not be processed.

Merit Badge	Rank (Top 7 choices) #1 is First choice	District use only (leave blank)
Archaeology		
Backpacking		
Camping		
Chess		
Citizenship in the Community		
Citizenship in the Nation		
Citizenship in the World		
Communications		
Cooking		
Emergency Preparedness		
Family Life		
Fire Safety		
First Aid - Must be 1st Class (Will use 2 Periods C&D)		
Geocaching		
Home Repairs		
Inventing		
Medicine		
Music		
Orienteering		
Personal Fitness		
Personal Management		
Public Speaking		
Railroading		
Scouting Heritage		
Search and Rescue		
Sustainability		

BOLD MERIT BADGES ARE EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGES OFFERED

Please return this form to your Scoutmaster with your \$10.00 fee.

Scoutmasters: Please make payment and return forms to office by 2/5/16 as a unit.

Class Scheduling is first come first serve.

Atascadero Service Center, 7350 El Camino Real, #201, Atascadero CA 93422.

Phone (805) 461-4018, Fax Number (805) 461-4021



STEM/NOVA DAY at PG&E Education Center

PG&E and Los Padres Council have partnered in efforts to give our youth special experiences and help them achieve several STEM driving awards including the BSA NOVA award (requirement booklets available at our 3 services centers.) In 2016 this partnership will host several Scout MB and Cub activity days in various locations in our council. The 1st experience of 2016 will be the Nuclear Science MB at the PG&E education center.

February 27, 2016 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

**PG&E Education Center
6588 Ontario Rd, Avila, CA**

Space is limited to 50 Boy Scouts (ages 11-17)
Register on the Council website www.lpcbsa.org



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Greetings Scouts and Future Nuclear Scientists,

We are excited to offer the Nuclear Science merit badge workshop at PG&E education center.

You will enjoy a day of interactive presentations and activities for this event, so bring your enthusiasm and curiosity as we explore the world of Nuclear Science. When we've completed our time together, you should be able to go back to your school classrooms and pass along all the knowledge and excitement you've learned here.

We will use the Nuclear Science workbook (revised 2011) located at:

http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badge_Worksheets

We will review and complete most of the requirements for the Nuclear Science merit badge here at Diablo Canyon during your visit. So, there is no need to complete the workbook prior to the class unless you want a better understanding of the class material (except for Section 4).

There are some items ***you will need to complete prior to arriving*** at the DCPN Nuclear Science Workshop:

1) Bring your filled-out BSA merit badge blue card with you

2) Complete section 4 of the Nuclear Science Workbook.

You only need to complete TWO of the items within section 4.

We suggest item "c" and item "d".

- Some suggestions for item "4c" are:
 - purchase some MRE's (meals-ready-to eat) from a local military surplus store or a camping outfitter store. The MRE's have been irradiated to kill any bacteria within the food for long term storage. Complete the questions in item 4c

- Some suggestions for item "4d" are:
 - home smoke detectors (Am-241)
 - business tritium exit signs
 - tritium in gun sights, do not bring gun sights with you to the event ☺
 - water softener potassium chloride (K-40) pellets from Home Depot
 - Dentist or Doctor office, x-ray machines
 - you can find information on the internet (with your parents approval) by searching NORM and TENORM

If you don't complete Section 4 of the Nuclear Science Workbook prior to the workshop, we will not be able to completely sign off your blue card.