

# Los Padres Press

**News You Can Use** for members of the  
Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties **June 2016**



## Council Executive Message

Los Padres Council Parents and Leaders:

As we prepare for summer and an array of adventures, I want to take this time to personally thank you for all the support you have given to our young people. Together we look forward to helping our youth make this summer, a summer filled with positive experiences and adventures of a lifetime. Here are some current highlights of the Scouting program throughout the Council.



- This fall kindergarten boys will be able to join the Scouting Adventure as a Lion Cub. This pilot program will give young families an age appropriate fun program that is not overly demanding on their families' schedule but still gets their young boy excited while teaching him basic skills of life. Frequently asked questions can be found at [www.scouting.org/lion](http://www.scouting.org/lion). Be sure to stop by and visit one of the Scout Shops and say hello to Rebecca, Nancy, Kendahl, Andy, Michael and/or Tricia, as the council will be carrying everything needed for the well-equipped Lion and his leaders.
- Thanks to a generous donation to Los Padres Council made by Mr. Richard Bertie, a new climbing wall is being installed at Rancho Alegre along with a new enhanced COPE element! If your Scout has not registered for Boy Scout summer camp or Cub Resident camp, do it now as spots are filling up quickly! The council has camperships available for any Scout that might not be able to attend due to a financial hardship. I don't want anyone to miss out on this year's adventures.
- Exploring is indeed "exploding." In efforts to keep improving the way we serve our young people and help them reach their goals our Exploring program has been updated and revamped. Exploring is a career identification program where any youth ages 13-20 can have hands on experience on any career of interest from a peace officer or EMT, to a pilot or engineer, and anything in between. If you like to learn more please visit our exploring website at [www.exploring.org](http://www.exploring.org).
- Mr. Paul Bradley, District Director, joined Los Padres Council in May after 16 years of successful experience in the Golden Empire Council, Sacramento. Paul's office is located at the Atascadero Scout Service Center on El Camino Real. Reach out to Paul at [paul.bradley@scouting.org](mailto:paul.bradley@scouting.org) or 805-461-4019 and introduce yourself, welcoming him into our council. Paul looks forward to meeting you.
- Most recently, Scout-O-Rama 2016 - "STEAM Engine to the Future" - was held at Dinosaur Cave Park in beautiful Pismo Beach. The success of this event was due to the generous sponsorships of Home Motors, the City of Pismo Beach, and Elks Club of Santa Maria along with the Rotary Club of Pismo Beach. Units from all over Los Padres Council rode the "Steam Engine" into Dinosaur Cave Park and had a great time connecting history with the science of the future. Even some historical members of our country like Ben Franklin made an appearance. This year's event

would not have been successful without the due diligence of our council's Vice President of Operations, Lynn Johnson and hard work of all his committee members and volunteers.

- Lastly, Los Padres Council's Key 3, Randal Moos, David Penn and myself, along with Rick TerBorch will be attending the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting being held in San Diego this year. Stay tuned for lots of new and exciting information coming out of this meeting. I will do my very best to keep you informed of all the new adventures in Scouting.

Thank you for your continued support and leadership and remember to "like us" and share your adventure on [www.facebook/lpcbasa.com](http://www.facebook/lpcbasa.com), visit our website at [www.lpcbasa.org](http://www.lpcbasa.org) or send BSA text BSA to 384-70.

Remember to keep the adventure going and enjoy your summer. See you on the trail!

Yours in Scouting,  
Carlos Cortez, Scout Executive/CEO

### Council President Musings

Dear Scouts, Scout Leaders and Families,

Over the past year your leadership has been doing their best to grow membership as well as provide the best programs we can offer. It has been a challenge working through many of the hurdles we face with only a select group of individuals.

We have added experienced staff with the addition of Mr. Paul Bradley as District Director and have plans to hire another District Executive. It takes a solid team that can work through issues when they arise. San Luis Obispo County units in the north will be receiving some support as we finalize the District Executive position. As we should all know it takes staff to support our Council and we have been running thin over the past 5 years.

We must continue to evolve into an organization that has balance as well as the financial strength to take on new projects. The Lion Cub pilot is a new opportunity for our Council. We believe the Lion Cub Program will offer families with younger male siblings to have some fun like their older brothers.



Recently while conversing with Pack leaders around the Council we experienced some positive feedback.

Once again the National Annual Meeting this year was held in San Diego, California. The main focus for NAM is to discuss helpful strategies for growth and also acknowledge those key individuals who have dedicated themselves to continually making Scouting better for the future. Rick Terborch, Area VP, Dave Penn, Council Commissioner, Carlos Cortez, CEO/ Scout Executive and I represented our Los Padres Council. We will inform everyone on all critical details and make sure we're addressing the needs of our youth properly.

Finally, with Summer Camp right around the corner, I want to express how crucial it is for our youth to go to camp. One of our goals as leaders is to find the right financial corporate partners. We must continue to build upon the principles we have established and offer a solution so that all Scouts can afford to go to camp. The best way to continue the great many traditions and lifelong friendships is through Summer Camp.

Have a great summer and remember to do something positive for someone you may not know well.

Yours in Scouting,  
Randal Moos, Council President

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

- 8 Jun., FOS Victory Celebration
- 12-17 June, Lifeguard Academy
- 15 Jun., District Popcorn Chairman Training
- 17-18 Jun., Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, Friday 6:30 pm start
- 23 Jun., District Operations Meeting, Santa Maria
- 10-16 Jul., Rancho Alegre Summer Camp
- 16 Jul., Order of the Arrow Executive Committee Meeting
- 17-20 Jul., Cub Scout and Family Resident Camp
- 1-6 Aug., National Youth Leadership Training
- 3 Aug., Unit Popcorn Chairman Training
- 19-20 Aug., Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills & Outdoor Leadership Skills for Webelos Leaders
- 20 Aug., Order of the Arrow Council of Chiefs Meeting, Section W4N
- 26 -28 Aug., Order of the Arrow Summer Ordeal
- 30 Aug., "Show and Sell" Popcorn orders due
- 1 Sep., Charter Renewal Distribution
- 1 Sep., Membership Recruitment Fall Drive Kick-Off
- 3-5 Sep., Wood Badge weekend 1, Rancho Alegre
- 16-17 Sep., Webelos Woods
- 16-18 Sep., Order of the Arrow Section Conclave
- 17 Sep., "Show and Sell" Popcorn delivery
- 20 Sep., Executive Board Meeting

22 Sep., District Operations Meeting

22-24 Sep., Wood Badge weekend 2, Camp Three Falls

19-28 Jul. 2017 National Scout Jamboree, information at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org). LPC will be organizing a troop and a crew to attend.

### Upcoming Events: Cachuma District

- 7 Jun., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 5 Jul., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 2 Aug., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

### Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

- 8 Jun., Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting
- 9 Jun., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 20-24 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp
- 13 Jul., Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting
- 14 Jul, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 27 Jul., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable
- 11 Aug., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 24 Aug., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable and Unit Commissioner Meeting

### Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

- 2 Jun., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 2 Jun., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 9 Jun., Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting, 7 pm
- 13-17 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp
- 16 Jun., Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 7 Jul., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm

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**7 Jul.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

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

**4 Aug.**, Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm

**4 Aug.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

**11 Aug.**, Thu., Del Norte District Membership Kick-Off

**18 Aug.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

### **Upcoming Events: Live Oak District**

**16 Jun.**, Roundtable (Lompoc)

**23 Jun.**, District Committee Meeting

**12-14 Jul.**, Cub Scout Day Camp, Pioneer Park

**21 Jul.**, Roundtable (Lompoc)

**26-28 Jul.**, Cub Scout Day Camp, Ken Adams Park

**28 Jul.**, District Committee Meeting

**18 Aug.**, Roundtable (Lompoc)

**25 Aug.**, District Committee Meeting

### **Upcoming Events: South Coast District**

**2 Jun.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting and District Kick-Off

**6 Jun.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

**9 Jun.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

**16 Jun.**, District Popcorn Kickoff

**22 Jun.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm

**24-25 Jun.**, Cub Scout Day Camp

**4 Jul.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

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

**14 Jul.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

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

**1 Aug.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

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

**11 Aug.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

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

### **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 \$3,500, the same as the last Jamboree.

Our steering committee has just completed the selection of leaders for our council contingent Several Scouts have now been selected. The interview and selection process will continue over the next few months as we work to form a contingent consisting of 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**



**ALL REGISTERED LEADERS MUST BE TRAINED — YES - this means YOU!!!**

1. All leaders must complete required training in 2016 to re-charter for 2017
  2. Classroom and/or online and outdoor training as required for your position
  3. Youth protection training must be renewed every year
- 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. [www.My.Scouting.org](http://www.My.Scouting.org)
  - 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** Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)



(Please see the policy outline on the Council website [www.lpcbsa.org](http://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.)

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)**  
**Space is Limited!**

Required training for Scoutmasters, ASMs, Varsity Leaders & Venture Advisors whose crews camp - take it early, classes are limited to 16 participants. There are 4 more IOLS courses scheduled for 2016 and 84 leaders need to take it. **Don't be left out**, register now at [LPCBSA.org](http://LPCBSA.org) "Training Tab" or go to the Calendar.

**University of Scouting** – A Day of FUN & Learning More Information in the next newsletter!



**UPCOMING COUNCIL TRAINING EVENTS:**

**June 17-18** IOLS/OLS-WL - Pioneer Park, Santa Maria, 6:30pm Friday to 6pm Saturday

**Aug. 21-22** IOLS/OLS-WL - Rancho Alegre, 6:30pm Friday to 6 pm Saturday

**Coming Oct. 8th** - University of Scouting 8:30am to 5 pm Santa Maria,



**ONLINE TRAINING UPDATES:**

The BSA Learn Center has added three new programs to its online training:

- Venturing (includes Crew Advisor Specific & Venture Committee Member training)
- Sea Scouts (Adult Leader Basic Training)
- Commissioner Tools Training & LDS Commissioner Orientation

Access the training modules by logging onto [my.Scouting.org](http://my.Scouting.org) > Learn Center

Online **Safe Swim Defense** Training has been updated and it's excellent! Be sure to take it if your unit is planning any water events this summer! Access: [my.Scouting.org](http://my.Scouting.org) >Home>Dashboard>Training Center

**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](http://www.lpcbsa.org) or contact Joe Bauer at [joebauer2@yahoo.com](mailto:joebauer2@yahoo.com)



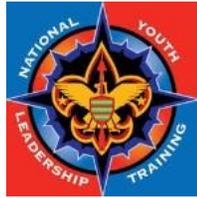
### Philmont Training Center

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](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. 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.lpcbbsa.org](http://www.lpcbbsa.org) or contact Paul Rutherford at [Paul93108@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Your Training Chairs

Del Norte District – position open  
Camino Real District  
George Brown, [kf6pbl@hotmail.com](mailto:kf6pbl@hotmail.com)  
Live Oak District – position open  
Cachuma District  
Brad Ross, [rossbrada@gmail.com](mailto:rossbrada@gmail.com)  
South Coast District  
Zea Bauer, [zbauer13s@gmail.com](mailto:zbauer13s@gmail.com)  
Council Training Chair  
Larry Basham, [DrBuzz2@aol.com](mailto:DrBuzz2@aol.com)

### 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 renew every year**, as well as Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely and Troop Committee Challenge.

### Pertinent Program Proclamations

It's summer time and that means it's the best time of year to go do Scouting. You should be all set for summer camp. If you aren't, you need to check the Council website and find out about our local jewel, Rancho Alegre. It is a wonderful place to spend a week scouting. If your Cub Scout is looking for some fun, Cub Scout Day Camp is a great way to really get rolling in Cub Scouts.

Remember that there are deadlines for training and a need to get those classes handled before you try to register for 2017. Check out the training corner to find out the latest. We don't want you being stressed come the end of the year; let's resolve that problem while we have time to fit it into your schedule.

We had a great Scoutorama. Those that came had fun, those that planned the event worked hard, and their efforts were very visible. I am grateful for all the support. The City of Pismo Beach allowed us to use Dinosaur Caves Park. Even the weather cooperated with us. We look forward to another great event next year.

We are pleased to announce that we have a Council Advancement Chair. Mr. Jim Bartlett of the South Coast District has agreed to step into this role. Jim has several years of experience as a District Advancement Chair, and as an Eagle Board Chair. We are happy to have his guidance in this new capacity. He will continue to guide these activities in the South Coast District as well.

Have a great summer and remember to keep us informed about your summer plans and activities. By tracking your Pack/Troop/Team/Crew service hours and special activities, this will have a direct result on our District and Council Journey to Excellence scores.

You folks are all awesome and you do so much to help the youth of our Council. Thanks for being the wonderful people that you are. Happy trails until our paths cross again.

[submitted by Lynn Johnson]

### **Lion Cub Pilot Program Coming to Los Padres Council**

We're pleased to share that Los Padres Council's application for the Lion Cub program has been approved, and our council will be included in the 2016-2017 program. As a reminder, this is the **only** approved Kindergarten program, and it is imperative that the program be followed specifically as outlined. This will allow us to assess the value

and effectiveness of this new endeavor and validate information received from the earlier test councils. Their effort and input was instrumental in making modifications that we believe will further strengthen the program and its delivery.

As part of our communication strategy, over the next several months, we'll be sharing additional information learned from prior years' results and how your Pack can participate. Some of the key points to get you started include:

- Identify a Lion Coach (experienced Den Leader) to coordinate the shared leadership concept in each Den of 6-8 boys; this is not a siblings program
  - 1 Den Meeting each month and an opportunity to participate in a couple of Pack activities – don't overdo it – it's an introduction and we want to keep them coming back for more
  - Since this is an introduction to Cub Scouting – Lions should not participate in Pack fundraising efforts
  - Insure that Packs participating plan to offer a summertime program including Day Camp the following summer, (in 2017) to help fortify the family's experience and move the boys along into Cub Scouting
- Shortly, we will provide the application request for your Pack to be considered to be a Pilot unit. If chosen, you will be provided materials and training for your leaders to use to effectively inform and educate your units, along with other marketing and communication pieces. Program materials will be available over the summer for you to purchase at the Scout Shops for Fall 2016 implementation.

Thanks again for your interest and participation in helping to test this exciting program possibility!

### **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. Although it will not be possible to feature boating and canoeing in our program due to continued drought conditions, we are looking to add a paddle board program to our aquatic offerings at the swimming pool this summer. 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 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](mailto:scott.oldenburg@scouting.org). Our website is now up and running shortly with all this information and forms.



[submitted by Wayne Rascati]

### Community Service Projects

In the second quarter of 2016, units from Arroyo Grande to Santa Barbara pitched in on a variety of projects to benefit their local communities. Eight units reported projects that totaled **464 hours**. From Troop 489, Camino Real, 17 troop members assisted the Arroyo Grande Optimist Club with their annual dinner by setting up, serving and cleaning up afterwards, logging a total of 65 hours for this event. In the Del Norte District, 7 members of Pack 51 worked hard, accumulating 13 hours as they cleaned up trash for the local Historical Society. Live Oak had several units assisting the County Food Bank with Food Collection earlier in the year. Troop 2103 helped to prepare a BBQ luncheon & served it to 75 parishioners at the North Avenue Baptist Church. Not satisfied with the 63 hours logged

by the 21 scouts & scouters at this event, the Troop provided 19 volunteers to serve as victims for the Lompoc Fire Department CERT training for an additional 76 hours! Meanwhile, in South Coast, Troops 2 & 4 each had 2 projects. Both units worked for the Food bank along with Troop 26, collecting quite a lot of non-perishable items, the three units logging 184 hours by 62 scouts and their leaders & parents. In addition, Troop 26 enlisted 16 of their members to maintain the Forbush Trail in March, collecting a total of 95 hours in the great outdoors. Over at UCSB, Troop 4 worked in the Sedgewick Reserve to dig a trench for a water pipe to a windmill as well as removing old platforms to restore wildlife habitat. That involved 21 troop members plus an additional 3 non-scouters for a total of 120 hours.

There have been quite a few Eagle Projects, 23 so far this year, totaling just under **3,000 hours**. April saw 18 projects completed, totaling over 1,300 hours, ranging from school related improvements to wildlife and environmental constructions. There was even an air traffic control receiver built! In May there have been 2 projects reported, Andrew McGuffin from Troop 60 building a Board Game Cabinet and Daniel Chiavacci from Troop 394 developing a Dog Confidence Course for an additional 200 hours of community service. Troop 6, Camino Real, has led the way with 4 Eagle Projects this year, with Troop 51 and Troop 60, both in the Del Norte district having 2 Eagle Projects each.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize, and successfully complete projects in their local communities.

Continue to report your unit's Service Hours for JTE throughout the year. 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>

Remember, only the total number of hours for Eagle Projects are 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 Zea Bauer, Council Registrar]

### Order of the Arrow Update

The Order of the Arrow held its Spring Ordeal at Rancho Alegre on May 13-15. Fifty-two new members were inducted into Ordeal membership in the Order and six Ordeal members sealed their ties as Brotherhood members. The newly arrived Lodge flaps were placed on sale during the Ordeal. During the Ordeal several major camp improvements were performed:

- The fence around the COPE area was extended to encompass the new Climbing Wall that is going in next month.
- Numerous picnic tables were repaired and painted.
- Dead trees were removed. Bark Beetles have been killing off some of our trees. Removal of these dead trees improved camp safety by removing dead wood in case of a fire and cleared trails of the fallen trees.
- Painting was performed on several buildings.
- Weeds and grass were cleared in many parts of the camp.

The next OA event will be the Summer Camp Fellowship and Rededication on Tuesday, July 12th. Arrowmen are invited to camp for 5:30 flags and dinner with the campers afterwards. There will be a Rededication Ceremony.

Arrowmen will treat the campers to ice cream sundaes during the Cracker Barrel.

The Summer Ordeal at Rancho Alegre will occur August 26-28. Registration is now open online at the Council's website. All Ordeal members from 2015 and earlier are asked to make their Brotherhood during this event. Saturday evening the Lodge will hold its annual meeting with the election of new officers for the new year. [submitted by Wayne Rascati]

### Rancho Alegre News

Construction on a new climbing tower at Rancho Alegre will begin in the next month, thanks to a generous donation from Mr. Richard Berti! The tower will provide great opportunities for older Scouts to climb and rappel. It will be located in the main part of camp adjacent to the COPE course. The project should be completed this summer and we are hoping that it will be available for this year's Boy Scout Advancement Camp. As soon as it is completed, we will feature photos of it on our Los Padres Council website.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:rossbrada@gmail.com), 805-688-4849 (evenings)