

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 **February 2017**



Council Executive Message

Los Padres Council Scouters, leaders and supporters,

It is my honor and delight to congratulate the 2016 class of Eagle Scouts in the Los Padres Council.



There are 98 of you! Your hard work and dedication to our communities has paid off, not only to you but to our entire council. We can all be proud of your accomplishments.

Life is a series of challenges. By becoming an Eagle Scout you have demonstrated that you are ready to overcome those challenges. You have demonstrated to other youth that goal setting, hard work, and dedication does get rewarded.

You are now part of a very elite group, so remember that this is only the beginning of your journey. As you move forward others will look to you for leadership and guidance. I trust that you will keep making us proud and live by Scout Oath and Law. Thank you and congratulations.

Congratulations to the 2016 class of Silver Beavers in the Los Padres Council. The Silver Beaver is the highest award our council can bestow upon a volunteer. This year we will present the award to 4 very deserving volunteers: Trent Benedetti, Jim Brown, David Hix and William Holden.

The awards will be presented on Saturday, February 11, 2017 as part of our Council Annual Recognition Dinner.

On behalf of the Los Padres Council and our Silver Beaver selection committee, we salute all of our honorees.

Thank you to all volunteers. 2016 was a year of change for our council. We made some progress on our strategic goals and achieved Journey to Excellence Silver by increasing our overall points to 1,475. Thank you for the dedication and commitment you demonstrate to the success of our youth. We had several meaningful increases in summer camp attendance, endowment, training and advancement.

Our efforts for 2017 are focused on growth in total membership, Friends of Scouting fundraising, day camp participation and district committee members. We are looking to replicate the Cub Scout growth we had in 2016 by increasing Lion Cubs Dens and helping units recruit more cub scouts by coordinating recruitment efforts. Friends of Scouting (FOS) is an important council driver where we need 100% participation. With increased support we can improve the support you receive and have a better story to present to foundation and community donors that like to see participants support the program they are members of. You are the key to our financial stability. Our youth look forward to being outdoors. every year, please encourage your den and packs to participate in local day camps. Every Scouts that has that experience is 50% more likely to stay in the program and have increased parent participation. District committees are a key support system to units and parents. Your talents can not only improve the way we serve youth, but can have impact in our entire

community. Consider joining your local district committee and you will interact with high quality community leaders.

Yours in Scouting,
Carlos Cortez, Scout Executive/CEO

Los Padres Council 2016 Eagle Scouts

Ethan Athey, Jarrison Ball, Caleb Barber, Kwen Barnhill, Joshua Begg, Bradley Behrens, Jason Behrens, Benjamin Beifuss, Artem Borysyuk, Ryan Broumand, Nathan Burke, Jacob Cagliero, John Cantin, Peter Chamlee, Daniel Chiavacci, Cameron Thomas Clark, Samuel Collins, Micah Condie, Weston Dalton, Tyler Dayton, Daniel Dominguez, Ethan Edney, Richard Eickert III, Spencer Emmons, James Fisher, Aidan Flynn, Ryan Foster, Travis Foster, Jonathan Furness, Sean Gallacher, Alden Giese, Daniel Gomez, Teofilo Gonzalez, Zachary Gundrey, Daniel Haagen, Timothy Hansen, Garrett Harris, Jake Haws, Thomas Heckman, Alex Heidepriem, Eric Herendeen, Winston Holyfield, Zachary Houston, David Jackson II, Caleb James, Jonathan Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Caleb Jones, Erik Kardel, Jared Kerby, Brian Long, Marcus Mack, Eric Mailes, Joseph Malone, Caden Marquis, Eamon Mazelin, Corey McCrea, Ian McDougall, Andrew McGuffin, Jack McKee, Tanner Merrill, Kai Mills, David Montanaro, Aaron Morse, Anthony Munkres, Jamison Murray, Spencer Murray, Daniel Nave, Jack Nelson, Matthew Neufeld, Edward Nugent, William Oakley, Sean Parker, Stephen Preton, Cameron Roberts, Michael Ronay, Jarrett Rucker, Kendall Ruth, Dakota Ryan, Kyle Saletta, John Saragosa, Jacob Shapero, Casey Smith, Mitchell Smith, Ty Still Evan Stork, Jared Swenson, Elijah Swolgaard, Matthew Taber, Allan Wasserman, Alec Watson, Brenden Weaver, Steven Weitz, Jackson Willhite, Tyler Williams, Nathaniel Zachrich, Nicolas Zepeda

2017 Family Friends of Scouting Recognition Plan

In addition to the individual contributor FOS recognition patch, the following is a unit recognition plan:

- Scout Supporter Recognition: \$150
 - FOS LPC collector patch
- Council President's FOS Unit Award: Unit achieves 100% participation and agreed upon unit goal
 - President FOS streamer for unit flag
 - 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.

Rancho Alegre News

Rancho Alegre looks forward to hosting a council Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day on Saturday, February 25. To register for this event, simply use one of the following links to our council website:

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/callendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=1929492&OrgKey=1643> (morning session)

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/callendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=1929491&OrgKey=1643> (afternoon session)

In addition to this Cub Scout event, our camp will be hosting a large number of weekend activities this winter and spring that range from youth retreats to Boy Scout district camporees. There is plenty of availability, though, for weekend pack, troop, team, and crew camping at the ranch. Interested unit leaders should call Dana Mendoza at (805) 686-5167 to make a reservation.

Plans for Cub Scout and Boy Scout resident camps are now under way and we are beginning to hire our summer camp staff. Boy Scout troops can sign up for camp by completing a site reservation form and paying a \$150 "hold a site" deposit fee. Individual

application forms for Cub Scout resident camp and for Boy Scout provisional campers are being placed on our council website. Unfortunately, due to the lack of a trained course director, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) will not be held this summer in the Los Padres Council. We are, however, working with our troops to place Scouts from our council in courses that are being offered nearby. For more information on this, you are welcome to contact Scott Oldenburg, our council program director, at (805) 686-5167.

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day

Cub Scouts are invited to sign-up for Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day on Saturday, February 25, at Rancho Alegre. There will be both a morning session (9 to Noon) and afternoon session (1 to 4 pm). Activities will consist of bb guns, archery, and sling shots. There is a maximum of 40 Cub Scouts for each session. Cost is \$12.00. Scouts can sign up either individually or as a unit (pack or den). Registration begins one-half hour before the start time above. Registration must be done online at the Council website: www.lpcbsa.org.

Participating Scouts must have a California required Shooting Sports Permission Form which is available online. Scouts attending without a parent or guardian in attendance will need to have the form with them. Otherwise, the parent can complete the form upon arrival at Rancho Alegre.

Parent and leaders -- Please make sure that you do not have a conflict with Little League, Soccer, etc. when signing up for this event.

Some units like to make a day of it incorporating this activity with outdoor advancement requirements. Some units will even come for an overnigher. If you are interested in doing either of these, the leader can contact Dana Mendoza, Administrative Assistant, at either 686-5167 or alegre@hughes.net.

Morning Session Registration

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/cub-scout-shooting-sports-day-morning-session/1929492>

Afternoon Session Registration

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/cub-scout-shooting-sports-day-afternoon-session/1929491>

Permission to Shoot Form

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/document/permission-to-shoot-form/61137>

2017 Council Scout-O-Rama

Mark your calendar now and plan to have your unit participate in our Saturday, May 6 Scout-O-Rama at Dinosaur Park in Pismo Beach. This show of "Scouting in Action" is an exciting opportunity to showcase our program of fun and adventure! More information, including unit participation forms, will be available shortly on our council website at www.lpcbsa.org.

We are also offering sponsorship opportunities for vendors who would like to financially support this event. Units who secure such sponsorships can earn Friends of Scouting (FOS) credit for securing such sponsorships. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson, our council vice president for program, at lynnhjohnson@gmail.com or call our council program office at (805) 686-5167. [submitted by Scott Oldenburg]

2017 District Camporees

Camino Real District: March 31-April 2 at Camp French

Live Oak/Cachuma Districts April 21-23 at VAFB Halvorson Woods

South Coast District: April 20-22 at Rancho Alegre

Del Norte District: April 28-30 at TBD

2017 Cub Scout Day Camps

Camino Real District - June 19-23

Del Norte District - June 19-23

Live Oak District -

Santa Maria - June 26-30

Lompoc - July 10-14

South Coast District - June 21-23

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

25 Feb Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day

4 Mar., Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee

15 Mar., Spring Membership Recruitment Drive

13 Mar., District Operations Meeting

25-31 Mar., National Camp School

31 Mar., Order of the Arrow Adult Membership Nomination Deadline

7-8 Apr., Wilderness First Aid

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

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

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

21-23 Apr., Tri-Valley Camporee

Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

8 Feb., OA Chapter Meeting

9 Feb., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

22 Feb., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

8 Mar., OA Chapter Meeting

9 Mar., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

22 Mar., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

31 Mar – 2 Apr., Camporee

12 Apr., OA Chapter Meeting

13 Feb., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

26 Feb., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

11 Feb. Merit Badge Pow-Wow

16 Feb., Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

2 Mar., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm

2 Mar., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

11 Mar., "Scouting for Food"

16 Mar., Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

6 Apr., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm

6 Apr., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

11 Apr., Merit Badge Pow-Wow

20 Apr., Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

28-30 Apr. District Camporee

Upcoming Events: Live Oak District

16 Feb., Roundtable (Lompoc)

23 Feb., District Committee Meeting

24 Feb., Pinewood Derby District Competition

4 Mar., Merit Badge Pow-Wow

11 Mar., Merit Badge Pow-Wow

16 Mar., Roundtable (Lompoc)

18 Mar., Merit Badge Pow-Wow

23 Mar., District Committee Meeting

20 Apr., Roundtable (Lompoc)

21-23 Apr., Tri-Valley Camporee

27 Apr., District Committee Meeting

Upcoming Events: South Coast District

- 6 Feb.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 9 Feb.**, Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 9 Feb.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 10 Feb.**, District Award of Merit Nominations Due
- 22 Feb.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 25 Feb.**, Scouting for Food, 8:30 am
- 28 Feb.**, Pack Pinewood Derby

- 6 Mar.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 9 Mar.**, Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 9 Mar.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 22 Mar.**, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 31 Mar.**, District Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Eagle Scout Recognition, 5:35 pm to 9:00 pm
- 3 Apr.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 13 Apr.**, Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 13 Apr.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 21-23 Apr.**, District Camporee
- 26 Apr.**, Unit Commissioner Meeting

Summer Camp 2017

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 had a modest \$10 increase from last year. This summer there will be three programs occurring at the camp.

LIFE GUARD ACADEMY: 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 11-17. Cost is only \$350 (\$325 if registered and paid in full by April 30, 2017.)

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP: Boy Scout

Summer Camp opens on Sunday, July 9, and ends on Saturday, July 15. For Scouts attending with their unit, cost is \$385.00 per youth. Adult leadership is \$230.00 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 \$410. We also have a special rate for Day Campers of only \$355. 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 new Climbing Tower (with Climbing Merit Badge) and COPE Course.

If the drought leaves us with an adequate source of water, we will again offer the Canoeing, Kayaking, and Rowing Merit Badges. Our Trail to First Class program has been redesigned to be in compliance with the new requirements which become mandatory on January 1, 2017.

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP: Our third program is Cub Scouts and Family Resident Camp which runs July 5-8. Rates for this program are \$295 for one adult and one child or \$350 for the entire immediate family. Older siblings needing to work on rank requirements can schedule time in Scoutcraft to demonstrate and get signed off.

Our offering of activities include bb guns, archery, handicrafts, and swimming. Utilizing the current Cub Scout rank advancement requirements, our friendly camp staff will work with Scouts to complete a number of the outdoor activity 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 **Wild, Wild West**.

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]

Dates For 2017 Summer Camping At Rancho Alegre

We welcome all our Council units during the 2017 Summer Camp season. Here are the dates for camp for 2017:

- Boy Scout Summer Camp - July 9 July 15
- Cub Scout and Family Resident Camp - July 5 - July 8
- Lifeguard Academy - June 11-17

- NYLT - June 12-17

Summer Camp Staff Training will be held June 25 to June 30. Applications will be available on the Council website by January 1st.

For more information on any one of these events, contact Council Program Director Scott Oldenburg at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org. Information on each activity will be posted on the Council website in the Fall of 2016.

2017 National Scout Jamboree

Our council still has a few remaining slots to fill out our contingent for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia. This event is truly a once-in-lifetime opportunity for most Boy Scout participants! Scouts and adult leaders who are interested in registering 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 \$3,500, the same as the last Jamboree.

Those who would like to get more details are welcome to contact Scott Oldenburg, our Jamboree staff advisor, at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org or call him at (805) 686-5167.

Eagle Scouts in Los Padres Council

2016: 98

2015: 69

2014: 101

[from Zea Bauer]

TRAINER'S CORNER – Dr. Larry Basham, Council Training Chair

(I'm stepping down as the council training chair at the end of February and want to thank all the great Scouters I have had the opportunity to meet throughout the council over the past three years. I have been uplifted by your dedication and love for Scouting! Likewise, it's been terrific working with my training staff, district & council leaders, commissioners and professional staff who have been so supportive. Thank you for your help and service to Scouting and youth! I will remain active in Scouting with my three grandsons.)



If you missed out, check the online training to see what's available.

- YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING MUST BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR
 - 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. www.My.Scouting.org
 - Venture Crew Advisor, Asst. Advisor & Crew Committee training is now online
 - 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 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)

(Please 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.)

ONLINE TRAINING UPDATES:



The BSA Learn Center

The BSA Learn Center has added three new programs to its online training:

- Venturing (includes Crew Advisor Specific & Venture Committee Member training)
- Sea Scouts (Adult Leader Basic Training)
- Commissioner Tools Training & LDS Commissioner Orientation

Access the training modules by logging onto www.my.Scouting.org > Learn Center

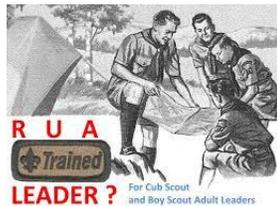
UPCOMING COUNCIL TRAINING EVENTS:

Check the council website calendar for training in your district

TRAINED LEADERS REACH ALL-TIME HIGH!

Los Padres Council has achieved an all-time high of 68% of its direct contact leaders achieving BSAs' position training requirements! This is an 18% increase over Jan. 2016 and 30% over 2015. While we still have a way to go in achieving the council goal of 100%, we've made significant progress.

We thank all the unit leaders who made time to attend training courses, the volunteer training staff who have given so much of their time to put on courses, and the commissioner corps who helped encourage leaders to meet the training requirements.



A special shout-out to Camino Real & South Coast Districts which have 73% of their leaders trained!

Let's keep moving towards 100% with the ultimate goal being the best youth program we can provide.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES TRAINED LEADERS!

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May 5-6 Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills & Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders at Pioneer Park, 6:30 pm Friday evening to 6:00pm Saturday.

June 16-17 Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills & Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders at Rancho Alegre, 6:30 pm Friday evening to 6:00pm Saturday.

Save the Date – October 14th – University of Scouting The 3rd Annual Univ. of Scouting is scheduled for Oct. 14th once again at the LDS church in Orcutt. It will feature many required training courses and the fun and exciting supplemental classes you've come to expect. So mark the date on your calendars now!

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 – Larry Basham,
DrBuzz2@aol.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.

Philmont Training Center – 2017 Class Schedule Coming Soon



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>

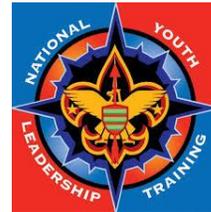
Philmont Trek Reservations Available

If you're Troop hasn't been to Philmont, now's your chance. Los Padres Council has two crew reservations for the summer of 2018. Contact Larry Basham (DrBuzz2@aol.com) for details



National Youth Leadership Training – CANCELLED

We regret having to cancel the 2017 NYLT course because of a lack of adult staff. If you are interested in being on staff for 2018, please contact Larry Basham or Carlos Cortez immediately for more information.



Wood Badge Staff Applications Being Accepted



We are currently seeking applicants to be on staff for the 2018 Wood Badge course. The requirement is to have completed a Wood Badge course and received your beads. If you are interested, please contact Larry Basham or Carlos Cortez .

Pertinent Program Proclamations

There's been lots of things that have happened already this year, and there are things going on right now. Depending when you actually see this let's talk about some of those items and see just what is happening in your part of Los Padres Council.

In case you haven't heard there were some changes to Cub Scout Advancement Requirements as on November 30, 2016. You should either refer to Jim Bartlett or one of the District Advancement chairs or check out the information on the Council Website. Also the new Boy Scout Advancement Requirements are no mandatory as of January 1st.

Let's turn our attention to the calendar

On Saturday, February 25, we will have two sessions of Cub Scout Shooting Sports at Rancho Alegre. More information about this fun program is available on the Council website on the calendar section.

Also on Thursday, March 23rd, we will have our next District Operations meeting. This provides a great way to get together as the leaders in each of the districts to share information, calendar events and training. It will be in a location to be determined, but you should expect it to kick off at about 7:00 PM.

Our districts are busy doing all sorts of wonderful things. It's amazing to me to watch the totals come in from Scouting for Food. Our Cubs, Scouts, Varsity and Venturers help others in their individual communities as several hundred pounds of food is gathered for use all over the Council. This really makes me proud of our young people. I also realize that there are many adults working with these young people to help them be successful as they work to make their neighborhoods better places.

Speaking of district events, there are Merit Badge Pow Wows going on in several of our districts. This is a real aid to those Scouts, Varsity and Venturers that are working on attaining either Star, Life or Eagle ranks. I want to thank those that teach, organize or just haul Scouts to these wonderful events. It's a lot of

work, but I think those involved will agree with me that the effort is worth it.

The last district event I want to talk about in the "get ready, here it comes" category is District Camporees. These events are a lot of fun for the Scouts involved. It's a great way for Webelos to see what's going to happen next, for Scouts, Varsity & Venturers to get together, compete some, laugh some, and just generally have a fun Scouting weekend. Please check the calendar to ensure that those that are able to get to these great events are able to. I remember this being a fun time as I think back at being a Scout, they are a lot of work from an adult standpoint. Perhaps you could get involved to ensure that fun things happen for your district?

Speaking of ways to get involved -- Scoutorama is coming. We are going to hold it once again in Pismo Beach, at Dinosaur Cave Park. The park is located at the corner of Cliff Street and Shell Beach Road (on the west side of the 101). At this time, we are trying to get those that would like to help us organize this event to contact either Lynn Johnson @ 489-6072 or Scott Oldenburg @ 686-5167. We have fun at Scoutorama, we could use your help. Hope to see lots of units there, and help to get them all up to speed on what is happening.

Finally, Boy Scout and Venturers are always looking for ways to have adventures. Perhaps that young person you are really involved with would like to have a once in a lifetime opportunity? There are a few slots left of this year's Jamboree Troop. They will go on a eastern states, historic tour, ending in a wonderful camping experience at one of the National High Adventure Bases. The Summit is adjacent to the New River National Park in West Virginia. It's a wonderful facility in a beautiful place. Frankly I'm looking forward to going back there. If you have questions feel free to call either Lynn Johnson @ 489-6072 or Scott Oldenburg @ 686-5167. We'll get you in touch with the right people. It's a wonderful trip.

There's lots going on, there's always lots going on. I think we're lucky to be in a Council

that tries so hard all the time. This happens only because there are lots of folks that step up and help. I'd just like to recognize all those efforts. I'm glad to be involved with such wonderful people.

[submitted by Lynn Johnson]

New President of Los Padres Council

The Board of Directors of Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce the selection of John Brinker as its new President effective January 18, 2017. John is an Eagle Scout and has served on the Los Padres Council Board for 2 years as the South Coast District Chair.



John Brinker has a career of over thirty-two years in financial services and investment management. John served as vice chairman of Bernzott Capital Advisors from 2013 through 2015, when he retired to devote time to volunteer activities and travel. Previously, for over 18 years, John held various executive positions at Santa Barbara Bank & Trust including Manager, Trust and Investment Services Division, and Chief Investment Officer.

Mr. Brinker received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology, from Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. After serving for five years on active duty as a Cryptologic Officer in the US Navy, he completed an MBA program in Finance at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. John has been in the financial services industry since 1982. He has been a member of the CFA Institute and CFA Society of Los Angeles since 1995.

Over the years John has held a number of trustee and leadership positions in various nonprofits and educational institutions. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden from 2012 through 2013 where he remains a

trustee. He is also District Chair of the Boy Scouts of America's South Coast District. He moved to trustee emeritus status at Juniata College in 2014 after serving seventeen years as trustee. John has been a member of Rotary International since 1990 and is a past president and three-time Paul Harris Fellow.

We are proud that someone with so much history in serving their community will lead Los Padres Council Mission in the volunteer sector of our organization. John is a strong, team-focused leader with a deep passion for fiscal sponsorship and its ability to create change and enrich communities.

Please join us in congratulating John as the President of Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America for the 2017 year. We look forward to a strong year in serving our youth under John's leadership.

Chumash Lodge 90 of the Order of the Arrow

The Chumash Lodge 90 has earned Gold in Journey to Excellence for 2016. There is only one other Lodge in our entire Area W4N that has earned this recognition.

At our annual awards banquet the Chumash Lodge awarded two Founders Awards to very deserving individuals: our past Lodge Adviser and current W4N Associate Adviser Dr. George H. Michaels as the adult recipient, and our current Chumash Lodge Chief Mr. Aaron C. B. Morse as the youth recipient. Both of these fine Arrowmen have lead by example and are an inspiration to us all.

The Chumash Lodge has donated \$1,000.00 to the Los Padres Council in the way of the James E. West Fellowship Award in the name of and in honor of Mr. William Robert Bumpass for all of the hard work and dedication Mr. Bumpass has demonstrated over the years as our Ceremonies Adviser, and trading post and OA design patch guru.

The Chapters of the Chumash Lodge are busy performing Arrow of Light Ceremonies for the many Cub Scout Packs in the Los Padres

Council and are also conducting Unit Elections to the many Troops in the Los Padres Council. If you are a Cubmaster or Arrow of Light Den Leader and need us to perform an Arrow of Light Ceremony for your Pack please let us know. If you are a Scoutmaster and have youth and adults in your Troop that are eligible to be elected and nominated to the Order of the Arrow then please let us know so we can visit your Troop and conduct an election.

The callout for those elected and nominated to the Order of the Arrow will be held at the various Camporees. The South Coast District Camporee will be held at Rancho Alegre the 21st through the 23rd of April, 2017 with the OA callout on Saturday evening the 22nd during the closing campfire.

The Spring Ordeal will be held at Rancho Alegre from the 19th through the 21st of May, 2017.

The Summer Ordeal will be held at Rancho Alegre from the 25th through the 27th of August, 2017.

The next Chumash Lodge LEC will be on Saturday March 4th, 2017 at 3:00 PM. Location yet to be determined.

Yours in Scouting, Dr. Jacques Benoit
,Adviser, Chumash Lodge 90

LPC Service to the Community,

If you haven't yet put in your unit's service projects that have been completed during this year please be sure to do so as 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]

Editor's Soapbox

This issue marks the start of the 3rd year of the Los Padres Press. Many thanks to the contributors of articles and photos. Our ongoing goals are to provide clear and concise information, expand the distribution, and have more Scouters contribute information to the Los Padres Press.

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 RanchoAlegre@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)



Los Padres Council



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COMMISSIONER'S CHALLENGE: 2018 FREE ADVANCEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

WHO: All Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews.

WHAT: FREE cloth rank advancement badges for 2018

HOW: Meet all 8 requirements shown below **NO LATER than November 30, 2017**

R E Q U I R E M E N T S

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	1. The unit has increases youth membership on its 2018 charter renewal 2017 renewal membership: _____ 2018 recharter membership: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	2. The charter renewal for 2018 was ready (completed paperwork registration fees turned in by November 30, 2017 . Completed on: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	3. All registered unit volunteers have completed their position specific training. (As specified in the Los Padres Council Training Policy.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	4. Unit qualifies and applies for Journey to Excellence recognition
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	5. Participates in a council level event as a unit. (Day camp or Summer camp or Scoutorama, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	6. Unit participated in 2017 popcorn or camp card sales
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	7. Unit participates in the Council 2017 Friends Of Scouting campaign
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	8. Unit meets their assigned FOS fair share goal as assigned by the district.
B o n u s		FREE 2018 Merit Badges or belt loops: meet steps 1-10
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	9. Every family in the unit participate in Friends of Scouting (100% participation)
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	10. Unit contribution averages a minimum of \$175.00 per member family

If the unit meets all eight requirements, then they qualify for FREE ADVANCEMENT AWARDS! If unit meets requirements 1-8 and the bonus incentive, all Merit Badges or/belt loops will be FREE for the 2018 year. Fill out this form and turn it in with your charter renewal. Los Padres Council Scout Shop will have a list of all units that qualify for the awards program. In addition, unit will receive Friends of Scouting President's award.

Circle one: Pack, Troop, Team, Crew

Unit No.: _____ Unit Leader's Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ email: _____ District: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

(Unit or District Commissioner Signature)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

(District Executive Signature)

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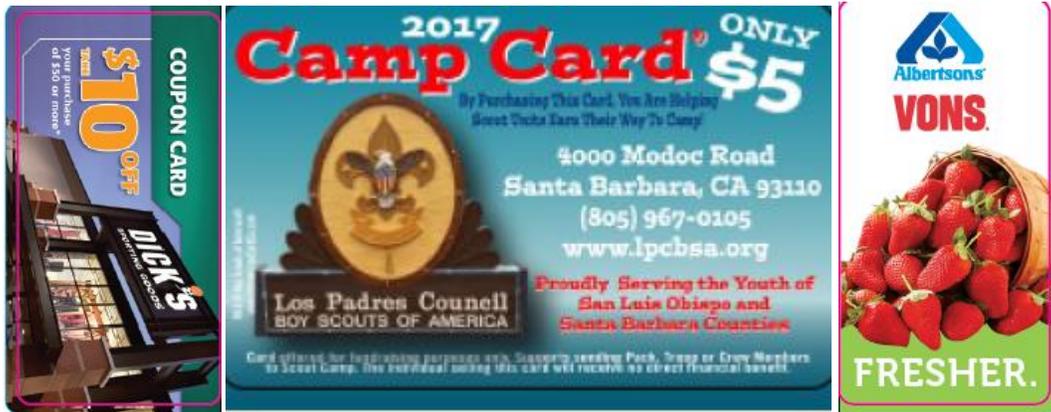
The following cloth badges are FREE for all units qualifying for the free advancement awards program:

PACKS: Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light

TROOPS, TEAMS & CREWS: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scout

Fine Print: The awards plan is good only LPC Council Scout Shops. It cannot be redeemed for cash. All paperwork must be completed on time, as noted above, by **November 30, 2017**. This includes all fees and payments. Awards will be provided for the 2018 calendar year. Units must meet all six requirements and have all appropriate signatures in order to receive the free advancement awards. In order to qualify for the Bonus incentive "all MB/belt loops/pins free program" requirements 1-8 along with the bonus requirement must be met.

Camp Cards You Say?



Every year Scouts are continually faced with one big problem: “there is never enough money to go around. There always seems to be a campout or trip that you desperately want to attend but you cannot find the funds and you miss out.”

Well we heard the calls and are responding. Announcing the new Los Padres Council Camp Card! The new LPC Camp Card is a Boy Scout Discount Card packed with local vendors from across the Council that Scouts will have the opportunity to sell as a way to earn their way to Camp. Los Padres Council will be producing 3 regionally driven versions that will enable your scouts to maximize their sales potential through local vendors.

The Camp Cards will be hitting the streets in mid-March. The units will check out Camp Cards through a renewable 3-week consignment contract, so it costs unit nothing to participate. At \$ 5.00 a card and 50% commission from every sale coming back to the unit, these cards will fly off the shelves. That right 50% commission, 3 week consignments

We want to help get your Scouts to camp this summer!

As you well know, Scouting teaches leadership, teamwork, and values which last a lifetime. Los Padres Council is dedicated to providing our youth with the tools, experiences, and knowledge to make our community a better place. One way you help make this happen is by having your Scouts participate in the fun and adventure of the outdoor learning environment of Summer Camp and Day Camp.

We want to help continue support of funding your summer camp program. The Camp Card is a new and exciting way that your Scouts will have an opportunity to earn their way to Camp. This discount card will be sold for \$5.00 and your Scouts will earn a 50% Commission for your units use. Most Units will simply use commission to pay for their Scouts to go to camp or Day Camp, buy Scout supplies or other Scout related materials.

The card will have local vendors that will be offering discounts, both single use and renewable. Will Below is a list of features for the new Camp Card.

- 50% Commission with a \$5.00 price point for each card
- Scouts who sell at least 20 Cards will receive a Boy Scout draw-string backpack.
- Scouts who sell at least 20 Cards are entered into a drawing for a free week of Resident camp at Rancho Alegre
- Sell 100 cards, Cub Scouts will get a free week of Day Camp (in addition to your drawstring backpack and 50% commission.)
- Sell 250 cards, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will get a free week of Resident camp at Rancho Alegre (in addition to your drawstring backpack and 50% commission.)

Leaders— watch your mail boxes for a Leader’s guide and Unit Commitment forms so your unit can request cards and much more related to Camp Cards.

Please feel free to contact Paul Bradley, the LPC District Executive involved with Camp Cards, with questions. He can be reached at C (916) 257-9728; O (805) 461-4019 or paul.bradley@scouting.org.