

# 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 **December 2015**



## Council Executive Message

Los Padres Council leaders and supporters,  
Thank you for your continued support of our youth, communities, and the Scouting program. As we get ready to wrap up 2015 and are celebrating the holidays with loved ones I would like to thank you on behalf of our council leadership, the 3,000 youth Scouts and the additional 7,000 others served by our Council for all your dedication and commitment.



2015 was an adventure and we learned a lot about the possibilities we have in the coming years. The possibility to serve more youth by establishing new Scout units in communities where they are needed the most. The possibility of reaching more families by diversifying our programs and strategies. Our ability to increase our impact by helping more youth get an outdoor experience like no other.

This is all possible, but only with your help and the leadership from many others. We have worked very hard to establish relationships with our community leaders and organizations that have a similar mission. Due to the efforts of our board and district leaders we will benefit from relationships with Pacific Gas & Electric, The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Foundation, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Sheriff, and many others. The experiences that we will be able to provide to our families will compare to no other in the central coast.

Now more than ever our youth will need your leadership to make sure we maximize these and many other relationships. 2016 will be the beginning of a new era for Los Padres Council, an era where we will all come together in order to provide life lasting experiences that will help our youth "Prepare | For Life"

We invite you to join us for the adventure and remind you that it is not too late to make an impact in 2015. Visit the council website at [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) to learn more about the adventure and make a contribution. You can also mail your donation to 4000 Modoc Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

With your help we look forward to proving the greatest adventure our youth will ever have, the Scouting adventure. Thank you and have a very happy holiday Season..

Yours in Scouting  
Carlos Cortez  
Scout Executive

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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]

- 1 Dec., Charter Renewals Due
- 4 Dec., Popcorn Unit Reconciliation
- 8 Dec., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 15 Dec., Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 Dec., Lodge Re-charter and JTE due
- 19 Jan., Council annual business meeting
- 23 Jan., Council and District workshops
- 23 Jan., Council Annual Dinner, 6 pm.
- 29 Jan., Order of the Arrow Vigil Ceremony
- 6 Feb., Scout Sabbath
- 6 Feb., Scouting at Santa Maria Towne Center Mall
- 7 Feb., Scout Sunday
- 9 Feb., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 13 Feb., Executive Board Retreat
- 16 Feb., Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Feb., Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day
- 26-27 Feb., Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders
- 27 Feb., STEM day at PG&E
- 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

- 1 Dec., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 5 Jan., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 2 Feb., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

### Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

- 10 Dec., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting
- 23 Dec., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Camino Real Roundtable
- 14 Jan., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting
- 27 Jan., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Camino Real Roundtable
- 11 Feb., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting
- 24 Feb., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Camino Real Roundtable
- 27 Feb., BALOO training

### Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

- 3 Dec., OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 3 Dec., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 17 Dec., Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 7 Jan., OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 7 Jan., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 21 Jan., Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 4 Feb., OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 4 Feb Dec., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 18 Feb., Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 26 Feb., Fri., Del Norte District Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 pm

### Upcoming Events: Live Oak

### Upcoming Events: South Coast

- 3 Dec.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 7 Dec.**, Mon., 5:45 to 6:45 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 10 Dec.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 16 Dec.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 7 Jan.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 14 Jan.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 16 Jan.**, Scout Leader Specific Training
- 27 Jan.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 30 Jan.**, Pack Pinewood Derby
- 4 Feb.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 5 Feb.**, Pack Pinewood Derby
- 10 Feb.**, District Award of Merit Nominations Deadline
- 11 Feb.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 16 Jan.**, Scout Leader Specific Training
- 24 Feb.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 27 Feb.**, Scouting for Food, 8 am to 1:30 pm

### Council President Musings

To all our entire Scouting family,

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas for 2015! I know we have many units still rapping up their re-charters, as well as, preparing for the holidays. Please take time to



complete all the registration for all the Scouts and Scouters before time escapes. One of the most critical times each year is the fall registration. The strength of our movement is driven by its membership, please get your re-charter completed.

We have a New Year right around the corner and need to be preparing for new Scouts, new adventures and making new friends. This year we can also be thankful to building new relationships. PG&E and other organizations have returned as strategic partners. Additionally some new merit badge counselors will be added to our team: Meteorology and Nuclear Science just to name a few.

Let's make 2016 the best year for our Scouts and build our family unit.

Lastly, let's be thankful for how fortunate we are to live on the Central Coast which is one of the most beautiful places on the planet.

Yours in Scouting, Randal R. Moos

### Council Commissioner Corner

#### Charter Renewal

We are two thirds through the charter renewal period. In order to ensure that re-charter packages can be processed and posted by the December 31st deadline, completed charter packages with required signatures and fees need to be turned into one of the three Council Service Centers by Friday, December 18th. Prior to turning in the re-charter packages, 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, by December 31st as there is no grace period for late charters in the Los Padres Council this year. As mentioned in the previous Council newsletter, units which have not completed 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. For those units which have not completed the charter renewal process, there is just under three weeks to get it done. 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 comes to an end on December 31st. In early January, your Unit Commissioner will contact you to finalize and submit your unit's 2015 JTE scorecard. 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.

### Commissioners Wanted

The Los Padres Council Commissioner program needs a few good volunteers. Outside the Scoutmaster, the Commissioner program is the oldest volunteer program in the Boy Scouts of America. The sole function of the Commissioner program is to provide unit service and Commissioners are the only volunteers in the Boy Scouts of America that are directly commissioned by the BSA to perform their duties. If you like working directly with units and helping units to be successful, perhaps becoming a Unit Commissioner is for you. To learn more, contact your District Commissioner or the Council Commissioner. [Submitted by Rick TerBorch]

## Pertinent Program Proclamations

### Boy Scout Advancement

There are changes coming on the Boy Scout Advancement front, are you ready? There are big changes coming to all of the ranks involved in Boy Scouts. Attached is a list of what is changing. You'll see that some of these changes are fairly minor, while others are rather involved. Please be on the lookout for the new Boy Scout Handbook with these requirements to arrive soon. (According to National, the new Boy Scout Handbook should be available sometime in January.)

We will just follow the plan as National has outlined to get everybody through these changes as needed. It isn't complicated, but there will be some that will try and change these guidelines. It is up to us as the adult role models to show that we follow the directions we are given. This means that we need to pay attention to what rank our Boy Scouts are working on, and help them get where they need to be.

### Scoutorama Update

It's getting to be time to start thinking about Scoutorama. If you are interested in getting involved in the leadership of Scoutorama, please contact either Lynn Johnson ([lynnhjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:lynnhjohnson@gmail.com)) or Chad Zamudio ([chadzamudio@yahoo.com](mailto:chadzamudio@yahoo.com)). We would love the help as we prepare for this 2016 event. Please mark your calendar to make your annual pilgrimage to The Santa Maria Town Center Mall on Saturday February 6th. The usual events will be taking place that day. I know the Scouts from Troop 324 in Arroyo Grande are getting excited to run pinewood derby cars. Anybody want to join them that day?

### New Year's Wishes

Good luck in 2016. It's great to do Scouting with each of you, I hope we get to see each other as the year rolls along. If you need any help understanding or implementing the Scouting program, there are several people in our very own Council that would love the

chance to help you make things better for the young people you support in the Los Padres Council.

[submitted by Lynn Johnson]

### Order of the Arrow

Chumash Lodge 90 kicked off its 2015-16 year at the Fall Fellowship held at Rancho Alegre on November 14. New Lodge Officers include Chief Aaron Morse (Lompoc); Vice Chief Zack Hymas (Morro Bay); Secretary Eric Wang (Goleta); Treasurer Chase Bradley (Santa Maria); and Medicine Man Alex von Dohlen (Paso Robles). Lodge Adviser Brian Hascall announced that Jacques Benoit will become the new Adviser in February.

In planning for the new year, the following major events were scheduled:

- Spring Ordeal at Rancho Alegre on May 14-16
- Summer Fellowship and Rededication during Rancho Alegre Summer Camp on July 12
- Summer Ordeal at Rancho Alegre on August 26-28
- Section W4N Conclave at Camp Three Falls on September 16-18
- Fall Fellowship, LLD, and Banquet on November 12.

Brothers in the Order are reminded that 2016 Dues are now payable. Dues are only \$15 for the calendar year. The first 200 Brothers paying no later than January 31, 2016, will receive a special annual patch when their membership cards are mailed in mid-January. Payment can be made online at the Council website - [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) or a form for payment by mail or at one of the Scout Stores can be downloaded and submitted.

Receiving the Arrowman of the Year award for 2015 were incoming Lodge Chief Aaron Morse and Canalino Chapter Adviser Jacques Benoit. Alex Hascall, Alex von Dohlen, and George Michaels were recognized for achieving the Centurion Award - a special recognition given to dedicated Arrowmen

during the centennial year. Thirty-seven Arrowmen completed all the requirements for the Arrowmen Centennial Service Award (otherwise known as the "sash patch". Those who have not earned it have until December 31st to complete and submit to Lodge Adviser Brian Hascall. Recognition was given to the Lodge Ceremonies Team who competed at the the August NOAC at Michigan State University. Receiving medal recognition during the event were Kade McGill, Zack Hymas, and Alex Hascall. Additional recognitions, including two Founders Awards, will be presented at the Annual Council Dinner on January 23rd.

Fifteen Arrowmen attended the National Conference (NOAC). Because of the centennial year the Lodge was only able to send 15 participants. There were just as many who wanted to attend this event who couldn't because of the tremendous registration numbers.

Finally, Chapter Officers will be scheduling unit elections to be completed no later than March 31st. Scoutmasters can make contact with your OA Chapter Adviser or Chapter Chief at your District Roundtable or by phone call or email. If you need information on whom to contact, send an email to [chumash90@cox.net](mailto:chumash90@cox.net) and your request will be forwarded to the appropriate individual.

[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](mailto:scott.oldenburg@scouting.org). Our website will be up and running shortly with all this information and forms.

[submitted by Wayne Rascati]

### **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](mailto:alegre@hughes.net).

[submitted by Wayne Rascati]

**Trainer's Corner**

*Dr. Larry Basham, Council Training Chair*

**ONLINE TRAINING CHANGES**

If you have signed on to myScouting.org recently, you were surprised to see the E-learning training site has changed to my.Scouting.org. Navigating the new site is a little confusing the first time and you have to sign-in multiple times to get to the training page (BSA is working to correct that).

NOTE: When signing in, use the SAME User Name and Password as you used for myscouting.org. DON'T make a new name each time or it will make a new account and online training will not be assigned correctly. Zea Bauer has found some people have made multiple accounts! Write down your name and password and always use it. Upon login, training courses can be found by selecting the Home button, then My Dashboard in the menu list. It will default to the My Training section with the following 4 tab selections:

**YPT** – displays the Youth Protection training courses available.

**Training Center** – displays the Scouting programs containing the training courses applicable to the specific program: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venture & Varsity, & Other (Supplemental Training).

**Requirements** – displays training courses required to become position-trained for your current registered position(s).

**Completions** – displays training courses that you have completed.

(New Scouters can still make an account and take YPT and print out a certificate to submit with their joining application.)

**CUB LEADER REQUIRED TRAINING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

There is much confusion about the NEW online training modules for Cub Scouting. As stated above, ALL online training is now on the BSA Learning Center (Scouting U) which is

accessed through [www.my.Scouting.org](http://www.my.Scouting.org) Follow the directions above to reach the "Training Center" and choose Cub Scouting. Three separate position-specific training courses are listed: Den Leader, Cubmaster, & Pack Committee. Each one has three "Training Plans."

**Q:** What training should be taken to become trained for my position in Cub Scouting?

**A:** For unit level leaders, each position has three learning plans: Before the First Meeting; First 30 Days and Position Specific Training. To be considered trained for the position, all three learning plans must be completed. It will take about 3 hours to complete the required modules for a given position.

**Q:** Do I have to take the modules in a specific order?

**A:** No, the modules can be taken in any order. Once all modules for a specific learning plan are completed, that learning plan will be considered complete and you will be "trained" for that position.

**Q:** Do I have to take them all at the same time, or can I stop and come back later?

**A:** You can stop during a module and come back and begin where you left off. Most modules are 5-10 minutes long.

**Q:** What are the browser requirements for my.Scouting Tools?

**A:** my.Scouting Tools is best experienced using the latest version of Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Also works with the latest version of Safari and Internet Explorer (v11). Older versions of IE are no longer supported.

**Q:** Why can't I access my.Scouting Tools.

**A:** The primary reasons could be:

1. You may not have an active account. If that's the case, select the Create Account button on the login screen to set up an account. If you experience any issues with your account, call the Member Care

Contact Center at 972-580-2489 between 7 am – 7 pm CT.

2. You did not enter a Member ID on your myscouting.org account profile.

**Q:** Are there instructions on how to use the tool?

**A:** Yes, each tool has a help manual. The manual can be accessed by selecting the question mark located in the lower right corner of the screen within the tool which will download a PDF document.

**Q:** Who can I contact if I do not know my member ID number? (It's on the bottom of your membership card)

**A:** If you don't know your member ID number you have three options:

1. Ask your unit leader or unit commissioner. They can access my.Scouting Tools and look up your member ID in the Member Manager tool. The member ID is also on a roster from Internet Advancement that's accessible under Home/Legacy Web Tools/Internet Advancement.
2. Call your local council and ask them to look it up.
3. Call the Member Care Contact Center at 972-580-2489 or send an email to myscouting@scouting.org.

**ADULT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS!!**

- Remember Youth Protection Training Must Be Renewed In 2015 For Re-Chartering.**
- All Direct Contact Leaders Must Complete Their Basic Training Requirements To Re-Charter With Their Units.**

What does this mean To You?? If you are a Cubmaster, Den Leader, Scoutmaster/Asst. SM, Varsity or Venture Leader and you have not completed the Position Specific training for your position, you will be dropped from your unit roster. If the unit does not have the required trained leaders, it cannot re-charter.

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 for a drop down list of training courses and the council training policy.

**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](mailto:DrBuzz2@aol.com) to see what you can do to help. "Many hands make light work"



**Your Training Chairs:**

Del Norte District

Camino Real District

George Brown, [kf6pbl@hotmail.com](mailto:kf6pbl@hotmail.com)

Live Oak District

Cachuma District

Brad Ross, [stirmach@verizon.net](mailto:stirmach@verizon.net)

South Coast District

Zea Bauer, [zbauer13s@gmail.com](mailto:zbauer13s@gmail.com)

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**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, 7 pm at Atascadero Lake Pavilion Scout Hall

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### Camino Real District

4th Wednesday of the month, 7 pm 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.

### Upcoming Training Events

- Jan. 23 Council & District Committee Training Workshop, Santa Maria (Time & Place TBD)
- March 5 Scoutmaster/ASM Position-Specific Training – Santa Maria (during MB PowWow)
- April 8-9 Wilderness First-Aid & CPR – at Rancho Alegre (MUST register by March 18th)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - \*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!

(see council calendar to register online)

- Feb. 26-27 IOLS & OLS-WL (Outdoor Training for Scoutmasters, Asst. SMs, Varsity/Venture & Webelos Leaders) Fri. 6:30pm to Sat. 9pm At Rancho Alegre
- Mar. 5,11-12th IOLS & OLS-WL (Outdoor Training for SMs, Asst. SMs, Varsity/Venture & Webelos Leaders  
Special Two Session Course: Sat. Mar. 5th at the Merit Badge Pow Wow and Part 2 March 11-12, Fri. 6:30pm to 4pm Sat. at Pioneer Park in Santa Maria
- May. 5-6th IOLS & OLS-WL (Outdoor Training for Scoutmasters, Asst. SMs, Varsity/Venture & Webelos Leaders) Fri. 6:30pm to Sat. 9pm at Rancho Alegre

### Online Training & Resources

Did you know ALL of the CUB SCOUT LEADER REQUIRED training is available online! There's no need to



wait, complete your training in the comfort of your own home TODAY! Go to <http://myscouting.org> for more information.

Cub Scout leaders can learn about the program changes which take effect on June 1st thru "Cub Cast" video presentations at <http://www.scouting.org/ScoutCast.aspx> Watch them and "Be Prepared."

In addition 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 website. 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**.

### High Adventure Opportunity

Los Padres Council has applied 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](mailto:DrBuzz2@aol.com) or 805-967-8995).



The council contingent crew and crews from Santa Barbara Troops 1, 26 & 126 attended Philmont in 2015.



Troop 126



Troop 1 & Contingent Crew

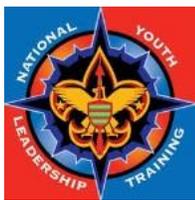
**Philmont Training Center**

The new 2016 course listing 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://philmontscout ranch.org/PTC.aspx](http://philmontscout ranch.org/PTC.aspx) .



**NYLT – National Youth Leadership Training**

This great co-ed leadership opportunity for youth ages 14 thru 20 is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lpcbsa.org) or contact Paul Rutherford at [Paul93108@gmail.com](mailto:Paul93108@gmail.com)

**“GROWING STRONGER UNITS”**

**WOOD BADGE 2016**  
**ADULT LEADERSHIP**  
**TRAINING -**



**Sept. 3-5<sup>th</sup> (Sat. thru Monday) at Rancho Alegre and**  
**Sept. 22-24<sup>th</sup> (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 years’ 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) .

**Service With A Smile** (Service Hours for Los Padres Council for the Fall of 2015)

Since the last report in October, there have been several units that have been involved in community projects. Troop 413 in Camino Real had 8 members assisting at the Harvest festival there in Arroyo Grande, and then in November helped the Elks Lodge for a total of 16 service hours. Pack 92 in Paso Robles had a couple of small projects in September, recording 6 hours of community & conservation service. Over in Live Oak district, Troop 95 had 6 projects over the past 2 months, including several stints doing meal delivery to the Good

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Samaritan Shelter, totaling 118 hours and involving 55 scouts and scouters. In the South Coast District, Troop 26 listed 4 projects involving 46 scouts and scouters and totaling 90 hours, while Troops 2, 4, and 36 each also worked on community outreach including litter clean up.

In addition there were several Eagle projects completed. Over in Cachuma district, Troop 41's Alan Burt organized a project for the PAWS Dog Park, building a bench for people and a shade structure for all to enjoy. In Camino Real district, Troop 322, led by Jacob Kramer, completed a 71-hour service project that renovated the SLO United Methodist Church Outdoor chapel. Iver Hansen of Troop 60 in Del Norte, successfully organized and directed a 127-hour service project that remodeled a bathroom for the Pioneer Day Tractor Committee. It looks like Troop 95 in Live Oak was also very busy, completing an Eagle project that required 254 hours, although I do not have the name of the Scout or the recipient organization. In order to give proper credit to all the community service each unit is providing, it is essential that the unit leaders go online to record all the information. Directions to do so can be found

on the JTE page in [scouting.org](http://scouting.org) – or just goggle BSA service hours reporting or use this link: <https://servicehours.scouting.org>

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

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December 1st, 2015

After Thanksgiving, Black Friday & Cyber Monday comes Giving Tuesday! We invite you to join the LPC movement and help our youth the youth in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County “Prepare For Life” this holiday season.

**All you have to do is:**

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