

Los Padres Press

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Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America
Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties **October 2015**



Council Executive Message

The fall is an important time for Scouting. Packs are out recruiting new Cubs, units are trying to raise funds for another year of Scouting, and everyone is preparing for a great 2016.



As we all move forward it is important to keep in mind some basic needs that make Scouting run smoothly. **First, re-chartering.** The sooner you get chartered the better you have positioned for success. Once you have re-chartered you make sure everyone in the unit is insured in case any accidents happen, but more importantly you make sure that every award earned by your Scout is actually recorded. Youth not registered cannot earn Scout awards and advancements, we do not want to endanger any Scouts accomplishments so turn in any new applications immediately upon receiving. This will also make your re-charter process easier since all charters will be done online this year.

Secondly, training. Trained leaders' equals great and program. You will see that once you are trained in your position it will all come easier to you. You'll save time planning and your meeting will go smoother and everyone will have fun. A lot of training is online and the training team is putting together a lot of opportunities to do live training through the council.

Lastly, planning. Make sure your unit has planned its 2016 calendar out in order to have the most success and fun. This will help you identify leadership needs and key landmarks to having everything go smoothly. Make sure you coordinate with the council, district, and your chartered organizations calendar to maximize your efforts. Your commissioner or district executive can help with this.

I look forward to a strong end of year and a great kick off to 2016 with your leadership and support.

Yours in Scouting
Carlos Cortez
Scout Executive

PS,
Remember to invite me to your Eagle Courts of Honor.

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

- 2-4 Oct.**, Catholic Scouting Retreat
- 3, 10 Oct.**, Wilderness First Aid
- 9-10 Oct.**, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Leaders Skills for Webelos Leaders, Rancho Alegre
- 13 Oct.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 17 Oct.**, Zombie Camp
- 16-18 Oct.**, Jamboree on the Air
- 20 Oct.**, Executive Committee Meeting
- 23-24 Oct.**, Leadership Training Conference
- 26 Oct.**, Popcorn sales end
- 6-7 Nov.**, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Leaders Skills for Webelos Leaders, Pioneer Park, Santa Maria
- 7 Nov.**, OA Council of Chiefs Meeting
- 14 Nov.**, Order of the Arrow LLD and Banquet
- 14 Nov.**, Popcorn Sale "Take Order" delivery
- 14 Nov.**, Venturing Leader Specific Training
- 14 Nov.**, Varsity Leader Specific Training
- 17 Nov.**, Executive Board Meeting
- 1 Dec.**, Charter Renewals Due
- 4 Dec.**, Popcorn Unit Reconciliation
- 8 Dec.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 15 Dec.**, Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 Dec.**, Lodge Re-charter and JTE due
- 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

- 6 Oct.**, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 3 Nov.**, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm
- 1 Dec.**, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

- 8 Oct.**, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting and Re-Charter Kick-Off
- 28 Oct.**, Wed., 7 pm Camino Real Roundtable
- 12 Nov.**, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting
- 25 Nov.**, Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Camino Real Roundtable
- 10 Dec.**, Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting
- 23 Dec.**, Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Camino Real Roundtable

Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

- 1 Oct.**, OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 1 Oct.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables and Re-Charter Kick-Off
- 15 Oct.**, Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 5 Nov.**, OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 5 Nov.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 16 Nov.**, Mon., Life to Eagle Seminar, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 19 Nov.**, Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 3 Dec.**, OA CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 3 Dec.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 17 Dec.**, Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events: Live Oak

- 16-18 Oct.**, Jamboree on the Air

Upcoming Events: South Coast

- 5 Oct.**, Mon., 5:45 to 6:45 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 6 Oct.**, Den Leader / Parent Orientation
- 8 Oct.**, Roundtables, 7 pm
- 10 Oct.**, Scout Safari, 2 to 5 pm
- 24 Oct.**, Scoutmaster/ASM Position Specific Training
- 28 Oct.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 2 Nov.**, Mon., 5:45 to 6:45 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 5 Nov.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 7 Nov.**, Scoutmaster/ASM Position Specific Training
- 12 Nov.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 18 Nov.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 3 Dec.**, Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 7 Dec.**, Mon., 5:45 to 6:45 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 10 Dec.**, Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 16 Dec.**, District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm

Council President Musings

Dear Fellow Scouts,
Scouters, and Families:

Probably the best way to evaluate a person's character is how they work through adversity. Our Council has gone through some very challenging times even after the 1992 merger of the Mission and Santa Lucia Councils. It's very obvious to me that things on the Central Coast mirror life on this planet. Living takes hard work!



When I accepted the nomination for my position I discussed ways of improving communication throughout our Council yet the same communication issues keep coming up. Well, I'm not ever going to take a position to criticize, complain, or point fingers at anyone who has the courage to explain honestly how they feel. We just need to find solutions and continue onward. The ultimate goal is to make our Scouts and Adult Leaders the best they can be.

Please never forget that our organization is part of a movement to foster the development of our youth. It's not just achieving a Eagle Scout or Ranger rank but rather becoming a better and more thoughtful person. The most successful people I know all have one thing in common: They have excellent listening skills! It's not all about how much money you make or what kind of car you drive, it's how many people you can help.

Think about this, we have just experienced a visit by The Holy Father Pope Francis to the United States. I noticed during his speeches something unique about him is his ability to touch so many people. Whether you are Catholic or not this Pope appears to be for all the people. If you examine his special qualities it's clear that even while touching or shaking a hand the Pope is looking everyone directly in the eyes. Not only can he touch physically but with his eyes in can reach anyone in the crowd. It was obvious to me the Pope's energy and

spirit can be appreciated by everyone on the planet.

Why am I mentioning this and why is it important? The Pope is a human being just like all of us yet he carries a consistent message: "Care for others, Love one another" The negative issues we face in the world will never change unless we learn to love one another and forgive. The Pope knows this very well as witnessed by his speeches to President Obama, Joint meeting of Congress, the United Nations and so forth. All human beings are experiencing his humility.

Take time out of each day to reach out to help someone in need. Maybe just listening can make the difference, you never know.

Do your best!

Randal R. Moos, Council President

Council Commissioner Corner

The Charter Renewal process has begun. The Charter Renewal Packages have been completed and are being distributed to the District Commissioners. Unit Chairpersons should be receiving your Charter Renewal Packages from your Unit Commissioner in short order. If you do not have an assigned Unit Commissioner, your District Commissioner will make arrangements to deliver your Charter Renewal Package to you. The renewal process this year is designed to be done online. Your unit's access number for online re-chartering is printed on the label located on the upper right hand corner of the Charter Renewal Package envelope. Please work with your Unit Commissioner to complete the Charter Renewal process in a timely fashion. In order to ensure the Charter Renewals are processed by December 31st, they must be completed and turned into a Council Service Center no later than Friday, December 18th. That is plenty of time to get this done. However, remember that all registered adults over the age of 18 must now complete YPT on an annual basis which means they must possess a YPT certificate dated in 2015 or they will not be allowed to reregister as part of the Charter

Renewal. Additionally, there are specific training requirements for specified adult leaders this year. Like with YPT, if those training requirements have not been completed by an adult leader, that person will not be allowed to reregister as part of the Charter Renewal process. Now is the time to get this done. Do not wait until the last minute. Do not hold up your Charter Renewal because an adult volunteer has not completed a training mandate. Units must be re-chartered by December 31st or they will be considered lapsed (unregistered) on January 1, 2016. This means that as of January 1st, the unit and its members will no longer be registered in the Boy Scouts of America until such time as it completes the Charter Renewal process. Remember, we have two and a half months to complete the re-charter process. Don't wait, start the process now. Should you have any questions regarding the Charter Renewal process, contact your Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner or the Council Commissioner. [Submitted by Rick Terborch]

Pertinent Program Proclamations

It's time to start a new Scouting year. You may have recently enjoyed Day Camp, a long-term camp, or even some sort of a High Adventure Trek. Please accept our congratulations on your summer. Here are a few of the events headed your way over the next little while.

First, sharpen your Cub Scout skills at the Annual Cub Scout Zombie Survival Camp. It happens on Saturday, October 17 from Noon to 5:00 PM. The adventure starts in Larsen Meadow, and is expected to migrate to Rancho Alegre. The council website (lpcbsa.org) has more information and registration forms.

Scoutorama is coming. We're in the planning stages, but everybody needs to know the following. It will again be at the Santa Maria Town Center Mall. We're getting together on Saturday, February 6. Hours to be determined. If you want to be involved in planning this event, please contact me @

lynnhjohnson@gmail.com. We'll "officially" invite you to be a member of the committee.

Speaking of "Official" Invitations, it's time to start planning our Council's third Camporall. A Camporall is a major event held for Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. There will be exhibits and activities going on over a weekend in October. Back in 2010 it was held at the Elk's Rodeo Grounds. We need a committee of about 50 adult volunteers to make this happen. I think those that went had a great time. Don't think of it like a big Camporee, it's not that format, think more like a local Jamboree. That will help frame it correctly for you. If you want to help or if you have questions, again feel free to contact me @ lynnjohnson@gmail.com.

Finally, if you have anything to do with advancement for your unit, whether it's a Pack, Troop, Team or Crew. Would you please be sure that the ranks, awards, merit badge, and all those sorts of items are properly recorded. Without this recording various Ranks & Awards may take longer to process. Your help with this will aid the youth of your unit as well as improve our Journey to Excellence scores.

Thank you for all that you do to help the young people of the council. Your efforts make a difference. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to let me know at lynnhjohnson@gmail.com. [submitted by Lynn Johnson]

Order of the Arrow

The final major OA activity of this Centennial year will occur with the Leadership Development Conference and Annual Dinner at Rancho Alegre on November 14.

To commemorate this landmark year of the Order your Lodge Executive Officers have authorized a special set of patches. Some of these patches such as the Lodge flap can be purchased until quantities run out. Other patches can only be obtained by attending one of these special events. For more information about this patch set read the upcoming issue of the Bear Claw. [submitted by Wayne Rascati]

Trainer's Corner

Dr. Larry Basham, Council Training Chair

SCOUTING UNIVERSITY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Over 70 Scouters and Boy Scouts from throughout Los Padres Council attended the Univ. of Scouting on Sept. 26th in Santa Maria. Many took advantage of the opportunity to take required training classes for their position so they can re-charter with their units in December. In addition there were 25 supplemental classes ranging from CPR/First-Aid certification to making Air Rockets and outdoor cooking.

All participants received a beautiful Univ. of Scouting patch to wear on their uniform and many also earned their Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Scouting. In subsequent years, participants may complete the requirements to earn a Masters and Doctorate Degree in Scouting!

If you missed it, you'll want to be sure to reserve the date of October 8th, 2016 for next year's University of Scouting! It's bound to be even bigger and better. Thank you to all who came as faculty and students, it was a great day of learning, sharing, comradery and most of all FUN!



ADULT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS!!

- REMEMBER YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING MUST BE RENEWED in 2015 FOR RE-CHARTERING.
- ALL DIRECT CONTACT LEADERS MUST COMPLETE THEIR BASIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO RE-CHARTER WITH THEIR UNITS.

What does this mean To You?? If you are a Cubmaster, Den Leader, Scoutmaster/Asst. SM, Varsity or Venture Leader and you have not completed the Position Specific training for your position, you will be dropped from your unit roster. If the unit does not have the required trained leaders, it cannot re-charter.

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Please see the policy outline 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 for a drop down list of training courses and the council training policy.

TRAINERS NEEDED!

if you would like to share your Scouting knowledge and skills with the next generation of Scout leaders, please contact Larry Basham, Council Training Chair at 967-8995 or DrBuzz2@aol.com to see what you can do to help. "Many hands make light work"



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South Coast District

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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 7 pm at Atascadero Lake Pavilion Scout Hall

Camino Real District

4th Wednesday of the month 7 pm 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.

Upcoming Training Events

- Oct. 6-7 – IOLS & OLS-WL (Outdoor Training for Scoutmasters, Asst. SMs, Varsity/Venture & Webelos Leaders) Fri. 6:30pm to Sat. 9pm
At Rancho Alegre – Council training
- Nov. 9-10th - IOLS & OLS-WL (Outdoor Training for SMs, Asst. SMs, Varsity/Venture & Webelos Leaders
Fri. 6:30pm to 9pm Sat. at Pioneer Park in Santa Maria
- Nov. 14th - Varsity Leader and Venture Leader Position Specific Training. 9am to 1pm San Luis Obispo
Site to be determined.

Online Training Changes

If you have signed on to myScouting.org recently, you were surprised to see the E-learning training site has changed to www.My.Scouting.org. Navigating the new site is a little confusing the first time and you have to sign-in multiple times to get to the training page (BSA is working to correct that), but eventually you'll get to a page that gives you these choices:

- YPT – displays the Youth Protection training courses available.
- Training Center – displays the Scouting programs containing the training courses applicable to the specific program.
- Requirements – displays training courses required to become position-trained for your current registered position(s).
- Completions – displays training courses that were completed.

New Scouters can still make an account and take YPT and print out a certificate to submit with their joining application.

Online Training & Resources

Did you know ALL of the CUB SCOUT LEADER REQUIRED training is available online! There's no need to wait, complete your training in the comfort of your own home TODAY! Go to <http://myscouting.org> for more information.



Cub Scout leaders can learn about the program changes which take effect on June 1st thru "Cub Cast" video presentations at <http://www.scouting.org/ScoutCast.aspx> Watch them and "Be Prepared."

In addition there are very helpful resources such as the **Den & Pack and Troop Resource Guides** and **Troop Program Features**. These are full of great meeting plans and ideas for having exciting activities. If you haven't checked it out, take a few minutes to do so. You'll be glad you did. <http://Scouting.org>

There are many online training courses and resources available on the BSA website. If you are new to Scouting, you will want to take the orientation courses such as, "**Fast Start**" and "**This Is Scouting**" for your particular program just to get on-track. Of course **Youth Protection Training** for each program level is online and **NOW** required to re-new every year, as well as **Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely and Troop Committee Challenge**.

High Adventure Opportunity

Los Padres Council has applied for two crews for the summer of 2017. If you or your unit would like to go, call or email Larry Basham for details (DrBuzz2@aol.com or 805-967-8995).

Individual units may apply for their own reservation starting October 28th, 2016. See the



Philmont website for details.

www.philmontscoutranch.org

This summer the council had a contingent crew attend Philmont and crews from Santa Barbara Troops 1, 26 & 126.



Troop 126



Troop 1 & Contingent Crew

Philmont Training Center

The new 2016 course listing brochure is now available online or at your local Council Service Center. 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 [www. http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx](http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx) .



Service With A Smile (Service Hours for Los Padres Council for the Summer 2015)

Since the last report in August, many units have been busy attending Summer Camps or other activities, so service projects they may have completed over the summer appear not

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to have been entered - yet. However, so far this year, 12 units have reported various projects totaling 1,007 hours and involving 195 Scouts and their leaders, plus an additional 105 non-scout youth and adults.

There have been 39 Eagle projects recorded with an additional total of 6106 service hours for the local communities.

Troop 26 in South Coast has been outstanding this year with 8 troop service projects plus 5 Eagle Projects for a whopping grand unit total of 1,454 service hours so far in 2015! Next closest are Troop 155 in Del Norte with 4 service projects totaling 107 service hours and 1 Eagle project still in process, and Pack 122, South Coast, with 4 projects totaling 169 hours.

There are a couple Eagle Projects that were completed in August that had been recently submitted from the Live Oak District which do not show up on the summary report: Dylan Ceronio of Troop 450 completed a Marian Residence Backyard Restoration on Aug 4th and Nathan Cofield of Troop 93 finished his Eagle project of planting trees at the Orcutt Dog Park on Aug 9th. Both completed their Eagle Boards of Review in September, along with Royal LaPlante, also Troop 93, whose Eagle project of installing LED Lights at Pioneer Park was completed just before summer and was included in the previous report.

Has your unit been inputting your service hours? 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 using : <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.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize, and successfully complete,

these projects that have benefitted many local Community centers, parks, churches, food banks, chartering organizations and other groups throughout the Los Padres Council. [submitted by Zea Bauer, Council Registrar]

Rancho Alegre Report

Troop reservation forms for next summer were distributed to all troops in attendance at Boy Scout camp and will shortly be available on our council website. At this time, a troop only needs to complete a reservation form and provide a \$100 deposit to stake their claim for 2016!

A council Cub Scout Zombie Camp will be held on Saturday, October 17 at Rancho Alegre. Cub Scouts and their parents are invited to attend this huge event. The volunteer committee, chaired by Chad Zamudio, is making plans for this huge event which also involves Boy Scout troops in service roles. To serve on the committee or to receive additional information, please call Chad at (805) 264-2781 or e-mail him at chadzamudio@yahoo.com.

Rancho Alegre is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, October 24 and everyone is invited! Afternoon activities and tours will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and will be followed by a 5 p.m. tri tip or chicken barbecue. Cost is just \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

For more information, pick up a flyer on the lpcbasa.org website. Registrations can be made online through the council website or by paying at one of our council service centers. We need to know if you are going to attend by Tuesday, October 20 so we can plan for the event.

This is a great activity for Scouts, Scouters, and alumni of the camp and the Outdoor School! We also welcome our local neighbors and ranch supporters. [submitted by Scott Oldenburg]

Editor's Soapbox

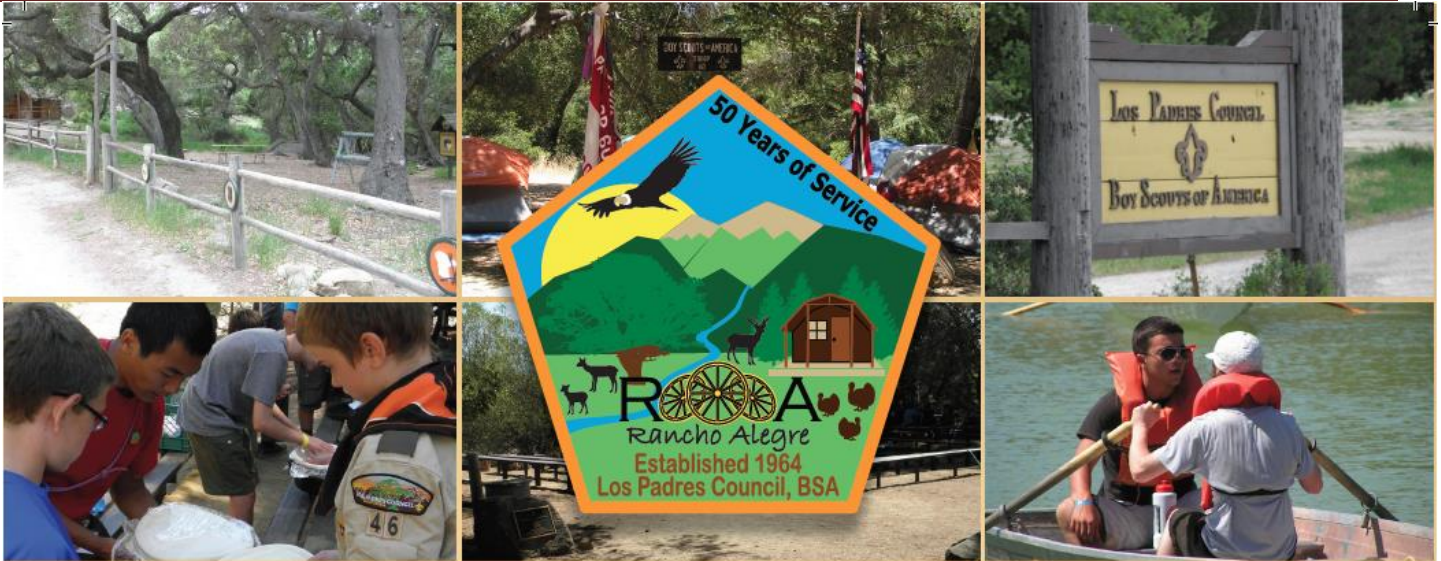
The Wood Badge leadership experience scheduled for this fall was cancelled due to an insufficient number of sign-ups. This is very unfortunate. If more scouters understood the value of Wood Badge, we wouldn't have any trouble filling the course. I have staffed a number of Wood Badge courses, and was always gratified to see the attitude of the participants at the end of the course. They were all happy to have been there, and treasured the experience. It is a substantial commitment to attend Wood Badge in terms of time to attend the course as well as time to pursue goals after the course. The important thing is that the participants consistently declare that it has been worth it. Plans for the 2016 Wood Badge course are well in-hand. If you haven't been to Wood Badge, please consider taking advantage of the experience. If you have been to Wood Badge, please be active in encouraging other scouters to attend.

For some time I have had the goal to attend a course at the Philmont Scout Reservation. I

finally had the chance a few weeks ago. I attended the Philmont Leadership Challenge course, which reviews Wood Badge principles and provides fun activities to challenge the crews of participants. The other 4 scouters in my crew are outstanding individuals; I really enjoyed working with them. Philmont is an amazing place. I recommend the Philmont experience to scouts and scouters.

The Los Padres Press is published bi-monthly and distributed to registered Scout leaders in the Los Padres Council. To be added to the distribution list, please send your email address to your editor (see contact information below).

The intent of the Los Padres Press is to promote communication within the council. If you have information to share, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please let me know. Start-Stop-Continue feedback is welcome. Contact Brad Ross, Editor, stirmach@verizon.net, 805-688-4849 (evenings)



**COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
RANCHO ALEGRE'S REMARKABLE
50 YEARS OF CAMPING HISTORY!!!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

1:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M. ACTIVITIES AND CAMP TOURS

5:00 P.M. BARBECUE

\$15 PER PERSON OR \$25 PER COUPLE

TRI TIP OR CHICKEN WITH ALL THE FIXINGS. VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE.

**THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR OUTDOOR SCHOOL ALUMNI, SCOUTS, SCOUTERS,
AND RANCHO ALEGRE SUPPORTERS TO REMINISCE AND RECONNECT.**

Please submit the form below by Tuesday, October 20, 2015 to Rancho Alegre, 2680 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Register online at lpcbsa.org. Any questions should be directed to Dana Mendoza at 805-686-5167 or alegre@hughes.net.

I look forward to participating in the Rancho Alegre 50th Anniversary Celebration!

I will have ____ people in attendance from my party

____ # of tri tip dinners, ____ # of chicken dinners, ____ # of vegetarian dinners

____ I cannot attend, but would like to provide a donation of \$ _____ to support the event

Payment options:

Enclosed is my check

Please charge my credit card V/M/D # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____