

# Los Padres Council Scout-O-Rama

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**Saturday June 16, 2018**

**10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA**

## What is a Scout-O-Rama?

A free fun-filled day for Scouts, their families, and the public providing an adventurous learning experience for all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers. The event is also an opportunity to provide unit members with the excitement of planning a project together as a team and displaying the completed project. Your Scouts can show their families as well as their communities what the Scouting program has to offer today's youth.

Don't miss your opportunity to showcase your Scouts and their talents.

## THIS YEAR'S THEME: "Emergency Preparedness"

### Expanding the Scope of Scout-O-Rama

Traditionally, Scout-O-Rama has been a vehicle for the Boy Scouts of America to show the public what the Boy Scouts do, while allowing the Scout participate in fun activities in a public arena. The activities at Scout-O-Rama were only hosted by BSA units within Los Padres Council. However, in the fall of 2017, the management of Los Padres learned the following statistics:

- In Santa Barbara, 1 of 4 children use drugs or alcohol on a daily or weekly basis and are in need of substance abuse treatment.
- Youth who do not get off their addiction by age 24, it will most likely become "hard-wired" into their psyche, so that they will most likely never get past it.
- For those youth that do not get passed their addiction, their average life expectancy is 36 years of age.
- Kids who are active in youth organizations are 70% less likely to use drugs or alcohol.
- If we can keep kids from using drugs or alcohol during adolescence, they are 80% less likely to become dependent on substances later in their lives.
- Substance abuse costs the United States an estimated \$272 billion per year for the cost of rehabilitation; that's \$1,008 per year for every man, woman, & child in the United States. Once the cost of other factors are added in (crimes committed to support drug habits, costs associated with raising children whose parents have died as a result of drug overdoses, costs of incarceration, etc.), this amount increases by a factor of 12, or \$3.264 trillion, or \$12,096 per year for every man, woman, & child in the United States.

*Source: CADA - Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse*

As a result of learning these statistics, Los Padres Council decided to invite other youth organizations to hold membership sign-up tables at the 2018 Scout-O-Rama in an effort to help them increase their active youth participation in their organizations. The idea is that if youth join and are active in any youth organization, they are

far less likely to become victims of drug and alcohol abuse, and thus, our community as a whole benefits.

Although Los Padres Council will have to pay fees for the facility and other expenses for presenting Scout-O-Rama, the other youth organizations will not be charged for their participation in this year's event.

## The Santa Barbara Zoo: Our 2018 Scout-O-Rama Primary Sponsor

Upon learning about the above statistics and the mission of this year's Scout-O-Rama, the Santa Barbara Zoo has graciously offered to be this year's primary sponsor. The zoo has donated \$10,000 for our efforts, and will also allow us to host banners and present flyers at the zoo prior to our event in order to better promote it to the general public. Without the Santa Barbara Zoo, and our other sponsors, it is unlikely that we would be able to host such an enormous undertaking.

## Why Scout-O-Rama?

- To show the community "Scouting in Action";
- To learn what other Scouts and units are doing in Los Padres Council;
- To teach other Scouts and the public new skills; and
- It's a fun program for all Scouts, and the public.

## How to Take Part? /Steps in Signing Up

1. Unit or Youth Organization Leadership agrees to participate.
2. Unit or Youth Organization leadership decides on a "theme" or topic for the booth or demonstration. **(For a list of suggestions, please refer to page 4.)** All booths must comply with the *Guide to Safe Scouting Rules, Climbing and Rappelling Rules*, and *COPE rules* where applicable. If you have a question about any guidelines, please contact Jim Pylar at the Santa Barbara Service Center, (805) 775-5224.
3. Unit or Youth Organization leadership decides on space needs for booth or demonstration. Please note that the locations will not have electricity or water for the booth or demonstration space. (Public restrooms are available on the property, however.)
4. Unit or Youth Organization Leadership completes and returns the attached application by Friday, June 8, 2018. Be sure to list special needs, if any.
5. The Scout-O-Rama Committee reviews the application and approves theme/topic requests (Note: The Scout-O-Rama Committee, by reviewing the application, will try to avoid two or more units presenting the same topics. This simply means that the quicker your application is in, the more likely your choice will be approved.)
6. The Scout-O-Rama Committee sends back to the Unit or Youth Organization Leadership the approved topic and the assigned location.

## General Information:

- Where:** Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
- When:** Saturday, June 16, 2018, 10:00am to 3:00pm  
Set up time begins at Saturday 6:00 AM.  
Booth demonstration ready by 9:45 AM, Saturday, June 16, 2018 and must remain open until 3:00 PM in afternoon.
- Who:** All members of the public are welcome to participate, with certain demonstrations possibly having specific age restrictions due to safety concerns for the participate.

**Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America**

## Tips for a Successful Booth

- **MAKE IT INTERACTIVE!** Be sure all youth members get in on the act -- this is their show. Make it alive and fun! Nothing is less attractive than a dead exhibit. Involve the audience as participants in a game, take a quiz, or try a skill. You will get more people to stop at your booth if they can do something. **AVOID MOVIES OR SLIDES.** Most people won't stay long enough to see the entire series of slides or films. They will want to see your youth members in action, and have their youth participate as well.
- **THE SIXTY SECOND RULE**  
Experienced exhibitors tell us that you have sixty (60) seconds to achieve three objectives:
  1. Attract attention
  2. Involve the audience mentally
  3. Motivate them to action
- ***REMEMBER TO HAVE THE DISPLAY GOING AT ALL TIMES.*** Be sure to not leave before the end of the day, or begin the day late. In order for your youth to also have time to enjoy all there is to offer, a shift roster should be made for every booth.
- **PROPER UNIFORMING IS ESSENTIAL.** Scouting is on display and being in uniform will show the public the sense of pride, that belonging to a glorious and historic organization, countless times over the years. This includes other, non-BSA organizations that also may participate in having a booth or demonstration. If those organizations do not have a specific uniform, then consider having your members wear a custom tee-shirt to show group unity. For BSA units, it is preferred that your youth and adult members dress in their Class A uniforms, but Class B uniforms may be used when it would be more practical.

## Steps to Preparing the Booth

Once your theme/topic is approved and area assigned:

1. Determine materials needed for setting up your area.
2. You will need to supply your own table and chairs.
3. Have your youth participants work on the needed projects in preparation for Scout-O-Rama. Please keep in mind that "Action & Participation" should be key elements in the booth/demonstration, not only for

the Scouts but for the public as well. We hope that the public, especially non-Scouts, have a chance to participate.

4. Set up a schedule for your youth to man the booth area with adult supervision. Please be sure to leave time for these young people to wander through the other displays and see what's going on around them.
5. Communicate this schedule to all parents, so they are aware of their Scout's time commitment. (Please remember that the area is to be manned at all times with at least two adults.)
6. The Council will provide a sign that shows the following:
  - Unit Type & Number or Youth Organization Name
  - Chartered Partner's Name (if applicable)
  - Display Theme
  - Community your unit or organization is from
7. Please bring your unit flag and American flag if owned. You'll also need stands for these flags. Be mindful that there is a possibility of wind since we will be outdoors.

## Other Information

1. Patches – An attractive 2018 Scout-O-Rama patch will be given to all participating Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Adult Leaders/Advisors, and newly registered Scouts.
2. Booths will be judged during the Scout-O-Rama. Ribbons will be awarded. When area is cleaned up, please proceed to the council booth and someone there will check you out, get your patches, announce your exhibit score, and give you the appropriate ribbon for your unit flag.

The scoring system used for these ribbons are as follows:

- Exhibit opened on schedule and continued until closing (1 to 15 points).
- The unit flag or banner is in the exhibit along with an American flag (1 to 15 points).
- The exhibit is live-action, hands on display of theme. Instead of some sort of a static display (1 to 25 points).
- Exhibit participants are in proper uniform and exhibit is manned at all times by at least two (2) youth and two (2) adults (1 to 25 points).
- Unit specific recruiting material is available and actively used (including Applications) (1 to 20 points).
- Ribbons will be awarded as follows:

90 – 100 Points	Participating Unit with Honor & Merit
80-89 Points	Participating Unit with Honor
Up to 80 Points	Participating Unit

3. A map designating your assigned area will be provided. Your location map will show loading and unloading entrances assigned to your group.
4. A master map will be posted at the entrance to Scout-O-Rama.

5. **You must register no later than Friday, June 8, 2018;** your booth packet with map will be distributed by Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
6. The use of signs and posters within your display area is permitted but must be of a professional nature. **Please do not use unprofessional looking signs. It only lessens your image and ours as well.**  
Maximum Display sizes:
  - a) Height – 12 feet.
  - b) Length – 10 feet (unless prior approval is obtained).
  - c) Width – 10 feet (unless prior approval is obtained).
7. All tables, chairs, backdrops, easels and props must be maintained inside your designated display area. If you are using a backdrop behind your exhibit it must be attractive on both sides. Any props used to decorate your display should be flame retardant. Please cover all tables with either white paper or white cloth.
8. Leave No Trace Behind –Please practice Leave No Trace Techniques when cleaning exhibit areas.
9. Premiums and Giveaways – The use of premiums and giveaways are one way to make that visitors stop by your exhibit. Come ready and prepared to have fun!
10. Due to health regulations, food cannot be prepared on-site as part of your display. Los Padres Council and the County of Santa Barbara reserve the right to relocate any exhibit. There will be food vendors on-site.

**HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR BOOTH/ACTIVITY**

Animals & Pet Care	Veterinary Medicine	Disability Awareness
Accident Prevention Plan	Home Safety	Bike Safety/Repairs
Crime Prevention	Fingerprinting	Traffic Safety
Fire Prevention	Fire Safety	Public Health
Emergency Service Project	Emergency kits	Search & Rescue (Hasty Search)
Signs, Signals, and Codes	Orienteering	Improvised Wilderness Shelters
First Aid	Realistic first aid	CPR Training
Blood Pressure/Pulse Measurement	Ring Buoy Throw	Weather
Knots & Lashings	Monkey Bridge	Rope Making
Pioneering Projects	Journalism/ Photography	Physical fitness

**To make things easier for planning activities, please see the next four pages for a complete "cookie-cutter" list of possible events.**

**Sources for your activities include the Boy Scout Handbook, Fieldbook, Troop Program Resources, Merit badge books, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Handbooks, Cub Scout How-To Book, Program Helps, and much more! Be Creative!**

**Emergency Preparedness**

- Based off of requirement 7a
- 1-2 attendants
- 4-5 actors (people with fake wounds)
- Assess victims of a disaster - prioritize victims based on severity or condition of injuries
- Treat victims in order of priority.

**Fingerprinting**

- Based off of requirements 4a or 4b
- 8"x8" fingerprint ID cards (get at least 500 - available free from most police stations), tubes of black printer's ink (stamp pad and writing inks do not work), rubber roller, 12" x 6" sheet metal or glass plate (plexi-glass will work) for rolling ink, alcohol swabs, paper towels, trash can to dispose of used alcohol swabs and paper towels
- 2 attendants
- Have youth place their fingers into the ink, and then place finger on proper square on the 8"x8" fingerprint ID cards. (Fingerprint can be either rolled or plain impressions)
- Have youth clean their hands with alcohol swabs and paper towel
- Give ID card to parent

**Fire Safety**

- Based off of requirement 11
- 1 attendant - firemen that will be present
- Identify different types of firetrucks
- Discussion of fire prevention activities in community

**First Aid**

- Based off of requirement 6b
- 1-2 attendants
- 1 weighted dummy, materials to make an improvised stretcher (poles, tarp, rope, sweatshirt, etc.)
- Create an improvised stretcher that can carry a victim (weighted dummy, not a real person due to potential liability)

**Life Saving (CPR Station)**

- Based off of requirement 15
- 1-2 attendants
- 3-4 practice dummies (can be a shirt/pants combo, stuffed with cotton clothes or straw)
- Describe how to recognize need for rescue breathing and CPR
- Demonstrate CPR knowledge skills - including rescue breathing

**Life Saving (Ring Buoy Toss Station)**

- Based off of requirement 5
- 1-2 attendants
- 3 moveable cones and 3 ring buoys
- Youth must throw ring within reach of a victim 25' out for MB
- Can move cones in closer for young kids - 5' for very young, 10' for elementary students

**Orienteering**

- Based off of the orienteering course Troop 26 made for Camporee 2017
- 1-2 attendants
- Poles, colored flags, compasses, instruction sheets with bearings to take
- Demonstrate how to use a compass, and how to take proper bearings

**Pioneering (Knot Tying Station)**

- Based off of requirement 2b
- 2-3 attendants
- Long pole with ropes hanging or any sort of Knot tying setup
- Teach scouts and attendees how to tie various classic knots
- Discuss the uses of these knots
- Note: in order to satisfy merit badge requirement, scouts will need to tie all of the following knots:
  - Clove hitch
  - Butterfly knot
  - Rounturn with 2 half-hitches
  - Rolling hitch
  - Water knot
  - Carrick bend
  - Sheepshank
  - Sheet bend

**Pioneering (Lashing, and Trestle Uses Display Station)**

- 1-2 attendants
- Have on display various pre-built lashing constructions such as a monkey bridge, ladder, flagpole, etc.
- Discuss with attendees how each such construction can be used

**Signs, Signals, and Codes**

- Based off of requirements 2 & 8
- 2-3 attendants
- Materials for practice signaling
- Station will be a long stretch with attendants on both sides
- Discuss with scouts and other attendees various types of emergency or distress signals that can be used to attract aircraft search and rescue personnel if lost outdoors requirement 2.
- Discuss signals used in the following categories:
  - Sport Official's hand signs signals
  - Heavy equipment operator hand signs
  - Cyclist's hand signals
  - Aviation launch crew signals
  - and/or any other pre-approved category
- Have scouts and attendees demonstrate some of these signals and/or interpret some of these signals to/from another attendant(s) that is on the other side of the station
- Note: in order to satisfy merit badge requirement 8, scouts must demonstrate 5 signals each from any 3 of the aforementioned categories

**Traffic Safety**

- Based off of requirements 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 3c
- 1-2 attendants
- 1-2 cars
- Demonstrate and discuss the use and the importance of a seat belt
- List and discuss 5 safety features in cars other than seat belt, and how each works or used
- Demonstrate and discuss the lighting systems of a car, head lights, fog, high beams, brake lights, hazard lights, etc.
- Demonstrate and discuss tire pressure and how to check tire pressure, where to find what the correct tire pressure for a car is, and why it is important to have correct tire pressure
- Demonstrate and discuss how to check for adequate tire tread and why it is important to have adequate tire tread

### **Weather**

- Based off of requirement 2
- Static Display about 5 dangerous weather conditions & safety rules
  
- If you can get materials, you could have an activity where the youth make a weather vane (req. 9a)

### **Wilderness Survival**

- 1 attendant
- Have on display 3-4 pre-built examples of improvised shelters
- Attendant will discuss shelters with passersby, explain how shelters can be constructed, which work well in what environment, how shelters serve to protect you in the wilderness, etc.

### Registration Form

Scout-O-Rama  
Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA, 93105  
Saturday, June 16, 2018

**Return completed form to  
Santa Barbara Service Center  
4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
Email: [jim.pyler@scouting.org](mailto:jim.pyler@scouting.org) Phone: (805) 775-5224**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack/Troop/Team/Crew # \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Scout-O-Rama Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Display Theme/ Skill presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Dimensions: (Maximums: Height 12 Ft; Length 10 Ft; Width 10 Ft)

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft      Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft      Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft

What time will you be arriving to set up your display \_\_\_\_\_AM

**Reminder: All displays must be in place and ready for the public by 9:45 AM and remain open until the close of Scout-O-Rama at 3:00 PM. Units will need to bring their own tables and chairs as well as any other items for your booth.**

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For Office Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_