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The Spirit of Scouting During COVID-19

Pointing the Way in the Fog

The legend of the unknown Scouts set the platform for the way our Scouts would conduct themselves since 1910. In the BSA we prepare young people to be leaders and point the way when others find themselves in the fog.

Since March the entire world has been in the fog as we deal with COVID-19 and all the virus has caused to our way of life. Since them our normal operations came to a stop and we had to adapt to a new world. Camps have closed, units stop meeting, and for a while not program was delivered. Them our Scouts and leaders found a way through the fog to keep Scouting and stay connected.

We Hiked the Trailed Less Used

Our Scouts planned service projects and good turns to deliver on while following shelter at home guidelines. To date we have an estimated 1,000 face shields constructed and donated to medical workers. Scouts have contributed food to local pantries, written letters to hospital workers, honored our fallen heroes, donated school materials to need kids in their school, and much more



"Leadership is a trait learned though developing Scouts skills that is now more important then ever as we adapt to this pandemic"

- Scout Parent



Our units started meeting virtually and utilized the tools we already had in place for youth safety as others scrambled to compose something. We shared our safety programs with other organizations to assure all families and kids, in or not in Scouting, had the tools to have a safe and successful online experience.

As we worked together to adapt our program for online delivery, we were able to help Scouts keep working on advancement, including Eagle Scout, earn merit badges, belt loops, awards, and even have a camp experience. Thousands of Scouts across the world joined in the #scoutin experience and hundreds participated from our council.

The Path Forward

As we "Prepare" ourselves for the next step, there are still a lot of unknows. When will be able to have meetings? Summer and day camp status? What will do those look like? What will have to do in order to meet guidelines? As we wait for direction from our local governments we have volunteers and staff meeting online to set a plan to answer those questions and keep our Scouts and families safe.

We Need You Now More Than Ever

As of today, May 20th, we have raised \$80,602 of our \$400,000. This has allow us to continue our current services through May 31, 2020, but in order to keep serving you and slowly bring some services back we need your help. Any support you can afford our Scouts will allow us to continue to set the trail for others to follow and "Prepare" our future leaders. You can give online by clicking here, or you can look at the picture below for instructions on giving via text message.





Council President Views

If there is one thing I have learned as the President of Los Padres Council, you get the opportunity to say THANK YOU a lot. I am so grateful to all the volunteers and staff that have stepped up during this very challenging time for all of us. I am so impressed with the way our community has adapted and continued to make scouting a part of children's lives each day.

I want to let everyone involved with scouting in Los Padres Council know that we will work as hard as possible to make sure you have a great scouting experience and

that you will be a better person for being involved in scouting. I wish there was a way to tie that "magic knot" that will make everything go back to normal, but that is not how scouting works. We will take on these challenges and we will be better "prepared" as a scouting community as we tackle the many issues facing us.

As I mentioned, I have the opportunity to say thank you to many folks involved in scouting and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you in advance, because I need your help. I need your help to bring others into this fantastic scouting community. I need your help to give other young folks and potential adult leaders the opportunity to find out the great things scouting can do in their lives. This summer, please help Los Padres grow and recruit new scouts. If you love scouting, share that with others. Let them know that scouting will be active, educational, safe, inspirational, challenging and most importantly, fun! Thank you for letting others know what you already know, Scouting is great!

Trey Pinner
Council President

Council Commissioner Update

Scouts and Scouters,

We now have several months of different types of experiences in Scouting behind us. We have learned to use different video and audio platforms to hold

meetings. From holding Unit campouts at home, Pack & Troop campfires, skits at home, earn rank advancements and merit badges on-line and at home and hold just about every type of youth and adult meeting all while not meeting inperson.

This has helped bring out the best in all of us, in these difficult times! Helping to make face shields for first responders and health-care workers, sending letters and cards to our health professionals and first responders, performing outdoor projects while maintaining distancing and only having a handful of Scouts and minimum number of leaders attend at one time. Many of our Units have done and accomplished incredible things during these vastly different times. If you unit is not meeting, then I ask why not?

Units from all over our Council are being remarkably successful at continuing Scouting during these isolation-oriented times. If you need help to get your Unit meeting virtually, reach out to a neighboring Unit that is and ask for some help. Our Commissioner corps stands ready to help provide you with the resources to continuing your Scouting adventures during COVID-19.

Scouting's motto is Be Prepared!

Now is the time when many parents are looking for activities for their family to be engaged in. Why not choose Scouting? They can do this if your Unit has updated when and where you meet, since you are probably not meeting at the listed location on your Units Be A Scout pin, located at

https://beascout.scouting.org. Make sure your meeting day, time and location

are updated so parents looking for safe things for their family to do can contact you, so their adventure can begin.

Our summer world will look a lot different this year, so Cub Scouts Packs, why not consider continuing to meet throughout, the summer, instead of taking the summer off? Your Cub Scouts do not have a lot of opportunities to do things, so why not continue the adventure through summer, maybe just not as often as you would normally meet?

Scout Troops may have to make other arrangements as some summer camps announce they will not open this year, while others are waiting to see if and when they will open, and more are still planning to hold summer camp. Please make sure you maintain contact with the Council that operates your summer camp destination to make sure they will hold summer camp this year.

Commissioner Corps

On behalf of all 22 of our Los Padres Council Commissioners, I want to congratulate you on continuing the Scouting adventure during these trying times. If your Unit is not meeting please reach out so we can help provide you and your team with new ways to deliver the promise and adventure of Scouting to our youth.

I know we are all just done with having to remain sequestered, however there is light at the end of the tunnel! I look forward to our slowly returning to normal and ongoing Scouting adventures! See you on the trails, soon!

A Recent Success

As our Scouts focus on doing a good turn daily, they accepted the call to action to produce and donate over 1,000 face shields to medical workers and first responders. We had Scout from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo participate and contribute to this worthy cause in the month of May.



Pack 93 & Troop 87 Scouts dropping off face shields at Marian Medical Center

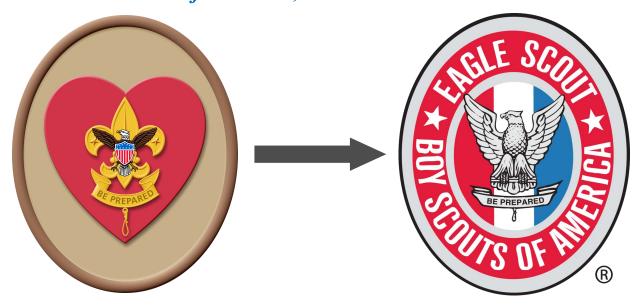


Pack 122 & Troop 26 Scouts dropping off face shields at CALM in Santa Barbara

Bob Putney

Life to Eagle

Seminar for Scouts, Parents and Scouters



WHAT WILL THE SEMINAR COVER?

It will explain how to complete all the Eagle Rank requirements, how to choose and complete a project, how to complete the Project Workbook, how to fill out and turn in the Eagle Rank Application.

Additional topic: Extra time after 18th B-day for boys and girls who join Scouting in 2019.

EVERYONE SHOULD ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

Scouts, Parents of Scouts, Scoutmasters, Advancement Chairs, Committee Chairs, District Personnel, All Interested Adults.

To attend by Zoom meeting send email to Harry Holden for an invitation.

Monday, September 14, 2020 7:00 to 8:00 pm Grace Church, 1350 Osos Street, SLO

The city does not charge for parking on the street after 6pm.

Contact Harry Holden

805-528-6667 hho275631@aol.com

LPC Shelter at Home Update

To our Scouting community,

In Scouting, we always vow to help other people. Now, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Scouting community must do its part to slow the spread of the virus, which will save lives and avoid overwhelming our local healthcare infrastructure.

The safety of Scouts, volunteers, employees and our communities is our top priority.

With safety in mind and based on guidance from national health officials, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is strongly advising that in-person meetings, activities, events and gatherings be suspended through June 14, 2020. Please also follow any restrictions outlined by your state and local health department or other state and local authorities. This applies to youth and adults out of an abundance of caution.

In accordance with national guidelines, please focus on the following through June 14:

Avoid in-person gatherings; instead, utilize available digital and online resources, such as video conferencing, to continue Scouting meetings, projects and advancement, adhering to the current youth protection guidelines already in place for digital communications.

Follow Council and BSA website, blogs, and social channels, as well as #ScoutingAtHome, for great examples and ideas of how to continue Scouting.

If you or any member of your family feel sick, DO NOT attend any gatherings. Contact your health professional to get care and notify your supervisor so they can take the appropriate measures while you focus on recuperating.

We will continue to evaluate the ongoing situation and prioritize the safety of everyone involved in Scouting – youth, families, volunteers, employees and our communities – is our number one priority.

We realize these decisions are not without their challenges, and we thank you for helping meet the needs of our communities in difficult times.

The steps we are taking reinforce the many ways – big and small – that Scouting empowers character and leadership today and for generations to come.

Yours in Scouting,

Carlos Cortez Scout Executive/CEO

Order of the Arrow

The Chumash Lodge officers have been hard at work re-planning this year's activities.

While election season normally ends with our call-out ceremonies at the district Camporees, this year we have extended our elections, and are now permitted



to hold them during an on-line meeting of your Troop or Crew. We are also now permitted to count up to three "Virtual Camping" nights per month in the short term toward the 15 night requirement, while in-person unit campouts are not permitted. Contact elections@chumashlodge90.net for information, in case your unit did not yet hold your election (or have Scouts now eligible where you may not have had any eligible Scouts earlier in the year). We can hold one election per year for each Troop (with some newly allowed exceptions due to the pandemic), and will need to complete the elections by the end of July.

For those who were elected by your units, we congratulate you on the honor and have sent out candidate letters (and will send out letters shortly after any elections not yet held). For our candidates and our members, we are currently planning on two Ordeal (Induction) weekends, August 21-23 and November 6-8. November 7 will also be our annual banquet, and on November 8 we will hold our annual Lodge Leadership Development. Members should have recently received your membership cards and annual dues patch. Contact Len Kamlet (len.kamlet@chumashlodge90.net) if you did not receive yours.

In the wake of National OA's cancellation of the National Order of the Arrow Conference (originally scheduled for August 3-8 at Michigan State University), the Lodge is now planning on holding a fellowship weekend as an activity to replace this event. Stay tuned for more information.

[submitted by Len Kamlet, Associate Lodge Adviser]



Quarantine Camp Contest Winner

Scouting Goes on Despite the Pandemic

There is an unofficial Marine Corp motto that I once heard, that I think should be applied to Scouting, "Semper Gumby" meaning always flexible. I think this saying says a lot about this period were in and what the Scouting Movement needs to do to grow in these challenging times. We need to take this opportunity to evaluate what is working, what isn't working and move forward as individuals and as units with the things that work and be willing to adapt to the changing needs of the community and the times. All of us as individuals and units, must embrace the changes, even as painful as they might be to make this program stronger.

Membership might be sheltering place because the National pandemic, but units are taking this opportunity to strengthen their units through virtual means. Units are using Zoom and other video or virtual means to communicate with each other and to keep Scouting alive for their unit. Packs and Troops are holding Den meetings, Pack meetings, Patrol Leaders Conferences, Troop Meetings and Virtual Campouts.

Units are exploring new ways to growth of Units are being strongly encouraged to update their BeAScout on-line information so that their current meeting information is accurate based on how, when and where each unit is meeting now, during COVID-19.

Many changes are planned for the BeAScout site, (https://beascout.scouting.org), which will include new options, on-line payments, requiring YPT to be completed before an adult application is forwarded to the CC and COR for approval. BSA National has moved the BeAScout function from Legacy Tools to Organization Manager at my.scouting.org. Other changes include local Council level reassignment of newly assigned or vacant Unit positions. We encourage all leaders to plan to take the new and updated BeAScout training courses, when offered, before these changes are implemented. This promises to greatly enhance Units abilities to bring more new youth and adults into our programs.

Units are also being encouraged to use their meeting platforms and the friends of their current Scouts and Scouters to encourage new youth and adult participation. Most parents with children at home, according to recent state and national polls, report they are searching for safe activities and programs for their children to be involved with, while they are sequestered at home. This is a great time for our Scouting program to shine and attract new families to our program. We don't have a lot of competition right now!

Resources, specialized training, and trainers have been identified to assist Units in improving their recruiting efforts and better identifying underserved areas or locations. Cuesta and Pacific Coast Districts will be seeing new training that will be rolling out soon (June range) that tries to show units a lot of Best practices to improve recruitment, retention and media outreach. Look for details in your inbox soon.

Cuesta District Highlights

The Cuesta District Committee would like to extend the best of greetings to all within the District and the Council. Unfortunately, after conferring with others, it has been decided to cancel the Cuesta District Camporee for 2020. We had hoped for a possible postponement, but the work involved to reorganize on such a large event was not fair to the Camporee Chair and his team. This will give our Camporee Chair, Josh Hoggatt, a moment to stop, breathe and reflect – and prepare to organize for the 2021 Camporee. (Thanks Josh!)

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to those Scouts in both Districts who participated in making face shields. We know that those who get them will benefit, and we thank you for stepping up in much the same way that Scouts have stepped up for more than a hundred years, when our community, nation and world have needed us most.

Thank you to Amanda Lamar and Jeanne Gard. While you have juggled the changes in your lives that have happened due to this pandemic, you continue serving the Scouts of our District; even though there has been widespread cancellations or postponements of so many events, you have pivoted and are coordinating a virtual Cub Day Camp. Keep an eye out for this event – I believe it will be transformative, showing others that we will not be stopped. And while it may not be the same as an in-person event, I know that so many of our Cub Scouts, and everyone else involved, will appreciate the time to focus on something other than this pandemic – something fun and worthwhile. (see the Los Padres Council website for details)

We are just about 18 months removed from redistricting, and while we have been starting slow, there has been steady progress made in District operations. Our District Membership Team is in full swing preparing a Membership Plan for use by all units in the Cuesta District. We are anticipating a presentation of the plan at our June District Committee Meeting, and expect full Committee Support. Once approved by the District Committee, this plan will be distributed to all units, and training in implementation will follow shortly thereafter (currently anticipated for the end of June). A long-range plan will follow, and will include strategic targeting of schools, areas and units, where appropriate.

As usual, everything the District Committee does is with the betterment of the District in mind. This means we make decisions on what we think will provide the best program, and will increase unit membership, in the best ways possible. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me directly, or any member of the Cuesta District Committee. And if you are motivated to join the Committee, please contact me. Many hands make light work for all.

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chairman

Pacific Coast District Highlights

Scouting from a Distance

Scouting has never been a spectator sport and works best when all parties are engaged with one another. I am amazed at how engaged our Scouts and leadership have been while practicing social distancing and safety. Scouts are resourceful and creative with solutions to all challenges including our COVID 19 restrictions.

Rather than a meeting at the church hall, we meet on Zoom or some other platform. Rather than a one on one merit badge counseling it is now one to many with internet classes. Even Eagle projects are being completed with rotational participation and schedules that conform to social distancing guidelines.

Your leadership is also meeting online for Key 3, District, Council, advancement, programs and Rancho Alegre meetings. These virtual meetings actually saves valuable time used in travel from one end of the Council to the other and are very efficient.

Even when we get back to group meetings in person, we will still offer virtual access to be more inclusive of those who cannot travel but still wanting to share in their leadership role.

As mentioned earlier, Scouting is not a spectator sport, but it is a contact sport where we enjoy the fellowship and outdoors with one another. Accordingly, going to summer camp is so important. We have both virtual and in person Cub Scout Day Camps planned for this summer. If your summer camp is delayed, please do all you can to make a later date and get the full summer experience and advancement in Scouting. Enjoy your summer and make the summer of someone else just as enjoyable.

Yours in Scouting,

David Brown



Camp Rancho Alegre Rebuild Progress



After a slowdown in construction for Rancho Alegre, the contractors are back on site continuing the building of the four dorms and three staff residences. Dorm construction continues with the siding having been installed on two of the dorms and roofing having been installed on three of the buildings. Dorm interiors are having all the plumbing and electrical being installed.

In addition to the new electrical lines have been installed, a concrete slab was set for a new electrical transformer with a new panel by the swimming pool. Pacific Gas and Electric will energize that part of camp by end of June.

Good News! Anacapa/Anapamu remodel is nearly complete. The exterior will be repainted with Volunteer support in late summer.

The other big news is the beginning of the installation of a new Water Tank. The old tank was recently demolished and grading for placement of the new tank is now underway.

A new Lake Janis overflow was constructed to accommodate the new roadways needing to be installed. This will allow for control of rainwater during particularly harsh storms. This year has proven that we has such a need. In one weekend camp had 5 inches of rain!

The recent pandemic has forced us to reconsider the opening of The Outdoor School. The new objective is for October 2021. The remaining 2-six bedroom buildings and 3 cook staff buildings have been put on hold until more funding can be found to complete the project. Naming opportunities for camp supporters for any of the buildings are available, anyone interested?



Lake Overflow



New Electrical Panel



Old Water Tank being Demolished



Dorm Roofers



Fourth Dorm Progress

Program Updates

Hello Scouters:

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have a few program updates to share with you.

Popcorn: It is never too early to start planning for a great popcorn sale! Don't forget to register for the 2020 Fall popcorn sale. FREE online shipping is available to your customers this year! Don't forget to lock in your additional 2% commission by committing to the sale before July 3rd! Please see the attachment for additional popcorn details.

<u>NYLT:</u> NYLT has been postponed. The NYLT trainers and staff are considering a date in August to hold the event. At this time a definitive date has not been set. We will send out an email blast once a date has been confirmed.

<u>Virtual Merit Badge University:</u> The LPC advancement committee is working on an online Merit Badge University for Scouts BSA. If you are interested in teaching a class, please email April at <u>April.Wright@scouting.org</u>.

<u>Camp Cards</u>: Camp Cards have been counted and sorted. If you are interested in getting some for your unit, please reach out to April or Paul at <u>April.Wright@scouting.org</u> or <u>Paul.Bradley@scouting.org</u>.

<u>2021 National Jamboree:</u> Don't forget to register for the 2021 National Jamboree! We still have a few spots left. Space is limited so register early! https://jamboree.scouting.org/ Need more information? Please call April at (805)478-9375.

2020 Day Camp: Links to register:

North Cuesta Virtual Cub Scout Day Camp (San Miguel to Santa Margarita) June 15– June 19 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM daily.

https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/north-cuesta-cub-scout-day-camp/2627478

South Cuesta Virtual Cub Scout Day Camp (Los Osos to Nipomo) June 22 – June 26 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM daily.

 $\underline{https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/south-cuesta-cub-scout-day-camp/2627468}$

North Pacific Coast Cub Scout Day Camp (Santa Maria to Lompoc & Buellton) July 6 – July 10 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM daily.

 $\frac{https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/north-pacific-coast-cub-scout-day-camp/2519069}{}$

South Pacific Coast Cub Scout Day Camp (Solvang/Buellton to Carpinteria) July 27 – July 31 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM daily.

 $\underline{https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/santa-barbara-day-camp-farming-adventures/2519073}$

<u>Unit BE A SCOUT Management:</u> Your Be A Scout pin in perhaps one of the single most effective ways to help your recruitment efforts. Today's parents can do it all online. With a few taps on their tablet, they can buy school supplies, sign up for soccer or hire a babysitter. And, more and more these days, they're finding out about Scouting online, too. Today's parents want, and expect, to learn more about the BSA through a simple-to-use, nicely designed website. <u>BeAScout.org</u> is that website. It is the first thing many prospective Scouting families see about the BSA, and it tells them what Scouting is, why it's a good fit for their family and where they can find a Cub Scout pack, Scouts BSA troop, Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship near them. As we gear up for fall recruitment efforts, now is the perfect time to make sure that your pin is set up properly so that families can find you. Updating your <u>BeAScout.org</u> pin is simple, and it's a good way to make sure your information is current — that it doesn't list last year's Cubmaster or meeting time, for example.

Access to update your pin is available to all unit leaders, including committee members in a unit.

To update your pin:

- 1. Go to **My.Scouting.org**
- 2. In the drop-down menu, go to Organization Manager and select 'Unit Pin.'
- 3. Choose "unit" (rather than council) under "Unit Pin Mode" to update the pin with your contact info.
- 4. Be sure to set pin status to "active." If they want the "Apply Now" button on the pin, set "Apply Status" to "active."
- 5. Note that it may take a few hours, or up to overnight, for the updated information to show up.

For Cub Scout packs: You'll also want to go to Organization Manager and identify your pack's gender: all-boy, all-girl or a mix of all-boy dens and all-girl dens. Under Organization Manager, find the settings tab and scroll to the bottom of the page. The default is Boys Dens, but you can change that. Be sure to enter an effective date or it will not update the pin.

Council Contacts:

For questions or concerns regarding Registration & Applications, please contact Paul Bradley at Paul.Bradley@scouting.org or (916)257-9728.

For all of your Advancement & Eagle Scout Rank questions or concerns, please contact April Wright-Litchfield at April.Wright@scouting.org or (805)478-9375.

For all of your Scout Shop needs, please contact Judie Stowe at <u>Judie.Stowe@scouting.org</u> or (805)967-0105.

To make a donation to support Scouting, please contact Erica Mundell-McGilvray at <u>Erica.Mundell-McGilvray@scouting.org</u> or (509)338-7053.



2020 Popcorn Sales Dates

District Kick-off Dates: TBD

Show & Sell

Show & Sell Orders Due to Council: 8/18/20 Show & Sell Order Pick-up: 9/5/20 Show & Sell Invoice Due & Super Saturday Return Day: 10/17/20

Take Order

Take Orders Due to Council: 10/19/20
Take Orders Pick-up & Final Invoice Due: 11/7/20
Prize Orders Due: No Later Than 12/1/20

Online Sales

Start: 8/1/20 End: 11/8/20

To register your Pack, Troop or Crew please use the form below.

(To receive 2% bonus commission please return this form by **July 3, 2020**)

Email to: April.Wright@Scouting.org

LOS PADRES COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 2020 CAMPMASTERS POPCORN SALE UNIT COMMITMENT FORM

PACK/TROOP/CREW #:	DISTRICT	
UNIT LEADER:	PHONE:	
E-MAIL:		
UNIT KERNEL:	PHONE:	
E-MAIL:		

Outdoor Activity Award and Summertime Pack Award COVID-19 Guidance

For the outdoor activity award and summertime pack award, packs and dens should do their best to meet the intent of the awards. Put simply, "Do Your Best". If an activity that is required (such as day camp or resident camp) is not possible to take part in due to the COVID-19 pandemic, packs can utilize an alternative option of their choosing. Units should continue follow any restrictions outlined by your state and local health department or other local officials regarding gatherings etc.





5 BSA Activities

We wanted to share a resource of fun and productive activities that you and your Scout can be doing from home. These five Scouts BSA activities not only have the benefit of helping your Scout work towards earning some merit badges, but also because they all have a "feel good" quality to them!

- 1. For community service: Host a bingo game for a retirement home or nursing home virtually. An easy way to do this is to (remotely) work with the director so they can help to set up their residents to hear or see you. If you are using Zoom, you can send the link to your meeting room to the director and they can disperse to the residents. Then, gather the bingo calling supplies and let the fun begin!
- **2. To get your heart rate up:** Set up a scheduled program to work on your fitness and do it every day! Even if you have already earned the Personal Fitness merit badge, do this one anyway!
 - a. Complete the aerobic fitness, flexibility, and muscular strength tests, as described in the Personal Fitness merit badge pamphlet. Record your results and identify those areas where you feel you need to improve.
 - b. Keep track of what you eat and drink for three days. Identify three healthy eating goals you want to work on.
 - c. If you want some additional fun, look into your local yoga studios or gyms lots of them are offering free online workouts right now. Make it a part of your day, with a set time that you will tackle your workout every day.
- 3. For your daily dose of sunshine: Plant a garden. It is the perfect time to grow all sorts of plants, so plan out a full-fledged garden! Include fruits/vegetables and flowers and make it as diverse as possible. Do your research to see what grows best in your region. This activity connects in perfectly with the Gardening merit badge, and you can get all the information you need from the merit badge pamphlet.
- **4. To lift neighborhood spirits:** Create a fun and brightly colored piece of artwork for a front window! I have seen lots of ideas for this, from colorful messages of hope on posters to hand-drawn rainbows on computer paper.
- **5. Some necessary fun:** Add some fun into your days with games! Bonus if you organize a little family tournament and make a whole afternoon out of it (or a 3-day tournament!). Just an FYI... you could use that time playing as research and action on requirements #1 and #4 from the Game Design merit badge.

Los Padres Council, BSA, LouAnn McKinley, Peter Bauer, Caleb Wright and Judie Stowe wish you an enjoyable and fun summer amidst COVID -19. Stay well.