

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 **December 2017**



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Council Executive Message

Friends, Partners and Family,
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Season’s greetings from Los Padres Council staff. We hope you all have a peaceful and loving holiday season with your friends and family. As we move closer toward 2018 we look back at all the happened in 2017.



We had some challenges in 2017 we have also had many things to celebrate as we position our council towards a bright and progressive future.

Thanks to a few wonderful donors we could provide a life lasting experience to five young man. These young men could attend Jamboree, little cost to their families. Our five Scouts came home with a much better perspective of life and the importance of doing good turns.

In the month of October Los Padres Council also recognized Santa Barbara resident, Bob Bryant, with the “2017 Good Scout Award” and Paso Robles resident and Eagle Scout John Hamon with “NESA, Outstanding Eagle Scout Award”. Both have supported our community youth for many years. Coming up on December 6th we will have the privilege of recognizing Pismo Beach city manager and Eagle Scout with the “NESA, Outstanding Eagle Scout Award”. We invite you to join us. Room is limited but there are a few openings. Visit our website to sign up: www.lpc.org

In July, we suffered the loss of Rancho Alegre, but we will not let that stop the adventure. We are using it as an opportunity to engage the community and reestablish ourselves as the elite youth leadership organization in the central coast. The loss has provided a cause in which our community can be involved and engaged. Invite everyone to participate in helping replace nature or financially sponsoring one of the many new structures at Rancho Alegre at www.lpcbsa.org

Your leadership and efforts will make an even bigger impact in this coming year as the community will be looking towards us to lead change in how nonprofits in our communities serve youth. Now more than ever you will be needed as we diversify our programs and rebild camp to provide new adventures. Now is the time to help our young people to “PREPARE.FOR LIFE”

Thank you for your dedication and support, have a wonderful holiday season and great start to the 2017 year.

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

Council President Views

Dear Scouters,
Families and
Friends,

This year has been one of the most memorable years ever for the Los Padres Council. While there have been some ups and downs, our Council finishes the year stronger and I am very optimistic about the future. I continue to be grateful for a strong, dedicated Scout Executive and seasoned professional staff as well as for numerous volunteers who have given many hours of service in multiple areas.



By far the most significant event in 2017 affecting our Council was the Whittier Fire in July, which destroyed our beloved camp, Rancho Alegre. Since July the Phoenix (Alegre rebuild) committee has been meeting weekly. On Saturday, November 18, the committee met in the dining hall at Alegre to finalize selection of companies to help develop our master plan. We were pleased to see that the demolition project (removal of debris) at the main part of camp was completed, ahead of schedule! Water and electrical power has been restored and cleanup of damaged trees continue. I was fortunate to have two members from the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden come to Alegre earlier in the Fall to help assess the damage to the trees and other vegetation there. They were generally impressed as to how in a few short months since the fire, that many green sprouts from native plants were evident. Rains should stimulate much more growth and recovery.

Scouts and leaders from our Council attended the National Jamboree in July. My understanding is that this was an outstanding trip. The side trips to our Nation's capital and other areas were a great complement to this

adventure. Thank you all for representing our council so well!

The council had a record year for new Eagle Scouts. In addition many meaningful Eagle projects were completed throughout our two counties. One of my goals is to get more publicity for these projects. We are thankful for the outstanding leadership of our Advancement Chair Jim Bartlett who has worked tirelessly with our young men. Again, congratulations to our 2017 Eagles!

On a personal note, I recently spent four days on Santa Cruz Island at the UCSB Research Center. Time was spent hiking, studying archaeology, botany and geology. The island is amazing and beautiful. A wonderful treasure right in our back yard!

As we approach this special time of the year I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy 2018! Thank you all for your dedication to the Boy Scouts of America!

Yours in Scouting,
John Brinker, Council President

Rancho Alegre News

Chumash Lodge of the Order of the Arrow (OA) recently conducted a valuable service project at Camp Rancho Alegre. On Sunday, November 26, a twelve-person contingent from the OA, led by Lodge Chief Joey Kamlet, worked to protect remaining structures and provide some erosion control to steep hillsides in the main part of camp.

The project involved spreading native seeds above the pool and shower house area, around Lake Janis, and above the main camp entrance road. Seeds for this endeavor were donated by S&S Seed of Carpenteria. This project is the first one to be authorized at camp now that demolition work is coming to a close. We look forward to having more service opportunities for our Scouts as we rebuild our council camp! [submitted by Scott Oldenburg]

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Upcoming Events

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

- 1 Dec.**, Charter Renewals Due
- 5 Dec.**, Silver Beaver Nomination Application Deadline
- 6 Dec.**, Major Member Dinner Honoring Jim Lewis
- 12 Dec.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 13 Dec.**, 2018 Friends of Scouting Family Kick-Off
- 15 Dec.**, Order of the Arrow Charter Renewal Submission Deadline
- 21 Dec.**, District Operations Meeting
- 8 Jan.**, Friends of Scouting Community Kick-Off
- 16 Jan.**, Council Annual Business Meeting
- 20 Jan.**, Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meeting
- 28 Jan.**, Friends of Scouting LDS Kick-Off
- 6 Feb.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 8 Feb.**, Happy Birthday BSA (108 years)
- 10 Feb.**, Saturday, 1-4:30 pm, District and Council Training
- 10 Feb.**, Saturday, 6 pm, Council Annual Recognition Dinner
- 20 Feb.**, Council Camp Card Kick-Off
- 24 Feb.**, Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day, 8:30 to noon and 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Cachuma District

- 5 Dec.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
- 2 Jan.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
- 6 Feb.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

Camino Real District

- 1 Dec.**, District Award of Merit Nominations Deadline
- 13 Dec.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Dec.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 10 Jan.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Jan.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 24 Jan.**, Roundtable
- 8 Feb.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 14 Feb.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 Feb.**, District-wide Cub Scout Bridging Ceremony
- 28 Feb.**, Roundtable

Del Norte District

- 7 Dec.**, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
- 7 Dec.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 9 Dec.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Dec.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 28 Dec.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review
- 4 Jan.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 11 Jan.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Jan.**, Disabilities Awareness Training – Serving Scouts with Special Needs
- 18 Jan.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 25 Jan.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review
- 27 Jan.**, 6 pm District Recognition Dinner
- 1 Feb.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 8 Feb.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Feb.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 22 Feb.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review

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Live Oak District

2 Dec., Santa Maria Parade of Lights

9 Dec., Orcutt Christmas Parade

21 Dec., Roundtable (Lompoc)

27 Jan., Scouting for Food

South Coast District

4 Dec., Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm

9 Dec., 9 am Den Chief Training

14 Dec., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

14 Dec., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm

21 Dec., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

28 Dec., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

5 Jan., 2018 Friends of Scouting Family Kick-off

11 Jan., Merit Badge Thursday

11 Jan., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

11 Jan., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm

16 Jan., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting

18 Jan., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

25 Jan., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

27 Jan., Pack Pinewood Derby Day

31 Jan., Unit Journey to Excellence Score Sheets Due

3 Feb., Pinewood Derby District Finals

5 Feb., Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm

8 Feb., Merit Badge Thursday

8 Feb., District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

8 Feb., Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm

15 Feb., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

22 Feb., Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

28 Feb., 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting

Program Proclamations

I hope everybody had a nice Thanksgiving. It's always fun to get family and friends together to spend time and have some good fun and good food. To take a moment and reflect on all the things we can be thankful for. One of the things I am very grateful for is to be part of a wonderful program that allows us to be influences for good on our next generation. I am grateful to be able to volunteer my time with people like each of you as we try to do what is best of the young people of the Las Padres Council. We all have tasks that we perform to make the program go, thanks for continuing your efforts to ensure that young people around you get to grow up to understand the impact that the Scout Oath & Law can have on our communities. At this time of year, I see how there are many things that our Scouts could do to bless their neighbors and community members. Let's see what kind of fun we can have as we try to do this.

Speak of of opportunities, we are pleased to spread the word that Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) will now be conducted on a District Level, rather than directed by the Council. We will be glad to work with any District Training team to try and ensure that they are successful as they prepare for this course. Some of the supplies needed for the course are at the Santa Barbara Office. Unfortunately some of the other supplies were lost due to the fire. Please feel free to contact me to ensure we know how to get things set up for your District. We will work to ensure that every leader that needs IOLS has a chance to attend it. We will also try to communicate when the districts are presenting this course. Also BALOO and OWL will be run on a District level. We will try to ensure that you know when these courses are happening, so that those that need this can attend. BALOO is now a hybrid course you know. The first part is done online, and then the second part is a live course.

National Youth Leadership Training is going to occur this summer. We will keep you informed as we get closer. If you are interested in being on staff or know a young man that

would like to be, please have them contact Aaron Houston from the Cachuma District. It's going to be great training.

I have big news for the Wood Badge crowd. We were invited to join the combined Wood Badge course in 2018. We do have access to a Wood Badge course. It will not be held in the Council this year, but we have an arrangement with two other Councils that have run multiple courses. If there is anyone that would like more information about either being a staff member in 2018, or would like to go to the course, please let me know. My email is lynnhjohnson@gmail.com. We have had problems with the logistics of a local course, and we are trying to get things back on track. This will be a great opportunity for any Scouter that would like the Wood Badge experience. The course will happen as it has for the past several decades. This is a solid opportunity.

It's getting to be time for Silver Beaver Nominations. If you know someone that you feel should be nominated, please feel free to check the Council Website for the forms, and get them in by December 5th. soon.

Also, there is a great training being offered by South Coast District, they are putting together a Den Chief Training. If you have a Boy Scout that wants to be a Den Chief, and you aren't exactly sure what you should be helping this young man learn, feel free to check the Council Calendar on December 9. You'll find more information about this, but I can tell you it's going to happen between 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, in Santa Barbara.

In conclusion, let me say how grateful I am to be able to help you. I really feel that we have the best youth program in the Country. There are other folks in this newsletter that will explain to you how our Council is one of the top Councils in Area 4 and in the Western Region. You guys are doing lots and lots of wonderful things. If someone wants to get involved in helping on the Council level, there are plenty of places that your skills would be welcomed. We do many wonderful, fun things, but there is still room for more help.

Let me take a moment and wish you and yours a very happy Holiday Season. Happy Scouting to All, and I hope to see you soon!

Warmest Scouting Regards,
Lynn Johnson
Council Vice President - Programs & District Operations [lynnhjohnson@gmail.com]

Order of the Arrow

Dues for 2018 are now payable. Members, please go onto the Council website at www.lpcbsa.org. There is a link midway down the home page on which you will click. This will take you a secure page on the website in which to pay the \$15 annual dues amount. Forms will be out shortly for those wishing to pay by mail or at one of the Council offices.

On Sunday, November 26th, 13 OA members did a major native grass seeding project at Rancho Alegre. Hillsides around the pool and Lake Janis were raked and then reseeded. When the grass grows, it will act as a deterrent to mudslides and damage. Additional projects are planned in future months.

New Chumash Lodge Officers for 2017-2018 are Joey Kamlet (Troop 2), Lodge Chief; Jace Meyer, Lodge Vice Chief; Andrew Murach, Secretary; Peter Conti, Treasurer; and Aaron Morse, Medicine Man.

Vigil Candidates for the year 2017 are as follows: Aaron Morse, immediate past Lodge Chief; Joey Kamlet, Lodge Chief; Austin Werland, previous Lodge Vice Chief; Andrew Murach; Lodge Secretary; and Kirin Sweeney, Ceremonies Team Leader.

The Malibu Lodge has offered to let us participate in their Ordeal this Saturday and Sunday the 2nd and 3rd of December. The ordeal will be held at Camp Josepho starting at 6:00 PM. Information will be distributed later this month on the upcoming Ordeals on January 13-14 and May 16-18, most likely at Camp Whittier. Unit elections will be held in January, February, and March. Scoutmasters will soon be contacted about setting a date for

an election visitation team to come to one of your Troop/Team meetings.

Star Scout Henri Benoit from Troop 26 has been elected and installed as the new Canalino Chapter Chief. The Canalino Chapter performed flag ceremonies and attended other Veteran's Day events throughout the Veteran's Day weekend, including participating in the parade on State Street.

As the year draws to and end and the Holidays are upon us the Chumash Lodge would like to extend a warm season's greetings and happy holidays to everyone involved in the Los Padres Council, Scouts, Scouters, parents and other family members. [submitted by Wayne Rascati and Jacques Benoit]

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.

Online Training Updates TRAINING

On-line training is now available for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

2018 National Youth Leadership Training

We are actively looking for staff for 2018 National Youth Leader Training (NYLT). If you know of youth that have completed this course and would like to serve on staff, please contact Lynn Johnson (489-6072 or lynnhjohnson@gmail.com) or if there are adults from units that send youth to this course and would like to support the course, please let Lynn know that too.

Your District Training Chairs

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- Live Oak District – Alan Munch
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- Cachuma District – Brad Ross
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- South Coast District – Zea Bauer
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- 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.

Philmont Training Center



The new 2017 course brochure is now available online. 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: <http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx>

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.

Top Service Projects for the Fall Quarter

Throughout the Council many Packs and Troops have been busy working on projects throughout their local communities. Unfortunately, the BSA records are unavailable for the past month & a half, so this report only reflects service entered through the end of September.

Troop 41 in Cachuma District did a project this past summer that was very environmental in nature, involving 6 scouts and scouters for 24 hours. Troop 42 had an Eagle projects as well as 2 regular projects in the Solvang area, including one for the VFW Military families, for 150 total hours.

Down in the South Coast District, Troop 4 had 2 projects in September, one involving 18 Scouts and scouters in a project that contributed 180 hours of work, the other had logged over 50 hours with 19 participants. So far this year South Coast Eagle Scouts have recorded over 1000 hours on 11 projects involving 7 different units.

Live Oak had Troop 2103 assisting the city of Lompoc with 2 projects in the early summer involving 16 scouts and scouters for over 44 hours. One was for the annual Flower festival and the other was for the Fourth of July parade. There were 6 different units that had Eagle projects completed this year with troop

394 recording 234 hours and narrowly edged out by Troop 91 with 236 hours!

The 4 Del Norte Eagles that completed projects before October of this year racked up 411 hours! Troop 51 & Troop 60 really set the pace, consistently completing community projects nearly every month! But Troop 51 really deserves a round of applause for recording 3 separate projects in September alone! Troop 123 also logged in a couple of projects earlier in the spring.

Back in Camino Real Troop 450 is a real shining star with 4 projects recoded earlier this year, in addition to 2 Eagle projects, for a grand total of 278 hours. Most of these were patriotic in focus, including providing a ceremony for respectfully retiring worn American Flags.

In November, several Troops and Packs were involved in Veteran's Day observances, some of which appeared in their local papers. Again, those hours as well as other ones for Flag raising and Flag placing ceremonies in various communities may have been reported, but were not available at this time.

Remember, it is the Units' responsibility to enter their service projects along with information about the who, what, when & where. The more details provided enables better records. As service is a vital part of each unit's basic program, it is highly likely that even more hours were donated by the other 100+ units throughout the Council, but, unfortunately, were not recorded on the JTE service website.

[submitted by Zea Bauer]

Rebuild the Ranch Honor Roll

Stantec provided a substantial in-kind donation of services shortly after the fire.



Editor's Soapbox

Rumor has it that 90 scouts in the Los Padres Council have passed their Eagle board of reviews so far this year, with 7 on-deck. Will we make 100 before the end of the year?

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, 805-688-4849 (evenings)

New Member Coordinator

- An introduction

Sustaining strong membership in a unit depends not only on having new members join the unit, but also on engaging youth and their families in the unit experiences so that they feel **Welcomed** and want to stay. The role of the **New Member Coordinator** is to ensure that both *keys* to success take place.



The *New Member Coordinator* (NMC) position has been designed to:

- Be a FUN and engaging position.
- Form relationships with new members and their families.
- Use a team approach by encouraging more than one NMC in a unit, allowing them to tailor their work to individual interests/expertise, as well as to recognize the particular needs of the unit.
- Fit every type of unit, every age level and every program.
- Be recruited and supported by key unit leadership.
- Be provided with training both online and face to face.
- Be mentored by the District Membership Chair and become part of the District Membership team.
- Be visible and easily identifiable at unit gatherings by their *Welcoming* smiles and their BSA "Welcome" logo that they display and wear on an activity shirt, on a hat or vest or in some cases, a pin on a field uniform.

The benefits of having a New Member Coordinator can be substantial! If you are interested in serving as a **New Member Coordinator** for your Unit, now is the time! The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is offering a "free" logo imprinted shirt or cap as an incentive to the first 2500 registered and trained **New Member Coordinators** (NMC) and the first 500 District-level Scouters.

Visit www.scouting.org/nmc
[submitted by David Athey]