

Los Padres Press

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Council Executive Message

To all Scouters, supporters and family members:

A lot has happened thus far in 2017. Scouting has been in the news for several things. Our Council was featured in the local news for our climbing wall and for several Eagle projects. Locally we also recognized some of our Scouts with national awards, including Cameron Nichoson with the National Certificate of Merit for actions of significant service without concern to himself.



Nationally we have been in the news because of the reorganization of our partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The Church remains committed to using the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs, Church leaders felt they

needed to make this change to best address the specific needs of young men in their educational programs. It is our understanding that the Varsity and Venturing programs will be replaced with activities and programs run by the Church. While we know that we will no longer charter Team and Crews with our LDS partner we anticipate that many youth from the LDS Church will continue to participate in Scouting beyond the age of 13 as young men work to earn the Eagle Scout rank through a Troop. The BSA values our ongoing partnership with the LDS Church in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts programming and we look forward to our continued efforts to extend the benefits of Scouting to as many youth and families as possible.

Nationally we are also visiting ways to better engage and include the entire family unit in our programs, especially in the Cub Scout program. Our Council had a great pilot program – the Lion Cubs – and we hope to see more Packs adopt kindergarten-aged kids into their Pack. At the recent National Annual Meeting, we began a conversation about whether and how Scouting should serve a broader constituency. Based on the feedback, there is strong support that we thoughtfully move the discussion forward and continue our work in meeting the needs of families.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Did the BSA decide to let girls in to Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts during the National Annual Meeting?

A. No — there were no decisions reached. Feedback provided during the National Annual Meeting will allow the Boy Scouts of America to pursue a discussion about whether and how

the organization should serve a broader constituency by further engaging their members, partners, families and others, to consider how to best serve youth by making Scouting more accessible to families.

Q. Does this mean that the BSA is considering going co-ed?

A. No, we strongly believe in the benefit of single-gender programs. We are currently looking at options that would enable us to maintain the strength of single-gender programs while working to meet the needs of today's families.

Q. Are we considering input from chartered partner organizations?

A. Absolutely — in fact, we have already reached out to some of our religious chartered partners about this since they, too, face similar challenges in keeping today's busy families engaged in church activities. To date, some of our largest religious chartered partner organizations have offered helpful advice and support for our efforts to find programs that would help extend the benefit of Scouting to more families.

Q. How is the organization engaging the Scouting community to get input about this?

A. Leadership is actively engaging many stakeholders to gain more understanding and feedback about how to best meet the needs of families. In addition to speaking with Scouting volunteers and professionals — both in regional meetings and at the National Annual Meeting — the organization is seeking and getting input from volunteers, chartered partner organizations, parents from the Scouting community and beyond, youth-development experts and other stakeholders. If there is continued support, potential approaches will be shared with the Board for consideration.

With all this going on we have demonstrated growth in our Cub Scout program in 2017 due to your efforts. Thank you! Summer, resident and day camp are great way to keep our new members engaged and curious about is possible in their future, as they explore all the great opportunities they have while in our council and the BSA

program. If they have not signed up to go yet, visit our website and get them enrolled while space is available.

We have some great opportunities ahead of us the rest of this year and can have an even greater impact in the lives of many more young people with your leadership and support. We are still focused on serving more youth, especially in the underrepresented and underserved communities of our council, with new innovative and programs and approaches. From Lion Cubs to Explorers, with our Cubs, Scouts and Ventures in-between we are committed to developing leaders that will be prepared to lead and improve our communities. [submitted by Carlos Cortez, Council Executive]

Council President Views

Your Council Key 3 was in Orlando the week of May 22 to attend the Boy Scouts of America Annual Meeting. I had the pleasure of joining Council Commissioner Dave Penn and Scout Executive Carlos Cortez for the three-day conference. Also attending from our Council was Rick TerBorch. Over 2300 Scouters from all over the USA, Canada, Mexico and Asia participated.

Each member of the Nation Key 3 gave an informative talk at the Annual Business meeting on Thursday. National President Randall Stephenson welcomed attendees and expressed how Scouting has made difference in his life. (Randall is also CEO of AT&T). National Commissioner Charles Dahlquist gave an excellent and dynamic presentation on several topics. I was especially impressed with work the Boy Scouts are doing with Asian refugees in the Salt Lake City area. Dahlquist introduced a young man from Cambodia who had escaped the infamous Killing Fields there in the early 1980s and migrated to the United States. Because Scouting made such a positive impact on his life, he is now dedicated full time in helping other refugees. This was truly a moving moment!

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Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh followed the Commissioner with a discussion on trends in Scouting. He expressed that Asian, African American and Hispanic youth are underserved and what a positive impact Scouting could have on these communities. "Scouting provides fun, character building and leadership development!"

During the conference there were a number of presentations by Eagles, Explorers, Venturing and Varsity Scouts. Without exception each presenter was articulate and impressive. As President Stephenson said, "That's why I do this, to see more youth like these presenters."

I am really thrilled that I attended this meeting! I came back into Scouting just three years ago, after a twenty five year period of working and raising three daughters. This conference provided an outstanding update on what's going on in Scouting as well as some anticipated changes in the future. I was moved by the dedication and efforts that thousands of adult leaders commit to this fantastic program.

I look forward to working with the Key 3 and each of you in building our membership, especially in the underserved areas mentioned above, and having fun!

John A. Brinker
Los Padres Council President

Upcoming Events

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

16-17 June, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders

18-24 June, Lifeguard Academy

22 June, District Operations Meeting

25-30 June, Rancho Alegre Camp Staff Training Week

30 June, FOS Campaign Completion Date and Victory Celebration

5-8 July, Cub Scout and Family Resident Camp

9-15 July, Boy Scout Advancement Summer Camp

9-15 July, Rancho Alegre Summer Camp 2017

11 July, Order of the Arrow Fellowship and Rededication

19-28 Jul, National Scout Jamboree, information at www.bsajamboree.org.

1 Aug., Membership, Program, and Popcorn Kick-offs

5 Aug., Popcorn Take Order Sales Begin

19 Aug., Order of the Arrow Council of Chiefs Meeting (Section W4N)

25-27 Aug., Order of the Arrow Summer Ordeal

26 Aug., Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee

29 Aug., Popcorn Show and Tell Orders Due to Council

Cachuma District

6 June, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

1 Aug., District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

Camino Real District

14 June, OA Chapter Meeting

15 June, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

19-23 June, Cub Scout Day Camp

28 June, Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

12 July, OA Chapter Meeting

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

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

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9 Aug., OA Chapter Meeting

10 Aug., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

23 Aug., Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting

Del Norte District

1 June, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

1 June, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

8 June, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Meeting and New Member Welcome

15 June, Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

19-23 June, Cub Scout Day Camp

20 July, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting

3 Aug., Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

3 Aug., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

17 Aug., Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Meeting and New Member Welcome

17 Aug., Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting

Live Oak District

15 June, Roundtable (Lompoc)

22 June, District Committee Meeting

26-30 June, Cub Scout Day Camp (Santa Maria)

10-14 June, Cub Scout Day Camp (Lompoc)

20 July, Roundtable (Lompoc)

27 July, District Committee Meeting

17 Aug., Roundtable (Lompoc)

24 Aug., District Committee Meeting

South Coast District

5 June, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

8 June, Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting

8 June, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

20 June, District Popcorn Kickoff

28 June, Unit Commissioner Meeting

3 July, Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

13 July, Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting

13 July, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

26 July, Unit Commissioner Meeting

7 Aug., Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm

10 Aug., Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting

10 Aug., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

23 Aug., Unit Commissioner Meeting

Program

Program Proclamations

Wrapping up past events

We had a very successful two months. Thanks in large part to you our readers. Just to remind you of what we were able to do. We had several very successful District Camp-O-Rees. The weather actually cooperated this year. We also had a great and growing Scout-O-Rama. Waller Park was a nice place, even if it was a bit cold and windy. The threat of rain was present that day, but we got to have it outside. Please plan on joining us next year for our next installment. The date will be May 5, 2018. Watch for more information, as that time gets closer. We are also finishing up our Order of the Arrow Ordeals & Vigils. OA is the honor society of Scouting; these folks are available to

help Packs, Troops, Teams & Crews. If you have questions, just ask one of the folks you see with those cool "Chumash Lodge" pocket flaps.

Upcoming Events

Here's a rundown of the calendar of things you can be involved in:

On June 16 & 17 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills will be happening. If you are a new Boy Scout Leader (or if your Crew camps), you need this course to be considered "trained". If you have the skills to qualify as a trained leader, you can brush up on the BSA way of doing things by volunteering to help on staff of this course. Please check the website for more information.

The Lifeguard Academy is happening. If you know Boy Scout aged youth that would like to know more about water front safety, and perhaps get a position on our Summer Camp Staff, this is the place for them. The academy will be from June 18 to June 24 at Rancho Allegre.

Speaking of Summer Camp, remember there are several options. If you are dealing with Cub Scouts, don't forget about your District Day Camps. Day Camp is a great way for your boys to have some fun this summer. Talk to your District Leadership to get the information you'll need. Get your Cub Scouts to Day Camp; they will thank you for it. When they want more of Day Camp, remember we offer Cub Scout Resident Camp. This camp is at Rancho Allegre, more information is on the website, and the dates for Resident Camp this year is July 5 to July 8.

Boy Scout summer camp is July 9 to July 28. More info is also on the website. If you have young people that show leadership ability and desire, they could be staff for Summer Camp. The training for that is coming up in June, from June 25 to June 30. Staffing a Summer Camp is a fun experience. I'm glad I got to do that.

There is still space for five (5) more Scouts to attend the National Jamobree at the Summit. This is a wonderful High Adventure base in the

mountains of West Virginia. The facility is right on the New River, and is a great experience. We need to fill the final spots of this contingent troop; it will be the trip of a life time. I'll see you at The Summit. For more information please either contact myself, or Scott Oldenberg or check on the Council Calendar, there's information there too.

Great News for the Future

We are pleased to announce that we are going to have National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) in 2018!! Mr. Aaron Houston (District Commissioner from the Cachuma District) has agreed to be our Scoutmaster. If you have youth that need this course in 2017, you'll need to look outside of our Council for a course. Please contact Scott Oldenburg or Lynn Johnson and we will help you get into a course this summer. Mr. Houston is looking for staff; please let him know that you are willing to help.

The University of Scouting is happening on October 14 from 8:00 to 5:00, the website has more information. You can also feel free to ask Lynn Johnson about this event. It will be held in Orcutt again this year, at the LDS church on Oak Knolls Blvd. It is a fun day; hope to see you there. If you think you have skills you would like to present, please let Lynn know this.

As you can see, we're doing all sorts of fun things. We keep moving along and trying to make everything better. If you have concerns about anything please ask. We are all about making things better for the young people of this Council; without your efforts that would be an impossible goal. If you continue trying we will make a difference, it's all up to you.

See you down the trail,
Lynn Johnson
Council VP – Program
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Day Camps are Coming!

Los Padres Council is proud to announce the 2017 Day Camp theme that will be shared council wide: **Bug Hunters!** The Council plans to offer a Day Camp to our Cub Scouts in the districts of South Coast, Live Oak, Camino Real, and Del Norte. Below is a list of the dates for each camp:

- Camino Real: June 21-23
- Del Norte: June 19-23
- Live Oak: June 26-30 (Santa Maria)
- Live Oak: July 10-14 (Lompoc)

Our Day Camps have typically offered a plethora of activities for our Scouts. For example, shooting sports such as BB guns and archery is a favorite among Cub Scouts. More fun activities are offered like wood and leather work, STEM activities, and other exciting crafts and games to enjoy.

Day Camp is a wonderful opportunity for Cub Scouts to discover new interests and to try new things in a positive and safe environment. Boys learn valuable lessons and make lasting friendships while having a blast doing it. Not only that, but it gets these Scouts out of the house and active, which is a huge benefit of Day Camp for Scouts and parents alike. In regular life, many Scouts don't get a chance to participate in the specialized activities that are offered to them at Day Camp. That is one of the many reasons Day Camp is so positive and important to any Cub Scout experience.

However, Los Padres Council needs volunteer help in order to make each Day Camp successful. Currently, our Day Camps are severely understaffed and we are asking all interested and willing volunteers to step up. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering and helping our Day Camps happen then please contact the District Executive of your District. Help us give our Cub Scouts the best week of their summer by delivering great programs.

Submitted by Erica Mundell-McGilvray,
District Executive

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 strengthen their aquatics skills and receive certification as BSA Lifeguards. Participants stay in our dormitories and have nutritious, delicious food prepared by our Dining Hall Staff. Dates are June 18-24. Cost is only \$350

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/life-guard-academy/45240>.

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.

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/boy-scout-summer-camp/45241>.

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**.

Fee information and registration forms are available on our council website at:

<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/cub-scout-and-family-resident-camp/45236>.

Camp Card Closeout

Scouts and Scouters;

There is still time to act!

The Camp Card sale is quickly coming to an end and I don't want anyone missing out. Please turn in all sales by the agreed upon schedules. Please make sure all the scouts in your Pack, Troop or Crew have had their "I sold 25" form turned in so they are included in the drawings for prizes.

All Prize drawings will be taking place in early June and weekly winners will be announced. Please send all forms through your District Executive or directly to me, Paul Bradley. Should you have additional questions the Council's District Executives are here to help.

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Rancho Alegre News

Special Opportunity for Individual Scouts to Attend Rancho Alegre Boy Scout Advancement Camp!

Even if his troop is not attending Rancho Alegre this summer, an individual Scout has a great opportunity to fully participate in our summer camp as a provisional Scout during the week of July 9-15. The camp provides the required adult leadership for a nominal additional fee of \$25.

This opportunity is ideal for Scouts whose family calendars do not allow them to attend camp with their home troops. It can also appeal to Scouts who would like to have an additional week at Scout camp to work on merit badges and other advancement requirements or participate in the many recreational activities that Rancho Alegre has to offer.

The link to the individual Scout application form is:
<http://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/document/2017-scout-registration-form/169006>.

Scout leaders, parents, and Scouts who have additional questions concerning provisional camping at Rancho Alegre can contact Scott Oldenburg at (805) 686-5167 or e-mail him at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org.

Los Padres Council Service Hours

Throughout the Council many Packs and Troop were engaged in collecting food for the local Foodbanks. Although this activity is often completed around Scout Sunday in February, some units do it at other times of the year- or more often! In South Coast District, 5 Packs and 7 Troops participated and collected over 14,000 pounds of food. They did have to overcome some major challenges delivering what they collected due to a sinkhole and a fallen tree at the Foodbank. For the first time the most food collected in weight went to a Pack! In fact, Packs took the top 3 places: Pack 36 with 3069 pounds, Pack 11 with 2063 pounds and Pack 21 with 1546 pounds. Unfortunately, not all the participating units entered their service hours for this project, but the 5 that did recorded a total of 133 hours.

This past weekend, Troop 105 placed Flags on the graves of Veterans at one of the local cemeteries.



Back in January, 8 Scouts from Troop 42 did a project for the City of Solvang. Del Norte District had the largest number of entries, with 3 Troops reporting 10 projects for 218 hours invested by 138 scouts and scouters that benefitted churches, youth groups, schools and other community organizations. South Coast Pack 122 performed an "Adopt-a-School" project that involved 14 of their members who worked 48 hours to complete. Pack 122 also did several beach litter cleanup projects for an additional 66 hours of service. Troop 2 & Troop 4 also engaged in litter cleanup projects for church & community that added 36 hours. A few scouts from Troop 26 selected a conservation project in February and another project in March. All told, throughout the Council, out of the 160 plus units, only 9 units reported their Service projects, registering 795 hours and involving 366 scouts and scouters.

Eagle projects accounted for many of the service hours listed over the last quarter. Camino Real District had 5 Eagle Projects completed for a total of 1150 hours in addition to Troop 489's project to repair homes, involving 18 scouts and taking 63 hours. In Del Norte 3 Eagle projects were completed by Scouts from Troop 60, Troop 51 and Team 176 for a total of 314 hours. Live Oak had 6 Eagles, representing Troops 93, 91, 87, Crew 166 & Crew 66, directing projects that required 438 hours of effort. South Coast had Eagles from Troop 4 & Crew 20, that completed 3 projects for an additional 409 hours. Total hours for Eagle projects: 2308 . Please remember to go into the service hour site and update the Eagle projects with more detail as to participants and beneficiary.

Keep posting those hours and listing the organization which benefits from the unit's service. 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> .

Submitted by Rosemary Zea Bauer, Council Registrar

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.

Upcoming Training

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.



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.

Your District Training Chairs

Del Norte District – Sean Tashma, satashmausmc@aol.com

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Cachuma District – Brad Ross, rossbrada@gmail.com

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Council Training Chair –

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>

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.



2018 National Youth Leadership Training

We are actively looking for staff for 2018 National Youth Leader Training. 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.

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.

Membership

Fall Recruitment

Scouters;
It's never too early to think about recruitment. With the fall season arriving soon Packs and Troops should start thinking about dates for Fall Recruitment Plans. Recruiting is the life blood of your unit and it brings with it new leaders, youth and energy to your unit. The goal of every Pack, Troop and Crew should be to have your fall recruitment within the first 21 days of school. Yes, that's right, the first 21 day of school so your Pack or Troop is in front of the competition. Don't let the Soccer team, flag football teams or other programs lock up your youth before your unit has time to recruit them.

For membership recruitment training, ideas, best practices and methods talk to your District Membership Chair or your District Executive. Watch for notices that state when your district will be holding Unit Recruitment Training. Recruiting is easy, let the district show your unit how easy it is to grow. The District Membership Teams are here to help. Feel free to contact your District Executive for more information on training dates or simply ask questions.

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Order of the Arrow Chumash Lodge 90

The Chumash Lodge has been busy so far in 2017. During the first few months of the year the local chapters have been busy visiting many Troops to conduct OA Unit Elections.

The chapters have also been busy visiting many Cub Scout Packs to help conduct the Arrow of Light ceremony.

The various chapters held an OA Call-out at each of the Camporees.

The Spring Ordeal was held the weekend of May 19th through May 21st, 2017 at Rancho Alegre. There were a total 72 total attendees and lots of hard work was completed helping to beautify Rancho Alegre.

We gained 20 new Ordeal members.

We had 10 Arrowmen seal their bond with the Lodge and the Order of the Arrow by becoming Brotherhood members.

We also held a Vigil Election and the results of that election yielded 4 new Vigil members:

1. Chase M. Bradley
2. Michael R. Murach
3. Dr. Jacques A. Benoit
4. Col. Michael A. Wulfestieg Sr.

This past weekend, May 26 through 27th the Lodge had 4 Arrowmen complete their Vigil Ceremony from the class of 2016 Vigil Honor Nominees.

The Summer Ordeal will be held at Rancho Alegre on the weekend of August 25th through the 27th we will be holding the Summer Ordeal.

The combined area 4 Conclave, Section W4N and W4S, will be held at the Irvine Ranch

Outdoor Education Center in Orange County the weekend of September 15th through 17th, 2017.

Your local OA Chapters and the Chumash Lodge will continue to be busy serving where ever we can. Look for us in your local parade or at your local community event.

Chumash Lodge 90, which was formed in 1996 by the merger of the Canalino Lodge 90 and The Chumash Lodge 304, has been cheerfully serving our local council for 101 years.

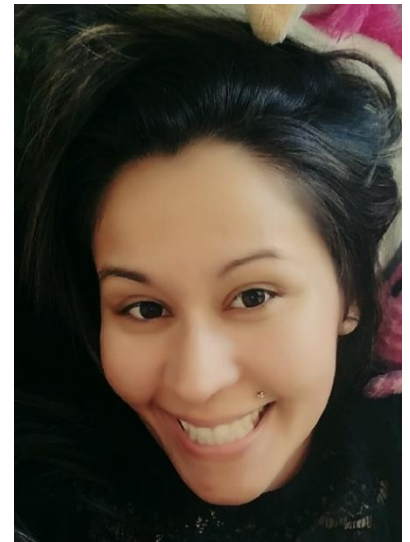
Yours in Cheerful Service, Dr. Jacques Benoit
Adviser, Chumash Lodge 90

Atascadero Trading Post

Scout Greetings -

If you haven't stopped into the Atascadero Trading Post in the past couple of months, please stop in and introduce yourself to Lindsey Sparkman! Lindsey started working at the Trading Post in January. She comes with a strong background in management and customer service. Lindsey is very helpful and has a willingness to serve.

When she is away from the Council, she is spending time with her two girls, Lillianna and Alina. She is also a member of the Agape Church in San Luis Obispo where she volunteers her time as the assistant teacher in the children's' ministry.



One of Lindsey's goals is to serve on the missionary team. Lindsey is selfless, hardworking, and a perfect fit for the Atascadero Trading Post. Please make sure to introduce yourself and let her know how best she can be of service to you.

[Submitted by Rebecca Paulson]

Tour and Activity Plan Discontinued – Now What?

The plan was discontinued on April 1, 2017, leading many to think that it was an April Fool's joke. The change from forms to a flexible risk-assessment strategy is real. Here are some resources to help your adult and youth-led units plan towards acceptable risk.

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx

This is the link to the Guide to Safe Scouting, which is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures gleaned from a variety of sources. For some items, the policy statements are complete. Unit leaders are expected to review the additional reference material cited prior to conducting such activities.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/RiskNewsletter.aspx>

The Risk Management Newsletter provides timely news about current issues and recent updates to our policies and procedures, last updated 6 years ago.

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Guidelines_Policies.aspx

This web site provides access to:

- The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety
- Campout Safety Checklist
- Pre-Event Safety Checklist
- Service Project Planning Guidelines

Let's make sure our planning supports our risk assessment strategy so we can be safe and confident in our activities.

[submitted by Brad Ross]

Editor's Soapbox

The Los Padres Press is published bi-monthly and distributed **by request** to registered Scout leaders in the Los Padres Council. To be added to the distribution list, please send your email address to Wayne Rascati at 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, please let me know. Start-Stop-Continue feedback is welcome. Contact Brad Ross, Editor, rossbrada@gmail.com, 805-688-4849 (evenings)

El Rancho Market receives award from Boy Scouts

El Rancho Market and California Fresh received the Patron Member Award from the Boy Scouts last week. David Brown, chairman of the Cachuma District of the Boy Scouts of America, presented the award to Alfred Holzheu, chairman of El Rancho Markets and California Fresh.



David Brown, left; Alfred Holzheu, right

The award recognizes recipients for the generosity extended to Boy Scouts in its annual Friends of Scouting campaign.

"El Rancho was proud to assist the Boy Scouts and its youth leadership platform," Holzheu said. "We have had many Boy Scouts work in our stores and find that they are typically a step ahead of their peers.

"It is a great program that my own son was in for a short time," he continued. "They offer

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an exceptional program developing boys into young men of character and leadership.”

Brown said the Santa Ynez Valley Boy Scout program “is blessed” to have many generous and committed companies like El Rancho that understand and partner with the Boy Scouts.

“These companies realize their donations to Scouting are actually investments in the community and its fabric that will pay dividends well into the next generation,” Brown said.

[Mike Hodgson, Santa Ynez Valley News]

Sidewalk Chalk Art at Imodonnari Santa Barbara, Memorial Day Weekend 2017 Terry Fealy, Troop 105

