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It's a New Year!

And a New Council Newsletter!

We are welcoming in 2009 with a new council newsletter to provide unit, district and council volunteers with up to date information on Scouting in the Los Padres Council. Scheduled to be printed every other month, the content will include district happenings, council activities and national Scouting news. Since this is our first issue, we encourage your input as the newsletter evolves to serve you better.

Since our last council newsletter was named the Los Padres Trails, we will be using that name for now. However, we would like to hear from you as to what the council newsletter should be named. If you have a recommendation on the new newsletter name, please forward it along with a brief explanation by April 1, 2009 to:

NAME THE COUCIL NEWSLETTER

Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America
4000 Modoc Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Additionally, a picture says a thousand words and Scouting pictures tell great stories. If you would like to share your Scouting story with your fellow Scouters, please email them along with a brief story to Rebecca Fields at rfields@bsaemail.org



SCOUT EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Scouters:

GREAT COUNCILS = GREAT UNITS = GREAT KIDS!
The Journey Begins

In the words of our Chief Scout Executive, Bob Mazzucca, the priority of the council is to support units to provide great service in order to develop strong kids. This journey begins in 2009 nationally, as well as here in the Los Padres Council because of Scouters like you!

This debut issue of the new council newsletter was designed with the unit leader in mind from district activities to council camp news to program support. As the council's premier printed communication tool, we intend to provide you with the most up to date Scouting information available.

There are new and exciting things happening in Scouting, as we move closer to the 100th anniversary in 2010. And, it all begins now as we prepare for this February's Scout 99th Anniversary celebrations. Join us now with your nomination on for the National Hall of Leadership (see page 19 for more information).

Yours in Scouting,

Rebecca Fields
Scout Executive/CEO

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Scouters:

I sincerely hope that you all had a great Holiday Season. I want to thank all of you for the efforts you have put forth in making Scouting happen in the Los Padres Council in 2008 and to express my deep appreciation for your continued commitment to deliver the promise of Scouting to the youth in our Council in 2009.

As everyone knows, Rebecca Fields, our new Scout Executive, has been hard at work since her arrival in our Council. If you have not had the chance to meet her, please do so when the opportunity presents itself. You will find her a highly competent and very engaging Scouting professional. The resurrection of the Council newsletter is just one of her significant accomplishments. While the Internet is an important tool, we realize that not all of our Scouters are connected to the World Wide Web and that a printed newsletter still serves as a valuable resource in ensuring that there is a viable communications link with all Scouters within the Council.

In 2009, there will be many exciting and challenging things occurring within Scouting and within the Los Padres Council as we move forward to the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the United States in 2010. Our success in delivering the promise of Scouting to our youth is directly dependent on all of us Scouters, volunteers and professionals, working together in an atmosphere of mutual support and respect – and that we have fun in our Scouting activities as well as ensuring our youth have an enjoyable and rewarding Scouting experience.

Yours Truly in Scouting,

Rick TerBorch
Council President

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Council Annual Dinner

*The Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America
Proudly Salutes our 2008 Silver Beaver Recipients
And the Recipient of the John A. Davis Award*

John A. Davis Award

*Ms. Casey Howard, Venture Crew 154
Buellton, CA*

Silver Beaver Recipients

*Laurence A. Basham, D.D.S.
Santa Barbara, CA*

*David W. Brown
Los Olivos, CA*

*Jay DeCou
Atascadero, CA*

*George Michaels, Ph.D.
Santa Barbara, CA*

*Lee R. Wise
Lompoc, CA*

*You are cordially invited to the Council Annual Recognition Dinner
on January 24, 2009 for the presentation of the awards.
Please go to the calendar section of the Web site, click on
January 24, 2009 to register to attend the dinner.*



Commissioner's Corner

Council Commissioner:
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Roles the Commissioner Plays

A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor. The commissioner is a friend of the unit. Of all their roles, this one is the most important. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. He or she is an advocate of unit needs. A commissioner who makes themselves known and accepted now will be called on in future times of trouble.

The commissioner is a representative. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with kids. Some have little if any contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting. To them, the commissioner may be the Boy Scouts of America. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement.

The commissioner is a unit "doctor." In their role as "doctor," they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.

The commissioner is a teacher. As a commissioner, they will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge with them. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know. That is the best adult learning situation since the lesson is instantly reinforced by practical application of the new knowledge.

The commissioner is a counselor. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best role when unit leaders don't

recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear-cut. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.



VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS UNIT COMMISSIONERS

The Los Padres Council is in great need of a few good men and women with Scouting knowledge to serve as unit commissioners. Unit Commissioners are appointed by the district commissioner with the approval of the council executive board.

Unit commissioners should:

- Have excellent people skills
- Have a Scouting background or be fast-track learners
- Know and practice Scouting ideals

If you feel that you can fill this critical Scouting position, contact your District Commissioner or Steve Carlson, Council Commissioner. You can make a positive difference in creating strong Scout units.



Cub Scouts and Shooting Sports



We frequently get requests from our Cub Scout packs to use Camp French or Rancho Alegre for the purpose of using the BB gun and archery ranges. All of our Cub Scout leaders need to know the policies regarding shooting sports and Cub Scouts.

According the latest version of The Guide to Safe Scouting, Section VIII. Guns and Firearms

(found on page 33), Cub Scouting Standards:

"Archery and BB gun shooting are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council-managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced. Archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done at the Pack level."

While we appreciate the interest of our Cub Scout packs in wanting to provide these activities for their Cubs, this is a National Policy that our council must follow.

Our program committee is currently discussing the possibility of offering a council-sponsored Cub Scout Archery

and/or BB Gun day(s) at either Rancho Alegre, or Camp Mabel French. If you are interested in helping to facilitate such a program, please contact Lynn Johnson, Council Vice-President for Program at lynnhjohnson@gmail.com or Ron Walsh, Program Director at rwalsh@bsaemail.org

We will keep you informed as to our progress on this program. In the meantime, we appreciate your cooperation in following the national guidelines that our council must operate under.



Rancho Alegre/ Outdoor School

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RANCHO ALEGRE NEWS

Rancho Alegre continues to be very busy with the Outdoor School, community groups using our facility, and lots of Scouts and their leaders enjoying camping at the Ranch. 2008-2009 will be one of the busiest years ever for us. Over 4,000 students will get a quality, exciting science and environmental camp experience through The Outdoor School, and nearly 30 community groups such as churches, civic groups, etc. will spend a weekend at Rancho Alegre for their own programs. We already have reservations from 15 Boy Scout Troops for weekend programs, and will be hosting at least one camporee this spring.

In addition to serving over 5,000 people this year, we are also making a number of improvements to our facilities. Some of them may be obvious to you, such as new signs, a new shade structure at the pool, new paint on some of the buildings, the new fencing around the dorm, but some may not be so obvious, such as the new beds in the health lodge, the new roof and windows on the health lodge, the repaired flooring in the dining hall, and the list goes on! Thanks to the Order of the Arrow, a large scale clean up of the property was done during their last Ordeal.



Rancho Alegre is a special resource for our council, and there are some really great things your Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop or Venture crew can do on a weekend outing here. Use Rancho Alegre as the base for a fishing excursion to Lake Cachuma. Take a nature cruise on Lake Cachuma while camping here; our hiking trails are abundant and run from the short hike, to hikes of over nine miles and 2,000' elevation gains. The swimming pool (in season) and Lake Janis can test your aquatics skills with swimming, rowing and canoeing. Our campsites are large and shaded with ample room for even the biggest group. If camping isn't on your agenda, the dorms are also available (by reservation, when available). You may make reservations for Rancho Alegre by calling (805) 686-5167 and speak with Dana Mendoza.

If you haven't made your plans for summer yet, please consider spending a week with us at Rancho Alegre. We will once again be offering our Trail to Eagle and Trail to First Class camps, as well as Cub and Webelos Resident Camp, Advanced Aquatic Skills Camp, and a new Venturing Camp. Here are the dates:

- **July 5 – 8, Cub Resident Camp for Wolves & Bears**
- **July 8 – 11, Cub Resident Camp for Webelos**
- **July 12 – 18, Trail to First Class and Eagle Requirement Camp**
- **July 19 – 22, Advanced Aquatic Skills Camp**
- **July 23 – 25, Venturing Camp**

Detailed information on all of these camps will be coming out the second week in January.

For more information on Rancho Alegre, its programs, and its facilities, please call (805) 686-5167 and speak with Dana Mendoza (info@ranchoalegre.org) or Ron Walsh (rwalsh@bsmail.org)



Camp Mabel French

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SEVNONE UTILIZES CAMP AND MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

As you may know, Camp French is not strictly a Boy Scout Camp, but is a youth camp operated by the Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, for the benefit of all youth. As a part of our mission to serve more young people with the facilities at Camp French, we had SevnOne, a Christian camping organization, offer four weeks of summer camp at Camp French to add to our overall usage of the camp. They camped about 400 kids during the past year at Camp French. In return for this usage, they made many improvements at the camp, including fresh paint on all the buildings, new floors in the dining hall, tent platforms with eight bunks in each platform, a new lawn around the dining hall, new equipment in the dining hall, as well as putting down rock on the roads to help control the dust.

WHAT IS THERE TO DO AT CAMP FRENCH

Well, besides camping, you can;

- Go canoeing on Lake Lopez (canoes on a trailer can be rented by Scout units).
- Go swimming in Lake Lopez
- Hike the Tuoski Trail and see some great vistas of the surrounding area.
- Mountain bike along many of the trails
- Birds are abundant, as is lots of different plant life for merit badge work.
- And just plain relax and work on lots of different Scouting skills.

RESERVATIONS AND FEES

All reservations for Camp French are handled by the council through our Rancho Alegre program office at (805) 686-5167. A good number of weekend reservations in 2009 have already been made; so if you want to spend the weekend at Camp French, call early for your reservations.

While we do not charge our own Los Padres Council units for camping, we do charge a deposit that is fully refundable as long as the facilities are left as clean or cleaner than when you arrived. Remember, "A Scout is Clean". We also charge for the use of the dining hall, as there can be significant costs in the use of the hall; costs for propane, electricity, clean up of the dining hall and kitchen

after a group leaves. The fees we charge only cover these costs and not any other overhead that it takes to run Camp French. There is also a deposit (again, fully refundable if the facility is left clean) for the use of the kitchen and dining hall. For a list of current charges, contact Dana at the Rancho Alegre program office.

WHEN ARE CAMP FIRES ALLOWED?

As a general rule, fires are allowed in sites that have a campfire ring. Fires are not allowed during "red flag" warning periods as defined by the weather service, or the local county fire agencies, or during periods of high winds and low humidity. Please call ahead of your visit to Camp French to determine if fires are allowed or not, and always check in with the Ranger Mike Conroy at camp to determine whether camp fires are allowed. Starting a fire during no-burn periods will cause you to lose your deposit.

CAMP FRENCH COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for good Scouters to serve on our Camp French committee. So if you are interested, contact Ron Walsh, Program Director, or Dick Blankenburg, Committee Chair.



Order of the Arrow Chumash Lodge 90

Lodge Chief **Robert Mackenzie**
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Lodge Adviser **George Michaels**
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It has been a very eventful year for Chumash Lodge 90! The spring saw an active schedule of Call Out ceremonies conducted by all of the Chapters at the various District Camporees. Those activities were followed by two Ordeals, one in May at Camp French and one in June at Rancho Alegre. Both Ordeals were very successful and well attended. The June Ordeal was also the occasion of Lodge elections. New officers elected for the coming year included: Robert MacKenzie as Lodge Chief; Keith Avery as Lodge Vice Chief; and Brian Mandera as Lodge Treasurer. Following the election, Travis Hill was appointed as Lodge Secretary. The outgoing Chief, Thomas Martin, assumed the role of Lodge Medicine Man.

Over the summer, the Lodge was represented at Arrow Corps 5 by Thomas Martin, who attended the session at Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah. Arrow Corps 5 was one of the largest wilderness conservation service projects ever initiated by the Order of the Arrow nationally. The projects were conducted in five different National Forests, over five weeks, and the goal was to have up to 5,000 Arrowmen involved. Thomas had a wonderful time, and made lasting friendships with Arrowmen from all over the country.

September saw the last Section W3B Conclave, which was held in

Reno, Nevada. Although it was a very long trip, five Arrowmen from our Lodge were able to attend: Zea and Joe Bauer; Ed Casey; and John Zuchelli. This was the last Section Conclave for Section W3B because of reorganization of the whole Western Region beginning in early September.

Our Lodge is now part of the recently established and just designated Section W4N. Lodge representatives have been in attendance at two Council of Chiefs meetings for the new Section already since September. The new Section consists of our Lodge and Topa-Topa, Malibu, Siwinis, Spe-Le-Yai, and Yowlumne. The Section Conclave will be September 11-13, 2009 at Camp Verdugo Oaks, with Spe-Le-Yai Lodge serving as hosts for the first Conclave of our new section. We hope that all Arrowmen will plan to attend. This is a great section, with a great set of Section Officers and we are off to a wonderful start.

The weekend of November 7-9, 2008 saw the induction of new Vigil Honor members, the Fall Fellowship, and Annual Dinner; all of which were well attended. Four new Vigil Honor members were welcomed to the circle: Daniel Huthsing; Wesley Newby; Robin Thompson; and Norm Jensen. The Fellowship had fun events such as tomahawk throwing, a drumming clinic, and a clinic on proper teepee etiquette and teepee set up. In addition we had a short Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) seminar. At the Annual Dinner

on Saturday night, the New Chief, Robert MacKenzie was sworn in. All new Lodge Officers and Chapter Chiefs in attendance were also sworn in. In addition, Lodge and Chapter Officers and Advisers for the past year were recognized for their service. The Founder's Award was presented to Wayne Rascati and Ryan Sloan for outstanding service to the Lodge over many years.

For up to date contact information, the Lodge Calendar, and information about upcoming events, please consult the Lodge Web site at <http://www.chumashlodge90.org/>. Our new Webmaster Brian Mandera is busy updating information and working on new features to make the site more useful to all of our members.

Finally, with great sadness, we note the loss of Lynn Spear in September after a protracted illness. Lynn was very active in the Order of the Arrow. A Vigil member of the OA, Lynn served nine years as Lodge Adviser of Canalino Lodge 90. Until this past year Lynn served faithfully as an Elangomat at each Ordeal and trained all the youth and adults serving in that capacity. Lynn was well loved and respected by the many Scouts he touched during his three decades of leadership as an outstanding Webelos program. Please remember Lynn and his family in your prayers as we bid farewell to a true friend of the Order of the Arrow.



Bridging from Webelos to Boy Scouts

Boy Scouting is designed for boys ages 11 through 17, who are old enough to be on their own in the out-of-doors. While adults serve as key leaders, Boy Scouts hold leadership positions and plan the troop's program.

The passage from Cub Scout pack to Boy Scout troop should be smooth, with no time lost in between. By the time Webelos Scouts are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities, and feel excited about beginning this new adventure. The Webelos Scout's graduation ceremony should clearly signify his transition to a new level of Scouting, and could include the presentation of his Arrow of Light Award, a Boy Scout Handbook, and a troop neckerchief.

A Webelos Scout who has earned the Arrow of Light Award has now completed all the requirements for the Scout badge and may join a Boy Scout troop.

The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of a Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop. Ideally a community organization would have both a pack and a troop with leaders who work together to help move Webelos Scouts into a Boy



Scout troop the same way schools move students from elementary school to middle school.

Transitioning from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts is an exciting time, but it can be very scary to your Cub Scout. As your 5th grade son looks forward to bridging from Webelos to Scouting here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Visit at least two or three different Boy Scout troops. Every Boy Scout troop has a different emphasis. It's good to go as a group and then take time and go with your son by yourselves to a Boy Scout troop that may have caught your interest. When you think you have found a Boy Scout troop you like, go back a second time.
- Then go on an outing with that

troop. Remember: The prospective Boy Scout troop's program needs to fit with your family's time and interests. Some troops are heavy into backpacking, while others do both car camping and backpacking.

- Ask to see the troop's calendar of the year's activities. Do they have a program that fits your family's schedule, interest & goals? (Exp: backpacking, hiking, camping, bike riding, community service, etc.)

In Boy Scouting, the program is primarily run by the boys with the help and supervision of the adult leaders.

Hopefully these few points will help you as you and your son look forward to a new adventure of Scouting.

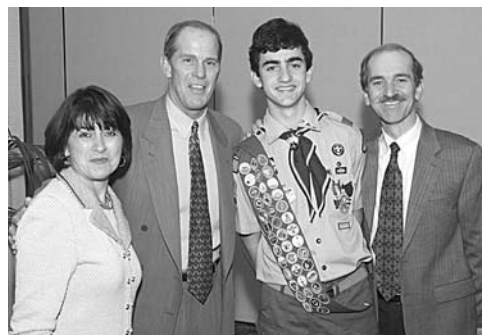
2009 FRIENDS

Celebrating the Adventure • Continuing the Journey

Just One Childhood



One Scout at a Time



Just One Chance to Make a Difference

The Scouting movement makes a lasting impact on every youth who joins. Young people who were part of a Scouting program for five or more years are more likely to:

- Graduate from high school
- Graduate from college
- Value family relationships
- Earn higher household incomes
- Have lifelong friendships
- Attend religious services
- Believe helping others should come before one's own self-interest

84% of ADULTS AGREE:

"The values I learned in Scouting continue to be very important to me."

As a Friend of Scouting, Your Support Enables the Los Padres Council to Provide the Following at Minimal to No Cost:

- Summer and weekend camp at Rancho Alegre and Camp Mabel French
- District and council activities such as Merit Badge Clinics, Pinewood Derbies, Camporees and youth trainings
- Training and support for all adult Scout leaders including monthly roundtables, youth protection training, district and council wide Basic Leader Training.
- General support and record keeping provided through five Scout Service Centers in addition to professional field staff support for volunteers, charter partners, the community and new unit organization.
- Program communications such as council newsletter, Web sites, E-News, flyers, and activity mailings are provided for all registered leaders.



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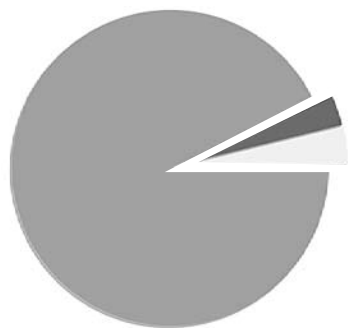
- \$2,500: Benefactor Member
- \$1,000: Guardian Member
- \$500: Patron Member
- \$250: Leadership Member
- \$150: Scout Sponsor – ONE SCOUT FOR ONE YEAR
- \$75: Supporter



How We Are Funded

(based upon the 2009 council budget of \$2,294,000):

Camping/Activities: 58%
Friends of Scouting: 14%
Investment Income: 9%
Special Events: 6%
Foundations: 5%
Product Sale: 3%
Scout Shop: 2%
Other: 3%



How We Invest in Young People:

Program: 93%
General Administration: 3%
Fundraising: 4%

SIGN UP YOUR UNIT TODAY FOR A FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATION

☐ YES, Sign Up Our Unit for a 2009 FOS Presentation!

Unit (Pack/Troop/Team/Crew/Post): _____

District: _____ Unit FOS Coordinator: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

We would like our FOS presentation to be held on _____ at _____ (time).

Submit to your District FOS Chair or District Executive.



Cachuma District

District Chair **Bruce Porter**

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District Commissioner **Chuck Sorensen**

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District Executive **Ron Walsh**

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JANUARY

- 6 District Committee/Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:00 p.m.,
Mother Hubbard's, Buellton
- 10 Merit Badge Pow-Wow – 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Jonata School, Buellton
- 14 Roundtable (in conjunction with Lompoc), 7:00 p.m.,
location to be announced
- 24 Merit Badge Pow Wow, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Jonata School, Buellton

FEBRUARY

- 3 District Committee/Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Mother Hubbard's, Buellton
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- 11 Roundtable (in conjunction with Lompoc), 7:00 p.m.,
location to be announced



CACHUMA DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

The Cachuma District serves the following areas: Ballard, Buellton, Gaviota, Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, and Solvang.

The district committee and commissioner staffs have a combined meeting the first Tuesday of each month at Mother Hubbard's Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.

MERIT BADGE POW-WOW OFFERINGS

The Merit Badge Pow-Wow is just a few short weeks away. Listed below are the merit badges that will be offered:

- Camping*
- Citizenship in the Community*
- Citizenship in the Nation*
- Citizenship in the World*
- Computers, Engineering,
Collections, Cooking, Electricity,
Family Life*
- First Aid*
- Personal Management*
- Energy, Communications*
- Personal Fitness*
- Emergency Preparedness*

*Please note that the merit badges with an * after them are required badges for the Eagle rank.*

Other District Committee:

Vicki Sorensen
Advancement Chair

Brad Ross
Training Chair

Rene Howard
Activities Chair

David Brown
Finance Chair

To get the most out of the Pow-Wow, we suggest that Scouts first read their Merit Badge pamphlets to be familiar with the requirements; then fill out the blue merit badge cards (as much as can be done on all three sections). Lastly, acquire the unit leader's signature indicating that the Scout is authorized to start the merit badge.



Camino Real District

District Chair: **Lynn Johnson**

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District Commissioner **Vacant**

District Executive: **Emilee Hanson**

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JANUARY

- 8 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,
340 Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach
- 8 Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., 340 Pomeroy Ave.,
Pismo Beach

FEBRUARY

- 12 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,
340 Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach
- 12 Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., 340 Pomeroy Ave.,
Pismo Beach



DISTRICT SCOUT-O-RAMA WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Scout-O-Rama was held at the Elm Street Park in Arroyo Grande on Saturday, November 22, 2008. A big thank you goes out to all participating units. Some highlights from the event include:

- The Catapult run by Troop 5 and 355
- The Monkey Bridge built by Troop 413
- The Dutch Oven Cook Off hosted by Troop 489

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting presentations will be held between the months of January and March. If your unit has not yet scheduled a presentation, contact Emilee Hanson at ehanson@bsamail.org to schedule your unit's presentation.

SEA SCOUT SHIP TO BE STARTED IN DISTRICT

Camino Real is in the process of starting a Sea Scout ship. Sea Scouting is co-educational and serves youth ages 14-21. We are looking for interested youth and adults. Contact Emilee Hanson for more information.

MERIT BADGE POW WOW

The 2009 Merit Badge Pow Wow will be held on Saturdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the LDS Stake Center, 908 East Sierra Madre in Santa Maria. The cost is \$10 if registration is received before February 2 and \$15 otherwise. For more information and registration forms, contact the Pismo Beach Scout office (805) 773-3556.

TRAINING

New Leader Essentials Training will continue to be held at the Pismo Scout Office the last Thursday of every month. This training starts at 6:30 p.m. and is hosted by Tina Moore. You must RSVP within 48 hours of the training in order to ensure that it will be held. Email Tina at tinaandjed@hotmail.com.



Del Norte District

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District Executive, **Ingrid Olsen**, inolsen@bsamail.org

JANUARY

- 6 Roundtable Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Paso Robles Veteran's Building, 240 Scott Street
- 10 Merit Badge Pow Wow, 7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Paso Robles LDS Church
- 15 Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Rabobank, Templeton
- 15 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rabobank, Templeton

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- 19 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rabobank, Templeton

DEL NORTE DISTRICT 2009 CAMPOREE

Now is the time to start preparing for the 2009 Del Norte District Camporee. The dates are April 24-26, 2009 and this year's location will be announced soon. The camporee will be held in a new location and you will not want to miss it! This year's theme is "Around the Campfire" and will incorporate Scout songs, skits, and storytelling. Camporee adventure will include Scout skill competitions, dutch oven cooking, cracker barrel, and a Webelos overnigher, and more. Remember, winning at the camporee is not just based on how fast or accurate a task is completed but also the Scouts leadership skills, team work, and sportsmanship. Start planning and practicing your campfire skills!

DEL NORTE DISTRICT MERIT BADGE POW WOW

The 2009 Merit Badge Pow Wow is approaching on Saturdays, January 10, February 7 and March 7, 2009 from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Paso Robles LDS Church, 1020 Creston Road. Boy Scouts will be able to work on four merit badges or complete partial merit badges. The cost for the Pow Wow is \$10.00 per Scout, which includes materials and snacks. Please remember to bring blue cards signed by your Scoutmaster. Registration forms are available at www.lpcbsa.org under the Del Norte Calendar or at the Atascadero Service Center. Attendance is not required at all three sessions, but only requirements completed will be signed off. Please plan to complete work outside of class.

SCOUT SUNDAY AND SCOUT SABBATH

The Boy Scouts of America will be celebrating its 99th anniversary the

week of February 8 – 14, 2009. As the 12th point of the Scout Law, a Scout is Reverent and a reflection of a Scouts Duty to God, Boy Scout Anniversary week includes Scout Sunday on February 8 and Scout Sabbath on February 14. All leaders and Scouts are encouraged to talk to the religious institution's leadership to participate in services that day and wear their Scout uniform if that is appropriate for your place of worship.

MILIMOL-PA-KHUS CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE ARROW UPCOMING MEETINGS

Starting in January, all meetings will be the last Thursday of every month at the Atascadero Boy Scout Hut, Lake Pavilion at 7:00 p.m. Recently, the Milimol-Pa-Khus Chapter was involved in a community service activity, performing a flag ceremony for the opening meeting of the California Association of Parliamentarians. Our chapter also received our newest OA vigil member Wesley Newby. Matthew Winslow is the current Chapter Chief, Adam Schwarm is our current Vice-Chief, and Andrea Mesko is the Chapter Adviser. Any OA Chapter member who would like more information about meetings and activities, or have any questions can contact the Chapter Chief at mdwscout@sbcglobal.net. If an adult or youth would like to rejoin OA, please contact Andrea Mesko at andreamesko@sbcglobal.net.



Live Oak District

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JANUARY

- 14 Roundtable Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lompoc Scout Office, 116 E. College
- 15 District Annual Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Santa Maria LDS Stake, 938 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria
- 15 Roundtable Meeting/District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Santa Maria LDS Stake, 938 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria
- 31 New Leader Essentials/Leader Specific Training, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Santa Maria LDS Stake, 938 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria
- 31 Scouting for Food Drive Pick Up, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Santa Maria Food Bank (drop off site), 409 W. Foster, Santa Maria

FEBRUARY

- 11 Roundtable Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lompoc Scout Office, 116 E. College
- 12 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Santa Maria LDS Stake, 938 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria
- 12 Roundtable Meeting/District Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Santa Maria LDS Stake, 938 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria
- 28 Pinewood Derby, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Abel Maldonado Youth Center, 600 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria

ARE YOU AN EAGLE SCOUT?

Are you an Eagle Scout and want to give back? We need you! The district is in the process of developing a strong NESAs (National Eagle Scout Association) composed of local professionals and businessman that are Eagle Scouts to support local efforts.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The Family Unit FOS Chair Orientation is scheduled to take place on January 15. The Family FOS Campaign will kick-off on the same day! The Community Campaign Captains kick-off with a special meeting. Look for details on the Live Oak District calendar at www.lpcbsa.org

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The District Committee will meet at

6:00-7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings will alternate with Lompoc and will coincide with roundtables, see district calendar for specifics. District roundtable meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will continue to take place on the second Thursday of the month at the LDS Stake Center on Sierra Madre in Santa Maria; and on the second Wednesday of the month at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc. So mark your calendars for 2009! Do you want to share your knowledge and expertise in Scouting at one of the roundtables? Contact your District Commissioner, Jeff Sais!

SCOUTING'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

The annual Scout Report to the local

government takes place during the month of February in various cities of the district. The Boy Scouts of America encourages all units to get involved and make a strong presence with a positive report in their communities. Commissioner staff will contact each unit leader to confirm dates, locations and participation.

SCOUT LEADER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Give yourself a break this spring! Get trained and be prepared for Wood-badger for the 21st Century on September 24, 25, 26, 2009 at Rancho Alegre and October 15, 16, 17, 2009 at Camp French! Plan to complete the prerequisites and attend the second series of training offered by Los Padres Council in San Luis Obispo County on April 18, Leader Position Specific Training; May 29 & 30, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills; May 30, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation; and May 30 & 31, 2009, Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders. For more information visit www.lpcbsa.org

MERIT BADGE POW WOW

The Merit Badge POW WOW is one of the most popular events of the year and coming up on March 7, 14, and 21 at the LDS Stake Center on Sierra Madre in Santa Maria, CA. To register on-line or for more information visit www.lpsbsa.org and look for the Live Oak District Calendar, then click on the link to the event.



South Coast District

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JANUARY

- 8 District Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Santa Barbara Service Center, 4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara
- 8 Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., 2107 Santa Barbara Street
- 19 Santa Barbara Store & Offices Closed

FEBRUARY

- 1 Nominations for District Award of Merit due
- 1 Scouting for Food
- 5 District Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Santa Barbara Service Center, 4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara
- 12 Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., 2107 Santa Barbara Street
- 14 District PineWood Derby - theme: HIGH ADVENTURE
- 16 Santa Barbara Store & Offices Closed

WELCOME NEW UNITS

A warm welcome to Cub Scout Pack 61, located at St.Vincent's Gardens. The pack has already signed up three Tiger Cubs, two Wolf, one Bear and one Webelos Scouts. Their charter organization is the Knights of Columbus, Council 1684. The new Cubmaster is James Armijo. This brings the number of Cub Scout packs in the South Coast District to 15. There are 15 Boy Scout troops as well from Carpinteria to Goleta.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

In 2008 a large group of youth attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to the following: John Loomis, Brian Ford, Daniel Helkey, and Brendan O'Connell of Boy Scout Troop 1; Jack Lander III of Boy Scout Troop 2; Spencer Michaels of Boy Scout Troop 4; Kevin Lamb of Venture Crew 6; Riley Arntz and

Spencer Funk of Boy Scout Troop 20; Benton Bottoms, Nathan Salman, Ryan Nagy, and Christopher Cusack of Boy Scout Troop 33; Michael Schlesselmann, Joseph Yonke, Sam Verhasselt, J Patrick Burgess, and David Pilkington of Boy Scout Troop 105; Gabriel Burnworth of Venture Crew 126; and Karson Kump of Boy Scout Troop 147.

Particularly outstanding is the number of Eagle Scouts in the senior class at Bishop Garcia Diego High. Coincidentally, teachers Michael Fay and Matt Najera are Eagle Scouts as well.

For the year 2008, Eagle Scout Matthew Mulroy of Boy Scout Troop 50 in Carpinteria was named Junior Carpinterian of the Year.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE SCOUT LEADERS WE HAVE RECENTLY LOST

On August 31, one of the pillars of the local Scouting program, Lynn Spear, Webelos Den Leader, recipient of the

OA Vigil Honor, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver awards, passed away after a short battle with cancer. Many boys and men throughout the council received the benefit of Lynn's wisdom and deep Scouting spirit over the 36 years he served Cub Scout Pack 21.

Recently, we saw the passing of other long time Scouters such as Wes Harrison, leader in Boy Scout Troop 1 since 1943 and long time Scout supporter, "Son of Bunyan" adventure books.

SCOUT SKILLS SAVES LIFE

Last September, one Scout used the skills learned through Scouting to save the life of a fellow classmate. Using the Heimlich maneuver, Jamie Rosenberg was able to keep his classmate, Andrew McCaffery, from choking on a piece of food. Both boys are from Boy Scout Troop 26.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Now is the time to have your Unit FOS Chair recruited. This person will be responsible for making the presentation to your unit. As you know, our district provides many services that help your unit provide a quality program for the Scouts. Everything from the camp at Rancho Alegre to the Scout Store on Modoc Road is funded by FOS donations. There will be training provided for every Unit FOS Chair. Please let Justin Jepsen know who is filling this position as soon as possible.



Youth Presidents' Association

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In an effort to provide the Venturing and Exploring youth leadership of the Los Padres Council with a forum to support their crews, ships, and posts activities and to promote Venturing and Exploring, the Youth Presidents' Association was formed. Each crew, ship and post will be asked to nominate one youth member to serve as an officer. We will be asking for nominations in February of 2009. The officers will make up the YPA and will meet monthly to accomplish the aims of the program.

YPA PURPOSE

To develop and strengthen Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Explorer Posts in the Council by:

- Demonstrating effective unit operations at meetings
- Providing personal growth opportunities for unit officers

Announcing the Council-Wide Venturing and Exploring Youth Activities Committee

- Developing tools for units to recruit and train members
- Plan quarterly activities that all Venturers and Explorers of the council will be invited to participate in
- Providing opportunities for units to share resources, ideas, and opportunities
- Maintain an up to date list of all crews, ships, and posts along with information about their specialty
- Expand the Venturing and Exploring programs of the Los Padres Council

STRUCTURE

- Members of the YPA are the representatives of every crew, ship and post in the council
- Officers are elected annually by members
- Advisors are appointed annually by the committee
- Activity Chairs are appointed as required by the officers

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- President – Supervises other Officers, runs meetings, represents YPA to other bodies
- Administrative Vice-President – Recruits and supervises members, stands in for President
- Program Vice-President – Plans events and programs, appoints Activity Chairs, plans calendar
- Communication Vice-President – Produces media, manages regular communications
- Advisors – Ensure rules are followed, mentor officers, provide training
- Activity Chairs – Appointed to be in charge of an individual activity

For more information on the YPA, please contact Emilee Hanson, Staff Advisor at (805) 773-3556.



National Jamboree

2010 National Scout Jamboree Details Announced

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree will use an online application process for all Scouts, leaders, and jamboree staff applicants desiring to attend the Jamboree.

Interested youth, unit contingent leaders, and prospective staff members must complete an online application. It is accessed through www.Scouting.org. Applicants will need to use their BSA identification number (found on your registration card) to access the application Web site. The initial application fee is \$10. This fee is nonrefundable and does apply to the registration fee. Scouts and individuals applying to be a part of the Los Padres Council contingent will be directed to print a confirmation and send it to the Los Padres Council with a \$100 deposit.

THIS CONFIRMATION WILL STATE THAT THEIR APPLICATION MUST BE ACCEPTED BY THE LOS PADRES COUNCIL, AND DOES NOT GUARANTEE PARTICIPATION.

Our Jamboree contingent will enjoy a great 7 day pre-Jamboree tour, the National Jamboree, and a 1 day after Jamboree tour.

Scouts and their leaders will visit many of the historic sites in and around Washington D.C., historic Philadelphia, Colonial Williamsburg, Gettysburg, and more. Final costs are not yet determined, but we estimate a fee of \$3,700 which will include all transportation, accommodations,

meals, tours, Jamboree fee, equipment, and commemorative pins and patches.

For more information, contact Ron Walsh at 686-5167, or e-mail rwalsh@bsamail.org

Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of the 100th Anniversary National Scout Jamboree!





Scout Anniversary Celebration

Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership

The 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership is an opportunity for anyone to recognize outstanding leadership by a Scout, registered leader or Scouting volunteer who made a significant difference in the life of another by the extraordinary service they have given and the Scouting virtues they have modeled.

The value and relevancy of Scouting comes to life in leadership demonstrated by Scouts and Scouters. Nominations to the National Hall of Leadership are real-life stories from individuals who have been the recipients of extraordinary examples of leadership by your Scouts and Scouters.

To be nominated for the National Hall of Leadership, the nominee must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may/may not be officially registered with the BSA. They also must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer within Scouting for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old—there is no age limit for nominees.

The National Hall of Leadership nomination process begins the week of February 8, 2009—the 99th anniversary of Scouting. Nominations are submitted online in the form of a story that is 450 words or less sharing the extraordinary leadership and Scouting virtues modeled in the service provided. Go to the Hall of Leadership section of the 100th Anniversary Web site at www.Scouting.org/100years for more details on the nomination process. Click on the nomination form icon. Fill out the nomination form and click "Send" when finished. We encourage you to share your nomination with your nominee through a link to a PDF of a certificate congratulating them on their nomination. Click "Send Certificate" and follow the instructions. If your nominee does not have Internet access, you can print and mail the certificate of thanks and congratulations. Your nominee will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

A national committee of judges receives and evaluates each nomina-

tion to the National Hall of Leadership. Judging is based on the story of leadership and service and how well the nomination reflects and "brings to life" the nominee's qualities as a leader based on the following criteria as appropriate to the story:

- Devoting themselves to meeting the needs of another or others.
- Displaying extraordinary leadership and modeling of Scouting virtues in the service of others.
- Focusing on meeting the needs of those they lead and/or have served.
- Developing Scouts and fellow leaders to bring out the best in them.
- Coaching others and encouraging their self expression.
- Facilitating personal growth in all who work with them.
- Listening and building a spirit of community.

The nomination period is from February 8, 2009–February 8, 2010. Final inductees will be announced in May 2010 at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas.



Tribute Fund



The Scout Tribute Fund offers an opportunity to make a contribution in living memory, on the occasion of a celebration (achieving the rank of Eagle Scout), graduation, birthday, or at the death of a relative or friend. No finer tribute can be paid than to enable a boy to live the life of a Scout and thus perpetuate the high principles you admired in a friend or loved one. A special Memorial Tribute card will be sent to the person you designate.

RECENT TRIBUTES

In Memory of Lynn Spear

Bartlein & Company; Joe & Zea Bauer; Barbara Chung; Hayes Family; Art & Barbara Najera; Order of the Arrow, Chumash Lodge 90; Janice Olsen; Mr. & Mrs. Patch; Suarez Family; Sharon & Bob Tangel; David & Kathryn Tate; and Deborah Walberg.

In Memory of George Bliss
Oswald DaRos

In Memory of Mrs. Tynan
Hayes Family

In Memory of Roy Stier
Phyllis Stier

In Memory of Max Blaylock
Grace Moffitt

TO: The Memorial Tribute Fund, Los Padres Council, BSA
4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

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