

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 **June 2015**



Los Padres Council New Training Policy For Unit-Level Scout Leaders



Our council understands the importance of training to the success of a unit and safety of our youth. Therefore, it has adopted an official training policy that all units and volunteers must adhere to. It is presented here in outline form. For a more complete explanation, please go to "Training" on the council website: www.lpcbsa.org.

Every Scout Deserves Trained Leaders

1. Youth Protection Training for ALL leaders must be completed EVERY year.
2. New leaders must complete Youth Protection Training for their Scouting position and attach it to their Adult Application when registering.
3. All direct-contact leaders (Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches, Venturing Crew Advisors, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, etc.) must complete required basic training for their position by Dec. 31, 2015 to be re-chartered with their units. (IOLS training, where needed, must be completed by Dec. 31, 2016)
4. Indirect contact leaders (committee members, charter organization reps, etc.) must complete their basic training by Dec. 31, 2016 to re-charter with their units.
5. New leaders who register after October 1st of any year have until the end of the following year to complete required basic training.
6. All waivers must be approved by the Council Commissioner.

Visit the Council website to check out the schedule of training courses.

Plan to complete your training as soon as possible.

Don't wait until December!

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

9 Jun., 7 pm, Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting, Santa Maria LDS Center

9 Jun., 6:00-7:30 pm, Advancement Record Keeping Training, 4000 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara

13 Jun., 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, Scout Leader Specific Training, 4000 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara

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 Jun. to 3 Jul., 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>

15 Jul., Wed., 5:30 to 9:30 pm, Order of the Arrow Re-Dedication Night at Summer Camp, Rancho Alegre

18 Jul., Sat., 10 am to noon, Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, Rancho Alegre

21 Jul., Tue., Council Executive Board Meeting, Rancho Alegre

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! 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. Troop and crew youth leaders are encouraged to sign up. This comprehensive course provides thorough grounding in leadership skills and gives leaders great tools to plan and run an effective program in their units.

18 Aug., Executive Committee Meeting, Santa Maria Energy Building

27 Aug., Thu., 7 pm., District Operations Meeting, Santa Maria LDS Center

28-30 Aug., Fri-Sun., Order of the Arrow Summer Ordeal, Rancho Alegre

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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

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

4 Aug., Tue., District Committee meeting, 7 pm

Upcoming Events: Camino Real District

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

9 July., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting

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

24 Jul., Fri., 6-9 pm, Scout Night with Blues Baseball, 154 Fairview Ln., Paso Robles

7-9 Aug., Fri-Sun., Shoot-O-Rama, San Luis Obispo

13 Aug., Thu., 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Camino Real District Committee Meeting

26 Aug., Wed., 7 pm Camino Real Roundtable

Upcoming Events: Del Norte District

4 Jun., Thu., 7 pm, 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

2 Jul., Thu., 7 pm, Roundtables

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

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

Upcoming Events: Live Oak

Upcoming Events: South Coast

4 Jul., Sat., Independence Day Parade

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

16 Jun., Tue., District Committee Training Workshop

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

23 Jun., Tue., 6:00 to 7:30 pm, "Calling All Charter Organization Representatives", 4000 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara

25 Jun., Thu., 5:35 to 6:40 pm, Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

26-27 Jun., Webelos Overnighter

27 Jun., Sat., Tiger Cub Day Camp

30 Jun., Tue., 6:00 to 7:30 pm, "Cub Scout Program Changes Overview", 4000 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara

6 Jul., Mon., 5:45 to 6:45 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training

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

29 Jul., Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

3 Aug., Mon., 5:45 to 6:45 pm, Merit Badge Counselor Training

6 Aug., Thu., 5:40 to 6:40 pm., District Committee Meeting

26 Aug., Wed., 5:40 to 6:40 pm, Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

Council President Musings

Dear Los Padres Council Family and Friends,

I'm sure you're probably wondering like I sometimes do, how our Council can function as well as it does given its large geographical constraints. There are so many events taking place that almost every weekend and evenings, there are multiple opportunities to join in Scouting activities. Can you image that all of these are run and led by our great volunteers who are always doing their best to communicate to all of our members?

The reason why I mention this is that recently I had a chance to represent our Los Padres Council at the National Annual Business Meeting (NAM) in Atlanta May 19th through May 23rd. I thankfully had a chance to visit with some amazing adult leaders and Scouters just like us which reinforced my understanding of Scouting. A variety of new ideas and faces of Scouting were present, high-lighting the incredible diversity in our BSA family nationwide.

Dr. Robert M. Gates, our current National President, made a very important announcement with respects to future adult membership and that he feels the current policy is unsustainable. What this means is that we must get ready to see our membership policy go through another round of scrutiny as it did a couple years ago with our youth. Hopefully not? Dr. Gates believes we need to be proactive and solution oriented so that we can come to a decision on adult leadership prior to allowing outside BSA influences to cause disruption. Remember that Dr. Gates is a volunteer and Distinguished Eagle Scout.

I mentioned initially how much we are all doing for Scouting every weekend and it's the volunteers who make the difference. It's our Council and all of our Chartered Organizations who play a very crucial role in the day-to-day and overall survival of the units. Our Chartered Organizations and the decisions they make in the future of adult leaders will essentially determine the future of Boy Scouts of America.

I have visited many Council-wide meetings and events over that past months and have

determined that we make our own fate in how we decide what's best for our youth. They deserve the best leaders we can offer them and it will be those Scouts which will make key decisions in their lives and our great Nation as well.

Randal R. Moos, Council President

Rancho Alegre Report

Campers and visitors to Rancho Alegre should check out the new fence around the COPE course! This addition was made possible through a recent financial donation by our Chumash Lodge of the Order of the Arrow (OA). Volunteer manpower for this project was provided by the OA and Alpha Phi Omega, the college service fraternity. This newly completed improvement adds to the attractiveness of the COPE course and the main entrance to camp.

Although not as visible as the COPE fence, another important upgrade to our Rancho Alegre property is a new boiler for the dining hall. The installation of this new Rannai unit greatly improves the reliability and the energy efficiency of the hot water supply for our food service operation.

Finally, we are calling on all interested Scouters and Rancho Alegre alumni to be involved in recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rancho Alegre this fall. We particularly want to reach out to past alumni who have contributed to the long-term success of our camp. For more information on this effort, call Scott Oldenburg at (805) 686-5167 or e-mail him at scott.oldenburg@scouting.org. [submitted by Scott Oldenburg, LPC Program Director]

Commissioner Corner

Two Commissioners receive the Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service

Council President Randal Moos who also serves as a Unit Commissioner, and Assistant Council Commissioner Dave Penn recently qualified to receive the Boy Scouts of

America's Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service. The recognition is awarded to Commissioners who provide exemplary unit service over a two year period focusing on improvement in unit performance as measured in Journey to Excellence and through the utilization of the Boy Scouts of America Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools. Randal and Dave join five other Commissioners in the Los Padres Council who have earned the award since its inception in 2011. It is estimated that less than 10% of the Commissioners in the Boy Scouts of America will earn the award. Randal and Dave are to be congratulated for earning this prestigious award.

Re-Chartering Will Begin in October

The annual re-charter process will begin in October. A critical element continues to be meeting the training mandates (see related articles on the new training policy in this newsletter). All registered adult Scouters over the age of 18 must have completed the appropriate Youth Protection Training (YPT) in order to reregister. There absolutely will be no exceptions to this requirement. Additionally, required training related to an adult volunteer's registered position will begin to be implemented this year. Adult volunteers who have not met the specified required training at the time of their unit's charter renewal will not be allowed to reregister as part of the re-charter process. Unit Commissioners will be conducting training audits for their units in order to identify those volunteers who need to complete specific training prior to their unit completing the re-charter process. The re-chartering of units must be completed no later than December 31, 2015. Units which do not re-charter by that date will be considered lapsed resulting in the unit and its members no longer being registered in the Boy Scouts of America until such time as the re-chartering process is completed. A lapsed unit may not participate in Scouting activities, including advancement, and face loss of liability and injury/accident insurance during the time that

the unit is unregistered. Units should not delay the re-charter process as a result of an adult volunteer who has not met the training requirements. In such cases, the adult volunteer should be dropped from unit's roster. Should that adult subsequently complete the necessary training, he/she may submit a new application to rejoin the unit.

This is not meant to place an unreasonable burden upon our units and volunteers. First of all, as discussed in other articles in this newsletter, every youth in our program deserves a trained leader. At the same time, this also addresses a very real risk management issue. These requirements and deadlines are meant to protect all of us, volunteer and professional, from civil liability alleging that our youth are being led by untrained leaders. Unfortunately, these lawsuits are on the increase. In fact, the Los Padres Council, including the responsible volunteer at the time, was recently involved with such a lawsuit lasting over seven years which ultimately focused on alleged negligent training which resulted in harm to a youth. It is an unfortunate fact of life that we, the Boy Scouts of America and its volunteers, are the target of such lawsuits. However, if we are trained and we follow the policies and procedures of the Boy Scout program, we can be successfully defended in such actions. Given this, every adult volunteer in the Los Padres Council must meet the training mandates as specified in the new Council's training policy in order to reregister. Do review the other articles in this newsletter and the information on the Los Padres website related to the new training policy. Any exemption to the training mandates will be for a limited specified time and may only be granted by the Council Commissioner. Should you have any questions regarding the training mandate and the re-charter process, please contact your Unit Commissioner. If you do not have a Unit Commissioner assigned to your unit, contact your District Commissioner or the Council Commissioner. [submitted by Rick TerBorch, Council Commissioner]

Scout Service in April/May 2015

So far this year, 28 Units have registered a variety of Community Service projects. Overall, 233 Scouts & Scouters have worked hard along with 86 parents and siblings, registering a grand total of 3,314 service hours in the completion of 42 projects. Of that total, 17 Eagles racked up an impressive total of 2507 hours benefitting many diverse organizations. In April, Pack 91, Live Oak district, logged 44 hours on a 2 day project while Troop 155, Del Norte district, added 14 hours to their previous total. In the South Coast district Troop 26 worked on 2 weekends in May for a total of 122 hours! Undoubtedly many more units were out there doing community service in their own areas, so be sure to add your unit's accomplishments at

<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>. Don't forget to describe your project and list the people involved- many hands make light work! Remember that a service project can be big or small but puts the Scouting Spirit into action through a "Good Turn" in your own community, living the Scout Law and having FUN at the same time. As Lord Baden-Powell said "The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others". [submitted by Zea Bauer]

Feedback Needed on Communication

The Los Padres Council is conducting a survey of Scout leaders and parents in order to better understand how to improve communication within the council. The intent is to provide useful, actionable content through communication methods that are effective. Please take the 5-8 minute confidential survey now at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SJ9K2J9>

If you have any questions about the survey, please email David Athey, Vice President of Marketing, at david_athey@sbcglobal.net. [submitted by David Athey, VP Marketing]

April Wright Promoted in Live Oak District [Memo from Carlos Cortez, Council Executive and CEO] We are thrilled to announce the promotion of April Wright to Pre-commission Professional in the Live Oak District, serving the Santa Maria and Lompoc valleys, effective June 1, 2015. April joined the company seven years ago and has held positions in both the service and field departments. April brings a wealth of experience to her new role and we are excited about her new role at the Council. Please join us in welcoming April to the Live Oak District and congratulating her on the promotion.

National Annual Meeting Update from Los Padres Council Key 3 [Randal Moos, Council President; Rick TerBorch, Council Commissioner; Carlos Cortez Scout Executive] Dear Los Padres Council Members:

On Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting, National President Dr. Robert M. Gates encouraged the Scouting family to reflect in the days and months ahead on the challenges facing the BSA and potential alternatives for addressing them.

We anticipate media interest in his remarks and this is a national policy discussion. This is not a local council decision but we are updating our registered leaders and members of his remarks.

Delegates from Los Padres Council attending the BSA Annual National Meeting include the Council President, Council Commissioner, and your Scout Executive.

It is important to note that no decisions were made related to changes in our membership standards during the BSA National Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Los Padres Council is committed to serving youth and remains focused on delivering a quality Scouting program to our youth and families.

Thanks for all you do in serving youth.

2015 National Annual Meeting

The full remarks (text & video) by Dr. Gates, BSA National President, can be found at: <http://scoutingnewsroom.org/blog/watch-and-read-bsa-president-dr-robert-m-gates-addresses-boy-scouts-of-america-national-annual-meeting/> Here are highlights from his remarks:

- On Thursday, May 21, Boy Scouts of America National President Dr. Robert M. Gates delivered remarks to thousands of Scouting volunteers and professionals.
- Dr. Gates encouraged the Scouting family to reflect in the days and months ahead on the challenges, primarily regarding membership standards, facing the BSA and potential alternatives for addressing them.
- Dr. Gates described political, social, and legal issues—including new state laws creating employment protections on the basis of sexual orientation, an upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision on gay marriage, and intense debates in Indiana and Arkansas—that are creating significant challenges for the BSA.
- Dr. Gates believes the BSA is in an unsustainable and vulnerable position. He advocates that the BSA seize control of its own future, set its own course, and change the policy in order to allow religious chartered organizations—those organizations that sponsor units—to determine the standards for their Scout leaders.
- Moving toward a policy that accepts and respects different perspectives and beliefs allows religious organizations—based on First Amendment protection of religious freedom—to establish their own standards for adult leaders and will help preserve the Boy Scouts of America for generations to come.
- It is important to note that no decisions were made during the National Annual Meeting. A decision is expected no later than the Boy Scouts of America's National Executive Board meeting in October.

- You may add your voice to this discussion by sending an email to key3@scouting.org. We cannot promise a response, but all messages will be read.



Council President Randal Moos (left) with Dr. Gates, BSA National President

Revised Scouting Handbook for Units Sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)

The May, 2015 revision of the *Scouting Handbook for Church Units in the United States* has been released. Contact your editor to request a copy of the 9-page .pdf document, or download from:

<http://www.ldsbsa.org/leader-resources/handbooks/>

Trainer's Corner

Dr. Larry Basham, Council Training Chair

2 MAJOR CHANGES IN ADULT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS!!

- EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY FOR RE-CHARTERING.
- ALL ADULT DIRECT CONTACT LEADERS MUST COMPLETE THEIR BASIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BY DEC. 31ST TO RE-CHARTER WITH THEIR UNITS.

What brought about these sudden changes? They really aren't sudden at all, they've been considered for some time. Enacting them was initiated by the Western Region Board of BSA, which Los Padres Council is part of, adopting annual Youth Protection Training on April 30th, effective immediately. Our most important focus has to be providing a safe environment for the youth we serve, knowing and following the YPT guidelines will help us provide that atmosphere. Renewing YPT annually will not only keep those guidelines fresh in our minds but also emphasize to all leaders how important they are to follow!

Secondly, only about one-third of ALL our registered adult leaders have completed their Basic Training requirements! How can we deliver a quality program and deliver the promise of Scouting with untrained leaders? A great deal of thought and deliberation went into this decision, and once again concern for our youth was paramount. They deserve to have the best program we can provide with well-planned, safe and FUN activities. We appreciate our volunteer leaders and the time you freely give to Scouting and we believe that completing the required training will help you learn the methods and resources available to make your job easier as a Scout Leader. Please see the policy outline in the newsletter or go to the Council website www.lpcbsa.org for a complete explanation and schedule of training courses.

We expect to have a great demand for required training and are planning more training opportunities than ever before, but WE NEED YOUR HELP! .

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. 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"



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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)

June 13th – Scoutmaster/ASM Leader Specific
Sat. 8:30am to 12:30pm, South Coast Dist.,
4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara Council
Service Center

June 16th – District
Committee Training
Tuesday 6-9pm, Santa
Barbara Council Service
Center

June 26th – Chartered
Organization
Representative Training 6-8pm, Santa Barbara
Council Center

June 30th – NEW Cub Scout Program 6-
7:30pm, Santa Barbara Council Service Center

August 3-8th – Nat'l. Youth Leadership Training
(NYLT) at Rancho Alegre – Register now

August 21-22nd – IOLS & OLS-WL (Outdoor
Training for Scoutmasters, Asst. SMs &



Webelos Leaders) Fri. 6:30pm to Sat. 9pm At
Rancho Alegre – Council training

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>



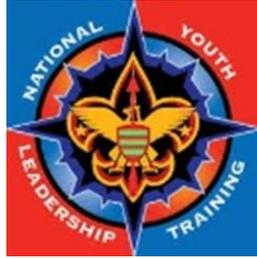
Watch them and "Be Prepared."

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**.

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 today.



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.



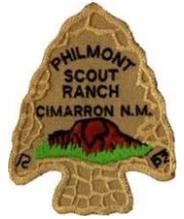
Philmont Training Center

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

Have you been on a Philmont Trek. There are two spaces available for our 2015 crew, call immediately if you're interested. Contact Larry Basham for details. Drbuzz2@aol.com or call 967-8995.



LAST CHANCE TO GO IN 2015 - CALL NOW
Larry Basham 967-8995

Coming September 26th

University of Scouting & Cub Leader Pow-Wow, an exciting day of classes for new and experienced Scouters!! Mark your calendar NOW – details in the next edition of Los Padres Press.



Editor's Soapbox

Now is the time to start planning to attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. I attended in 2013 as a staff member and my eyes were opened to a whole new level of Scouting. I highly recommend this life-changing experience. I'll be there again in 2017.

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