

# 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 2017**



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## Council Executive Message

Friends, Partners and Family,

Our council has had several challenges in 2017, yet we are still on track to provide one of our best Scouting years ever. We are coming up on 100 days since the Whittier fire moved itself through Rancho Alegre and destroyed our beautiful camp and we thank you all for the support you have afforded us during these difficult times. With the fall almost over and winter upon us we must be prepared to keep moving in a positive direction. Invite and recruit more kids and their families to join the adventure, the impact Scouting makes in a young person compares to no other. Take your Pack, Troop or Crew out to keep building memories. Help them raise their own way through Scouting by participation in the popcorn sale.



While the loss of Rancho Alegre is detrimental, we will not let that stop the adventure. We are using it as an opportunity to engage the community and reestablish ourselves as the elite youth leadership

organization in the central coast. The loss has giving a cause in which our community wants to be involved and engaged. Invite everyone to participate by something as simple as supporting our Scouts goals and buying popcorn or something more adventures as helping replace nature or financially sponsoring one of the many new structures at Rancho Alegre.

Here is an update on the Phoenix committee’s progress on the “Rancho Alegre Rising From the Ashes” project. We still have basic infrastructure issues, but are now able to start the cleanup and planning process. The water wale is temporarily repaired, but the tank has leakage issues. We are planning on having the demo start in October and complete before December. We have engaged with 5 companies to present bids for a master plan before October. We will also start to prepare for the rainy season in efforts to protect the 3 structures we do have left.

We will have an open house at Rancho Alegre once it is deemed safe. We will also have some service time available for those of you who have expressed interest in coming to Rancho Alegre to work. In addition, we will have several fundraising opportunities that include dinner events, country western concert and naming rights on structures. Stay connected to our Facebook and webpage for future opportunities.

Thank you for your commitment to our youth and communities. Your friendship and support will have a lasting impact on Los Padres Council, Rancho Alegre and the Outdoor School.

Yours in Scouting,  
 Carlos Cortez, Cub Scout Father and Scout Executive/CEO Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America

To get updated on Rancho Alegre status or to get involved, visit [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) or follow us on Facebook

### Council President Views

Dear Scouters,  
Families and  
Friends,

As we enter the busy fall season I want to reiterate our Scout Executive's comments that "we are on track to provide one of the best Scouting years ever"! I also want to once again acknowledge and thank the Los Padres Council



staff, Board and many other volunteers who have jumped in and spent endless hours accessing the fire damage and planning the rebuild of our beloved Rancho Alegre. While it's been less than three months since the fire, much has been done by the Phoenix committee and others in working with our insurance providers, government officials, various contractors and others to get our camp rebuilding project underway. Carlos has provided more details in his comments.

We are also grateful for the genuine concern, interest and offers to help with Alegre by many individuals and organizations within our Council. A number of service organizations such as Rotary and Elks have offered to help by doing fund raisers and making donations.

I am proud to share that Los Padres Council, at the end of August, was ranked as "Gold" in JTE (Journey to Excellence). We are one of the few councils in our Area to have this top rating. Thanks to all of you for your hard work in making this happen!

South Coast District has a new District Chair, Doug Scott. Doug is an Eagle Scout and

has earned the God & Country Award. He served as Lodge Chief of the Canalino Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. As an adult he has served as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 33. Please join me in welcoming Doug to our Council.

On a personal note, I have continued to enjoy spending time hiking in the mountains. In early September I spent a few days camping in Yosemite with my wife and daughter, who was visiting from Australia. It was nice, the crowds had gone and the weather perfect. We hiked the Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Falls, which had plenty of water, and then back down to the valley via John Muir Trail. A wonderful hike!

Yours in Scouting,  
John Brinker, Council President

### Larry Edwards Retirement

Please join me in extending our very best wishes to Larry Edwards as he begins his retirement and begins a new chapter in his life. Larry's last working day with the council was Friday, September 15, 2017. Larry has been an integral part as the Ranger of Los Padres Council ever since 1994. It is difficult if not impossible to sum up Larry's achievements over twenty-three years of dedicated service. His contributions will always be valued and remembered.

Larry's hard work, commitment, and dedication to Scouting are worthy of admiration. Larry will be greatly missed by both Scouts and Scouters alike. We have all benefited from Larry's "can do" attitude that has made Rancho Alegre a much better place during his employment with the council. Filling Larry's shoes is an almost impossible task.

As a tribute, Los Padres Council has asked Larry if he would allow us to recognize his contributions to both Rancho Alegre and Los Padres Council with a farewell party. Once Larry and his family make that decision, we will share the details and hope that you will join in the celebration of an esteemed employee and a great person.

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On behalf of everyone with Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, I would like to wish Larry the best of luck. Larry has shared that he is eager to catch up on traveling and spending time with his family, as well as being a Scout volunteer. Congratulations to both Larry and his family for his wonderful accomplishments and service to our council. Yours in Scouting,  
Carlos Cortez  
Scout Executive & CEO

### Upcoming Events

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

- 2 Oct.**, District FOS Chairs Recruited
- 5 Oct.**, Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee
- 10 Oct.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 14 Oct.**, **University of Scouting & Cub Scout Leader Pow-Wow**
- 19 Oct.**, Scouting: A Celebration of Youth
- 21-22 Oct.**, Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)
- 21 Oct.**, Popcorn Take Order Sales End; forms due on 24 Oct
- 21 Oct.**, STEM & PG&E: Electricity Merit Badge
- 27-28 Oct.**, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Webelos Leader Outdoor Training
- 30 Oct.**, Unit FOS Chairs recruited
- 1 Nov.**, 2018 District FOS Kick-Off
- 1 Nov.**, First Charter Renewal Submissions
- 4 Nov.**, Order of the Arrow Council of Chiefs Meeting (Section W4N)
- 8 Nov.**, Friends of Scouting Leadership Kick-Off

- 16 Nov.**, Popcorn Take Order Delivery Date
- 18 Nov.**, Order of the Arrow LLD and Banquet
- 30 Nov.**, District Operations Meeting, 7 pm.
- 1 Dec.**, Charter Renewals Due
- 1 Dec.**, Silver Beaver Nomination Application Deadline
- 6 Dec.**, Major Member Dinner
- 12 Dec.**, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
- 13 Dec.**, 2018 Friends of Scouting Family Kick-Off
- 15 Dec.**, Order of the Arrow Charter Renewal Submission Deadline
- 21 Dec.**, District Operations Meeting

### Cachuma District

- 3 Oct.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
- 7 Nov.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.
- 5 Dec.**, District Committee Meeting, 7 pm.

### Camino Real District

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

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### **Del Norte District**

**5-9 Oct.**, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

**5 Oct.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

**12 Oct.**, Thu., 6/7 pm, OA Chapter Meeting

**17 Oct.**, Tue., Eagle Project Coach Training

**19 Oct.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting

**21 Oct.**, Sat., Charter Organization Representative Training

**26 Oct.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review

**1 Nov.**, District Award of Merit Nominations Deadline

**2 Nov.**, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

**2 Nov.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

**9 Nov.**, Thu., 6/7 pm, OA Chapter Meeting

**16 Nov.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting

**30 Nov.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review

**7 Dec.**, Thu., 6 pm, OA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

**7 Dec.**, Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

**9 Dec.**, OA Chapter Meeting

**14 Dec.**, Thu., Unit Commissioner meeting and District Committee Meeting

**28 Dec.**, Thu., Eagle Board of Review

### **Live Oak District**

**11 Oct.**, Charter Renewal Orientation

**19 Oct.**, Roundtable

**26 Oct.**, District Committee Meeting

**9 Nov.**, District Committee Meeting

**16 Nov.**, Roundtable

**2 Dec.**, Santa Maria Parade of Lights

**9 Dec.**, Orcutt Christmas Parade

**21 Dec.**, Roundtable

### **South Coast District**

**2 Oct.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm

**6-8 Dec.**, Carpinteria Avocado Festival

**12 Oct.**, District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

**12 Oct.**, Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm

**19 Oct.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

**26 Oct.**, Unit Commissioner Meeting, 5:40 pm

**26 Oct.**, Eagle Board of Review

**6 Nov.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm

**9 Nov.**, District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

**9 Nov.**, Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm

**10 Nov.**, 2018 Friends of Scouting Kick-Off

**16 Nov.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

**30 Nov.**, Unit Commissioner Meeting, 5:40 pm

**30 Nov.**, Unit Charter Renewals Due

**30 Nov.**, Commissioner's Challenge Score Sheet Due

**4 Dec.**, Merit Badge Counselor Training, 5:45 pm

**14 Dec.**, District Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

**14 Dec.**, Cub Scout & Boy Scout District Roundtable, 7 pm

**21 Dec.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

**28 Dec.**, Eagle Board of Review, 7 pm.

## Program Proclamations

Wait a minute! What do you mean that it's October? I wasn't done with summer yet. Oh well, let's recap where we've been. It's been a great summer with lots of memories. There will be those that will tell you we have had lots of challenges. I heard this comment the other day and wanted to share it with you, "Just remind the boys that even if they fall flat on their faces, at least when they get back up they'll have moved forward." You know, that person is right. Yes it's hard to have things burn to the ground. Yeah, I understand that some didn't get to do what they had planned this summer. There are some that will read this and think, they have lost personal items over the summer too. I do not wait to trivialize those losses, I really feel terrible about that. However, the thing to do now is to dust off, stand up, and move forward again. We can be successful as we try.

Let's talk about some things to look forward to. First off, it's time to get our new Packs rolling along. By now Roundup is in full swing and families that haven't done Cub Scouting before should know the difference between a Den Meeting and a Pack Meeting. Depending on when in the month you are reading this, The University of Scouting either will take place very soon or has concluded. There has been lots of work in getting it ready. Dr. Larry Basham and his staff should be congratulated for what they have done to expand our understanding of the Scouting program. It's a wonderful event. Personally I look forward to presenting my topics there. I hope that if you are reading this after the event that you can say you heard good things about what we did.

Have you heard that we as a Council are on track to have a Gold Level Journey to Excellence (JTE) score? It appears that we were able to get this done due to lots of hard work by a lot of people, that's wonderful news!! We may still have a challenge or two to face, so maybe I should act like a baseball player and not talk about it until we're done, but I'm truly excited to think we could do this.

Speaking of things I don't want to say... Have you seen how many Eagle Scouts we've

had this year? Going back to baseball when a pitcher is pitching a no-hitter, folks don't talk about it. So all I'm going to say at this point is, "Have you seen how many there have been this year?" I may have something more to say about this in the New Year. This could be really cool. If you know any young man that's close to getting done, please help him finish up before the holidays.

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is going along. They are trying to give the older boys something fun to do as they make things better for the campers in our Council. They continue to make things nice. I was able to spend a Saturday afternoon and evening with them, and thought that they were doing wonderful things.

If you have questions about Programs in the Council, please feel free to either drop me a line, or talk to your District Leadership about what's in store. Yes, it's not going to be the same old thing, but we are trying to make things positive with all the new changes that will be coming. I hope to see you down the trail, have a GREAT Scouting month!!

Lynn Johnson  
Council VP - Program  
lynnhjohnson@gmail.com

## Training Trail

See the Training Policy on the Council website [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) for a complete explanation and schedule of training courses. Click on the blue "Training" Tab on the homepage left hand column for a drop down list of training courses and the council training policy.



Youth Protection Training Must Be Renewed Every Year – per the policy of the Western Region of the Boy Scouts of America. The web site allows for 2 years until the YPT refresher, but that is not the policy we are working to.

**Online Training Updates**

**TRAINING**

On-line training is now available for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Upcoming Training**



**University of Scouting**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Univ. of Scouting is scheduled for Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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Camino Real District – George Brown

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Live Oak District – Alan Munch

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Cachuma District – Brad Ross

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South Coast District – Zea Bauer

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

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

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

**Philmont Training Center**



The 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 (NYLT). 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### 2017 Popcorn Sales

The 2017 Popcorn Sales are off to a roaring start! Our "Show and Sell" order totals have surpassed last year's totals. Unit Kernels are excited and their enthusiasm is contagious among their Scouts. We have three weeks left to sell for the "Take Order" Sale. If your unit missed the "Show and Sell" portion of the sale, it is not too late to make a go of the "Take Order" portion of the sale.

Many of the products come in tins that can be repurposed for use in other ways for the crafters in your life. If you're not crafty, they are also recyclable. New this year is the microwave kettle corn -- a favorite among our Scouts due to the sweet crunch. Another wildly favorite and popular item is our mauve popping corn. This item is unique because it has a purple hull and cannot be found in stores. The kernels are GMO free and contain beneficial antioxidants and has virtually no hulls unlike the traditional yellow kernels.

The best part about sales this year is that a portion of those sales also help our council rebuild Rancho Alegre and The Outdoor School! This is a cause near and dear to all of

our hearts. After all, no council is complete without a scout camp. We have the opportunity to make many improvements to the camp to make it better than ever for another 50+ years of lifelong memories. Your support makes it possible.

If you have questions regarding the popcorn sale this year, please contact our staff advisor, April Wright-Litchfield at (805) 925-1955 or by email at [April.Wright@Scouting.org](mailto:April.Wright@Scouting.org). Happy Popping!

### Editor's Soapbox

The Los Padres Press is published bi-monthly and the link is 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](mailto:RanchoAlegre@cox.net). If you have information to share, 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)

# Honoring Jim Lewis

with the **NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award**



December 6, 2017 at the Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach

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**6:15** Gathering with heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks

**7:15** Program to honor Jim Lewis with the unique National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award



Individual tickets or sponsorship are available. Please contact Paul Bradley for details:

**PAUL BRADLEY** | 805-461-4019  
Paul.bradley@scouting.org

**RSVP** by November 29th, 2017

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**2017 Major Member Event** *Wednesday, December 6, 2017*

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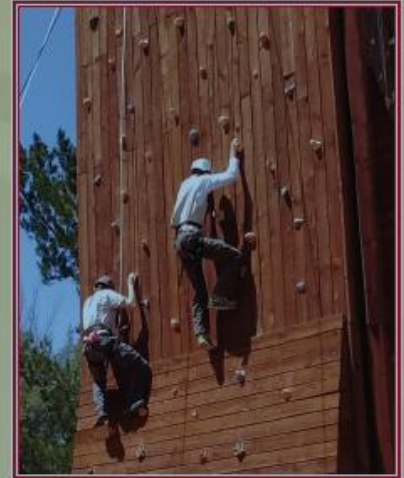


# SCOUTING: A Celebration of Youth

The **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA** is an organization dedicated to building character and citizenship in today's youth so they will become leaders, like Bob Bryant. Los Padres Council is honored to recognize Bob Bryant with the **GOOD SCOUT AWARD** as an outstanding leader who exemplifies the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.

**JOIN** us in recognizing **Bob Bryant**, an exceptional local businessman, community leader, and long-time scouting supporter. As Founder of Bryant & Sons Ltd. Jewelers, Bob is a widely known business advocate and tireless supporter of youth programs for the area's underprivileged children, as well as countless other charities, including the Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**SUPPORT SCOUTING** by participating in this beautiful evening recognizing Bob's dedication to our community and our local youth! Sponsorships are available from \$10,000 to \$2,000. Individual tickets are \$150. Space is limited so please make your reservation soon!



**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

***Santa Barbara Club, 1105 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101***

**RECEPTION 6:00 p.m.**

**DINNER & PROGRAM 7:00 p.m.**

Business attire or Scout uniform recommended. Parking at the Santa Barbara Club is limited to 60 cars. Additional parking may be found in the Santa Barbara City Parking Lot located on Chapala Street across from the entrance to the Santa Barbara Club..



2017 Del Norte District Community Celebration



# Invitation

Please Join the Los Padres Council,  
Boy Scouts of America for an evening of  
Celebration Honoring



**John Hamon**  
NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

**Paso Robles  
Children's Museum**  
Vanguard Award

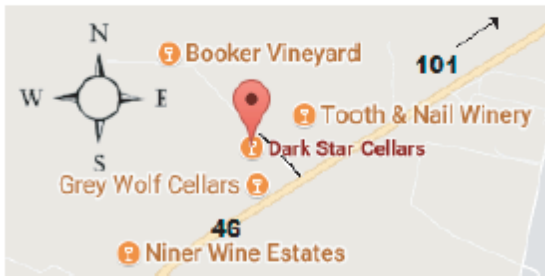


**When: 6:30 pm, Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

**Where: Dark Star Cellars, 2985 Anderson Rd, Paso Robles**



Your support will help the Los Padres Council get through  
the devastation of the Whittier Fire at Rancho Alegre.



Open Bar with Wine, Water, and Sodas  
6:30 - 7:00pm - Gathering  
7:00 - 7:45pm - Open Trip-Tip Taco Bar  
7:45-8:30pm - Program  
8:30pm - Closing



Individual Tickets or Sponsorships available.  
Please contact Paul Bradley for details.

Paul Bradley 805-461-4019  
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lpcbasa.org

**R.S.V.P**  
**By**  
**October 10, 2017**



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# **University of Scouting**

## **Course Catalog**

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**And Online Registration**

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**NEW CLASS!**  
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**BIKE Packing**

**Campfire Cooking for  
Scouts & Adults**

**NEW CLASS!**  
**Use Lion Cubs to  
Grow Your Pack**

**High Adventure  
Planning**

**October 14, 2017 8am to 4pm**  
**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
**1219 Oak Knoll Rd.**  
**Santa Maria, CA**  
**Hosted by**  
**Los Padres Council**  
**Boy Scouts of America**