

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 (bi-monthly) **December 2014**

Upcoming Events

1 Dec., Mon., 5:45 to 7:00 pm, South Coast Merit Badge Counselor Orientation, Modoc Road Council office (1st Monday each month)

4 Dec., Thu., 7 pm, Del Norte Roundtable

6 Dec., Sat., 9 to 11 am: Chartered Organization Representative Training – Del Norte

8 Dec., Mon., Silver Beaver Nominations Due

9 Dec., Tue. Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting, 908 East Sierra Madre, Santa Maria

11 Dec. Thu., Camino Real District Committee Meeting

11 Dec. Thu. South Coast Roundtable

11 Dec. Thu. Milimoi Pa-Khul Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting, Del Norte District.

16 Dec Tue 6 to 7 pm: South Coast New Tiger Leader Q & A session, Modoc Road Council Office

18 Dec Thu Del Norte Commissioner Meeting 6:00 to 7:00 pm

31 Dec Wed. All unit recharterers are due – no grace period.

31 Dec. Time to wrap up your Journey to Excellence status.

8 Jan. Thu., Camino Real District Committee Meeting

8 Jan. Thu. South Coast Roundtable

10 Jan. Sat. Del Norte Merit Badge Pow-Wow #1

13 Jan., Tue., 6:00 to 7:30 pm, South Coast Charter Representative Orientation: What are your rights & responsibilities? Modoc Road Council Office

15 Jan. Thu Del Norte Commissioner Meeting 6:00 to 7:00 pm

15 Jan. Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

20 Jan. Tue. Council Annual Business Meeting

24 Jan. Sat. Live Oak Scouting for Food

24 Jan. Sat. District Leadership Workshop, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

24 January: 21st Annual Recognition Dinner for the Los Padres Council, Santa Maria Country Club, 505 West Waller Lane, Santa Maria. No-host reception at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:15 pm. Scout Uniform or business semi-casual dress. Four Silver Beaver and two heroism awards will be made. \$40 per person. RSVP by 16 January. Contact Ron Walsh, Program Director at 686-5167 or at Ronald.Walsh@scouting.org

28 Jan. Wed. Camino Real Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:00 pm

28 Jan. Wed. Camino Real Roundtable, 7:00 pm

31 Jan, Sat. Deadline for registration of District and Council officers

31 Jan, Sat., 8 am to 5 pm, South Coast Scout Leader Specific Training, Modoc Road Council Office

3 Feb., Tue., 6:00 to 7:30 pm, South Coast Chaplain Aide Orientation: for Boy Scouts, (leaders may come too) (what does this position involve and how to get ready for Scout Sunday!), Modoc Road Council Office

5 Feb., Thu., 7 to 8 pm, Del Norte District Roundtable

7 Feb.; Sat., 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Scout-O-Rama, "Continual Mad Science", at the Santa Maria Towne Center Mall. Focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) Contact Lynn Johnson (lynnjohnson@gmail.com)

8 Feb., Sun., Scout Sunday

10 Feb., Tue., Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting, 908 East Sierra Madre, Santa Maria

12 Feb., Thu., Camino Real District Committee Meeting

12 Feb., Thu., 7 to 8 pm, South Coast District Roundtable

17 Feb., Tue., 6:00 to 7:30 pm, South Coast Advancement Chair Orientation: for both Pack & Troop advancement chairs to better understand the tools available to help them keep records accurately and more, Modoc Road Council Office

19 Feb., Thu., Del Norte Commissioner Meeting 6:00 to 7:00 pm

19 Feb., Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

21 Feb., Sat., Del Norte Merit Badge Pow-Wow #2

21 Feb., Sat., Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day, AM session is 8:30 am to noon, PM session is 12:30 to 4:00 pm, Rancho Alegre, \$12.

25 Feb., Wed., 7 pm Camino Real Roundtable

26 Feb., Thu., Live Oak District Recognition Dinner

27 Feb., Fri., Live Oak District Pinewood Derby

28 Feb., Sat., Del Norte District Dinner

Recent Eagle Scout Service Project Accomplishments

The total number of Eagles for 2014 is fast approaching 100 and represents nearly 12,000 service hours to members of many communities, schools and organizations from Atascadero to Carpinteria. Some projects were very elaborate such as Sterling Snow's Barricade Project and some even went international like Steven Prawitt's Books for Brazil. All of the projects represent much effort by the scout as well as demonstrating his leadership skills.

Recent Unit Service Project Accomplishments

If you were watching the Channel 12 KSBY News this week, you might have seen members of Pack 13 helping with the 2014 Season of Hope toy donation collection. Just one of many service projects undertaken by Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops throughout the council. There are many miles of cleaner beaches, fresh painted walls, growing plants and other positive touches in many areas of our Council, stretching throughout 2 counties.

Scouts throughout the Los Padres Council have been busy at a variety of service projects that so far have totaled nearly 3,000 hours, involving over 450 scouts & scouters. One of the busiest units has been Troop 37, sponsored by the Elks Lodge, in the South Coast District that has recorded 8 projects for a total of over 350 hours. Pack 6, Camino Real District, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus council 1271, has listed only one project but they invested 80 hours and involved over 30 scouts & scouters working on community beautification in the San Luis Obispo area.. Troop 123, Del Norte District, sponsored by the Santa Margarita Lions Club, had a single project that totaled 140 hours in addition to their 4 other projects this year. Pack 42, Cachuma District, sponsored by the Buellton Business Association, completed one project with People Helping People that provided food for many families in the Buellton area. In the Live Oak District, Troop 2103, sponsored by the North Avenue Baptist Church, has listed 3 projects, ranging from assisting the local food bank with food collection & distribution to beach & litter cleanup in the Lompoc community.

On behalf of all those helped so far this year a very big THANK YOU to all 16 units that listed their contributions to bettering our neighborhoods. Your unit could appear in the next issue if your Good Turn project hours and information are recorded at the JTE Service project site:

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

Trainer's Corner

Larry Basham, Council Training Chair

Your district and council training teams are committed to



providing you with top quality, timely training experiences so you can deliver the promise of Scouting to youth!

Is Your Youth Protection Training up to date?

Remember to re-charter your **YPT MUST** be current thru 2014. If you aren't sure, sign-in to your MyScouting.org account and search your YPT record. You can also check all your other training records while you're there and print out certificates or take supplemental training.



Are You a NEW LEADER and wondering What Do I Do NOW?

If you are a Cub Scout Leader, your required training is available online at

MyScouting.org under E-Learning. It's recommended that you take **Fast Start** and **This Is**



Scouting courses to acquaint yourself with Scouting and its Aims and Methods.

Cubmasters, Asst. Cubmasters, and Den Leaders can take Cub Leader Specific training for your position and be considered trained and receive the "Trained" sleeve patch. New Scoutmasters, Varsity and Venture Leaders can also take **Fast Start** and **This Is Scouting** for your position online at MyScouting.org, but your **Leader Specific Training** is given in a small group setting at district or council training sessions. Check the Los Padres Council (LPCBSA.org) calendar for the training you

need or contact your district training chair for information or to schedule training.

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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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Camino Real District

George Brown, kf6pbl@hotmail.com

Live Oak District

Todd Lefebvre, toddlef@gmail.com

Cachuma District

Brad Ross, stirmach@verizon.net

South Coast District

Zea Bauer, rosemary.bauer@scouting.org

Council Training Chair

Larry Basham, DrBuzz2@aol.com

Leadership Development

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

Council Youth Trainers
Dec. 19-20 (Fri-Sat) at Rancho Alegre. This

training is recommended for all youth leadership positions within a troop to help make your troop "Boy Run." It will be led by our NYLT Venture Crew youth leaders and is a pre-requisite for attending NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) next summer.





National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – Council Youth/Adult Staff, Aug. 3-7, Rancho Alegre. This dynamite youth

leadership training can change your troop/crew into a high powered team and help build our future leaders. It is the youth equivalent to the adult Wood Badge Leadership Skills training. It's highly recommended that adult leaders attend Wood Badge if their youth attend NYLT, so you will be on the same page and can work together to maximize the leadership skills taught in both courses.



Wood Badge Leadership Skills

Training – We just completed another successful Wood Badge course in October and are already planning the next one in Sept. 2015. Watch for updates in this newsletter and the council calendar. In the works is a course for the spring of 2016.

Commissioner Corner

The Recharter Process

Unit charters within the Los Padres Council all expire on December 31. Beginning in October the Commissioner program has disbursed the recharter packages to all of the Units within the Council. As of November 17, only about 35% of our units have returned their completed charter packages. All units are strongly encouraged to complete the recharter process by mid-December. If you have questions regarding the recharter process, contact your unit serving Commissioner, or if your unit does not have an assigned unit serving Commissioner, contact your District Commissioner. It is very important that you recharter before the expiration date of your unit (12/31/14). Remember, lapsed (expired charters) units are not entitled to participate in the Scouting program, are legally uninsured by the Boy Scouts of America, and may not obtain tour permits or awards/recognitions.

As a reminder, all adult volunteers must have current Youth Protection Training valid

into 2015 in order to recharter (have completed YPT within 2 years of their last YPT session). If a volunteer does not have a valid YPT certificate into 2015 they may not reregister on the unit's recharter form. Do not hold up submissions of the recharter package beyond mid-December because a volunteer does not possess valid YPT. Drop the volunteer from the recharter form. If that person is interested in continuing as a volunteer, they can reapply after they complete their YPT. It is extremely important that your unit does not become a lapsed unit!

What are Commissioners?

The position of Commissioner is the second oldest volunteer position in the Boy Scouts of America. The Commissioner receives a commission by the Boy Scouts of America to represent the National Council and the local council to the individual units. The primary function of the Commissioner program is to provide direct service to the unit and no other volunteer position at the District or Council level is responsible for directly servicing individual units. In doing so, a Commissioner is a friend, resource, guide, trainer, mentor, facilitator and problem solver to their units. The Unit Service Plan for the Boy Scouts of America designates the unit serving Commissioner as the "go to" person for units in receiving services and assistance from the District, Council, and the Boy Scouts of America. Unit Leaders and Committee members should contact their Unit Commissioner when they have questions regarding Scouting programs and when they need advice and/or assistance from the District or Council. If your unit does not have a Unit Commissioner assigned to it, then contact your District Commissioner.

Need for Commissioners

The Los Padres Council has 48 unit-serving Commissioners and needs 20 more. If you have Scouting experience, and are not currently actively working with a unit, please consider serving as a Commissioner. Contact

your District Commissioner or Rick TerBorch, Council Commissioner. He can be reached at 805.473.1383 and/or rterborch@earthlink.net.

Program and Operations News

In 2014 Scouts in the Los Padres Council had the opportunity to step up and grow while participating in Scoutorama, Scouting for Food, District Camporees, District Cub Scout Day Camps, Cub Scout Resident Camp, and Boy Scout Summer Camp. Thanks to all that helped make the programs happen. In 2014 the Venturing program implemented changes. While the Quest, Ranger, and Trust awards are still in place, the Bronze, Gold and Silver awards were replaced by the Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit Awards. New program materials for Venturing are available, including the Handbook for Venturers, and Venturing Awards and Requirements.

2015 will get off to a good start as Council-wide training for all District & Council Scouters will be held on Saturday, January 24th. We are looking forward to significant changes to the Cub Scouting program in 2015. It may be hard to believe, but the last council-wide Camporall was held in 2010. Remember what a great time we had? We'll make more memories during the Camporall in 2015. I invite all who are willing to help out with Camporall to contact me.

Lynn Johnson, VP for Program & Operations

Q&A

Are alcohol-based backpacking stoves acceptable? OK in scout camps? Advantages and disadvantages? (Hint: you may not find the answers in Guide to Safe Scouting.) Please send your answers to the editor. Any other questions out there? Please send those in as well.

District Shout-Outs

The Cachuma District committee meets at 7 pm the first Tuesday of every month at Mother Hubbard's in Buellton. Scouts from the Cachuma District recently presented the flags

for the Veteran's Day program in Solvang. A big shout-out to the Scouts for this memorable service to the community. The Scouts are staying active during the holiday season by participating in the Solvang Christmas parade on December 6th. Come out and cheer on your Scout in the parade. David Brown, David@reloans.com

Other News You Can Use

As volunteers in Scouting, expenses that we incur while serving can be tax-deductible. Examples include uniform upkeep, travel expenses, meals and lodging. Contact your editor to request a 3-page handout with tax guidelines.

Order of the Arrow

At a training session on November 15, incoming and outgoing officers of Chumash Lodge 90 learned about their new duties and made plans for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the OA on Treasure Island in July 1915. Incoming Lodge Officers are Lodge Chief Alex von Dohlen (Paso Robles); Vice Chief Brandon Dutcher (Santa Barbara); Secretary Evan Cobb (Lompoc); Treasurer Patrick Konkol (Goleta); and Medicine Man (outgoing Chief) Dylan Gillespie (Nipomo). Brian Hascall of Nipomo will remain as the Lodge Adviser.

At the Section Conclave during September at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation the local lodge took home all the ceremonies competition trophies and the Outstanding Lodge of the Section Award. There were 21 Arrowman in attendance at this weekend event. The Ceremonies Team looks forward to competing at the National Conference (NOAC) next August.

At an Officers' Meeting that night, the Lodge donated \$500 to the Council for a new computer/video projector. This is in addition to the \$3000 donated earlier this year toward a climbing wall at Rancho Alegre. The Lodge learned that because of over subscription to the Centennial National Conference at

Michigan State next summer that the number of attendees from this Lodge would be limited to 15 (11 youth; 4 advisers). This was a major disappointment for a number of Arrowman who wanted to attend this historic event. Over 12,000 available spots at the campus disappeared quickly with an additional 5,000 Arrowman being denied accommodation.

During January to March, Arrowman will be conducting unit visitations for each troop and team in the Council for the election of outstanding Scouts to be inducted into the OA. At the same time a presentation will be made on summer time camping. The two Ordeals planned for 2015 are at Rancho Alegre on May 15-17 and August 28-30. Annual 2015 dues of \$15 should be paid by all Arrowman before January 31st. Payment may be made online at the Council website homepage (www.lpcbsa.org). [Wayne Rascati]

High Adventure

Philmont Training Center –

The 2015 conference schedule is now available at your council store or online at PhilmontTrainingCenter.org.

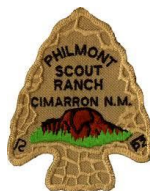
There are many terrific training courses offered all summer long covering all aspects of Scouting. They also have a Family Program so your spouse and kids can accompany you and enjoy exciting daily activities for all ages while you receive the best training around. Make it a family vacation!



High Adventure News: Has your Troop/Team/Crew been on a Philmont Trek?

If not, 2016 could be your year.

Los Padres Council has submitted a request for two crews for the summer of 2016. If you're interested in reserving spaces or an entire crew of 12, contact Larry Basham for details. Drbuzz2@aol.com or call 967-8995. There are also a few spaces available for our 2015 crew, call immediately if you're interested. They won't last long.



Marketing Musings

Our Council has several web resources that provide information to Scouts, Scouters and families. Our digital media resources include the [Council Website](#), [Facebook Page](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#), [District Websites](#), and [YouTube](#). If you are not using these resources, then you might be missing an opportunity to showcase your unit's success. Also, you may not be aware of current [Council Events](#), upcoming [trainings](#), and how to [contact the Council](#). The web touches almost all of us, so even if you are not using Facebook, Google+ or Instagram, I recommend that you at least bookmark the Council website.

Speaking of the Council website there are some positive changes in the works. The Council Marketing Committee is planning to roll out a new Council website next year. The current website has served us well over the last few years, but needs to be updated. Our current website is maintained by Wayne Rascati, and he deserves a BIG THANK YOU for all his webmaster work! Tell Wayne thanks, next time you see him. The Marketing Committee's goal is to create a website that is current, easy to navigate and most importantly improves communications to Scouts, Scouters and Families. So it is important for us to know the web content that is relevant to your Scouting experience. Send your suggestions to either South Coast District Executive [Peter McClintock](#) or Council Vice President of Marketing [David Athey](#). We need to know what is relevant to you.

By the way, the Council [Facebook Page](#) just passed a small milestone. We now have 300 likes! Check it out! Be sure to like the page and pass it on to a friend. We want to hit 400 likes asap! [David Athey](#), VP Marketing

Recommended Outing Locations

Had a great hike, campout, or backpacking trip lately? Please share the details of the location of your adventure. We'll include a few in each issue.

Editor's Soapbox

Many thanks to the contributors to this issue! I have learned a lot from what you have provided. 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, stirmach@verizon.net, 805-688-4849 (evenings).



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