

# Los Padres Press

**News You Can Use** for members of the Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties **October 2016**



## Council Executive Message

Los Padres Council Scouters, leaders and supporters,

The end of the year is fast approaching and re-charter is here.

Please submit all your new

applications to us ASAP so we can make your re-charter process stress-free. Training will be a key item for adult volunteers—work with your commissioner to get details on what your unit needs to do.

The Lion Cub program is on its way! This pilot program will allow us to give young families a taste of the Scouting adventure with an age-appropriate fun program that is not overly demanding on a young families' schedule, but still gets their young boy excited while teaching him basic skills of life. We currently have 7 Lion Dens throughout the Council. Thank you to Harry Holden for providing leadership to this effort. Visit here to learn more: <http://scoutingwire.org/go-learn-everything-need-know-lion-pilot-program/>

POPCORN sales are still going! Popcorn is an easy way for your unit to fundraise its entire budget for a calendar year in 1 month while Boy Scouts can work on their salesmanship Merit Badge. Los Padres Council has changed popcorn companies this year to Camp Master's popcorn in order to provide better quality, customer service and healthier choices. Please call your local DE or contact Popcorn staff advisor April Wright [april.wright@scouting.org](mailto:april.wright@scouting.org) for details about your local kickoff information,



material and to find out how to increase your unit's return.

With the end of the year coming up very quickly we are trying to assure that we accomplish the goals we set out to do this year. Thank you to those of you who have already financially supported our Scouts. You still have time to support those projects and improve Scouting in our communities. There are a couple of ways you can get involved with minimal effort.

1. If you work for a company that does matching gifts or matches volunteer time, please let us know so we can work with you on getting those funds in. Your employee website should have details. Some companies not only match your contribution \$ for \$, but also donate \$ on your behalf for volunteer time. Some of those companies include Wells Fargo, B of A, Albertson's, Southern California Edison, Pepsi Co, Coca-Cola and Frito Lay, but many others do as well, just contact your HR department for details. That is basically free money that is sitting there waiting for us. Help us collect it so we can invest it in our Scouts.
2. If you own your own company, your vendors are a good source of support. You spend lots of money with your vendors. A simple letter to them asking them to support something that you believe in will create interest in them as they like to keep your business. Sample letters are available; just contact your local DE. We will even mail from a service center to save you postage.

The Exploring Explosion is on. In an effort to keep improving the way we serve our young

people and help them reach their goals our Exploring program has been updated and revamped. Exploring is a career identification program where any youth ages 13-20 can have hands on experience on any career of interest, from a peace officer or EMT to a pilot or engineer, and anything in between. The council is looking for an additional Explorer Post to serve our youth. If you or your company would like to get involved please let us know. Visit our exploring website to get more details as well: [www.exploring.org](http://www.exploring.org)

Yours in Scouting,  
Carlos Cortez, Scout Executive/CEO

### **Council President Musings**

Dear Scouts, Scout Leaders and Families,  
I expect that everyone is doing well and has settled into that recruitment time of year. This is one of the key times in Scouting building upon the next generation of Scouts and Leaders. We must focus on getting everyone ready for the coming months by getting ourselves properly trained with YPT and leader specific. We must continue to set the example for our new Scouts and their families.



On a training note: On September 24th we concluded Wood Badge WE4-53-16 training for 34 adult leaders, a cluster course, which included Los Padres Council (LPC), Ventura County Council (VCC) and Southern Sierra Council(SSC). Mr. Joe Bauer our Course Director with the support of 14 staff from each Council, lead a course totally 6 days of training. Sponsored by the LPC, the course was held at both Camp Rancho Alegre and Camp Three Falls, Ventura County had the largest course attendance we've experienced in many years. I

was honored to be able to participate as ASM-Logistics for the course as it helped reinforce all the skills and knowledge I learned as a participant.

I highly recommend Wood Badge (WB) to everyone in Scouting because it can change your life providing the tools to make Scouting and the participants' life better. I'm living proof taking WB can effect change in so many ways. My business has grown over 300% in the past 3 years. My family is happier and we do more outdoor activities together, the boys are doing better in school. All I can say is, if you care about making yourself a better person and so far you are enjoying your Scouting experience more than before, you must attend a WB Course.

Finally, please take time to self-evaluate and pause for a moment to review where you are in your life. Start-Stop-Continue is the key to understanding where you are and where you're heading in life. Our Scouts need to rely on our leadership and you must be trained to your specific position. If you're not fully trained or feel like you need to better yourself for your Scouts, please attend University of Scouting this month. The Course will help you align better with Scouting a personal goals.

Please do your best our Scouts always deserve the best we can be.

Yours in Scouting,  
Randal Moos, Council President

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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]

- 8 Oct.** University of Scouting, 8 am
- 11 Oct.** Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 14-16 Oct.** Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet
- 16 Oct.** Railroad Merit Badge Seminar, San Luis Obispo
- 18 Oct.** Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Oct.** Scouting – A Celebration of Youth 2016, 6 pm
- 22 Oct.** PG&E Merit Badge Day, Avila Beach
- 22 Oct.,** Catholic Scouting Retreat, 7 am, Simi Valley
- 24 Oct.,** Popcorn sales end
- 28-29 Oct.,** Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills & Outdoor Leadership Skills for Webelos Leaders, Rancho Alegre
- 1 Nov.** 2017 Friends of Scouting Kickoff
- 1 Nov.** First Charter Renewal Turn-in
- 1 Nov.** Popcorn Unit “Take Order” Sales Due
- 11-12 Nov.,** Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills & Outdoor Leadership Skills for Webelos Leaders, Pioneer Part, Santa Maria
- 12 Nov.** Order of the Arrow LLD and Banquet
- 12 Nov.** Popcorn Sale “Take Order” Delivery
- 19 Nov.** Popcorn Sale “Take Order” Pickup
- 1 Dec.** Charter Renewals Due
- 1 Dec.** Friends of Scouting Pacesetter Unit Kick-off
- 1 Dec.** Popcorn Unit Reconciliation
- 1 Dec.** Silver Beaver Nomination Application Deadline
- 1 Dec.** District Operations Meeting

- 7 Dec.** Major Member Dinner
- 9 Dec.** Unit Friends of Scouting Chairman Recruited
- 13 Dec.** Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 15 Dec.** Order of the Arrow Charter Renewal Submission Deadline
- 20 Dec.** Executive Committee Meeting
- 30 Dec.** Deadline for Setting Friends of Scouting Unit Presentation Dates
- 19-28 Jul. 2017** National Scout Jamboree, information at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org). LPC will be organizing a troop and a crew to attend.

### Upcoming Events: Cachuma District

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

### Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

- 12 Oct.,** OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Oct.,** Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 26 Oct.,** Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 9 Nov.,** OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Nov.,** Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 16 Nov.,** Wed., 7 to 8 pm, Roundtable, Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 1 Dec.,** District Award of Merit Nominations Deadline
- 14 Dec.,** OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Dec.,** Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, District Committee Meeting

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### Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

- 6 Oct., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 6 Oct., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 20 Oct., Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 1 Nov., District Award of Merit Nominations Deadline
- 3 Nov., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 3 Nov., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 17 Nov., Thu., District Committee and Unit Commissioner meetings, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- 1 Dec., Order of the Arrow CEC Meeting, 6 pm
- 1 Dec., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables
- 15 Dec., Thu., District Committee Meeting and Unit Commissioner meeting, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

### Upcoming Events: Live Oak District

- 5 Oct., Charter Renewal Orientation
- 20 Oct., Roundtable (Lompoc)
- 27 Oct., District Committee Meeting
- 10 Nov., District Committee Meeting
- 11 Nov., Veteran's Day Parade
- 17 Nov., Roundtable (Lompoc)
- 3 Dec., Santa Maria Parade of Lights
- 8 Dec., District Committee Meeting
- 10 Dec., Old Orcutt Christmas Parade
- 15 Dec., Roundtable (Lompoc)

### Upcoming Events: South Coast District

- 3 Oct., Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 13 Oct., Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 13 Oct., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

- 15 Oct., Scout Leader Position-Specific Training
- 20 Oct., Scouting: A Celebration of Youth
- 22 Oct., Scouting Celebration
- 26 Oct., District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 7 Nov., Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 10 Nov., Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 10 Nov., District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm
- 10 Nov., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 12 Nov., Den Chief Training: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
- 19 Nov., Scout Leader Position-Specific Training
- 8 Dec., Thu., 5:30 to 7:00 pm, District Committee Meeting
- 8 Dec., Roundtables, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- 12 Dec., Merit Badge Counselor Training, Council Office, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
- 21 Dec., District Commissioner Staff Meeting, 5:35 pm to 6:40 pm

### Good Scouter Award

Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce that Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian will be honored as the 2016 recipient of the "Good Scout Award." Los Padres Council has been serving the youth of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties since 1914 and would not be able to fulfill its mission



without the leadership of committed community leaders Assemblyman Achadjian.

Los Padres Council's "Good Scouter Award" recognizes a leader of our community who sets a positive example for others to follow - through living in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law; while also demonstrating exceptional involvement in the community. Katcho was selected by a committee of community volunteers, who each year identify an exceptional community leader nominated to the Board of Directors for this prestigious recognition. This year, the Board identified Katcho as having exemplified character, leadership and commitment to the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County communities.

Katcho has been a leader in the community since 1971, when he came to California to complete his education and pursue the American Dream. He carried with him a distinctive work ethic instilled in him by his Armenian parents in Lebanon – an ethic that has served him well in his roles as businessman, community volunteer and legislator. On December 17, 1982, a day that serves as a continuous source of pride for him, Katcho became a United States Citizen.

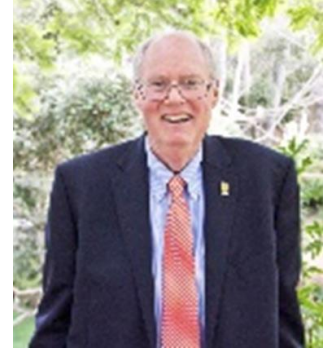
A lifelong community volunteer, Katcho has volunteered in support of numerous civic, service and nonprofit organization. He has served as a Member of the Board of Directors of Arroyo Grande Community Hospital and Chairman of San Luis Obispo's French Hospital. Since 2008, he has also served as a mentor to college students through the Executive Partners Leadership Council at Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business.

Los Padres Council will formally recognize Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian during its annual "Major Member" event held on the evening of Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the scenic Cliffs Resort located in beautiful Pismo Beach. We invite the community to join us in celebrating Assemblyman Achadjian for his commitment to our youth and to our community. Proceeds from the event will help fund Los Padres Council youth programs

throughout the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. For more details, please contact Los Padres Council at (805) 967-0105 or email Carlos Cortez, CEO/Scout Executive at [carlos.cortez@scouting.org](mailto:carlos.cortez@scouting.org). We hope that you will join us for what will be a very memorable evening.

### Good Scouter Award

Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce that Mr. Richard Block will be honored as the 2016 recipient of the "Good Scouter Award." Los Padres Council has been serving the



youth of Santa Barbara County since 1914 and would be unable to fulfill the mission of our council without the leadership of committed volunteers like Richard Block.

Los Padres Council's "Good Scouter Award" recognizes a leader of our community who sets a positive example for others to follow - through living in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law; while also demonstrating exceptional involvement in the community. Mr. Block was selected by a committee of community volunteers, who each year identify an exceptional community leader nominated to the Board of Directors for this prestigious recognition. This year, the Board identified Richard Block as having exemplified character, leadership and commitment to the Santa Barbara community.

Richard Block has been a leader in the Santa Barbara community since he first relocated to Santa Barbara in 1998 to accept the role as CEO at the Santa Barbara Zoo. The Santa Barbara Zoo has been a landmark in the Santa Barbara community for many years and under Mr. Block's leadership the Santa Barbara Zoo has been transformed into a platform for both education and conservation. Additionally, Mr. Block has been a great

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supporter of Los Padres Council Scouts and Leaders. Richard not only has volunteered his time as an adult member of Troop 37 but he has also been instrumental in providing access for Scouts and their families to over-night camp at the Santa Barbara Zoo while simultaneously partaking in educational programming and partnerships.

Los Padres Council will formally recognize Mr. Block during its annual "Scouting, A Celebration of Youth" event held on the evening of Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the historical Santa Barbara Club located in downtown Santa Barbara. We invite the community to join us in celebrating Mr. Block for his commitment to our youth and to our community. Proceeds from the event will help fund scouting programs throughout the Santa Barbara County. For more details, please contact Los Padres Council at (805) 967-0105 or email Carlos Cortez, CEO/Scout Executive at [carlos.cortez@scouting.org](mailto:carlos.cortez@scouting.org). We hope that you will join us for what will be a very memorable evening.

### **New District Executive in Camino Real**

We are happy to announce the recent addition to our professional team of Erica Mundell-McGilvray as the district executive for the Camino Real District serving the Nipomo, Arroyo Grande, Five Cities, San Luis Obispo, Los Osos and Morro Bay area. Erica joined the Council on September 1 and has a positive attitude and ability to learn very quickly.

Erica is a resident of Atascadero and a recent graduate of Westmont College in Santa



Barbara where she majored in communications. Erica worked at Camp Hapitok for several summers where she developed devotion for working with youth and volunteers. Erica is proud to be part of Los Padres Council and the Boy Scouts of America. She is housed in the Atascadero Scout service center. If you have not met her already, please introduce yourself and invite her to come and visit your unit. She is excited to meet everyone in the CR district. Her email is [Erica.Mundell-McGilvray@scouting.org](mailto:Erica.Mundell-McGilvray@scouting.org)

Please join us in welcoming Erica to the Los Padres Council team and the Camino Real District.

### **2017 National Scout Jamboree**

Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders who are interested in participating in the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia are encouraged let us know of their interest by signing into the Jamboree website at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

The Jamboree will run from July 19 to 28, 2017. The trip for our contingent will also include a tour of major sites on the east coast, starting in the Philadelphia area. We anticipate that the total cost will be approximately \$3,500, the same as the last Jamboree.

Our steering committee completed the selection of leaders for our council contingent last spring. Several Scouts have now been selected. The interview and selection process will continue over the next few months as we work to form a contingent consisting of a Scout troop of 36 Scouts.

More details will be available soon on our council website and through our local council service centers. [submitted by Scott Oldenburg]

**Trainer's Corner**  
**Dr. Larry Basham**  
**Council Training Chair**



Last call for The University of Scouting on Oct. 8th

A Day of FUN & Learning - the BIGGEST training event of the year – Over 40 Classes for Scouts & Adults !

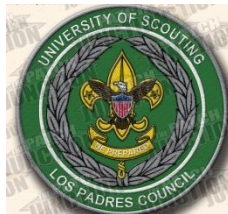


Here are just a few classes for Scouts: Life to Eagle, Lightweight Backpacking, Making Air Rockets, Using GPS & Geocaching.

Required Adult Position Classes: Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Den Leader, Varsity Coach, Venture Crew Advisor, Committee, Youth Protection Training.

Adult Elective Classes Sample: Keeping Older Scouts Engaged, Planning a High Adventure Trek, Fun Crafts for Cubs, Campfire Cooking, STEM & Nova, Webelos Transition

See the full class schedule and register online at the council website, [lpcbsa.org](http://lpcbsa.org) Adults \$15 and Scouts \$5



Earn a University of Scouting Degree patch!

**Have You Completed the Required Training for Your Position?**

**ALL REGISTERED LEADERS MUST BE TRAINED by Dec. 2016**

**YES - this means YOU!!!**

All leaders must complete required training in 2016 to re-charter for 2017

1. Classroom and/or online and outdoor training as required for your position
2. Youth protection training must be renewed every year



- o If you are a Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster, Den Leader/Asst. Den Leader, or Pack Committee Member you MUST complete the online training (all modules) for your position. [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org)
- o If you are a Scoutmaster/Asst. SM, Varsity Coach/ Asst. Coach or Venture Advisor/Asst. Adv., you MUST complete the Position-Specific training for your position AND Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLS)

(Please see the policy outline on the Council website [lpcbsa.org](http://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.)

**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)**

**Space is Limited!**

**\*\*ONLY TWO COURSES LEFT THIS YEAR \*\***

Required training for Scoutmasters, ASMs, Varsity Leaders & Venture Advisors whose crews camp - classes are limited to 20 participants. There are 2 more IOLS courses scheduled for 2016 and 60 leaders need to take it. **Don't be left out**, register now at [lpcbsa.org](http://lpcbsa.org) "Training Tab" or go to the Calendar date.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL TRAINING EVENTS:**

**Oct. 8** University of Scouting

8:30am to 5 pm Santa Maria

**Oct. 28-29** IOLS/OLS-WL -

Rancho Alegre, 6:30pm Friday

to 6 pm Saturday

**Nov 11-12** IOLS/OLS-WL – Pioneer Park,

Santa Maria, 6:30pm Friday to 6 pm Saturday



**ONLINE TRAINING UPDATES:**

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

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

Access the training modules by logging onto [my.Scouting.org](http://my.Scouting.org) > Learn Center

Online **Safe Swim Defense** Training has been updated and it's excellent! Be sure to take it if your unit is planning any water events this summer! Access: [my.Scouting.org](http://my.Scouting.org)  
>Home>Dashboard>Training Center

### WOOD BADGE NEWS

Thirty-four participants gathered for the first weekend of Wood Badge at Rancho Alegre over Labor Day weekend to begin their Wood Badge Leadership Training. Los Padres Council partnered with Ventura County Council and Southern Sierra Council to host the premier adult leadership training course. By the second weekend at Camp Three Falls, there were many "critters" on display and spirits were high! Scoutmaster/Course Director, Joe Bauer, and his experienced staff prepared for months to make this year's course the best ever. Stay tuned for information on when the next course will be held or go to the training tab at the council website: [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) "I used to be a staffer."

Joe Bauer, 2016 Wood Badge Scoutmaster, receives the Troop 26 Sam Soga Service Award from Sam and his wife. Joe is a member of Troop 105 and the first Scouter outside T-26 to receive the award. Joe has also received the South Coast District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. Sam has received the Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and also recognized with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

Congrats, Joe – it's well deserved!



### Philmont Training Center

The new 2017 course brochure will be 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.philmontscoutranch.org](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org).

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx>



### 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.

### Your Training Chairs

Del Norte District – position open  
Camino Real District

George Brown, [kf6pbl@hotmail.com](mailto:kf6pbl@hotmail.com)

Live Oak District – position open  
Cachuma District

Brad Ross, [rossbrada@gmail.com](mailto:rossbrada@gmail.com)

South Coast District

Zea Bauer, [zbauer13s@gmail.com](mailto:zbauer13s@gmail.com)

Council Training Chair

Larry Basham, [DrBuzz2@aol.com](mailto:DrBuzz2@aol.com)

### ONLINE TRAINING & RESOURCES

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. [scouting.org](http://scouting.org) There are many online training courses and resources available on the BSA Learning Center.

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 renew every year**, as well as Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely and Troop Committee Challenge.

### Dates For 2017 Summer Camping At Rancho Alegre

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

- Boy Scout Summer Camp - July 9 July 15
- Cub Scout and Family Resident Camp - July 5 - July 8
- Lifeguard Academy - June 11-17
- NYLT - June 12-17

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

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

### Pertinent Program Proclamations

Fall is here, and things are rolling in Scouting. By now you should be all involved in new recruitment activities. Packs are busy getting all up to speed for Round Ups, Crews should have had their Open House by now. Troops & Teams should know who their new

members are going to be. This is an exciting time for Scouting on the Central Coast, and we're glad you get to be here with us.

If you are in a new role this year, don't be concerned. We have opportunities to help you get up to speed quickly. The University of Scouting is about to happen (it's Saturday October 8, in Orcutt), but your local District Leaders can help you get up to speed with things like District Training and if you have one of those positions that requires either BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) or OWLS (Outdoor Webelos Leaders Skills) or IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, for those in Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or Venturing, if your unit camps) those classes will be happening too. Thank you for your continued service to the young people of Los Padres Council.

There are some wonderful things happening in the program of our Council, here are some of the highlights.

We are part of the National pilot program for Lion Cub Scouts. This program is for five year olds, and is being held in various Packs all over the Council. I think there are about ten packs participating. Harry Holden is coordinating this effort, and we are grateful for all the fun opportunities that boys will have this year as they prepare for Tiger Cub Scouts next year. These young adventurers are getting a start on their Scouting careers a year early. I think we'll be talking more about this program as this new year proceeds.

Have you heard the news about Rancho Alegre? After many years of not having a Climbing Wall, we are back with a nice, brand new, wonderful wall!! This means we have elements for both areas of COPE. There was a very generous donor, and several helping hands from the Order of the Arrow members made this dream a reality. This should really be a benefit for older boys coming to the Ranch for Summer Camp. Next time you are up at Camp, you might want to stop by the COPE course (please stay behind the fences) and take a look at the wonderful new things we have there. It's going to be fun!!

Speaking of fun, have you heard about the National Jamboree? We are still looking for young people that would like to go the West Virginia next summer. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a wonderful place to spend time at. Jambo will be from July 19 to July 28. We will also have some sightseeing to do on our way there. It's a once in a lifetime experience, and if you know boys that would like to go, please have them check out the Council's website or Contact Scott Oldenburg. There are still a few of the 36 slots left to fill.

While I'm talking about Jambo, there is a fund raiser for them. It's on the website as well. If you like cool patches you need to point your favorite internet browser at [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) and check out the Jambo patches. I'm planning on getting some of these cool patches to take with me for trading purposes while I'm at Jambo myself.

It's also time to look at getting new patches for your right sleeve of your uniform. How many of you have things all set for your 2016 Journey to Excellence patches? How many of you even know what this is? Talk to your Unit Commissioner or check things out at <http://www.scouting.org/JTE.aspx>. You can qualify for a cool new patch just by taking care of some paperwork during registration time. Good luck. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of Gold units in our Council this year.

One last thing, I've noticed that there sure doesn't seem to be a lot of Service Hours getting tracked for units that I know are busy making their part of the Council awesome. If you don't know how to log your unit's service hours, that's another item to discuss with your Unit Commissioner. They can show you how to do it. You, the unit leader, are the only person that can actually log those hours for your unit. Remember to track total hours for this. For example, if you a Den Leader take six Wolf Cub Scouts down to the park and pick up trash and pull some weeds, remember that your hour, your Assistant Den Leader's hour, your Den Chief's hour, your six Wolfs' hour, and their six parent's hour counts for a total of

twelve hours! It's not just one hour (this also works for Eagle Projects too, Scoutmasters and Team Coaches). Venture hours get counted this way too.

Thanks for being wonderful role models for some of the best young people on the Central Coast. Thanks for making a difference in some young person's life. We'll be talking soon. Happy Trails! [submitted by Lynn Johnson]

### Community Service Projects

Continue to report your unit's Service Hours for JTE throughout the year. Service hours are an essential part of the Journey to Excellence program as well as being a significant part of what we do in Scouting. Any service project which members of your unit perform should be reported to the Boy Scouts of America at:

<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

Remember, only the total number of hours for Eagle Projects are added through the Eagle application process so the unit should log in to update the report as to the number of people involved, value of materials, and the organization benefitting from the project.

[submitted by Zea Bauer, Council Registrar]

### 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 the Council webmaster at [RanchoAlegre@cox.net](mailto:RanchoAlegre@cox.net). Apparently only about 50% of the eligible Scouters receive the LPP at this time.

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