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



Lompoc Police Explorer Post #700 Wins Multiple Awards

During the weekend of March 20th and 21st, 13 Lompoc Police Explorers led by advisors Officer Michael Miller, Detective David Lamar, Officer Timothy Xiong, Probation Officer Alejandra Ochoa, and Community Services Officer Domonique Torres, competed in 19 police events at the Central Valley Explorer Competition in Tulare, CA. Lompoc Police Explorers competed against 28 other Explorer Posts from throughout California. The members of the Lompoc Police Department are extremely proud of our Explorers for their effort and commitment.

Some of the awards included fifth place in the DUI Scenario, fifth place in the Team Obstacle Course, and fourth place in the Crime Scene Investigation Scenario.

Lompoc Explorers that participated included Mark Van Nostrand, Alondra Martinez, Andres

Melgoza, Luis Sotello, Lorena Ramirez, Andrew Mejia, Keymond Duell, Lauren Kee, Anthony Sherman, Jasmine Hernandez, Rudy Mendoza, Emmanuel Lopez and Ernesto Martinez.

The Police Explorer program teaches life lessons to young men and women ages 14 to 20 years old. The goal is to have these young men and women take the lessons they learn with them into whatever career or educational path they choose. Our Post has 20 Explorers from 14-20 years old, many exploring the possibility of going into one of the many law enforcement career fields.

Explorers are supervised by sworn police officers and are always under the watchful eye of an adult leader. If you are interested in learning more about the Lompoc Explorer Post please call Officer Michael Miller at (805)736-2341. [Submitted by April Wright]



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Upcoming Events: Council

10-11 Apr., noon Fri to 9 pm Sat., Wilderness First Aid

11 Apr., 8 am, BALOO Training for Cub Scout Leaders, Larsen Meadow

14 Apr., 7 pm, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

21 Apr., Tue., Council Executive Committee Meeting

23 Apr., District Operations Meeting

30 Apr., Re-registration Deadline for Merit Badge Counselors

1-2 May, Webelos Woods, Rancho Alegre. A great overnight camping experience with plenty of Scoutcraft activities for the Webelos Scout. Cost is \$35 for each adult and Webelos participant. Check-in is between 4 and 5 on Friday with departure Saturday night after 5 pm closing ceremony. Includes campfire, shooting sports and three meals (Friday dinner & Saturday breakfast and lunch). For more information and to register, go to <https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/1560788>

2 May, 8:30 am, Varsity Leader Specific Training and Venturing Leader Specific Training

9 May, Order of the Arrow Section W4N Council of Chiefs Meeting

12 May, Tue., Council Executive Board Meeting

15-17 May, Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeal, Rancho Alegre. The first of two Ordeals this year. Induction of new members, Brotherhood Ceremony, Vigil Elections, LEC, Trading Post. Projects include building a fence around the COPE Course and work on Cubland restoration. For more information and costs, go to www.lpcbsa.org. [doubleknot.com/event/order-of-the-arrow-spring-ordeal/1560703](https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/order-of-the-arrow-spring-ordeal/1560703)

30 May, 9 am to 5 pm, Friends of Scouting Recognition Day, Rancho Alegre

9 Jun., 7 pm, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

14-19 Jun., Lifeguard Academy, Rancho Alegre. Want to be a trained Lifeguard for either your troop outings or for a public pool? Check out our six day program which prepares youth 15 and up and adults for this certification. Also, you receive Basic First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer in your training. Cost is only \$335 which includes your sleeping accommodations and meals during your stay. For more details check out: www.lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/1560700.

27-30 Jun., Vietnamese Venturing Week, Rancho Alegre

12-18 July, Boy Scout Summer Camp, Rancho Alegre. This is a traditional Boy Scout Summer Camp which begins Sunday afternoon and concludes Saturday morning. Work with our trained staff on merit badge advancement (over 35 of them), Trail to First Class, COPE. Check out our Aquatics (Swimming, Learn to Swim, Lifesaving, and boating (drought permitting)); our shooting sports (Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Archery), Scoutcraft, Handicraft, Nature, and some Eagle required badges.

Our theme is Nordic Days. We will also be celebrating the 100th birthday of the Order of the Arrow on Wednesday, July 15. Several campfires, plenty of food in our dining hall. We still have room for units and provisional Scouts with prices starting at \$375 for youth. Adult fees are based on number of youth attending which can be no charge to a max of \$225. To get more info and forms, go to <https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/boy-scout-summer-camp/45241>

26-29 Jul., Cub Scout and Family Resident Camp. Our great program for Cub Scouts begins on Sunday afternoon, July 26 and ends on Wednesday morning, July 29. Bring your tent. We will supply your meals and the FUN!

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Our theme is Nordic Days. You can shoot BB Guns and do archery. There are swim periods and even Learn to Swim classes. Got plenty of handicrafts, some Scoutcraft skill development, and nature walks. Cost start at \$280 (which includes both one Cub Scout and one parent). Additional boys are \$185 each. OR you can choose our family plan where all members of the immediate family can attend for \$335. That's a great deal! For the older brother who just bridged to Boy Scouts, they can even work on some of their rank advancement while attending. For registration info, go to www.lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/cub-scout-and-family-resident-camp/45236

3-8 Aug., National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Rancho Alegre, \$225-\$250

Upcoming Events: Cachuma District

7 Apr., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

5 May, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

2 Jun, Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

9 Apr., Thu., Camino Real District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

17-19 Apr., Camino Real Camp-O-Ree

22 Apr., Wed., 7 pm Camino Real Roundtable

14 May, Thu., Camino Real District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

27 May, Wed., 6 pm Commissioner Staff Meeting

27 May, Wed., 7 pm Camino Real Roundtable

11 Jun., Thu., Camino Real District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

22-26 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp: "Take Flight"

24 Jun., Wed., 7 pm Camino Real Roundtable

Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

2 Apr., Thu., Roundtables

11 Apr., Sat., Del Norte Merit Badge Pow-Wow #2, 7:45 am

16 Apr., Thu., Del Norte Commissioner Meeting 6:00 to 7:00 pm

16 Apr., Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

24-26 Apr., Del Norte Camp-O-Ree

7 May, Thu., Roundtables

21 May, Thu., Del Norte Commissioner Meeting 6:00 to 7:00 pm

21 May, Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

30 May, Sat., Del Norte Merit Badge Pow-Wow #2, 7:45 am

4 Jun., Thu., Roundtables

15-19 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp: "Take Flight"

18 Jun., Thu., Del Norte Commissioner Meeting 6:00 to 7:00 pm

18 Jun., Thu., Del Norte District Committee Meeting 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events: Live Oak

17-19 Apr., Live Oak Camporee at Vandenberg AFB.

23 Apr., Live Oak District Committee Meeting 6:00 pm at the LDS Stake Center 908 Sierra Madre

1-2 May, IOLS at Pioneer Park

28 May, Live Oak district Committee Meeting 6:30 pm at Rabo Bank Community Room in Orcutt

30 May, ELKS Rodeo Parade Line-Up on Church St.

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Upcoming Events: South Coast

2 Apr., Thu., District Committee meeting, 5:40 pm

6 Apr., Mon., Merit Badge Counselor Training

9 Apr., Thu., 7 to 8 pm, South Coast District Roundtables

17-19 Apr., South Coast Camporee at Rancho Alegre

29 Apr., Wed., Commissioner Cabinet Meeting, 5:40 pm

4 May, Mon., Merit Badge Counselor Training

7 May, Thu., District Committee meeting, 5:40 pm

14 May, Thu., 7 to 8 pm, South Coast District Roundtables, 2015-16 Program Kick-Off

27 May, Wed., Commissioner Cabinet Meeting, 5:40 pm

1 Jun., Mon., Merit Badge Counselor Training

11 Jun., Thu., 7 to 8 pm, South Coast District Roundtables

22-26 Jun., Cub Scout Day Camp, Santa Barbara LDS Church

26-27 Jun., Webelos Overnighter

25 Jun., Wed., Commissioner Cabinet Meeting, 5:40 pm

27 Jun., Sat., Tiger Cub Day Camp

Council President Musings

Dear Fellow Scouters:

Well, another great summer is just a few months away, and by now all the units should have most of their new Scouts in place. These are exciting times for the Los Padres Council as we are experiencing many new positive changes in staff executive leadership, membership growth, as well as, trained leaders for Youth Protection and Leader Specific. I

can't express in just a few words how critically important it is that all of our leaders get the proper training that they need. It's what our Scouts deserve.

We finished 2014 strong: # 2 in Area 4 in membership growth, # 1 in Youth Protection Training, and our Unit Commissioner service is nationally recognized for percentage of units served, landing us among the top 5 Councils. Additionally, at the end of 2014 we had the highest point totals for our Area in Journey to Excellence (JTE), achieving Silver overall. We're doing really well, but there's room for more improvement.

With all of that said, many of our Scouts and leaders will be once again heavily engaged in major activities such as Camporees, Philmont, Rancho Alegre summer camp, National Annual Meeting, 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow & NOAC National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University.

My goal while Council President is to attend as many of these events as possible, and to share time with those in attendance and also those who lead our nearly 170 units. The hope is that I can continue to learn more while developing in the ways of Scouting knowledge. There are so many areas to learn new skills and practice them while teaching others. Why not get better while helping others? Seems reasonable, right? Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Wood Badge leadership experience, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) are some of our dynamic training opportunities where support by Scouters is needed to pass along new skills to fellow Scouts and Scouters.

Let's each teach something new to a fellow Scouter this summer. This may motivate them to do the same. The ultimate achievement in Scouting is to make the others around us better to the benefit of themselves, their families, and Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,
Randal Moos, Council President

Take new member applications online!

Attention Volunteers: www.beascout.org

has added a new feature that allows you to take applications online and do away with the hustle of paper applications. This means that Youth and Parents IN YOUR AREA can use this Map feature to find Scout Units and submit an application online for your approval. Only the following Registered Leaders in your Unit have the ability to update your Unit's Meeting Location on the "Be A Scout" Map, and to change to your Unit's

- 1) Unit Leader: this means your Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Crew Advisor or Skipper,
- 2) Unit Committee Chair, or
- 3) Chartered Organization Representative.

Here's what you need to do - the whole process should take less than 10 minutes:

Step 1. Log onto your account at "MyScouting.org" and select "BeAScout" from the Unit Tools section on the left-hand Menu. A new page will be displayed: There are two "tabs" on this Window, and you should be on "Unit Pin Management" - if not, then click the "Unit Pin Management" tab.

Step 2. Take a moment to look-over the Unit Pin Management screen: If at any time you are lost, look for the "Help" link in the upper right-hand corner of the page for help. Also, note that the "Google Pin Preview" section, in the bottom-right area of the page, will display what will appear on the Google Map. It will change as you enter/edit information in these steps.

Step 3. Check the "Unit Description" - this box contains a combination of your unit name & your chartered organization. If that the information is incorrect then reach out to your District Executive (DE) for assistance.

Step 4: If your Scout Unit has a web site, then enter the web address (URL) here. Otherwise, enter <http://www.lpcbsa.org> so they will be directed to the Los Padres Council web site. You can always edit this field later if your Unit establishes a Web site.

Step 5. Update the Alternate Unit Description: many Units opt to type their Unit type & number followed by their Meeting location (example: "Pack 867 - Lincoln Elementary")

Step 6. Make sure the Pin Status says "Active" if you want your Pin visible to prospective Scouts and Parents on the Google Map.

Step 7a. Select your Primary Contact. This person will receive all emails from prospective Scout parents, so be sure to let the person know that they will be responding to all parent leads. If the fields in this section are "grey" then you must check the "Contact Person" box in the "Fields Displayed on Google Pin" section at the bottom-left side of the page. If the person is already a Registered Adult Leader in your Scout Unit, then their name will be selectable from a list. Once selected, all information is automatically provided in this section's fields.

Step 7b. Also be sure to check all the information with the Primary Contact Volunteer & edit fields that are no longer current (Example: a phone number or email address changes). It is very important that you keep this information up-to-date as Volunteers & contact information will change over time.

Step 8. Enter the location where your unit holds its meetings (address information). This address will dictate where your unit pin will appear on Google Maps. Note that it may be helpful to enter the name of your Meeting Location "Address 1" and the street address on "address 2"

Step 9. Press the opt in to online applications tab. Potential new members can now submit applications electronically and safely for unit key 3 approval. New members still have to get accepted by key 3 and pay fees directly to the unit. Unit then has to inform the council via the system how they will be paying the national fee at a Council service center.

Step 10. Check the Google PIN Preview - this is a preview of what will appear on the map. Parents will only be able to see what is in

this box, so please Review it carefully for accuracy.

NOTE: There is an option to change the icon from a Scouting map symbol representing your unit type to something else. Please DO NOT change the unit logo icon.

Once you are done, click the "SAVE" button and your information will be uploaded.

That's all you need to do to set up your unit for BeAScout.org. Be sure to do this as soon as possible **so your unit will get Recruiting leads**. If you have questions or need further help please contact your local district executive. [submitted by Carlos Cortez, Scout Executive]

Program and Operations News

A big "THANK YOU" to all for helping with the Scoutorama—whether you displayed a skill, checked things out, or hovered in the background making sure everything went as planned. It was a good day to be a Scout.

We look forward to having more fun next year. We will discuss Council events for next year at our next District Operations meeting, on Thursday at 7 pm on April 23rd. If you have opinions on what we as a council should or shouldn't be doing please either contact Lynn Johnson or your local district leadership and let your voice be heard. We want to run programs that you are currently interested in.

Would you like to talk with a member of the National Task Force that updated the Cub Scouting program? Would you like to hear what's going to happen first hand, and have your questions answered?

If so, please plan to come to a special Cub Scout Adult Workshop (we're open to Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, parents. Not so much the Cubs themselves, it won't be that hands on, and would be rather boring for them) on Saturday May 9. It will be at the LDS church on East Sierra Madre (just south of Hancock Jr. College) in Santa Maria. It'll start at 2:00 and be done by 5:00. Please see the Council website for signups. There is no fee, but it would be very helpful so we'll

know how many chairs to set up. Please make the commitment early to attend, and let us know. [submitted by Lynn Johnson, VP Operations]

Commissioner Corner

The past several months have been a busy time for the Los Padres Council Commissioner Service Team. The majority of the time involved the re-chartering process. As of the end of March, there are only a handful of units which have not re-chartered. Unfortunately, these units are now considered lapsed and neither the units nor their members are registered in the Boy Scouts of America. This affects, advancement, insurance and participation in Scouting activities. District Executives and Commissioners are working with these units to get them chartered/registered as soon as possible. As in the past, the biggest obstacle to the re-chartering of many units was adult volunteers lacking current Youth Protection Training. No person over the age of 18 will be allowed to register or reregister in the Boy Scouts in any position without having current valid Youth Protection Training. Commissioners have been asked to regularly provide their units with reports regarding Youth Protection Training and other training related to their units. Additionally, the Boy Scouts of America sends notifications to adult volunteers prior to their Youth Protection Training expiring. All adult volunteers need to ensure that their Youth Protection Training is kept up to date. A second issue that arose was that Venturing adult volunteers had not taken Venturing Youth Protection Training. If you are an adult volunteer in a Venturing unit, you must have current Venturing Youth Protection Training in order to be registered in the Crew. Should you have any questions regarding Youth Protection Training, please contact either your Unit Commissioner or, if you do not have a Unit Commissioner, your District Commissioner.

By now, all units should have reviewed and submitted your 2014 Journey to Excellence

(JTE) Scorecards to your Unit Commissioner or your District Commissioner. You can order your 2014 JTE awards for your unit from your Scout Service Center (Trading Post). The Council will be providing ribbons for your unit flag to those units who achieved a JTE recognition. Additionally, all units should now be working towards their 2015 JTE recognitions. If you do not yet have a 2015 JTE Scorecard, contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner. Remember, the Journey to Excellence program is designed to assist units in delivering a quality Scouting program.

All units are strongly encouraged to attend your Districts' Roundtables. There, you will find the latest information regarding what is happening in the Boy Scouts of America, your Council and your District. There are significant changes occurring within many of our program areas in Scouting and information on these changes will be provided in your District's Roundtables.

The Los Padres Council Commissioner Service Team is responsible for providing service directly to the units within the Council. The job of the Commissioner is to be the link between the unit and the District, Council, and the Boy Scouts of America. Should a unit need assistance, advice and/or support, all the unit should need to do is contact their Unit Commissioner to get the needed support. However, currently, a little less than half our units have assigned Unit Commissioners. If you are an adult volunteer who truly loves to work directly with units and you are not currently working within a unit as a volunteer, please consider joining your District's Commissioner Service Team. Contact your District Commissioner for further information or contact either Council Commissioner Rick TerBorch or Assistant Council Commissioner Dave Penn.

The Los Padres Council Commissioner Service Team is dedicated to providing quality service to the units we serve in an effort to support our units in providing a quality program, thereby ensuring the youth in the

units receive the true benefit of the promise of Scouting. [submitted by Rick TerBorch, Council Commissioner]

Scout Service in 2015

So far this year 12 Scouts have attained the Rank of Eagles Scout, half of them in the last month, and their projects involved nearly **600 hours** for dedicated work. Please congratulate the following newest Eagles:

David Shove, Troop 36, South Coast
Harrison Wethington, Troop 489, Camino Real
Sam Spackman, Crew 20, South Coast
Michael Chiavacci, Troop 394, Live Oak
Trevor Neri, Troop 76, Live Oak
Stephen McCaffery, Troop 26, South Coast

In addition several units tackled projects in their local communities for a total so far this year of over **1,500 hours!** Troop 155 in Del Norte District completed 3 projects. Troop 489 in the Camino Real District and Troop 37 in the South Coast District have each completed 2 projects. Recently the South Coast District executed their annual food drive for the Foodbank of Santa Barbara, collecting thousands of pounds of canned goods to add to the FoodBank's pantry for distribution to needy families. [submitted by Zea Bauer]

Awards from the Catholic Committee on Scouting, Diocese of Los Angeles

The St. George Award for volunteer services to youth in earning their religious awards and growing in their Faith was awarded to:

- Joe Bauer (patriarch of the Bauer Bunch)
- Msgr. Steven Downes, former pastor at St. Raphael in Goleta, now with Pack 108 and Troop 33 in Montecito.



Joe's son, also Joe, received the Bronze Pelican Award.

Pack 105 of the South Coast District received the Paul VI Unit Award.

The following scouts will receive their Ad Altari Dei religious awards in May at the Cathedral in Los Angeles:

- o Chase Bradley, Troop 95 Live Oak
- o Patrick & Matthew Najera, Troop 1 South Coast
- o Matthew Helkey, Troop 1 South Coast

The following scouts will receive their Puis XII religious awards in May at the Cathedral in Los Angeles:

- o James Renick
- o Roy Hapeman Troop 1 South Coast

Chase Bradley & Roy Hapeman will also be receiving the ChiRho Award for having completed all 4 Catholic Scout Religious Awards.

Fritz Mora received the God & Life Award (Protestant). [submitted by Zea Bauer]

Trainer's Corner

Larry Basham, Council Training Chair

Thanks to ALL those who made the first Scout Leader Training Day in Santa Maria a great success last month. Nineteen Boy Scout leaders participated in the new SM/ASM Leader Specific training, and seven Cub Leaders also did their position specific training! A special thanks to trainers Todd LeFebvre, Paul Rutherford, Eve Giroux and Justin Jepsen who did the presentations. We are planning to have more training days in the future, but WE NEED YOUR HELP! See below.

Keep before your mind in all your teaching that the whole ulterior motive of this scheme is to **form character** ...



TRAINERS NEEDED!

Your council and district training teams are increasing the number and types of training courses to meet demand and provide a full range of training opportunities. But they NEED YOUR



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

Your Training Chairs:

- Del Norte District
Nick Yost, trainingdn@charter.net
- Camino Real District
George Brown, kf6pbl@hotmail.com
- Live Oak District
Todd LeFebvre, toddlef@gmail.com
- Cachuma District
Brad Ross, stirmach@verizon.net
- South Coast District
Zea Bauer, rosemary.bauer@scouting.org
- 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 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.

Upcoming Training Events
(see council calendar to register)

April 6th – Mon., 5:45
to 7:00 pm, Merit
Badge Counselor
Orientation, South
Coast Dist., Modoc
Road Council office
(1st Monday each
month)



April 10th -11th – CPR/Wilderness First Aid at
Rancho Alegre - Council Training

April 11th – BALOO (Basic Adult Leader
Outdoor Orientation) for Cub leaders –
Cachuma Dist.

May 1st-2nd – IOLS & OLS-WL (Outdoor
Training for Scoutmasters, Asst. SMs &
Webelos Leaders) Pioneer Park, Santa Maria –
Council training

2nd – Varsity/Venture Leader Specific Training
– Santa Maria – Council training

Online Training & Resources

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 required to renew every two years.

ALL of the CUB SCOUT LEADER training is
available as well as Safe Swim Defense,
Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Trek Safely,
Climb on Safely and Troop Committee
Challenge. Check out <http://myscouting.org>
for more information.

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>

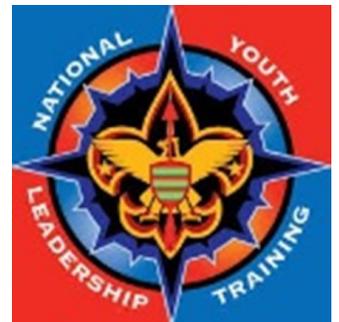
Cub Scout leaders
can learn about the
program changes
which take effect on
June 1st thru “Cub
Cast” video
presentations at
<http://www.scouting.org/ScoutCast.aspx>



Watch them and “Be Prepared.”

Advanced Training Opportunities

National Youth
Leadership Training
(NYLT) – Council
Youth/Adult Staff, Aug.
3-7, Rancho Alegre.
This dynamite youth
leadership training can
change your troop/crew
into a high powered
team and help build our
future leaders. It is the youth equivalent to the
adult Wood Badge Leadership Skills training.
It’s highly recommended that adult leaders
attend Wood Badge if their youth attend NYLT,



so you will be on the same page and can work together to maximize the leadership skills taught in both courses. Registration is NOW available on the LPC.BSA.org website. Sign-up before May 31st to get an EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT.

Wood Badge Advanced Leadership Skills

The first session of Wood Badge will be Sept. 17-19 at Rancho Alegre and the second session at Camp Three Falls October 15-17.

Registration is NOW available at www.vccbsa.org. the Ventura Co. Council website. An early bird discount is in effect. In the works is a course for the spring of 2016.



Philmont Training Center

The 2015 conference schedule is now available at your council store or online at

PhilmontTrainingCenter.org

There are many terrific training courses offered all summer long covering all aspects of Scouting. They also have a Family Program so your spouse and kids can accompany you and enjoy exciting daily activities for all ages while you receive the best training around. Make it a family vacation!



High Adventure Opportunity

Has your Troop/Team/Crew been on a Philmont Trek? If not, 2016 could be your year. Los Padres Council has reserved two crews for the summer of 2016. If you're interested in reserving spaces or an entire crew of 12, contact Larry Basham for details. Drbuzz2@aol.com or call 967-8995. There are also a few spaces



available for our 2015 crew, call immediately if you're interested.

**LAST CHANCE TO MAKE 2016 RESERVATIONS!
APRIL 30, 2015 – CALL NOW**

Annual Council Calendar Party

Have you ever wondered what goes into the planning of the council calendar? How you ever felt frustrated that events were held on terrible weekends or too many events were happening in the spring? If you have come and join our 2015-2016 calendaring party on April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Santa Maria LDS Church, 908 Sierra Madre. This will be your chance to influence the council calendar for next Scouting year. Topics will be open to council trainings, Scout-O-Rama, Camporall, Zombie Survival Camp and any other program areas that are of interest for the council. If you have questions please contact Lynn Johnson at lynnhjohnson@gmail.com

5 tips for helping Scouts reach Eagle before time runs out

1. Remember your role.
2. Finish the time-sensitive merit badges ASAP.
3. Take it one step at a time.
4. Manage expectations.
5. Set a target date.

For more information see:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/03/25/5-tips-helping-scouts-reach-eagle-time-runs/>

The Need for Speed in Live Oak

Dallen Steen-Larsen, Wolf Cub from Pack 432 was the 2015 Live Oak District Pinewood Derby Grand Champion for Speed in the District race held on March 27th at the Santa Maria Town Center Mall.



Editor's Soapbox

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).

Revised Youth and Adult Applications

Last year, the National Executive Board approved a resolution to ensure that moving forward, participants who are 18 but not yet 21 register as adults. This does not affect their eligibility to participate in programs such as Venturing and Sea Scouting.

The primary purpose of the change is to ensure that all persons legally considered adults meet adult membership requirements, including undergoing a criminal background check and meeting the BSA's Youth Protection requirements and membership standards. The changes are required to allow the performance of criminal background checks in connection with the registration process.

New Venturing and Sea Scouting participants 18 but not yet 21, must complete an Adult Application and Criminal Background Check Disclosure/Authorization form. To support this change, the youth and adult applications have been revised. **The new Youth Application, No. 524-406 (SKU 619506), and the new Adult Application, No. 524-501 (SKU 619504), should be used starting March 1, 2015.** Spanish versions of the Youth Application, No. 524-423 (SKU 619507), and the Adult Application, No. 524-502 (SKU 619505), are also available. All new youth and adult applications can be identified with the number 115 located at the bottom right corner on the cover of the application. An announcement regarding system changes and frequently asked questions will be made soon.

In addition, unit adult applications will no longer require council approval, unless the applicant has answered "yes" to any of the background questions. Council approval will still be required for adults in district and council-level positions. This change is documented on page 2 of the Adult Application under the section titled APPROVAL REQUIRED-UNIT ADULTS.

