

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 **April 2016**



Council Executive Message

The following is from the 16 Oct 2015 issue of "Bryan on Scouting"

"It's that time of the year when you'll start hearing the phrase "Friends of Scouting" at unit meetings and district roundtables.

What is Friends of Scouting? What does it mean to be a Friend of Scouting? And why should you consider becoming one?

First, the basics: Friends of Scouting is your council's annual giving campaign. In most councils, Friends of Scouting (or FOS) represents the council's largest source of income.

In most councils, the Friends of Scouting campaign begins in November and ends in March. During the campaign, a volunteer will visit your pack meeting or troop court of honor to explain the campaign and make an appeal for your support. You'll be asked to make a tax-deductible pledge to your local council.

The natural next question is: Why should I give money to my local council? Many councils answer this with what's called "The Iceberg Analogy."



The Iceberg Analogy

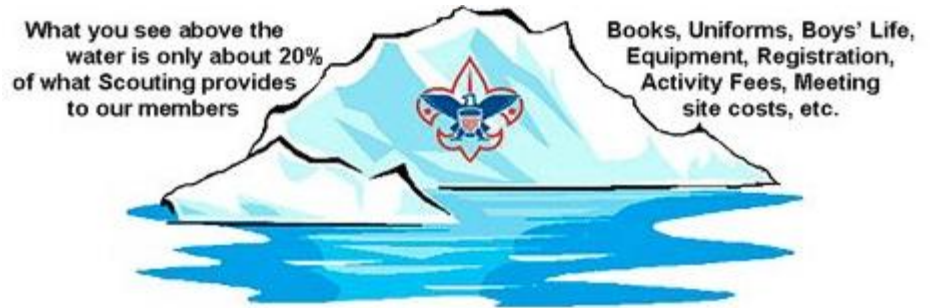
The thinking here is that Scouts and volunteers see only 20 percent of what councils provide to members. There's a whole lot more beneath the surface.

I know this well. When I first became a Boy Scout, I had no idea that there were council professionals working behind the scenes to make the Scouting magic happen. I just assumed those silver-looped Scouters were other volunteers.

As I've met many of these wonderful professionals, I've grown to understand their role. They support you, the volunteer, so you have more time to enjoy the life-changing fun of Scouting.

What do councils provide? In other words: What's beneath the surface?

- **Volunteer and staff training**
- **Insurance coverage** to protect volunteers, chartered organizations, staff members and properties
- **Support staff** for registration, publications and other program support
- **Camp promotion** for Cub Scout day camps, Boy Scout summer camps, high-adventure bases and more
- **Camp rangers** to keep the council camps up-to-date and ready for Scouts and families



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- **Camp equipment**, like tents, cooking equipment, camp vehicles, building repairs, canoes, equipment replacement and repair, and general upkeep of council camps
- **Recognitions for leaders** who complete training, volunteer for special projects and help in many Scouting roles
- **Professional staff** to work with volunteers to organize new units, manage fundraising programs, conduct training, assist membership recruitment, provide counsel and direct support for district, camps and programs
- **Administrative needs**, including postage, computers and links to the National BSA computer system, copy machines, folding machines and a printing shop
- **Service centers** to provide additional support to volunteers
- **Audio-visual supplies** used in training, at camps and in volunteer meetings
- **Postage** to mail materials to leaders, parents and youth members
- **A council website** to keep you informed
- **Reference publications** and resources, including program planning kits and to camping cookbooks
- **Camp scholarships**, uniforms and registration fees for disadvantaged young people

As you can see, there's more happening at your council than the average volunteer sees. And it can't happen without the support of volunteers like you."

In addition to the individual contributor FOS recognition patch, the following is the 2016 unit recognition plan in the Los Padres Council:

- **Council supporter award**: 100% Participation; every member of the unit participates at an average level of \$40 per member (Streamer for unit flag)
- **Council President's FOS Unit Award**: Unit achieves President's Goal of \$150 per 2016 registered Scout in unit
 - President FOS plaque
 - Free weekend at Rancho Alegre for the entire unit, weekend is the unit's choice, subject to availability. (Weekend program not included)
 - Recognition on the council website as a Council President Unit.

Please consider supporting the youth and mission of Los Padres Council with a tax deductible donation by following the link below. Thank you for your support.

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/friends-of-scouting-2016/1853871>

Yours in Scouting
Carlos Cortez
Scout Executive/CEO

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

8-9 Apr., Wilderness First Aid, noon Friday to 9:00 pm Saturday, Rancho Alegre

12 Apr., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting 7pm

16 Apr., Scout Saturday at the Santa Barbara Zoo

16 Apr., BALOO Training, Rancho Alegre, sponsored by South Coast and Cachuma districts

19 Apr., Executive Committee Meeting

28 Apr., District Operations Meeting, Santa Maria

6-7 May, Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, Friday 6:30 pm start

10 May Executive Board Meeting

13-14 May, Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeal

21 May, Scout-O-Rama

12-17 June, Lifeguard Academy

17-18 Jun., Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, Friday 6:30 pm start

23 Jun., District Operations Meeting, Santa Maria

19-28 Jul. 2017 National Scout Jamboree, information at www.bsajamboree.org. LPC will be organizing a troop and a crew to attend.

Upcoming Events: Cachuma District

4 Apr., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

3 May, Tue., District Awards Night, 7 pm

7 Jun., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

14 Apr., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

15-17 Apr., Camp-O-Ree

27 Apr., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable

12 May, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

20-24 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp

Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

7 Apr., OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm

7 Apr., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

14 Apr., OA Chapter Meeting, 7 pm

21 Apr., Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

23 Apr., Merit Badge Pow-Wow, 8 am to noon

24 Apr., Railroad Merit Badge

29 Apr. to 1 May, Del Norte Camp-O-Ree

5 May, OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm

5 May, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

12 May, OA Chapter Meeting, 7 pm

19 May, Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

24 May, Spring Roundup

28 May, District Merit Badge Pow-Wow

2 Jun., OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm

2 Jun., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

9 Jun., OA Chapter Meeting, 7 pm

13-17 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp

19 May, Thu., District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events: Live Oak District

8-10 Apr., Tri-Valley Camporee

Upcoming Events: South Coast District

- 4 Apr.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 7 Apr.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 14 Apr.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 22-24 Apr.**, South Coast Camporee
- 27 Apr.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 2 May**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 5 May**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 11 May**, District Fireside Chat
- 12 May**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 25 May**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 2 Jun.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 6 Jun.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 9 Jun.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 22 Jun.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm

Scout-O-Rama 2016

It's time to jump on the STEAM Engine of Scout-O-Rama. We'll be holding it this year on May 21, at the Dinosaur Cove Park in Pismo Beach. Everybody is welcome to come and check out what's up. It'll start at 10:00 and run until 2:00. We'll have some interesting exhibits, and will have plenty of space for your unit to display what they would like along the Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics theme of Scout-O-Rama 2016. You should also watch the Website for more information, including a leader's guide, and how to successfully be involved. In addition to the

usual Scout-O-Rama events, we are also going to use this time to hand out program helps for the coming year. This ought to be a fun time, and we hope to see you there!! To sign up your unit for Scout-O-Rama, please complete and submit the registration form on our Los Padres Council website at www.lpcbsa.org and also on page 13. You are also welcome to contact Scott Oldenburg, council program director, at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org or at (805) 686-5167, with any questions or ideas that you may have concerning the event. [Submitted by Lynn Johnson and Scott Oldenburg]

Council President Musings

Dear fellow Scout Leaders, Scouts and those who support Scouting,

We're off to another great start to the year well on our way to accomplishing JTE Silver maybe even Gold. In order for us to reach our

Strategic Plan goals we need to make sure we have all of our fundamentals in place.

Here's a summary of what we need to do:

Properly trained all of our leaders, fill our District and Council leadership vacancies, meet FOS budgeted goals and finalize the Staff requirements at both Camino Real and Del Norte Districts. If we can make positive moves in these areas we will continue to get stronger and stronger for our existing and future Scouts.

As your Council President, I will be again attending the National Annual Meeting held this year in San Diego. I expect to learn and grow in my Scouting knowledge to be more effective and prepared to accomplish our many challenges. For me it's all about training making me better for our Scouts. We have recently received a Lion Cub Pilot program from BSA National. More to come on this subject but it will be a very simplified and fun program for kindergarteners and their families



introducing Scouting at an earlier age. This will be a great fit for many families who have boys of varying ages.

With all this said, we are going to be revamping our website with the help of both volunteers and outside website developers. The goal is to continually keep refreshing ourselves keeping up with the latest in Internet technologies.

Finally, please have confidence that your adult leaders are doing their best to give their best experiences and knowledge to our Scouts.

Keeping doing your best and good results will come.

Yours in Scouting,
Randal Moos

Council Commissioner Corner

Charter Renewal

We have completed the charter renewal period for this year. The December 31st deadline has passed. It's now December 132th. Well past the most liberal of deadlines. Units have discovered that advancements and their patches will not be issued without a completed re-charter process. Some units have been dropped. Others may grow in their place.

All units have been assigned to a commissioner via Commissioner tools. All adult volunteers must meet certain mandated training requirements in order to register. All adult volunteers must complete Youth Protection Training. Adult volunteers in unit leadership positions must have completed the designated position specific training program for their position in order to reregister. Our trained adults have increased by nearly 25%. This means our scouts are now experiencing a higher quality leader. Let's keep this trend going. If you need assistance in training, contact your Unit Commissioner, your District Commissioner or the Council Commissioner. They will know where the training is in your area.

Now is a good time to begin talking about Wood Badge. Once the leader specific training is done this nationally recognized leadership course is available to the leader. The course will be conducted over two weekends; attendance is required all six days.

- Rancho Alegre: September 3-5, 2016
- Camp Three Falls: September 22-24, 2016

Wood Badge is a course for leaders who want to change their unit from good to excellent. The Course Director is Joe Bauer at jobauer2@yahoo.com.

Journey to Excellence 2016 began January 1. Units should have a detailed commissioner tools contact complete or scheduled. If your unit does not have a Unit Commissioner, contact your District Commissioner.

Commissioners Wanted:

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

2017 National Scout Jamboree

Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders who are interested in participating in the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia are encouraged let us know of their interest by signing into the Jamboree website at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

The Jamboree will run from July 19 to 28, 2017. The trip for our contingent will also include a tour of major sites on the east coast, starting in the Philadelphia area. We anticipate

that the total cost will be approximately \$3500, the same as the last Jamboree.

Our steering committee will soon be selecting leaders for our council contingent which, we anticipate, will include a Scout troop of 36 Scouts and a coed Venture patrol of 8 youth.

More details will be available soon on our council website and through our local council service centers. [submitted by Scott Oldenburg]

Pertinent Program Proclamations

It's getting toward the busy time of the year. We've got Pinewood Derbies wrapping up, Blue & Gold Dinners are on the agenda, and District Dinners should be getting ready too. This is all good for our Cub Scouts. On the Boy Scout and Varsity level, we've gotten all geared up for Merit Badge Powwows, there's no time better than now to finish that partial merit badge you didn't quite get done. There's big Venturing news too.

It's time to get to Camporee too. We're ready to make sure that new members of the Order of the Arrow get to have that experience as well. All this before we kick off Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, and Boy Scout Summer Camp. It's going to be a fun summer. Remember too that next year is really going to be epic. It'll be time to head to West Virginia and check on the next version of the National Jamboree. If you think this is something your youth would like to participate in, please check the Council Website to get the latest information. Lucky scouts from Troops & Crews will get this opportunity. We also have another Venture Patrol for those Venturers that would like this opportunity as well. Jamboree is a great experience; I would recommend it to anyone who wants to feel like they belong to a big, national organization.

[submitted by Lynn Johnson]

Lion Cub Pilot Program Coming to Los Padres Council

We're pleased to share that Los Padres Council's application for the Lion Cub program has been approved, and our council will be included in the 2016-2017 program. As a reminder, this is the **only** approved Kindergarten program, and it is imperative that the program be followed specifically as outlined. This will allow us to assess the value and effectiveness of this new endeavor and validate information received from the earlier test councils. Their effort and input was instrumental in making modifications that we believe will further strengthen the program and its delivery.

As part of our communication strategy, over the next several months, we'll be sharing additional information learned from prior years' results and how your Pack can participate. Some of the key points to get you started include:

- Identify a Lion Coach (experienced Den Leader) to coordinate the shared leadership concept in each Den of 6-8 boys; this is not a siblings program
 - 1 Den Meeting each month and an opportunity to participate in a couple of Pack activities – don't overdo it – it's an introduction and we want to keep them coming back for more
 - Since this is an introduction to Cub Scouting – Lions should not participate in Pack fundraising efforts
 - Insure that Packs participating plan to offer a summertime program including Day Camp the following summer, (in 2017) to help fortify the family's experience and move the boys along into Cub Scouting
- Shortly, we will provide the application request for your Pack to be considered to be a Pilot unit. If chosen, you will be provided materials and training for your leaders to use to effectively inform and educate your units, along with other marketing and communication pieces. Program materials will be available over the summer for you to purchase at the Scout Shops for Fall 2016 implementation.



Thanks again for your interest and participation in helping to test this exciting program possibility!

Summer Camp 2016

Rancho Alegre is the gem of the Los Padres Council. There is plenty to do at this camp at one of the most reasonable prices in all of California. In fact, our basic prices will remain the same as last year. This summer there will be three programs occurring at the camp.

Our **Life Guard Academy** is a great program for older youth (need to be at least 15, but we train adults as well and you don't even need to be registered in Scouting.) It is a weeklong intensive program that prepares Life Guards for camps, community pools, and special programs. Participants stay in our dormitories and have nutritious, delicious food prepared by our Dining Hall Staff. Dates are June 12-17. Cost is only \$335 (\$310 if registered and paid in full by April 15, 2016.)

Boy Scout Summer Camp opens on Sunday, July 10, and ends on Saturday, July 16. For Scouts attending with their unit, cost is \$375.00 per youth. Adult leadership is \$220.00 each, however based on the number of youth attendees, there is sliding scale on no charge payments for some adults. Provisional Scouts (attendees not attending with their unit and under the supervision of our provided Scoutmaster) are charged \$400. We also have a special rate for Day Campers of only \$345. These Scouts are dropped off each morning and picked up by 5 pm. Breakfast and Lunch provided; and they can stay late on one evening for dinner and program.

Rancho Alegre has a wide variety of programs that cater to the new Scout (Trail to First Class) and Merit Badges in Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Nature, Scoutcraft, Physical Fitness, Health and Safety, and Handicraft. In addition, there is our COPE Course, and we are 90 percent certain that we will be offering the Climbing Merit Badge. It appears that the drought may

be over and based on the amount of rain the area receives, we are planning on offering the Canoeing, Kayaking, and Rowing Merit Badges. Our Trail to First Class program has been redesigned to be in compliance with the new requirements effective January 1, 2016.

Our third program is **Cub Scouts and Family Resident Camp** which runs July 17-20.

Rates for this program are \$285 for one adult and one child or \$335 for the entire immediate family. Older siblings needing to work on rank requirements can schedule time in Scoutcraft to demonstrate and get signed off. Cub Scout rank advancement requirements changed in 2015, and our camp will work on Scouts completing some of the activity programs in each of the different ranks. This is a great way for a family to get a mini vacation.

And speaking of vacation, our camp theme this year is Hawaiian Vacation. Think of how much you will save on airfare and expensive hotels if you celebrate the event and at any of our camps.

For more information about Summer Camping contact Council Program Director Scott Oldenburg at 686-5167 or scott.oldenburg@scouting.org. Our website will be up and running shortly with all this information and forms.

[submitted by Wayne Rascati]



Spring Cleaning and Building... and Feeding - - Community Service Projects

From Carpinteria to Atascadero, unit scouts and volunteers and Eagle candidates have all been busy during the first few months of 2016. These projects involved hundreds of hours, and have benefitted numerous community organizations ranging from Wildlife Care facilities to school libraries. Specifically, Daniel

Dominguez of Troop 1 logged over 100 hours in completing a fence for the SB Wildlife Care network, while his fellow Scout from Troop 1, Micah Condie, worked 267 hours on the SB City College Farm Citrus Orchard. Also in the South Coast District, Cameron Roberts of Troop 105 and friends spent 161 hours building new shelving for the St. Raphael School Library, and Jack McKee from Troop 2, completed over 50 hours renewing the landscaping at one of the local schools.

In the Live Oak District, Joshua Begg and helpers spent over 160 hours painting three murals for Santa Ynez Valley Charter School. Daniel Chiavacci from Troop 394, just completed a Dog Confidence Course at a local shelter, requiring nearly 150 hours of planning & labor.

Camino Real saw 2 Eagle projects completed totaling 150 hours. Thomas Heckman and the scouts of Troop 51 labored on fence restoration, while Joe Montanaro of Troop 413, built an entryway.

Up in Templeton, Jamison Murray of Crew 364 worked on a project that involved reusable bags.

Meanwhile, Packs and Troops were busy throughout the Council. Pack 51 in Del Norte, did a beautification project for the local Historical Society, Troop 2103 in Live Oak, completed 4 projects involving food distribution and disaster relief, while members of Troop 166 pitched in at the Lompoc Food Pantry. Over in South Coast, many units participated in the yearly Scouting for Food collection in early February. In addition Troop 4 spent 120 hours with 24 volunteers at the Sedgwick Reserve at UCSB.

Missed in earlier articles was Explorer Post 104, sponsored by the Santa Barbara Police Department. Last year the 26 Explorers volunteered in numerous community events ranging from neighborhood clean-ups, parades, children's events and more for an impressive total of 1,400 hours.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize, and successfully complete projects in their local communities.

Continue to report your unit's Service Hours for JTE throughout the year. Service hours are an essential part of the Journey to Excellence program as well as being a significant part of what we do in Scouting. Any service project which members of your unit perform should be reported to the Boy Scouts of America at:

<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

Remember, only the total number of hours for Eagle Projects are added through the Eagle application process so the unit should log in to update the report as to number of people involved, value of materials and the organization benefitting from the project.

[submitted by Zea Bauer, Council Registrar]

Welcome New District Director Paul Bradley

The Los Padres Council is proud to announce the appointment of Paul Bradley as the District Director of San Luis Obispo County serving the **Camino Real** and **Del Norte** districts. Paul comes with over 13 years of scouting experience as a professional Scouting in the Sacramento Area.

Paul is a skilled professional Scouter with a record of significant accomplishments in multiple Council experiences including staff leadership, financial development, membership management, and volunteer recruiting and relationships. Council experiences range from rural and suburban settings to the largest metropolitan areas.

Paul holds a Masters of Professional Studies in Political Management, City University of New York's Graduate School of Political Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Government, from the California State University, Sacramento.

Paul is married with 3 children and is looking forward to the opportunity in Los Padres Council, please welcome Paul to the council team.

Trainer's Corner

Dr. Larry Basham, Council Training Chair

MANDATORY ADULT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LEADERS!

- All leaders must complete required training in 2016 to re-charter for 2017
- This means classroom and/or online training as required for your position
- Youth protection training must be renewed every year



What does this mean to You?

- If you are a Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster, Den Leader/Asst. Den Leader, or Pack Committee member you **MUST** complete the online training (all modules) for your position
- If you are a Scoutmaster/Asst. SM, Varsity Coach/ Asst. Coach or Venture Advisor/Asst. Adv., you **MUST** complete the Position-Specific training for your position **AND** Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)
- Venturing adult leaders and youth participants over age 18 must take both Y01 and Y02 youth protection trainings each year

Please see the policy outline 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.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) – Space is Limited

This is required training for Scoutmasters, ASMs, Varsity Leaders & Venture Advisors whose crews camp to re-charter for 2017- take it early, classes are limited to 16 participants. There are 5 more IOLS courses scheduled for 2016 and 84 leaders need to take it. Don't be left out, register now at lpcbsa.org "Training"

Venture Advisor Training Now Online:

The BSA Learning Center has added Venture Adv. Training to its online courses. Access the training modules by logging onto my.Scouting.org . There are three sections to the training and all modules in each section must be completed to be trained.

UPCOMING COUNCIL TRAINING EVENTS:

April 8-9 - Wilderness First-Aid & CPR – at Rancho Alegre (MUST register by March 18th)



May 6-7 - IOLS/OLS-WL at Rancho Alegre, 6:30 pm Friday to 9 pm Saturday

June 17-18 - IOLS/OLS-WL at Pioneer Park, Santa Maria, 6:30 pm Friday to 9 pm Saturday

TRAINERS NEEDED!

if you would like to share your Scouting knowledge and skills with the next generation of Scout leaders, please contact Larry Basham, Council Training Chair at 967-8995 or DrBuzz2@aol.com to see what you can do to help.

Last Chance for 2017 Philmont Crew Reservations

Los Padres Council has reservations for two crews for the summer of 2017. If you or your unit would like to go, call or email Larry Basham for details (DrBuzz2@aol.com or 805-967-8995). See the Philmont website for details. www.philmontscoutranch.org **Deposits of \$100 per person are due April 1st 2016.**



The council contingent crew for 2015

WOOD BADGE 2016 ADULT LEADERSHIP TRAINING "Growing Stronger Units"

Sept. 3-5th (Sat. thru Monday) at Rancho Alegre and
Sept. 22-24th (Thur. thru Sat.) at Camp Three Falls

This year Los Padres Council is excited to be partnering with Ventura County Council and Southern Sierra Council to host the premier adult leadership training course, Wood Badge. Scoutmaster/Course Director, Joe Bauer, attended the Leadership Training Conference for Wood Badge Course Directors and came home excited to make this years' course the best ever. For all the information and to download a course flier, go to the training tab at the council website: www.lpcbsa.org or contact Joe Bauer at jobauer2@yahoo.com.



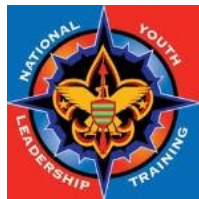
Philmont Training Center

The new 2016 course brochure is now available online or at your local Council Service Center. Check out all the great courses available next summer and throughout the year! There are activities for the entire family while you do training. Check It out at www.http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx



NYLT – National Youth Leadership Training

This great co-ed leadership opportunity for youth ages 14 thru 20 is scheduled for August 1st to the 6th at Rancho Alegre. The course fee is \$250 but you can get a \$25 Early Bird Discount if you register and pay the course fee by May 31, 2016. Course Director, Paul Rutherford, recently attended a Leadership Training Conference for NYLT Directors at Camp Pollock located near Lake Arrowhead to get all the latest course updates



and ideas. He's started rounding up staff members, beginning with a core of returning staffers from past years. It promises to be a "mountain top experience" which you won't want to miss. For more information see the council training page at www.lpcbsa.org or contact Paul Rutherford at Paul93108@gmail.com

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.

Your Training Chairs

- Del Norte District
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ONLINE TRAINING & RESOURCES

There are very helpful resources such as the **Den & Pack and Troop Resource Guides** and **Troop Program**



Features. These are full of great meeting plans and ideas for having exciting activities. If you haven't checked it out, take a few minutes to do so. You'll be glad you did. <http://Scouting.org> There are many online training courses and resources available on the BSA Learning Center. If you are new to Scouting, you will want to take the orientation courses such as, "Fast Start" and "This Is Scouting" for your particular program just to get on-track. Of course **Youth Protection Training** for each program level is online and **NOW required to renew every year**, as well as Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely and Troop Committee Challenge.

2014 Wood Badge Course Completed

Wood Badge course WE4-53-14 was completed on March 21st. 20 participants from Los Padres Council and Ventura County Council completed their ticket (goals) during the 18 months following the two weekends of training. Their accomplishments are substantial, and they continue to provide

leadership and service to the two councils. The 2016 Wood Badge course is being offered this fall. If you haven't taken this adult leadership training yet, please consider doing so, while getting some of your scouts to attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). [submitted by Brad Ross]

Editor's Soapbox

The Los Padres Press is published bi-monthly and 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 wrascati@cox.net. Apparently only about 50% of the eligible Scouters receive the LPP at this time.

The intent of the Los Padres Press is to promote communication within the council. If you have information to share, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please let me know. Start-Stop-Continue feedback is welcome. Contact Brad Ross, Editor, rossbrada@gmail.com, 805-688-4849 (evenings)



Boy Scouts of America 2015 Report to the State



Prepared. For Life

Did You Know? - More than 37,000 youth in California participate in co-ed programs of the Boy Scouts of America?
Including Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scouting, and Learning for Life!

4,911

SCOUTS IN OUR STATE
EARNED THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT



171,618

SCOUT YOUTH

were served in our State in 2015.



SCOUTS SPENT

496,542

nights camping outdoors during
the summer months of 2015.

2,201,249

SERVICE HOURS

were provided
to communities
across our
State including
Eagle Scout
Leadership
Service
Projects.

MERIT BADGES EARNED

23,651 • Citizenship
34,123 • Fitness
21,169 • STEM



Councils Serving California:

- Alameda • Mount Diablo Silverado • Sequoia • San Francisco Bay Area • Southern Sierra •
- Pacific Skyline • Long Beach Area • Greater Los Angeles Area • Marin • Orange County •
- Redwood Empire • Piedmont • California Inland Empire • Golden Empire • San Diego-Imperial •
- Western Los Angeles County • Los Padres • Silicon Valley Monterey Bay • Ventura County •
- Verdugo Hills • Greater Yosemite • Las Vegas Area • Nevada Area • Crater Lake •



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Registration Form

The Scout-O-Rama STEAM Engine
Dinosaur Park, Pismo Beach
May 21, 2016

**Return to: Los Padres Council, Rancho Alegre Program Office
2680 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
E-mail: scott.oldenburg@scouting.org Fax: (805) 686-5175**

Pack/Troop/Team/Crew # _____ District: _____

Unit Scout-O-Rama Chair: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Display Theme/ Skill presented: _____

Area Dimensions (Height: less than 12 Ft, Length: whatever you'd like, Width: 10 Ft):

Height: _____ Ft Length: _____ Ft Width: _____ Ft

Electrical Required: Yes ___ No ___

Pack/Troop/Team/Crew will supply # _____ table(s) and # _____ chairs

What time will you be arriving on to set up your display?:
May 21 _____ AM (Opens to public at 10:00 AM)

NOTE: ALL DISPLAYS MUST BE IN PLACE AND READY FOR THE PUBLIC BY 9:45 AM AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE SCOUT-O-RAMA AT 2:00 PM. UNITS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN TABLES & CHAIRS AS WELL AS ALL YOU WILL NEED FOR YOUR OWN BOOTH.

Areas will be assigned by May 16. Registration and Commitment must be received on or before Friday, May 13.

Comments or Special Needs: _____

For Office Use Only: Date Received: _____ Date Confirmed: _____