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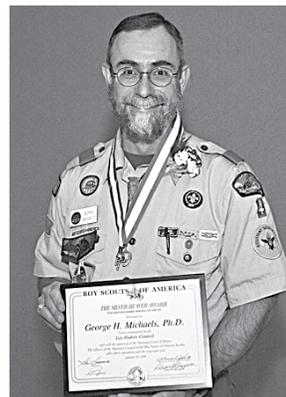
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2009 Silver Beaver Recipients Honored

Congratulations to the 2009 Los Padres Council Silver Beaver recipients. Five outstanding Scouting volunteers were recognized at the council's Annual Recognition Dinner held Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge.

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people within a Boy Scout local council. More than 50,000 recognitions have been conferred to date. A recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA. The awards are bestowed at appropriate local functions. Silver Beaver Awards are presented on the basis of the number of units in a council.



SCOUT EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Scouters:

For those of us who are Scouters, we have always known how important traditional values are and how quality family time is priceless. We have placed the highest value on duty to God and country for 99 years. And, for generation after generation, we welcomed families to join us in the Scouting movement.

Each generation before us faced challenges; some of which we can only begin to fathom. When I was young and my parents and grandparents spoke of the depression, they spoke of a somber fear of uncertainty about the world and an increased sense of what was truly important. When the country faced the highest of financial upheaval, American families placed a higher value on what was truly important in their lives—their families.

Today, both Scouting and not-yet Scouting families, face the same uncertainty and are looking for something that reminds them of what is most valuable. Some say it is a return to a simpler time. Which means more families are looking for programs like Scouting to spend their time.

There has not been a more opportune time in recent years for Scouting to grow in our communities. And, we must be prepared to promote Scouting values and welcome new families. This is where each of us plays a role.

Throughout the pages of this newsletter issue, you will find resources on recruitment, training, and program activities to support and strengthen your unit so that it will be ready to open the door to new families.

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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DEADLINE: This newsletter is published every other month: January/February; March/April; May/June; July/August; September/October; and November/December. The deadline for copy and photographs is the Monday five weeks prior to the issue date.



Commissioner's Corner



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Scouting has always depended on volunteer registered adult leaders, primarily parents of Scouts, to lead packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships. It is also part of Scouting's tradition that most parents who are not registered leaders pitch in from time to time to help out. To encourage involvement and more engagement of volunteers at all levels, the Boy Scouts of America has developed the National Parent Initiative.

The **National Parent Initiative** is a unique opportunity to engage more parents in Scouting, especially at the unit level. The emphasis is on capturing a parent's interest and support to become more involved and committed to the success of their child's Scouting experience. It will enhance youth and adult enthusiasm, recruitment, retention, achievement, and the family FUN of Scouting with a passionate commitment by all who participate.

Role of the **ScoutParents** Unit Coordinator

All units are encouraged to appoint at least one **ScoutParents** unit coordinator who will serve as a registered member of the unit's committee or as one of its assistant unit leaders. The coordinator will complete the adult volunteer application and pay the annual \$10 registration fee. Coordinators will go through the regular adult background check like all other registered leaders. Larger units may have more than one person serving in this key position.

The **ScoutParents** unit coordinator welcomes all parents to the unit and keeps them informed by doing the following:

- 1) Assign parents to help with at least one specific task, assignment, or project annually.

- 2) Provide an orientation for all parents about how the unit works and the benefits to their family.
- 3) Keep parents updated on the unit's program and their child's involvement.

This position will help involve more adults with the unit's program, thus creating a better informed group of parents connected to their child's Scouting experience. The support and commitment of parents directly affects the quality of the unit's program and provides a more meaningful experience for everyone, especially the Scouts!

Fast start training is available for all **ScoutParents** unit coordinators. Access the training by going to the official **ScoutParents** Web site, www.scoutparents.org; the national Web site, www.scouting.org; or directly to the online learning site, www.olc.scouting.org. This training will assist them in understanding their position and with learning how to work closer with the parents in their unit. When a new **ScoutParents** unit coordinator is officially registered, he/she will receive an e-mail from the National Council welcoming them to the program and encouraging them to go to the **ScoutParents** Web site for more details and support.

Each registered **ScoutParents** unit coordinator will be encouraged to create a MyScouting account, giving them access to other resources to support their efforts. This access will also give them the ability to print a member roster of the parents in their unit who are active **ScoutParents**. There is also a special leadership emblem available for this registered position. They can wear it on their uniform if they want to become a uniformed leader or they can wear it on a T-shirt or hat if they desire.



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Wood Badge for the 21st Century

Course Dates: **September 24 -26, 2009 at Rancho Alegre**
October 15-17, 2009 at Camp French

Los Padres Council is proud to announce it will be offering Wood Badge for the 21st Century training next fall. Course director, Terry Pew, and others from the council recently attended a training conference in northern California to prepare for putting on this advanced adult leadership training.

The theme for the course is **“creating a legacy,”** which Terry says, “ promotes the idea that as Boy Scouting in America celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2010, we realize the legacy which has been passed on to us and now it is our turn to create a new legacy of Scouting for the 21st century. Becoming Wood Badge trained is a great way to ensure the legacy of Scouting will continue.”

Why Wood Badge?

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and local councils. The Wood Badge Ticket represents the participant’s commitment to complete a set of personal goals relating to that individuals’ Scouting position.

What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the advanced training program for all Scouters involved in the BSA programs. Wood Badge consists of two parts. The first part reflects unit meetings, while the second part of the course uses a unit camping activity as its delivery method.

As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants will be able to:

1. View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth.
2. Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
3. Revitalize your commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.
4. Apply the skills you will learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.

The themes that will encapsulate the course content are:

- Living the Values
- Bringing the Vision to Life
- Models of Success
- Tools of the Trade
- Leading to Make a Difference

For more information go to the council Web site, www.lpcbbsa.org or email at terrypew@bsmail.org



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Tres Robles Seeks Participants

In Scouting we say that “Every Boy Deserves A Trained Leader”, and that certainly is true. Could you do your job as a unit leader without taking the training that is specific to your position? Well, maybe, but certainly not as well or with as much confidence as when you have taken the appropriate training courses.

And you know, that same premise applies to your youth leaders. Can they do their jobs as Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and etc. without training for their specific position? Again, maybe, but certainly not as well as when they have taken the appropriate training course for their position. And in the Los Padres Council, that appropriate training course is called Tres Robles.

Tres Robles, National Youth Leadership Training is the Los Padre’s Council advanced leadership training course for Scouting’s youth leaders. It is a course that is primarily staffed and run by Boy Scouts. The course is designed to enhance the Troop Leadership Training that Scout leaders should conduct at the unit level. Scouts attending and completing Tres Robles will develop new leadership skills and know what a leader must be, know what a leader must know, and know what a leader must do.

To attend Tres Robles, a Scout must be at least 13 years of age, but not yet 18 by June 22, 2009, and First Class rank; completion of troop level Troop Leadership Training is highly recommended; and be approved by his unit leader.

Tres Robles Objectives:

- Give participants the confidence and knowledge to conduct the troop program.
- Provide participants with a clear understanding of team and personal development and how those elements relate to being a leader.
- Guide the participants through the stages of team development.
- Experience an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun.
- Give Boy Scouts the opportunity to work with Boy Scouts from other troops.

This year’s course will be held June 22 – 27 at Camp Mabel French located near Lake Lopez in Arroyo Grande. The course fee is \$250. For detailed information and application packet, please visit the council Web site at www.lpcbsa.org and click on the link from the front page for Tres Robles, National Youth Leadership Training.



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The Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America is proud to present its first ever

“SAFETY TRAINING DAY WORKSHOP”

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009 • 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

RANCHO ALEGRE SCOUT CAMP

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Every Scouter that thinks Scouting should be a safe place for your Cubs, Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers. Scouts/Venture members over 16 are also welcome to attend and participate in the training.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED? Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Trek Safely, Climb-On Safely, Weather Safety, and you will be trained and certified in Basic First Aid and CPR.



This one day training event will ensure that your unit will be able to safely conduct trips and outings that require these important safety courses. If you look at the current Tour Permit applications, you will notice that many of the trips you plan need to have qualified adult leaders to conduct the tour or trip.

THE COST: Is only \$35 per person, and includes lunch and your First Aid and CPR certifications. Thanks to a grant from our National Office Risk Management Program, we are able to offer this course at a greatly reduced fee. Please fill out the registration form below and mail to Rancho Alegre Program Office, 2680 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, or you may sign up at any of our offices, or go the council's Web site www.lpcbsa.org and click on the Safety Training Day Workshop on the front page.

Name _____ Unit No & Type _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Check enclosed _____ Cash enclosed _____

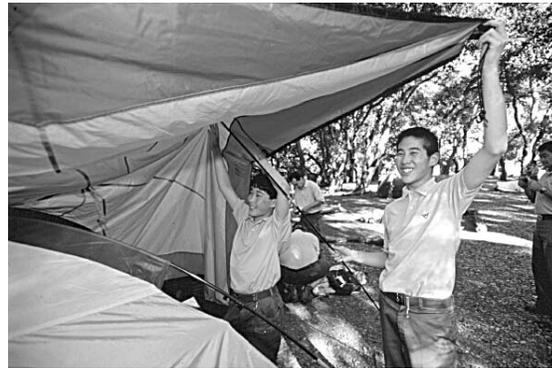
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Rancho Alegre/ Outdoor School

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RANCHO ALEGRE CAMPS OFFERED THIS SUMMER

Have you made your summer outdoor plans yet? If not, plan on coming to Rancho Alegre for some really great programs this summer. We will be offering our Boy Scout Summer Camp, Cub Resident Camp, a specialized advanced aquatics camp, and a Venturing camp as well.

Cub Scout Camp Details:

- Cub Resident Camp for Wolves and Bears: July 5 – 8
 - Cub Resident Camp for Webelos: July 8 – 11
- Cost for the Cub Scout camp sessions is \$195 (\$135 for Cub/Webelos and \$60 for the adult partner).

If paid in full by June 15, you will receive a \$10 discount. Cub Scouts and their partners will enjoy swimming, hiking, archery, BB gun shooting, camping skills, campfires, rank advancement, games, and much more!

Boy Scout Camp Details:

- Boy Scout Resident Camp: July 12 – 18.
- The Eagle Requirement and Trail to First Class programs will once again be offered. All required Eagle Scout merit badges will be offered, as well as many of the requirements for First Class Scout. This is a great opportunity for young men who want to work on their Eagle requirements, but may be limited on time. Similarly, the Trail to First Class program can give those new Scouts a real jump on attaining their First Class rank. Among some of the many merit badges being offered (not a complete list at this time) are archery, rifle shooting, shotgun

shooting, leatherwork, basketry, law, computers, fire safety, canoeing, and more!

Boy Scout Resident Camp Costs:

- Los Padres Council Scouts with Unit Leaders \$250
- Los Padres Council Individual Scouts (provisional camping) \$275
- Out of Council Scouts with Unit Leaders \$270
- Out of Council individual Scouts (provisional camping) \$295
- Additional Adult Leaders \$125

** Two adult leaders attend camp free if your unit has between five and 20 Scouts. If fees are paid in full by June 15, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Advanced Aquatic Skills Camp will be offered from July 19 – 22.

If you are serious about enhancing your aquatic skills, then this is the camp for you. This camp is open to Boy Scouts, Venturers, adults, and non-Scouts as well. Among the programs that will be taught are BSA Lifeguard, snorkeling BSA, Scuba BSA (this is a familiarization course, not certification), mile swim, canoeing, rowing, safe-swim defense, safety afloat, CPR and First Aid. Cost for this camp is \$205 (includes first aid and CPR certification). If fee is paid in fully by June 15, you will receive a \$10 discount.



Order of the Arrow Chumash Lodge 90

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ORDER OF THE ARROW CHUMASH LODGE 90 NEWS

It is a great new year for Chumash Lodge 90. We have a full slate of events scheduled for this year, and want to encourage all of you to participate to the fullest.

TROOP VISITS AND UNIT ELECTIONS

Of immediate attention for all Arrowmen and Boy Scout Troops are troop visitations for unit elections. At least two of our Chapter Chiefs have attended December or January roundtables to make presentations to the assembled Scoutmasters. All chapters should be making contact with Scoutmasters to arrange for troop visitations in February and early March so that we can complete elections by our target date of March 24. This will allow us to be ready for Call-Out ceremonies at the various district camps in April. We need all Arrowmen to step up to the plate and volunteer to assist on election teams.

DUES AND REGISTRATION

Please note that 2009 dues were due on January 1. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2009, you may download a copy of the dues form as a PDF file from the Lodge Web site. Print it, complete it, and return it with payment to the address listed on the

form. It is very important that all Arrowmen keep their membership up to date so that they can participate in all Chapter, Lodge, Section and National OA events. You also must keep your Scouting membership up to date, so please bear that in mind as well.

NEW VIGIL HONOR MEMBERS HONORED

On January 30-31 the Lodge held it's first Vigil night of the year. Vigil members from all over the Lodge attended, 19 in all, to help induct our four newest Vigil members into this high honor. The event was ably executed by Tyler Johnson, with assistance from his advisor Mr. Harry Holden. Our thanks to them for an outstanding event. The newest Vigil Honor members of the Lodge are: Lodge Chief Robert MacKenzie; Lodge Vice-Chief Keith Avery; former Chapter Chief Spencer Michaels; and long-time faithful Arrowman James Wright. Please join us in offering your heartiest congratulations to these new Vigil Honor members.

NEW SECTION PARTICIPATION FOR LODGE

Our Lodge is now part of the recently established, and just designated, Section W4N. Lodge officers attended an on-site Section meeting at Camp Verdugo Oaks on January 7. Our thanks to Casey Zuchelli for volunteering to serve as Conclave Vice Chief (CVC) for Programs to represent Chumash 90 on the Conclave planning com-

mittee. 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.

ORDEAL SCHEDULED FOR MAY

Please put the weekend of May 14-16 on your calendars for the Spring Ordeal at Rancho Alegre. As part of the Ordeal, we will also be conducting Brotherhood conversion activities, a Lodge business meeting, and Vigil nominations. We look forward to seeing everyone turn out for this great event.

Coming up this summer, there are several national opportunities available to Arrowmen. These include OA Ocean Adventure (OAOA) in Florida, OA Philmont Trailcrew at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and of course biggest of all the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). NOAC will be held at the University of Indiana Bloomington from July 29-August 3. More information and application forms are available from the Lodge Web site and Lodge Officers and Advisors.

For up to date contact information, the Lodge calendar, and information about upcoming events, please consult the Lodge Web site. The address of the site is: <http://www.chumash-lodge90.org/>.



Spring Recruitment Essential for All Units

Recruiting for Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews is a year round job. All units are encouraged to have a spring recruiting event.

For Cub Scout Packs, plan a day in the park. Set up your pinewood derby track, if you have an open area or have a kite day. Check with one of your fire stations if you can have an open house there. Be sure to have snacks and games for the kids and an incentive (prize) for the boys that bring a friend and for the boys that sign up.

For Boy Scout Troops, have your Scouts invite their friends to a day hike cook out, bike ride, fishing day etc. Remember that new boys on their trail to First Class need to invite a friend to a Scouting event. You may want to consider inviting first year Webelos Scouts, as they will be moving into Boy Scouts in less than a year.

For Venture Crews, the first rule is that a crew that is active, or has a lot of interesting activities on their calendar, will recruit faster than one which does not. An active crew will have enthusiastic youth members and the most effective recruiter in Venturing is a Venturer who likes their crew and its activities.

Appoint an adult leader within your unit to oversee your recruiting efforts who can provide leader-

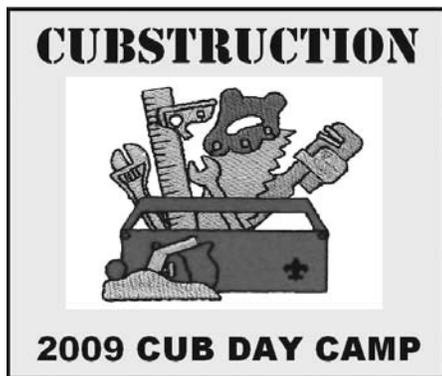


ship to recruiting activities and share information about your Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew. This individual will be responsible for obtaining names, phone numbers and emails for every family in attendance and share the ScoutParents information (**more information on page three of this newsletter issue**) with new parents to engage their participation in the beginning.

Publicity is the best way to get the word out about your unit's program. If your group is doing something special and unique, contact the media; they just might pick up on it! Not only will this draw positive attention to your program but it will remind people that Scouting is still going strong.

Some Final Notes on Recruitment: Look for more information to follow on a council wide Tiger Cub recruitment activity on Saturday, May 30, as well as major council fall recruitment plans. Additionally, there are unit level recruitment plans (both for youth and adults) that have been extremely successful. So that we may share your ideas and successes, please share them with Karen Torgeson, Council Vice President for Membership at the email address listed above.

2009 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP



"CUBSTRUCTION – CUBS AT WORK" DAY CAMP

Calling all Cubs! Plan now for your summer adventure at Cub Scout Day Camp. We have five great day camps throughout our council for you to choose from. Our theme this year is "**Cubstruction – Cubs at Work**" and Cubs will have a lot of fun learning new skills, new crafts, and new advancement opportunities.

In addition to the fun day camp activities such as archery, crafts, songs, and skits – "**CUBSTRUCTION –CUBS AT WORK**" will include woodworking projects galore, tool belt relays, construct an obstacle course, drive a nail contest – just to name a few!

Here are the dates and locations for "**CUBSTRUCTION – CUBS AT WORK**" Day Camps:

- Camino Real District: June 15 – 19 at Camp Mabel French in Arroy Grande. For information e-mail Eric Minicucci at vtconsulting@charter.net
- Del Norte District: June 22 – 26 at the LDS Church on Creston Road. For more information e-mail Ashley White at awhite805@charter.net
- Live Oak District - Lompoc Area: June 15-19 at the picnic grounds of Vandenberg AFB located on San Antonio Road. For more information, email Gina Munkres at grmunkres@hotmail.com
- Live Oak District, Santa Maria and Orcutt: July 27-31 at Pioneer Park in Santa Maria. For more information, please contact either Wendy Hudson at whudson@ci.santa-maria.ca.us or Gary Kesselring at kesselrings@verizon.net
- South Coast District: June 22 – 26 at Bishop Diego Garcia High School in Santa Barbara. For more information, e-mail Eve Giroux at payroll@sbceo.org

Day Camp fee is \$135 for the week, but if you register and pay in full by May 25, 2009 your fee is only \$105! The fee includes all program supplies as well as a t-shirt and camp patch.

Volunteers are needed to run all the day camps, so please consider spending some quality time with your son at camp. Contact the directors listed above for information on how you can help.



CUBSTRUCTION – CUBS AT WORK

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WHO CAN ATTEND DAY CAMP?

All registered Cub Scouts! Yes, even those new Tiger Cubs who just joined your Cub Scout Pack.

WHAT ABOUT LEADERSHIP?

Cub Scouts should register with their Cub Scout Pack. Pack leadership and parents are encouraged to participate. Cub Scout Packs may be required to provide adult leadership and will be notified if necessary. A volunteer that works the entire week at Cub Scout Day Camp shall pay a fee of 50% of the early bird fee (this year that would be \$52.50) for their son(s) to attend day camp.

WHAT TO BRING?

Cub Scouts should bring a sack lunch each day; bring non-perishable foods & drinks only. Bring rain gear if weather looks threatening, sunscreen and bug repellent. Everything else is provided. Adults may bring a chair and a small tarp for the boys to sit on.

INSURANCE

A special accident insurance policy will be provided. This is secondary insurance and will become effective after a family policy is exhausted. A \$100 deductible applies.

WHAT ABOUT YOUNGER CHILDREN?

A special area will be available for younger children of adults who are serving on day camp staff and are at camp on the days needed. A nominal fee of \$30 covers the entire week or for any combination of days. Snacks, tee shirts, and activities will be provided. These children should also bring a sack lunch. Parents must be a volunteer at camp while younger children are present. You are required to pre-register your young children as well.



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MARCH

- 3 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Mother Hubbard's, Buellton
- 27-29 District Camporee (with Lompoc and Santa Maria), Rancho Alegre

APRIL

- 7 District Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Mother Hubbard's, Buellton

CACHUMA YOUTH AND ADULT HONORED AT COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER



Congratulations to **Casey Howard**, a member of Venture Crew 154, who received the John A. Davis Award at the Los Padres Council Annual Dinner. Casey was honored as the outstanding Scout in our council for her community service and her dedication to the Venturing program.



David Brown, the District Finance Chair and Friends of Scouting Chair, was honored with the Silver Beaver Award. He was one of five recipients this year.



DISTRICT MERIT BADGE POW WOW WAS GREAT SUCCESS!

Cachuma District Merit Badge PowWow hosted 68 youth. Scouts from all of the Boy Scout Troops in the district participated, as well as Boy Scouts from Lompoc and Vandenberg Air Force Base. All the Scouts had a great time and earned a lot of completions and partial completions for the merit badges offered. A special thank you goes to Jonata School for their generosity in donating their facility for the program.

TRI-VALLEY CAMPOREE PLANNED

Be sure your Boy Scout Troop plans on attending the Tri-Valley District Camporee on March 27-29 at Rancho Alegre. Test your skills against other patrols from Lompoc, Santa Maria, and the Santa Ynez Valley! Camporee Chiefs Paul Ladwig, Mark Sands, and Brad Ross have lots of great activities planned. Don't miss out on the fun! And....it's close to home right at Rancho Alegre.



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MARCH

- 7, 14, & 21 Merit Badge Pow Wow – 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., LDS Stake Center, 908 East Sierra Madre in Santa Maria
12 District Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m., 340 Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach
12 Roundtable - 7:00 p.m., 340 Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach

APRIL

- 9 District Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m., 340 Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach
9 Roundtable - 7:00 p.m., 340 Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach
24- 26 Camp-O-Ree, Camp Mabel French.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Tina Moore and Betty Keller were recognized for their exemplary service to youth in Scouting at the Camino Real Annual District Dinner. The dinner was held on December 11 at the Marie Callendar's in Pismo Beach. Betty Keller was recognized for serving the LDS units in San Luis Obispo for over 25 years while Tina Moore was recognized for teaching the monthly New Leader Essentials trainings among her service in Boy Scout Troop 26. Don Cone also received his 75 year veteran pin at the event.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

To each unit that has already reached its Family FOS goal, thank you! To all the units who are striving towards that goal, we know you can make it. And if your unit has not yet scheduled a presentation, contact Emilee Hanson at ehanson@bsamail.org. Let's "do our best" to reach

our campaign goals in spring so we can focus our energy on providing an outstanding program to our Scouts.

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. What makes Sea Scouting unique is that it is out on the water. Sea Scout Ships use a variety of boats; from outboard motorboats to large sailing yachts. We are looking for interested youth and adults. Contact Emilee Hanson for more information.

MERIT BADGE POW WOW

Bring your Boy Scouts out to work on their advancements! 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 now be called "This Is Scouting" and will be offered online. A big thank you goes out to Tina Moore for providing this training in person until now.

CAMP-O-REE

Come enjoy a weekend of friendly competition and troop/patrol team building at Camino Real's 3rd Annual District Camp-O-Ree. More information and registration paperwork is available at www.lpcbsa.org



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MARCH:

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

APRIL:

- 2 Roundtable Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Paso Robles Veteran's Building, 240 Scott Street
- 16 Commissioners Meeting – 6:00 p.m., Rabobank, Templeton
- 16 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Rabobank, Templeton
- 24-26 Del Norte District Camporee, location TBA
- 25 "Learn to Lead a Hike" – 9:00 a.m., Larry Moore Park, Paso Robles

CUB SCOUT DAY AT THE PASO ROBLES CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

A fun filled day was held in January for Cub Scouts to work on several Webelos pins and belt-loops. It was an overwhelming success with 75 Cub Scouts attending and lots of parents. The classes were taught by Boys Scouts from troop 60 and troop 150; Chumash Elder, Allen Salazar; and Fish and Game Warden, Todd Tognizzini. This was a great day for the Cub Scouts to work advancements, as well as experiencing the Paso Robles Children's Museum. For more information on the Museum call 238-7432.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CUB SCOUT PACK 65

Cub Scout Pack 65-Webelos II Den has earned the Webelos Super Achiever award. Five Webelos lead by Den Leader Syl Arena have earned the Webelos Super Achiever award.

This award means that the Cub Scouts earned all 20 Activity pins. In addition they have all earned their Arrow of Light Award! This is a big accomplishment which only a few other district Cub Scouts have accomplished this year, including one in Cub Scout Pack 155.

JOIN US AT ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS!

This is the meeting where you will find the answers to the questions you did not even know you had. A general session starts the meeting with lots of news and information then a breakout session is held for Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders. The Boy Scout session follows the monthly themes in the Troop Program Features with added topics as requested. Cub Roundtable is led by Jeff Davis, who has held many Scouting positions and chaired many Cub Scout events. Don't miss your chance

to meet other leaders, find new resources, and learn more to enhance your Scouting experience. That is what roundtable is all about!



LEARN TO LEAD A NATURE HIKE

All Scout volunteers and parents are invited to participate in a great outdoor experience. On Saturday, April 25, Natalie Schafer, Director of the Paso Robles Children's Museum will lead a Salinas River Nature hike. Natalie has a master's degree in environmental sciences, and has taught environmental education to people ages four to 94 for over 25 years. She will be leading adults on the trail along the Salinas River in Paso Robles. The hike will include native plant and tree identification, animal and bird identification, and information on leading a nature hike for kids. This is a unique nature resource right in town. Meet at the Larry Moore Park, bring water, and wear sturdy shoes.



Live Oak District

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MARCH

- 7, 14, & 21 Merit Badge Pow Wow – 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.,
Santa Maria LDS Stake Center, 908 East Sierra Madre
- 11 Roundtable Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Lompoc Scout Office
- 12 Roundtable Meeting – 7:00 p.m.,
Santa Maria LDS Stake Center, 908 E. Sierra Madre
- 26 District Operations Meeting – 6:00 p.m.,
Santa Maria LDS Stake Center 908 E. Sierra Madre
- 27-29 Tri-Valley Camporee – Rancho Alegre

APRIL

- 8 Roundtable Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Lompoc Scout Office
- 9 District Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.,
Santa Maria LDS Stake Center, 908 E. Sierra Madre
- 9 Roundtable/Commissioner Staff Meeting - 7:00 p.m.,
Santa Maria LDS Stake Center, 908 E. Sierra Madre
- 18 Cub Scout Fly-In – Abel Maldonado Youth Center, Santa Maria
- 25 New Leaders Essentials/Leader Specific Cub/Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Santa Maria LDS Stake Center,
908 E. Sierra Madre
- 25 District Annual Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., location TBA

SCOUT LEADERS HAVE FUN TOO!

Join the District Roundtable Meetings on the second Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the LDS Stake Center on 908 Sierra Madre in Santa Maria. Roundtables in Lompoc takes place on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for 2009!

If you would like to share your knowledge and expertise in Scouting at roundtable, contact our District Commissioner, Jeff Sais at jeff.sais@seminis.com

MERIT BADGE POW WOW

The Merit Badge Pow Wow is one of the most popular events of the year and will be held on March 7, 14, and 21 at the LDS Stake Center on Sierra Madre in Santa Maria. 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.

TRI-VALLEY CAMPOREE

Be sure your Boy Scout Troop plans on attending the Tri-Valley District Camporee on March 27-29 at Rancho Alegre. Test your skills against other patrols from Lompoc, Santa Maria, and the Santa Ynez Valley! Camporee Chiefs Paul Ladwig, Mark Sands, and

Brad Ross have lots of great activities planned. Contact Paul Ladwig at pladwig@verizon.net for details.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

Are you or someone you know a new leader in need of training? Plan to the adult leader training event on April 25. Contact Mona Espinoza at mtn_mona@yahoo.com for more information.

LIVE OAK DISTRICT ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

The Live Oak District will host its Annual District Recognition Dinner on April 25 to recognize individuals for their outstanding contributions in the work they do for the Boys Scouts of America. We will pay tribute to volunteers of the district and honor them for their exemplary role and service to Scouting in one of the following categories: Unit Scouter of the Year; District Recognition of Exceptional Leadership & Outstanding Service; and District Award of Merit. Deadline for nominations is March 25, 2009. Contact Laura Mohajer at lmohajer@bsamail.org for more details.



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MARCH:

- 5 District Committee Meeting – 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.,
Scout Office, 4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara
- 7 District Pinewood Derby - 10:00 a.m., 478 Cambridge Drive, Goleta
- 12 Roundtable – 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, 2107 Santa Barbara Street

APRIL:

- 2 District Committee Meeting – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.,
Scout Office, 4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara
- 9 Roundtable – 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, 2107 Santa Barbara Street
- 16-18 District Camporee at Rancho Alegre

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

On February 7, Cub and Boy Scouts collected thousands of pounds of canned food throughout the Santa Barbara and Goleta communities. This yearly effort provides a major restocking for the local food bank. Max Haws once again helped to keep things running smoothly, especially at the weigh-in for the food bank.

SCOUT SUNDAY

One of the largest gatherings of Scouts and their families occurred at St. Raphael Church in Goleta, where members of Boy Scout Troops 105, 36, and 122, Cub Scout Packs 105, 36, and 122, Venture Crew 105, as well as Girl Scouts of Troop 213 received their religious awards. Afterwards the entire congregation was treated to a delicious pancake breakfast, courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 105.

DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY TO BE HELD MARCH 7

This traditional competition involving Cub Scouts from all over the South

Coast district is always an exciting event. Pinewood derbies have been held since 1953 and has been the high point of a Cub Scout's year ever since. Prizes are awarded for speed and design, while everyone gets a ribbon for participation. This year's theme is HIGH ADVENTURE, which should result in some unique entries in the design division. Each Scout will be asked to "Do their best" in designing, building, and racing their entry. Each Cub Scout Pack will receive detailed information as to time, place and rules specific to this event. If you would like to assist as a race official, commissary help (yes, food will be available) or in the setup or break down of the track and race area, please contact Bob Dutcher at 708-3834.

CAMPOREE

For the 22nd time, Boy Scouts will be gathering to demonstrate their Scout skills at the annual district camporee. Held this year at Rancho Alegre,

Scouts from troops from Carpinteria to Goleta will gather in friendly competition as they build fires, find their way, practice first aid, build pioneering projects and other challenges. In the weekends before, each Boy Scout Troop will spend many hours doing service projects at Rancho Alegre as well as preparing themselves to participate in the exciting events. Some units will be running activities designed to test patrol spirit and cooperation as well as skill. Webelos Scouts are also invited to participate during the events on Saturday, while the Boy Scouts camp out from Friday night through Sunday morning. Each patrol or den can earn points based on how well they complete each challenge. Please contact Elmer Jones at 967-0686 for more information and the date that the special camporee Web site becomes live for registrations.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Coming soon!! The theme this year is CUBSTRUCTION, and we are planning on building a wonderful adventure for those Cub Scouts who attend during the week of June 22-26. If you ask any Cub Scout, he will invariably say that day camp was a high point of their Cub Scouting experience. This year new leaders, and many helpers, are needed to plan and produce an exciting week for the boys. Please contact Eve Giroux at 964-4098 to volunteer your time and talents.



Youth Presidents' Association

Staff Advisor: **Emilee Hanson**
ehanson@bsamail.org

Ready to Get Started!



VENTURING® BSA

The first meeting of the Los Padres Council Youth President's Association will be held March 18, 2009 at the Pismo Beach Scout office, 340 Pomeroy Avenue at 7:00 p.m. Each unit should select a unit representative to participate in this and subsequent meetings of the Youth President's Association. The only requirement for eligibility in the YPA is to be a currently registered youth in a Los Padres Council Venturing Crew or Exploring Post. Each unit can send as many representatives as are eligible and want to participate; however, only two representatives per unit may vote.

The aims of this first meeting will be to:

- Elect YPA Officers
- Write the mission statement and guidelines for the YPA
- Choose the first super activity date and location that all Council Venturers and Explorers will be invited to attend

Nominations for YPA officers can be mailed in starting immediately. Simply fill out the tear slip at the bottom of this page and mail to: Emilee Hanson, YPA Staff Advisor, 340 Pomeroy Avenue, Pismo Beach, CA 93449.

The offices of the YPA are as follows:

- VOA President
- Vice President for Administration
- Vice President for Program
- Secretary
- Treasurer

PLEASE ACCEPT MY NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE YPA CABINET!

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

VENTURE CREW #: _____ or EXPLORER POST # _____

VENTURE CREW/EXPLORER CREW EMPHASIS (ie. Skiing, Law Enforcement): _____

YPA OFFICE NOMINATION: _____



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Council Launches "Lost" Eagle Scout Campaign

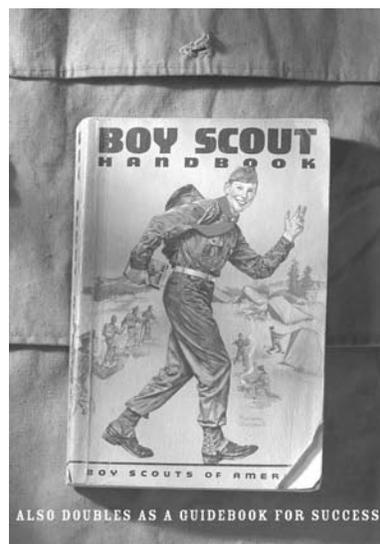
Scout Spirit - Community Service - A lifelong commitment to the Scout Oath and Law. If these words and phrases resonate with you, then you must be an Eagle Scout. These are all fond memories of camping trips, patrol meetings, projects, and merit badges. If you are an Eagle Scout, then we are looking for you! The Los Padres Area Council has created the Los Padres Area Council Eagle Scout Association and we are actively seeking those Eagles who have "left the nest" and are no longer actively affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Los Padres Area Council Eagle Scout Association is comprised of all current and former Eagle Scouts

living in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Our goal this year is to locate 100 "lost" Eagle Scouts- in other words- those former Scouts that are not currently connected to Scouting in the area. Once we have connected with our colleagues, we plan to celebrate through a series of social and networking events culminating in an annual Eagle Court of Honor to celebrate the new Eagle Scouts in our council. It is anticipated that this event will be in late May or early June of each year. This dinner will prove to be a signature event and will provide former Eagle Scouts with an opportunity to interact and mentor a new Eagle Scout.

The association will also provide updates to the membership about the great things happening in the local Scouting movement and provide opportunities to serve Scouting in the area if interested.

If you are a former Eagle Scout please contact Justin Jepsen at (805) 967-0105 so that we can welcome you to the Eagle Scout Association. If you have access to any printed publication that would run one of the following "lost" Eagle Scout ads, please let us know.



Scout Anniversary Celebration

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For nearly 100 years, Scouts from many different places and many different backgrounds have made a similar journey through learning and understanding the values of the Scout Law. Scouting is often an important tradition that is shared throughout generations of families. Explore your Scouting family legacy through this Generations Connections Family Tree.

Perhaps your grandfather was an Eagle Scout. Maybe you have a great-uncle, or distant cousin, who was a Cub Scout. A mother or aunt who was a volunteer leader. Sit down with members of your family to learn their Scouting history, and the achievements they are most proud of. Fill in the blanks on your Generations Connections Family Tree to see the full impact Scouting has had generation-to-generation in your own family.

Please complete your Generations Connection family tree and share with our Council Vice President of Marketing, John Zuchelli at JohnZuchelli@kcoy.com for a special Los Padres Council celebration.





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