

# Los Padres Press

**News You Can Use** for members of the  
Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America  
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## Council Executive Message

Friends of Rancho Alegre and Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, The status of Rancho Alegre has changed substantially since the Whittier Fire in July. Here is an update.

A dedicated group of Los Padres Council volunteers, the Phoenix Committee, has been meeting weekly since the fire. As you may recall, the fire destroyed forty seven of fifty structures in the camp. Since the fire we have completed demolition and removal of debris, both at the main camp and at Larsen Meadow. Working with our insurance provider, we have received \$5 million earmarked for Rancho Alegre rebuilding. We continue to work



with our insurance company in hopes of receiving additional funds.

In the meantime, we worked diligently to find a replacement location for our Outdoor School and are now leasing Camp Whittier next to Rancho Alegre for the rest of this school year. The Outdoor School traditionally provided an opportunity for over 4,000 fifth and sixth graders to spend a week of science camp at Rancho Alegre. This was the major revenue generator for the Council. We had to turn down more than half the students in the current school year since the camp is not available. We are now set to serve 1,700 students from January to June.

Along with finding a temporary site for the Outdoor School we also conducted demolition and water erosion mitigation at Rancho Alegre since the fire. Demolition of all damaged structures, equipment and campgrounds, including our historical Clark Ranch House, was completed in December. Various water protection mechanisms were set in place immediately after, including k-rails, sand bags, seeding and hay bales to protect the dining hall, pool structure, bridge and roads. Debris from above our property did make it into Rancho Alegre during the last storm (see photos on page 13), but Rancho Alegre only received minor impact to the bridge at Larson Meadow. We had a crew onsite that morning to clear debris and get water flowing on the creek that day. Stantec and S&S seed have donated services to us that have helped us make the process we have thus far. Many others have contributed to support our efforts as well.

Since the fire the Phoenix committee created a request for proposal for development of a master plan and invited local firms to submit proposals. We received a response from three firms. On November 18, the committee met on site at Rancho Alegre to

complete our selection of firms for our master plan. RRM and Stantec, both local firms, have been brought on to do the infrastructure and rebuilding plan for Rancho Alegre. Stakeholder meetings have been set through the council and a survey will go out to all in efforts to collect ideas on how to improve Rancho Alegre as we rebuild.

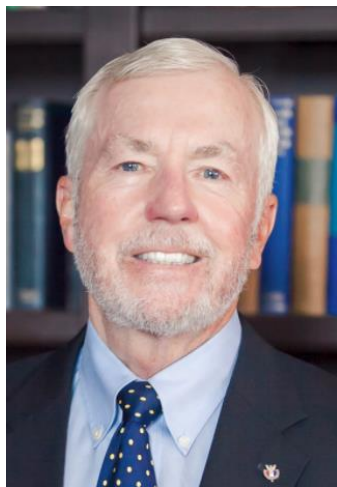
At the November 18 meeting, the Phoenix Committee also discussed in detail our anticipated capital needs as we rebuild. While we are working with our insurance to maximize our coverage, the committee anticipates that the gap will be in the millions to bring the camp back into operation.

We are in the process of arranging for a capital campaign to begin in 2018. We are hopeful that you might consider a gift to move us toward our reconstruction goals. Your contribution can be made out to Los Padres Council, BSA and mailed to our headquarters at 4000 Modoc Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93110 with RA in the memo line. You can also make your donation online by visiting our website [www.lpcbbsa.org](http://www.lpcbbsa.org). If you have any questions please call or email Carlos Cortez, Scout Executive at 805-967-0105 [carlos.cortez@scouting.org](mailto:carlos.cortez@scouting.org)  
Yours in Scouting.,  
Carlos Cortez  
Scout Executive. Los Padres Council

### Council President Views

Dear Scouters,  
Families and Friends,

As I begin my second year as your council president I continue to be impressed with and grateful for all the people involved with scouting in our five districts. I have been fortunate to meet many Scouters from Paso Robles to Carpinteria during 2017 and look forward to meeting many



more of you in the coming eleven months. I was also able to attend the BSA National Meeting in May and was amazed at the number of dedicated individuals there – people of all ages, from Cub Scouts to Eagle Scouts to selfless adult leaders. The takeaway is that Scouting is a vibrant community both locally and nationally and I am pleased to be part of this wonderful organization!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the biggest initiative facing our council is planning the rebuild of our beloved Rancho Alegre. Since July the Phoenix (Alegre rebuild) committee has been meeting weekly. We have a dedicated group and I want to thank all members for their participation. A special shout out to Laurie Tamura and Trey Pinner for the many hours they have volunteered to keep this initiative moving forward. With the demolition completed we are in the process of meeting with stake holders for input as we develop a master plan for our camp.

Scott Oldenburg, Carlos Cortez and camp ranger Todd Williams have worked diligently in the last six months to save the Outdoor School. This is a vital program we manage which provides a wonderful experience for thousands of elementary school students both within and outside of our council. I am pleased to mention that the first session of Outdoor School was completed during the week of January 22. While we had to reduce the number of weeks offered due to the fire, it is important that we show the community that this program has survived. Once Rancho Alegre is rebuilt the program will be better than ever!

It's with great sadness that we remember two Scouting families who lost loved ones during the Montecito mudslides in early January. This was a very devastating event for many of us and will take the community years to recover. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cantin and McManigal families.

I also wanted to acknowledge and thank the other two members of your Council Key 3, Commissioner Dave Penn and Scout Executive Carlos Cortez. They have spent many extra hours in addition to those related to

Alegre rebuild to ensure the smooth functioning of our council. We are very fortunate to have their depth of experience and leadership!

Last but not least I note the outstanding job Development Director Dave Brown did in fund raising in 2017. This success contributed to the council's Journey to Excellence rating of Silver for the year! Thanks to Dave and the amazing number of scouting friends who supported us in the last year! The Los Padres Council was the only council in Area 4 of the Western Region to earn the Silver level of the Journey to Excellence.

Thank you all for your dedication to the Boy Scouts of America!

Yours in Scouting,  
John Brinker, Council President

### In Memorium

Three scouters with years of service at the unit, district and council levels have recently passed on:

- o Diane Jones
- o Shirley Shaw
- o Harry Vizzolini

Their legacy lives on.

We are living through the incredibly tragic events of the recent mudslide and the impact from rock debris in our community. The Thomas Fire left the mountainous backcountry bare, and exposed the way for the flooding and mudslides to propagate. A roaring mudslide descended and emerged from the overflowing creeks, uprooting and sweeping the sleeping neighborhood of Montecito in the early morning of January 9, 2018.

Our hearts are pouring out for those families who lost their loved ones. Our precious world slid beneath our foothold of those charming neighborhoods in Montecito, claiming the lives of David Cantin (Scoutmaster, Troop 33) and John McManigal (former Committee Member and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 33). Our council was devastated by the news of the loss of life for

both the Cantin and McManigal families. David Cantin's son Jack, an Eagle Scout, is still missing.

So many lives were shattered in those frightening few moments. Blessed are those who were searched out and rescued by brave responders who held their emotions while rummaging through piles of debris, responding in a time of need. One defining moment was the rescue of David's daughter, Lauren, covered in mud, so very brave while trapped underneath debris.

Nothing but prayers with ceaseless outpouring of love can give us any solace under these circumstances. When tragedy hits so close to home, we must pray with deepest compassion for relief and solace. We are a family and our challenges will be conquered together as one.

A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and our minds.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Scouts, Scouters, and others impacted by the recent fire and mudslide. We are encouraged by the service that has been and will be offered by Scouts, Scouters, and neighbors.

### Rebuild Rancho Alegre – Input Needed

In efforts to collect your input on how to best serve you and your community best we ask that you take a few minutes to answer some simple questions on how to improve Rancho Alegre as we rebuild for the future. Thank you for your time and support.

[http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2gi0Xkg9n1B5hl3](http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2gi0Xkg9n1B5hl3)

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### Upcoming Events

**Council** [please refer to the calendar at [lpcbsa.org](http://lpcbsa.org) to sign up for classes and events]

- 4 Feb.**, Scout Sunday
- 6 Feb.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 8 Feb.**, Happy Birthday BSA (108 years)
- 10 Feb.**, Saturday, 6 pm, Council Annual Recognition Dinner
- 20 Feb.**, Council Camp Card Kick-Off
- 20 Feb.**, Council Annual Business Meeting
- 14 Mar.**, Spring Recruitment Kick-Off
- 17 Mar.**, College of Commissioner Science
- 17 Mar.**, Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Meeting
- 30 Mar.**, Order of the Arrow Adult Nominations Deadline
- 10 Apr.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 13-14 Apr.**, Wilderness First Aid Course
- 2 Jun.**, Scout-O-Rama (South Coast hosts)

### Cachuma District

- 6 Feb.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
- 6 Mar.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
- 3 Apr.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
- 13-15 Apr.**, Tri-Valley Camporee

### Camino Real District

- 8 Feb.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 14 Feb.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 Feb.**, District-wide Cub Scout Bridging Ceremony
- 28 Feb.**, Roundtable
- 8 Mar.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting
- 14 Mar.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Mar.**, District Recognition Dinner

**28 Mar.**, Roundtable

**6-8 Apr.**, Camporee

**11 Apr.**, OA Chapter Meeting

**12 Apr.**, Thu., District Committee Meeting

**28 Apr.**, Roundtable

### Del Norte District

- 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
- 1 Mar.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 8 Mar.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Mar.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 22 Mar.**, Life to Eagle Seminar
- 29 Mar.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review
- 5 Apr.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 12 Apr.**, OA Chapter Meeting
- 19 Apr.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting
- 26 Apr.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review
- 27-29 Apr.**, Camporee

### Live Oak District

- 6 Apr.**, District Annual Recognition Dinner
- 13-15 Apr.**, Tri-Valley Camporee

### South Coast District

- 5 Feb.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm
- 8 Feb.**, Merit Badge Thursday
- 8 Feb.**, Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
- 15 Feb.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.
- 21 Feb.**, District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm



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- 22 Feb.**, 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 22 Feb.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.
- 5 Mar.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm
- 8 Mar.**, Merit Badge Thursday
- 8 Mar.**, Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
- 15 Mar.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.
- 17 Mar.**, Scouting for Food
- 21 Mar.**, District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 22 Mar.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.
- 24 Mar.**, Pinewood Derby District Finals
- 29 Mar.**, 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 2 Apr.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm
- 6 Apr.**, South Coast District Volunteer Dinner
- 12 Apr.**, Merit Badge Thursday
- 12 Apr.**, Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm
- 18 Apr.**, District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 19 Apr.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm
- 21 Apr.**, South Coast Camporee
- 26 Apr.**, 5:40 pm, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 26 Apr.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

### Program Proclamations

Happy 2018 everybody! As 2017 winds down, let's celebrate a milestone. We had 100 Eagle Scouts in 2017. This is the first time in a long time that we had this many Eagles in the same year. That is wonderful. Congratulations to all those that finished up this part of their Scouting Story. It's a new year and let's have some fun in Scouting! Here's some things to think about getting involved with over the next little while.

In February, you could always go to the Council Recognition Dinner. This is where we honor each year's Silver Beaver Recipients. This year we are headed to the Santa Maria Country Club, tickets will cost \$45 each. It will be on Saturday, February 10, in the evening. Watch your mail for more information about this.

There are lots of fun events coming in the Districts, I think it's getting to be Merit Badge Pow Wow time. It's also getting to be Pinewood Derby time too. I'm still not sure which is more fun, both are great events. If you haven't been involved talk to a Boy Scout or Cub Scout about what they like about these events.

In case you haven't heard, Scout-O-Rama is happening on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the South Coast District. You'll be seeing more information as that date gets closer. While I have your attention out in the future, there are also several District Camporees coming in April. This should be fun for Webelos and Boy Scouts and perhaps any Venturers that want to get involved.

Every so often someone will ask me about Wood Badge. I do have Wood Badge news this year. First, have you seen the new Wood Badge 70th Anniversary Award? See the end of this publication.

Is there any interest in holding a Wood Badge Reunion event? Would you like to help on a Committee for an event over the summer/fall time frame? There is a special patch, and there are requirements that could be met by holding a reunion. Now if we don't get enough people to hold that reunion, don't be worried, you won't miss out, you can qualify for the patch without the reunion. There are lots of ways to qualify and you can be involved if you want.

While I've got our attention focused on Wood Badge, does anyone want to attend a course? Or perhaps help staff one? We have been invited to join with the Long Beach Area Council and Verdugo Hills Council to be on the Wood Badge course. It will be in Southern California, it won't be local, but it's two

weekends later this summer. The dates for the course are August 24 to 26 and September 21 to 23. If you want more information, please just let me know. Wood Badge is a wonderful event, I'm of the opinion that every adult leader in any of the Scouting Programs would enjoy this experience. If you want to know more, please just let me know. You won't regret getting involved with Wood Badge. Besides this would be a great year to earn your beads as we celebrate 70 Years of American Wood Badge Training.

If you have any questions about our programs, please don't hesitate to ask, we're here to help you. If you want to get involved, please let that be known too. Have a great trek down the Scouting Trail.

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

### Order of the Arrow



#### CHUMASH LODGE 90

The Lodge held two Ordeal ceremonies recently. The first one was held in conjunction with West Los Angeles Area Council's Malibu Lodge. At that ordeal on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Camp Joseph 4 youth and 1 adult gained Ordeal membership. The second Ordeal was held January 19-20 at Camp Whittier where 10 youth and 3 adults made their Ordeal commitment and one youth made Brotherhood Honor. Camp Whittier is adjacent to Rancho Alegre and the Lodge did service to prepare The Outdoor School to receive its first participants next month at its temporary location. Additional service was performed at Larsen Meadow. On November 26<sup>th</sup> 13 members attended a half day service project at Rancho Alegre where they cleared ash and debris around the pool and sprinkled seed in several areas where flooding was possible. This project helped prevent soil

erosion. Several more service days are planned by the Lodge.

Chapter Officers should be contacting Scoutmasters about unit elections for the coming year. Elections generally occur in January, February, and March. Candidates nominated are called out at their respective District Camporee in April. The Spring Ordeal is scheduled for May 18-20. A second Ordeal will be held at the beginning of the new school year in August. There are 31 remaining candidates from 2017 that National will allow to make their Ordeal in May without having to be re-elected.

Dues for 2018 is still only \$15. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so right away so that you are eligible for all the benefits of membership. A contingent of OA members is planning to attend the Orders' National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University from July 30 to August 4. The Lodge was able to obtain several additional spaces for attendees. The Lodge expects to compete the Ceremonies competition at all levels. The theme of this year's NOAC is "Decide Your Destiny". Brother Robert Murach is this year's contingent leader.

Lodge officers and members have committed themselves financially and in service to rebuild Rancho Alegre. A National grant was authorized for rebuilding the Xeriscape Garden. The grant matches the Lodge's contribution for the project. In addition, the Lodge Executive Committee has authorized a special lapel pin with a California Golden Bear and the Order of the Arrow logo. Pins will be available for a \$10 donation for rebuilding the camp. Pins are expected to be back from the factory the first week of March.

Lodge Chief Joey Kamlet has been working with his officers and advisers to have a stellar year of service. Much of the Lodge's work will center on the rebuilding of the Ranch and supporting the Council in this endeavor.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we remember two of our dedicated adult leaders who passed away in January. Harry Vizzolini was a Vigil Member of the Lodge who is well

remembered by old-timers for his humor and his fantastic bar-b-que dinners prepared for Lodge Ordeals and events. Diane Jones was a Brotherhood member who used her creative talents during Ordeal talents to repaint logos, totems, and signs at Rancho Alegre for many years. Our condolences go out to their families. [submitted by Wayne Rascati]

## Training Trail

See the Training Policy on the Council website [www.lpcbsa.org](http://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

### WHAT IS NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)?

NYLT is an outdoor leadership training program for youth leaders developed by the Boy Scouts of America. A highly trained youth staff under the supervision of adult advisors set the example in modeling the core learning and leadership messages of the NYLT syllabus.

The course focuses on teaching advanced leadership skills through the patrol or crew method. The participants will be challenged to accomplish activities and projects using the leadership skills taught in the course. Participants will experience the simulation of a month in the life of a unit, complete with meetings, activities, and planning for the big monthly outing.



## WHAT ARE THE COURSE OBJECTIVES?

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit program;
- To teach and practice key leadership skills and relate these skills to the participant's unit responsibilities;
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences that other Scouts and Venturers have found to be successful and useful in their home units;
- To give participants a varied experience with emphasis on the patrol method and new ways to teach Scoutcraft skills in a fun atmosphere back in their home unit;
- To create an enthusiastic and fun situation where participants will experience "Scouting at its best";
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and his or her home unit leader.
- To create a youth training pool to assist in District level training events.

## WHAT ARE THE PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS?

- Participants in this program must be either Venturers or Explorers at least 16 years old or Boy Scouts First Class, Star, Life or Eagle and at least 14 years of age by course start date.
- Boy Scouts attending should have had a successful experience as a patrol leader and be a Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (or preparing to fill one of these positions); and have the recommendation of their unit leader.
- 13 year-old Boy Scouts and 15 year old Venture Scouts may be considered in exceptional cases if their Unit Leader contacts the NYLT Course Director to recommend them.
- Venture Scouts or Explorers who are Crew or Post members looking to step into a leadership role for their Crew, Post, or school in the upcoming year should definitely attend.
- OA Chapters are encouraged to send teams of their upcoming leaders to the course.
- All NYLT participants must have a completed Annual Health & Medical Record

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(AHMR) with Parts A, B and C completed. Part C of the form is the physical examination which must be signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider recognized by the BSA. Recognized providers are physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants. Substitute forms will not be accepted.

**COURSE DATES** ( 2 each 3-day weekends )  
Friday, July 27, 2018 – Sunday, July 29, 2018  
Friday, August 3, 2018 – Sunday, August 5, 2018

### **COURSE LOCATION**

We run the NYLT program completely outdoors at Larsen Meadows, in Rancho Allegre.

For more information contact Aaron Houston (aaronh@wildwooddoorfactory.com)

### **Your District Training Chairs**

Del Norte District – Sean Tashma

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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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 7PM at Atascadero Lake Pavilion Scout Hall

**Camino Real District** – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 7PM at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo

**South Coast District** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 7PM at the LDS Church 2107 Santa Barbara St.

### **Philmont Training Center**



The 2018 course brochure is 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 2017 ended up as a very busy year with many of our Scout units and families reaching out to the schools, churches and other organizations in their communities. Every district had projects recorded, giving a grand total of 160 projects involving nearly 2,000 participants for over 5,000 hours. In addition, there were exactly 100 Eagles recognized in 2107, not only for their unit achievements but also for their



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projects, involving the members of their troops, family and friends in providing impressive service totaling well over 7,000 hours! These figures are based upon the information recorded online, through the JTE website.

Relatively few projects were recorded for December although it is probable that many units participated in their local Christmas Celebrations and community events such as parades & food & gift distribution.

Troop 42 in Cachuma District did a project that helped a local resident's living environment, engaging 17 scouts & scouters in a cleanup event, as well as assisting with a Military Support/America Supports You project, plus a couple of other smaller activities.

Down in the South Coast District, Troop 2 had 2 projects in December for the Messengers of Peace (for which one can also earn a patch!), one involving 7 Scouts and scouters in a project that contributed 11 hours of work, the other logging 8 hours with 4 participants. Troop 26 had a couple of projects with the Santa Barbara Rescue mission, helping to serve food and provide meal delivery over a period of 2 days that took 20 Scouts & Scouters a total of 48 hours! In addition, Troop 26 completed 3 projects in October & November one of which racked up over 200 hours with 29 workers. Pack 11 & Pack 122 both did litter cleanup projects in November. Pack 11's having each of their 11 volunteers working for 2 hours (22 hours total). Pack 122's project was at Ellwood school and kept scouts and their family members busy for 13 hours. Troop 37 had a project in November, where 8 workers labored for a total of 24 hours, as well as one in December that involved 10 Scouts & leaders for 15 hours. Unfortunately, they were in a category marked "all service projects that do not fit in another Category" so there are no details. If your unit would like to send me photos or descriptions of your various projects, you may send them to me at [zbauer13s@gmail.com](mailto:zbauer13s@gmail.com) and then they can be included in future Newsletters.

Live Oak saw Pack 93 assisting the Food Bank in November, having 50 volunteers

investing 250 hours to collect & distribute food. In addition, Pack 93 worked with the Military Support/America Supports You in a project having 35 workers for a total of 70 hours. Troop 166 also had 2 projects, one in October involving a litter cleanup with the LDS Church that kept 7 scouts busy for 11 hours, as well as another one in November. Troop 2103 had 2 projects at the beginning of December that involved 19 scouts for 29 hours, but again, unfortunately in that "undetermined" category.

Del Norte District really set the pace this year with a total of 53 recorded service projects, consistently completing community projects nearly every month and narrowly beating out Scout Coast which had 51! But Troop 51 really deserves a round of applause for recording 5 separate projects from September thru December. One in December was a Messengers of Peace project for the Atascadero Salvation Army, involving 4 scouts for 8 hours. The other 4 projects were spread out, one a month, and contributed a grand total of 170 hours. Troop 434 also logged in with 3 projects in October & November for various groups including Vineyard Elementary School and the Kiwanis, for a total of 16 hours. Troop 123 also joined in with the Military Support/America Supports You in November, with 36 scouts and 4 family members working for 33 hours.

Over in Camino Real, Troop 26 is a real shining star with 3 projects recorded in November & December, as well as one each in October & November. Their December projects focused on St Patrick's Church for an impressive 100 hours by 13 scouts and scouters for the 2 events. November saw them assisting the City of Arroyo Grande, for another 20 hours, plus 6 from October & November, for a grand total of 126 hours. Troop 450 continued its work with the Military Support/America Supports You group with projects in November & December totaling 34 hours by 27 scouts and scouters.

Cheerful service is one of the core values of Scouting, so here's hoping that 2018 will continue to show even more community

involvement by Scouts and Scouters throughout Los Padres Council. As Lord Robert Baden-Powell observed: "The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others".

Throughout the Council many Packs and Troops have been busy working on projects throughout their local communities.

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]

### Member Recruiting in 2018

#### ***New Member Coordinator.***

It's time to start planning for your 2018 recruiting. Successful units know that new recruits are the lifeblood of a successful unit. New members bring an enthusiasm for the program and their parents can step into unit positions or provide other support. A simple way and important way your unit can get ready for the new recruits is to appoint a New Member Coordinator (NMC).

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 experience so that they stay. The role of the New Member Coordinators is to ensure that both of these keys to success take place. The NMC position is meant to be a fun position. The NMC is there to form a strong relationship with new recruits and their families. The NMC is a team position, meaning there can and should be more than one NMC per unit. This allows units



to spread the work out and ensure the particular needs of the unit are met. Most of all, the NMC helps make the new members welcome by being the units welcoming ambassador. Additional information about the New Member Coordinator can be found [here](#).

#### ***Tools and resources to strengthen your unit.***

The [Membership and Marketing Hub](#) web page is a resource to help you serve more youth in your area. From recruiting ideas to social media best practices, the Hub provides a one-stop resource to discover, activate, and improve your recruiting strategy. The Hub has helpful information for every type of unit. The [Membership and Marketing Hub](#) includes resources for running a successful recruitment and a best practices page that will help you make your recruiting, back-to-school, and peer-to-peer recruiting worth your time. Each unit is strongly encouraged to hold a spring and fall recruiting event.

#### ***Membership changes coming this fall.***

The National Council Adopted new membership rules for 2018. Girls and their families will now be allowed to join Cub Scouting. Girls will be able join participating units this Fall, in the Los Padres Council. This corresponds to the start of the 2018-2019 program year.

Are you ready? First, there is an important decision to be made and it involves the Pack Leadership, Committee, and Chartered Partner. Each Pack and its Chartered Partner need to decide if it plans to be a family Pack, all-boy Pack, or start an all-girl Pack. The decision is important, and should be made as soon as possible. This will allow units to get ready for accepting girls and for adults to receive the training that required for their position. Please remember that there is not a right or wrong decision. The decision should be made on the needs of the Pack and the Chartered Partner.

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Make sure your Pack leaders get the training they need and contact your District Executives for the start date later this year.

Do you have more questions about the new program or need additional resources? Click on this link to go the [Family Scouting](#) web page.

### Editor's Soapbox

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## Wood Badge Service Award

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



### American Wood Badge Alumni 70th Anniversary Service Award requirements

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

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

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



Rancho Alegre Photos

Logjam at the bridge to Larsen Meadow



Scooping ash



Ready to rebuild!



2018 Camp Cards



# HELP SEND A SCOUT TO CAMP

Every year Scouts are continually faced with one big problem: “there is never enough money to go around. There always seems to a camp out or trip that you desperately want to attend but you cannot find the funds and you miss out on the experience.” Well, Los Padres Council heard the call and is responding. Your chance to help is about to happen.

The 2018 \$ 5.00 Los Padres Council Boy Scout Camp Card should be arriving around March 15, 2018. The new Camp Card is packed with local vendors like Vons/Albertsons, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Big Five and more, that Scouts will sell to earn their way to camp.

Los Padres Council will be producing three regionally driven versions of the card that will enable your Scouts to maximize their sales potential through a discount card that offers both single use and renewable discounts from local vendors in your area.



Boy Scout Camp Cards  
Are Coming!

Help Send a Scout to  
Camp

See a Scout – Buy a  
card, or two, or three  
or a dozen

Questions:

Call Paul Bradley

District Director

C 916-257-9728

[Paul.bradley@scouting.org](mailto:Paul.bradley@scouting.org)

Los Padres Council  
Boy Scouts of America

2018 Popcorn Sales



**2018 Popcorn Sales Dates**

District Kick-off Dates: TBD

**Show & Sell**

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

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

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

**Take Order**

Take Orders Due to Council: 10/23/18

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

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

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

(To receive 2% bonus commission please return this form by July 2, 2018)

**Email to: [April.Wright@Scouting.org](mailto:April.Wright@Scouting.org)**

***LOS PADRES COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA***

***2018 CAMPMASTERS POPCORN SALE***

***UNIT COMMITMENT FORM***

PACK/TROOP/CREW #: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT KERNEL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_