

Los Padres Press

News You Can Use for members of the
Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America
Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties **August 2018**



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Council Executive Message

Friends Scouts,
Scouters, Friends,
Families and
Community Leaders,

A lot has changed for us in the past year. As a council the loss of Rancho Alegre has impacted our operations, program, and income. With Rancho Alegre closed we have been unable to host activities and lost all the income it provided to subsidize our Scouting programs. Since the fire we have been working diligently to restore the camp and rebuild the ranch. We have completed the demolition and master plan. We are still working on trying to collect from the



insurance to rebuild. We are currently working on building and infrastructure design in efforts to start construction. We have also started the capital campaign to close the \$6.5 million gap to complete the rebuild.

This year we have also started to include girls into our Cub Scout program. We are excited to serve the entire family unit and share our values with more youth. This is new to Scouting, but we have had young ladies in Scouting for many years through our Venturing and Exploring programs. We want to be supportive of our unit’s efforts. Please let us know how we can help.

As we take on more opportunities to serve youth in various ways we want to support your efforts to deliver a quality program. You are the key to making sure our youth prosper and advance in efforts to “Be Prepared”. We are in an exciting time in Los Padres Council with an opportunity to leave a legacy that will last for the next 100 years. Join us for the adventure.

Thank you.
Yours in Scouting, Carlos Cortez
Cub Scout Father and Scout Executive/CEO
Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America
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Council President Views

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, the longer days and getting involved in plenty of outdoor activities. I was very pleased to see the outstanding participation in the Santa Barbara 4th of July Parade by our scouts. Over 60 boy scouts and cub scouts marched at the front of the parade. Thanks to all of you who participated, including the adult leaders who marched. As I have said previously, I continue

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to be impressed with the dedication and hours spent both by scouts and volunteers to promote scouting and our many programs. In fact, I was reviewing some information from 2017 and note that over 15,000 hours of community service were provided by our



scouts during that year!

Your Board continues to focus on creating an environment that welcomes diversity and inclusion at all levels of our Council. This goes beyond ethnicity to include gender and generational diversity. We feel strongly that this will add to the richness of scouting through the exchange of ideas from people with various backgrounds and experiences.

Lots have been happening at Rancho Alegre. The Phoenix Committee (Alegre rebuild) continues to meet weekly and is making excellent progress in the design of the infrastructure, campsites and buildings. A highlight since our last letter was the groundbreaking ceremony on June 23. We were delighted to see a great turnout by scouts, leaders and friends of scouting. Eagle Scout Alex Madagian gave a moving presentation on what the camp means to him and the impact it has made in his life. The ground breaking received outstanding coverage by local television stations and newspapers!

Related to Rancho Alegre is the capital campaign to raise funds to help rebuild the camp. The campaign cabinet had its first meeting on July 18. We are fortunate to have

over twelve business leaders, many who are Eagle Scouts, from our council participating in our campaign! Our goal is to raise \$6.5 million over the next eighteen months.

As I mentioned in my last letter, Scott Oldenburg has retired after 46 years of scouting! Well done Scott! We welcome Glen Goddard, who will be a key part of our council moving forward. Glen is a seasoned scouting professional and brings excellent experience to his new position. Please make it a point to introduce yourself to Glen when you have the opportunity.

Continue to enjoy your summer and thank you again for all you do for scouting!

John Brinker, Los Padres Council President

Program Proclamations

How did this happen? It's August – how did it get to be August already? Several activities are on the horizon.

Let's talk about training first – it's a great time to be an adult in Scouting. We have a new Youth Protection Training (YPT) that everyone needs to complete by October. The good news is that there's only one version, so those of you that do Cubs, Scouting, Venturing or Exploring, only have one course to worry about. Please remember that in the Los Padres Council (as part of the Western Region), we take YPT annually, not every two years.

While we're talking about Cubs, the information you need to serve families of Cub Scout age youth should be available for you. If you don't have all that you need, please talk to your commissioner. They will supply all the resource material you could want.

We'd like to tip our proverbial hat to Aaron Houston and his staff. They just finished up the National Youth Leadership Training Course for 2018. Way to go Aaron and crew. Thank you for your help. We look forward to another year of fun from this course, and impact in leadership styles of those Troops and Crews

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that learned how to be successful leaders in the Scouting program.

There is a Wood Badge course in 2018. Please look to the Council Website to find the documents you'll need to sign up. It's not quite too late to go, so now's the time to bite the bullet and enjoy one of the best trainings you'll ever be part of. Watch out for news of a different course plan coming for Wood Badge in 2019. It's going to be closer to home and could really be fun with friends.

The last topic to discuss regarding training is what's going to happen on October 27th. It's time to get down to Orcutt and enjoy University of Scouting 2018. There's all sorts of things happening, you should keep on the lookout for the sign-up sheet. You don't want to miss this.

Let's turn our attention to other events that have recently happened. Scout-O-Rama was a great day in Santa Barbara. If you missed out, you can make up for it by being ready to get to the Del Norte District next year. Please talk to your District Leadership if you would like to be involved in next year's event. It's going to be fun.

Speaking of fun, Cub Scout Day Camp went very well. We have had multiple increases in our Cub Scout Day Camps. Thank you to all those that took part, to those that made it happen, and good luck for keeping this trend going into 2019. I think it's great that so many young people could have a fun experience this summer as the attended. It was historic too as we had some of our first Cub Scout girls attend this annual event. Let's see how things progress next year.

Also, if you are in the Order of the Arrow then you heard all about "NOAC", for those that aren't let's talk. The national honor society of Scouting BSA is the Order of the Arrow, or "OA". Every few years, we get to send youth and adult members to the National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC. This summer was our latest chance. We had youth and adults head to Indiana University with their peers from across the country. I haven't heard too many stories yet as I write this to you, but I am sure that we will have that chance soon.

While I'm talking OA, congratulations to those that were recently inducted into OA. The work they performed at the Ranch will help us get back there sooner. Thank you for that as well.

So, in conclusion, let's talk about Wood Badge once again. For those that have forgotten this is the 70th anniversary of Wood Badge. For those that don't know, Wood Badge is adult leader training that prepares you to be as effective as you can be. It is a lot of fun and hard work.

If you know how to respond to the question, "Is there a Beaver in the house?" please mark your calendar for a fun date. On Saturday November 3, in the afternoon to dinner time, we are going to hold the first annual Los Padres Council Wood Badge Reunion. Please bring a Dutch oven creation or other tasty dish to share, any memories you have, or pictures, or souvenirs, or knickknacks or other valuable items and come prepared to have a fun time. You will leave with a special patch, more memories, maybe even more friends, and an excuse to sing that wonderful song. You will have also completed Requirements 3 & 7 for the American Wood Badge Alumni 70th Anniversary Service Award.

[See

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/01/24/earn-this-special-patch-to-celebrate-70-years-of-wood-badge-in-us/>

Other info is included elsewhere in the publication. There is a \$20 donation requested for this event. That money will cover the patch and also Requirement #7. If you come early charcoal will be provided for your dutch oven, unless you want to use something other than Kingsford. The target time to start dinner is 6 pm

Thank you for all you do for Scouting. It is my pleasure to get to help the youth of our counties along with you. Happy Trails until next time. If you need to reach me, you can always do that by either calling me, 805-489-6072, or email me at lynnjohnson@gmail.com.

Lynn Johnson

Council VP – Program & District Operations

Fall/Winter Adventures at Philmont Scout Ranch

Philmont offers exciting programs in the fall (Sep. 7 to Nov. 4) and in the winter (late December through March). The brochure is available at:

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/FallWinterBro.pdf>

Information about the Autumn Adventure is available at:

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/SecondSeasonPrograms/AutumnAdventure.aspx>

Autumn Adventure is open to crews of 7 to 12 participants accompanied by an Autumn Adventure guide. A crew may be assembled from a Boy Scout troop, Venturing crew, Sea Scout ship, Varsity team, Exploring post or an adult group of Unit, District or Council committee members. Activities include:

- All-Adult Trek
- Rock Climbing Trek
- Mountain Bike Trek
- Backpacking Trek
- Fly-Fishing Trek
- Council/Group Planning Retreat
- Family Retreat

Autumn Adventure applications are available at:

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/AutumnAdventureApp.pdf>

The cost is \$50 per person per day.



Upcoming Events

Council [please refer to the calendar at lpcbsa.org to sign up for classes and events]

7 Aug., Membership, Program, and Popcorn Kickoff

14 Aug., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

24-26 Aug., Wood Badge weekend 1 of 2, Camp Tecuya

24-26 Aug., Order of the Arrow Summer Ordeal, 6 pm Friday to 9:30 am Sunday

21-23 Sep., 2018 Section W4N Conclave

27 Sep., District Operations Meeting

27 Sep. Wilderness First Aid (1 of 2)

1 Oct., District Friends of Scouting Chairs recruited

5-7 Oct., Catholic Scout Retreat

6 Oct. Wilderness First Aid (2 of 2)

9 Oct., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

12-13 Oct., BALOO/IOLS Training, 6:30 pm Friday to 6:00 pm Saturday, Larsen Meadow, sponsored by Cachuma and South Coast Districts.

18 Oct., Scouting: A Celebration of Youth

19-21 Oct., Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA / JOTI)

27 Oct., University of Scouting, 8 am to 4 pm

29 Oct., Unit Friends of Scouting chairs recruited.

Cachuma District

7 Aug., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

4 Sep., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

2 Oct., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

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Camino Real District

- 8 Aug., OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Aug., Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 11 Sep., Life to Eagle Seminar
- 12 Sep., OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Sep., Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 26 Sep., Roundtable
- 10 Oct., OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Oct., Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 24 Oct., Roundtable

Del Norte District

- 2 Aug., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 9 Aug., OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 Aug., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 30 Aug., Thu., Eagle Board of Review
- 1 Sep., BALOO Training
- 6 Sep., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 13 Sep., OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 Sep., Life to Eagle Seminar
- 20 Sep., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 27 Sep., Thu., Eagle Board of Review
- 4 Oct., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 11 Oct., OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 Oct., Eagle Project Coach
- 18 Oct., Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 25 Oct., Thu., Eagle Board of Review

Live Oak District

South Coast District

- 6 Aug., Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm

- 9 Aug., Merit Badge Thursday
- 9 Aug., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 9 Aug., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
- 16 Aug., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
- 18 Aug., Membership Recruiting Kickoff
- 23 Aug., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
- 30 Aug., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Sep., Merit Badge Thursday
- 13 Sep., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 13 Sep., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
- 20 Sep., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
- 18 Aug., Membership Recruiting Kickoff
- 27 Sep., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
- 27 Sep., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 1 Oct., Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm
- 11 Oct., Merit Badge Thursday
- 11 Oct., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 11 Oct., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
- 18 Oct., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
- 25 Oct., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
- 25 Oct., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting

**New Area Sales Director for LPC:
LouAnn McKinley**

LouAnn starts her new position on August 1st.

Born in Long Beach, LouAnn is a 5th generation Californian. She learned to surf at an early age while her dad was the head Lifeguard for the City of Long Beach. She grew up playing tennis, canoeing, camping, golfing, hiking and beating the boys on her swim team.



LouAnn participated in Girl Scouts from a Brownie right through earning her Gold Award.

LouAnn moved to Michigan with her family and finished her Junior High and High School years in Traverse City. She attended and graduated from Michigan State University earning a BA in Studio Arts, minoring in Industrial and Graphic Design and Marketing. In her early career out of college, she worked for retail companies merchandizing, selling, and marketing. She completed her Architectural Apprenticeship and worked for Architecture and Engineering firms for many years designing buildings. She then earned her Master's Degree in Education and taught at the University and High School levels for nearly 21 years before coming to join, as a Sales Associate, the Los Padres Council at the Atascadero location.

LouAnn's BSA experience began by marrying a Life Scout who was also the son of a Scout Master. She is the mother of two Eagle Scouts and has a grandson who lives with her who is now a Life Scout on his way to Eagle. She started as a mom of a Tiger Cub, became a Den Leader for Wolf, then Bear, then Webelos. She volunteered with the Pioneer District of the Blue Mountain Council when she

became the Cub Scout Commissioner and ran large Cub Scout and Webelos Day Camps for several years. She has earned the Arrowhead Honor Award and District Award of Merit. She is currently a Merit Badge Counselor for several Merit Badges. She spends her off time with family doing those things she enjoys of Archery, Hiking, Swimming, Tennis, directing Choirs and singing, and helping her Scoutmaster husband when she can.

Santa Barbara Sheriff's Explorer Post #32 Recognized

(Central Valley Law Enforcement Explorer Competition - The following information is from <https://www.sbsheriff.org/explorer-post-32-receives-awards-at-central-valley-law-enforcement-explorer-competition/> - released 16 Jul 2018)

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Explorer Post #32 based out of Santa Maria participated in the 8th Annual Central Valley Law Enforcement Explorer Competition this past weekend. The competition, which was held in Ripon, California was comprised of 36 law enforcement explorer posts representing various California sheriff's departments, police departments, Border Patrol and highway patrol stations, as well as a police explorer post from the state of Utah. These youth explorers represented their agencies as they competed against one another in numerous scenario-based training events during the three-day event. Scenarios included criminal investigations, emergency situations and critical incidents encountered by law enforcement.

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office earned placement in the following categories: 1st place in driving under the influence of alcohol investigation; 1st place in traffic stop; 1st place in hostage rescue and 2nd place in a family disturbance/officer assault scenario.

The Sheriff's Explorer Program is a work-based program for youths 14-21 years of age. In addition to competitions throughout the year,

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Sheriff's Explorers participate in weekly public safety training, a law enforcement training academy, community-based events throughout the county and department related duties as needed. The program promotes personal growth through character development, a sense of community service and citizenship, physical fitness, leadership skills, communication skills, public speaking skills, command presence, career planning and more.

The Explorer Program has been a platform from which countless young adults have launched a successful career with local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The program also offers numerous opportunities that meet the volunteer requirements of our local school districts. Recruitment for the program is on-going. The Sheriff's Office currently has two Explorer posts, Post 32 based in North County and Post 830 based in South County. Young adults or parents of youth interested in the Sheriff's Explorer Program wishing to obtain more information about the program may contact Senior Deputy Dave Robertson at dar3049@sbsheriff.org.



Training Trail

See the Training Policy on the Council website www.lpcbsa.org for a complete explanation and schedule of training courses. Click on the blue "Training" Tab on the homepage left hand column for a drop down list of training courses and the council training policy.



Youth Protection Training Must Be Renewed Every Year – per the policy of the Western Region of the Boy Scouts of America. The web site allows for 2 years until the YPT refresher, but that is not the policy we are working to.

IOLS/BALOO Training Held

The updated BALOO training is now an overnighter, so the Cachuma and South Coast Districts combined to offer a combined BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation for Cub Scout leaders) and IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters) training on May 11-12. We had 8 BALOO participants and 12 IOLS participants for the course at Larsen Meadow. The campfire program that the participants put on Friday evening was the best that I have seen at a training course. A lot of learning took place for the participants as well as for staff. This was the first time we have combined these two courses, so we have developed plans to make the course even better on October 26-27. If you need either one of these trainings, please plan to be there. Registration information will be available soon. [Your editor, Brad Ross]

New Video Series: BSA Today!

BSA Today is a new series of short videos featuring information and updates on timely topics in Scouting. Each installment will provide you with news you can use. In July we are sharing a great video from Heart of America Council on welcoming girls into Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. Watch it, post it, share it.

<https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/bsa-today/>

Your District Training Chairs

Del Norte District – Sean Tashma
satashmausmc@aol.com
Camino Real District – George Brown
kf6pbl@hotmail.com
Live Oak District – Alan Munch
munchfmy@gmail.com
Cachuma District – Brad Ross
rossbrada@gmail.com
South Coast District – Zea Bauer
zbauer13s@gmail.com
Council Training Chair – Vacant

Roundtable – Our BEST Kept Secret

If you're looking to network and fellowship with other leaders, find out what activities they do or where they go hiking and camping, or you want to learn about program themes and much, much, more, then you should be attending your district Roundtable meetings.



Del Norte District – 1st Thursday of the month 7PM at Atascadero Lake Pavilion Scout Hall
Camino Real District – 4th Wednesday of the month 7PM at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo
South Coast District – 2nd Thursday of the month 7PM at the LDS Church 2107 Santa Barbara St.

2018 Wood Badge Experience

We are actively looking for staff for Wood Badge. If you have your beads and would like to learn more about how Wood Badge can benefit you, please contact Lynn Johnson (489-6072 or



lynnhjohnson@gmail.com). Wood Badge is a really nice way to improve your outlook, learn how to better run your unit, and also benefit your profession. Ask any of the folks you know that wear more than two beads and they will tell you what a blessing it is.

Pilot Wood Badge Courses in Western Region

There are regional updated Wood Badge courses offered in the Western region:

Chief Seattle Council

September 28–30 and October 13–14 (Friday–Sunday and Saturday–Sunday)

Camp Pigott, near Monroe, Washington

Register: Go to

www.seattlebsa.org/WoodBadge and click on “Register for Fall 2018 Wood Badge” or click on this direct link to the registration page:

<http://seattlebsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendar/detail.aspx?activitykey=2359031&orgkey=3694&ReturnURL=/app/calendar/month/3694/2018-09-01,2018-10-07/3694/0/>

More information:

www.seattlebsa.org/WoodBadge ;
woodbadge@seattlebsa.net

Course Director Bonnie Stafford,
bjstaffordhi@gmail.com

The duration of the updated course is 5 days (previous duration was 6 days). The courses are open to scouters that have not previously taken Wood Badge leadership training. Contact Lynn Johnson (lynnhjohnson@gmail.com) for more information.

Updated Youth Protection Training Due 1 Oct.

Over the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. Over time, these policies have become standard with organizations across the nation. Now, the Boy Scouts of America is

releasing fully updated training to further strengthen our ability to protect youth.

These changes include:

- Updated Youth Protection Training, including insights from experts and survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse. This is the designated Youth Protection Training for all adults. **All volunteers** must take the new training by **October 1, 2018**, no matter when they took the previous training.
- Effective June 1, 2018, adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
- An expanded ScoutsFirst Helpline to aid volunteers and families in addressing potentially dangerous situations.
- Unlimited counseling and support for healing to anyone who has ever been abused in Scouting.
- Youth Protection Training for youth members available in 2019.

Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow has several events coming up for our members. For those who have not been elected to membership and completed the Ordeal, the Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Camping Society of the Boy Scouts of America.

During the first week of August several of our members are attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

at the University of Indiana with about 10,000 other OA Brothers from throughout the country.



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This event consists of leadership instruction, ceremony and Indian dance competition, inter Lodge or Section sports, and patch trading. Leading our local contingent is Lodge Chief Joey Kamlet and NOAC Adviser Bob Murach.

The Summer Ordeal for new members elected in last winter's elections will be at Rancho Alegre on August 24-26. This is the last chance that those individuals will have to become OA members without have to requalify in next winter's election cycle. Registration is online at the Council's website. The Lodge will be performing several service projects to help prepare the camp for the construction projects that will begin this fall. The Lodge is committed to the rebuilding of the camp following the July 2017 Whittier Fire that destroyed 95% of the camp. Also, the August Ordeal is also the annual business meeting of the Lodge in which new officers for the upcoming year are elected.

The September Sectional Conclave will be at Camp Three Falls in Frazier Park on September 21-23. This gathering of members from six Southern California councils is a training and fun event for OA brothers. New Brothers (went through the Ordeal between August 1, 2017 and September 10, 2018) receive a \$10 discount at Registration. Los Padres Council website (www.lpcbsa.org) is the place to register for this event.

The Annual Banquet and Installation of new Lodge Officers is tentatively set for November 17th at Rancho Alegre. Earlier that day will be the Lodge Leadership Development. This program trains leaders on running meeting, Lodge programs and assets, and being better able to perform service for their Scout unit.

The Lodge received a matching funds grant from National OA for the rebuilding of the Xeriscape Garden at Rancho Alegre. This

project is on hold as the final plans for the camp have not been finalized. It is possible that the Garden will be in a new location. A request has been put into National to extend the completion date.

For those who have not donated \$10 for the special Lodge bear pin, we still have pins available. Funds from this program go to help the Lodge with its efforts to Rebuild Rancho Alegre.

For any questions regarding the Order of the Arrow, please send them to Chumash90@cox.net. A member or officer will get back to you as soon as possible.



Editor's Soapbox

The Los Padres Press is published bi-monthly and the link is distributed **by request** to registered Scout leaders in the Los Padres Council. To be added to the distribution list, please send your email address to Wayne Rascati at RanchoAlegre@cox.net. If you have information to share, please let me know. Start-Stop-Continue feedback is welcome. Contact Brad Ross, Editor, rossbrada@gmail.com or 805-350-9203

2018 Popcorn Sales



2018 Popcorn Sales Dates

District Kick-off Dates: TBD

Show & Sell

Show & Sell Orders Due to Council: 8/28/18

Show & Sell Order Pick-up: 9/15/18

Show & Sell Invoice Due & Super Saturday Return Day: 10/20/18

Take Order

Take Orders Due to Council: 10/23/18

Take Orders Pick-up & Final Invoice Due: 11/17/18

Prize Orders Due: No Later Than 12/1/18.

To register your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post, Please use the form below.

Email to: April.Wright@Scouting.org

LOS PADRES COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2018 CAMPMASTERS POPCORN SALE

UNIT COMMITMENT FORM

PACK/TROOP/CREW #: _____ DISTRICT _____

UNIT LEADER: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

UNIT KERNEL: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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Training**

**Campfire Cooking for
Scouts & Adults**

**NEW CLASS!
Use Lion Cubs to
Grow Your Pack**

**High Adventure
Planning**

October 27, 2018 8am to 4pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1219 Oak Knoll Rd.
Santa Maria, CA
Hosted by
**Los Padres Council
Boy Scouts of America**

Wood Badge 2018

WOOD BADGE

SAVE THE DATES!

August 26-26 & September 21-23, 2018

Both 3-day weekends will be held at
Camp Tecuya in Frazier Park, near Gorman off I-5

Hosted by Verdugo Hills Council

In Conjunction with:

- Long Beach Area Council
- Southern Sierra Council
- Los Padres Council
- Ventura County Council



More information is at

WoodBadge.vhcbsa.org



WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge is the next step beyond your basic Scout leader training.

In basic training, you learn position-specific skills, like how to be, say, a Cubmaster.

In Wood Badge, you learn how to be a leader.

Participants spend 6 full days (two-three-day weekends) learning modern leadership theories from contemporary scholars such as Ken Blanchard (author of the *One Minute Manager*), Stephen Covey (author of *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* and *Principle Centered Leadership*) and Spenser Johnson (author of *Who Moved My Cheese*) to name a few.

You also learn by doing — working in a team, planning a project, solving problems, etc.

Participants then have 18 months to apply these skills in five different projects they choose.

The course fee covering both weekends is \$250. Participants must complete both weekends and the five projects (the “ticket”) to receive course credit and the Wood Badge regalia.

HOW WILL I BENEFIT?

- Learn the leadership and team dynamic skills developed in corporate America.
- Learn how to develop Scouting’s values in your own life, as well as in your Scouts’.
- Learn how the skills you learn can apply to other aspects of your life.
- Improve the quality of your Scouting program and the impact that Scouting will have on the lives of its members
- Be better prepared to give our youth the opportunities to live Scouting’s values and to become better citizens.
- Have fun as a Scout for six days as you “advance” from Cub Scouting through Venturing.

COURSE TOPICS

- Team development
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Leading Change
- Valuing Diversity
- Project Planning
- And much more!

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Go to <http://WoodBadge.vhcbasa.org> for more information.

Wood Badge Service Award

Celebrate the 70th anniversary of Wood Badge in the United States with a special award available only in 2018. The **American Wood Badge Alumni 70th Anniversary Service Award** can be earned by completing five of the nine requirements listed below. Think of this like a second, easier-to-complete Wood Badge ticket. (The actual Wood Badge ticket is a series of five projects that benefit local Scouting. After the in-person course, Wood Badgers complete these ticket items to receive their beads.)



American Wood Badge Alumni 70th Anniversary Service Award requirements

Wood Badgers will agree to and work a new ticket. To qualify for the award, individuals must complete five of the following nine requirements during the anniversary year — Jan. 1, 2018, to Dec. 31, 2018.

1. Register as member of the Scouting Alumni and Friends, at any level.
2. Attend a district, council or national level **training course** either as a participant or staff member OR serve as staff on a Wood Badge course.
3. Participate in a 70th Anniversary celebration in your Council such as a reception, reunion or other special acknowledgement at a Council wide event such as annual recognition or F.O.S. dinner.
4. Recruit another individual to attend and volunteer at a Boy Scout **training event** or Wood Badge service activity.
5. Share the values of Wood Badge and Scouting by recruiting an individual to take Wood Badge.
6. Promote Wood Badge training at a unit, district, council area, region or national event.
7. Contribute \$7 or \$70 or whatever larger amount you can to an existing council custodial fund for Wood Badge scholarships.
8. Solicit another individual to join you in contributing \$7 or \$70 or whatever larger amount they can to an existing council custodial fund for Wood Badge scholarships.
9. Become a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America at the unit, district or Council level. Consider such opportunities for service as: district committee, commissioner, roundtable staff, Alumni or NESAs committees and more.

Visit <https://www.americanwoodbadge.org/70th-anniversary-award> to learn more and apply.

[Editor's note: My strategy is to work requirements 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9. The back-up requirements are 1 and 8. At first, I thought that this would be very tough to earn since we aren't having a Wood Badge course in the council this year. But then I realized that several of the requirements apply to training events as well as Wood Badge courses. I'd love to hear about your plans to earn the award.]