

**Boy Scouts of America
Western Los Angeles County Council
Western E-Trails**

Bringing You This Week in Scouting!

May 18, 2005

Editor: Romy Longwell
Western Los Angeles County Council
16525 Sherman Way, #C-8
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 933-0103
Rlongwell@bsa-la.org

Annual Memorial Day Flag Placement

May 28, 2005
Los Angeles National Cemetery
Registration begins at 7AM

For more information, visit:
http://www.bsa-la.org/miscellaneous/documents/2005_Memorial_Day.pdf

Spring Wood Badge is Here

When:
Saturday - Monday, June 4-6, 2005

Where: Sage Ranch, a beautiful site, in the San Fernando Valley providing easy and convenient access.

This is the only course offered until next year.
To link to the Flyer/sign-up sheet in English, please click here: http://www.bsa-la.org/training/adults/Wood_Badge_Spring_2005.pdf

Additional information, as well as a Spanish version of this flyer, can be obtained on line at www.hoguemet.com/woodbadge or by contacting Harlan Hogue, Course Director at (310) 454-6483 or woodbadger@hoguemet.com.

2005 Kinnus

Sign up Now! May 29 – 30th 2005
JCOS 2005 KINNUS

plus

A Special Non-Saturday ORDEAL in conjunction with the 2005 Kinnus of the Western Los Angeles County Council Jewish Committee on Scouting
Saturday, May 28, 2005. 9:15 PM -Monday, May 30, 2005, 11:00 AM at BSA Camp Three Falls
See Council website for flyers and registration details.

http://www.bsa-la.org/program/religious/2005_Kinnus.pdf
http://www.bsa-la.org/program/religious/2005_KinOrdeal.pdf

Merit Badge Midway Scheduled for June 25th

When: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Pico Canyon School 25255 Pico Canyon Road – Stevenson Ranch

\$5.00 for the whole day covers contacting MB Counselors, cost of site, blue cards, and materials Lunch and snacks can be purchased on site.

There will be an Eagle Scout workshop along with a Scout Skills workshop for Scout and Tenderfoot Ranks.

Any MB Counselor who is willing to participate contact Lee Shapiro at lsbsa@aol.com or call (661) 294-8677.

Cub Parent & Family

Dates, Times & Locations:

August 26-28

Family Camp Weekend
Camp Whitsett

Activities: Archery, BB Belt Loop & Pin program offered, cooking, field sports, crafts, camp fire program put on by the campers and much, much more!

Who: All registered Tigers, Cubs & Webelos must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Additional family members may only attend the Summer Family Camp Program.

For more information, including a registration form and pricing, please click here: http://www.bsa-la.org/program/cubs/2005_Cub-Parent_Flyer.pdf or call the Council office: (818) 785-8700.

2005 National Youth Leader Instructor Camp

This Camp Is For Boy Scouts Who Meet The Following:
First Class Rank Of Above
Fourteen Years Of Age By Opening Day Of The Course, But Not Yet 18

Completed Your Council JLT YLT
Be Or Become A Youth Leader Trainer For Your Council
Be Proficient In Scout Craft Skills Such As Rope Work, Camping, Hiking, Cooking, Compass, Etc.
Be Willing To Take Back To Your Council YLT Program The Knowledge And Skills Acquired At NYLIC

Philmont Scout Ranch
Summer of 2005
Cost: \$275.00

For additional information please contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center at dfortin@bsa-la.org or 818-933-0129.

National Trails Day is June 4 - REI SERVICE PROJECT

June 4 is National Trails Day and REI Northridge is proud to be hosting a service project in Towsley Canyon Park. This will be REI Northridge's first project in the Santa Clarita area and we are very excited about it. So many of the scouts in this area have been reached out to by our store and all the leaders are very familiar with us. We also have a very large customer base in the Santa Clarita area, so we felt it was important to take on a project in your backyard. Check out this website <http://www.LAmountains.com/maps/towsley.pdf>

Please join us at 8:30am on June 4 for a fun-filled, hard working 4 hours. There will be snacks, plenty of water, free T-shirts, stickers and other good stuff. Hopefully we'll be able to arrange some lunch as well. Please join us and help us give back to the Santa Clarita area by cleaning up these beautiful trails. Please RSVP to Chris Cate, Outreach Specialist - REI Northridge 818.831.5555 or to Rebecca at 310.858.7272 x132.

Cub Scout Day Camp 2005 "Survivor"

75 Years of Cub Scouting Adventure

Dates, Times & Locations:

Antelope Valley

Palmdale - June 27-July 1
McAdam Park

Balboa Oaks

July 18-22
Woodley Park

Bill Hart

Day - June 20-24
Stanley Ranch

Twilight - July 11-15
North Hollywood Sportsman Club

Cahuenga

July 25-29
Sportsman Club

Crescent Bay

June 27-July 1
Camp Josepho (tentative)

Las Colinas

July 11-15
Pacific Lodge Boys Home

Pricing:

\$110

Camperships are available and will cover 50% of the cost

For More information, including a registration form, please click here: http://www.bsa-la.org/miscellaneous/documents/2005_CS_Day_Camp.pdf

Philmont Training Center 2005 Conference Schedule

<http://www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc/index.html>
www.scouting.org/philmont

2005 Philmont Expedition @ www.bsa-la.org

Saturday – Sunday
15 Nights & 16 Days
July 2 – 17, 2005

John Cary, Chairman & Contingent Leader
(D) 805-778-1073
cary@smmusd.org

Contact dfortin@bsa-la.org for information and availability

Outdoor Program Seminar

October 5-9, 2005
Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, New Mexico

The Outdoor Program Seminar is designed for professional and volunteer Scouters who have responsibility for any outdoor program area. The seminar provides a national forum for participants to exchange ideas about facilities, equipment, programs, management, and marketing. The skills and ideas shared at the seminar will help increase youth and adult participation and satisfaction from camping and outdoor programs for Tiger Cubs, Cubs Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers.

Registration packets with detailed information will be available in May 2005.

For additional information please contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center at dfortin@bsa-la.org or 818-933-0129.

2005 National Scout Jamboree @ www.bsa-la.org

July 25 to August 3, 2005
Fort A.P. Hill, Caroline County, Virginia

Contact dfortin@bsa-la.org for information and availability
Visit our website www.bsa-la.org

21st World Scout Jamboree 2007 **United Kingdom www.scouting2007.org**

For Preliminary Application Information on the 21st World Scout Jamboree, contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-933-0129 or dfortin@bsa-la.org.

Horsemanship Merit Badge

Visit their website at www.eldustberry.org.

Donate Your Vehicle

Free Pick-Up/Towing
Tax Deductible Receipt
Proceeds Benefit Boy Scouts of America
Call: 1-888-250-4490

Order of the Arrow – Lodge Picnic

Saturday – 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM
June 18, 2005

Order of the Arrow **National Leadership Seminar**

National Leadership Seminar
September 30-October 2, 2005
Phoenix, AZ

National Leadership Seminars are conducted in each area of the Western Region every other year. The focus is on skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.

Arrowman who would like to participate in the Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar should contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center at dfortin@bsa-la.org or 818-933-0129.

Order of the Arrow **National Order of the Arrow Conference**

National Order of the Arrow Conference
Saturday – Saturday
July 29 to August 3, 2006
Michigan State University

MSAS Astronomy Village – Science Center & Observatory

Please visit their website at www.mountain-skies.org for in-depth information.

Weird, Wild & Wonderful www.aquariumofpacific.org

Great American Cleanup

Keep California Beautiful Clean-Up's
Identify a location in your community that needs help, or contact KCB to find out about projects already scheduled for your area.
We Want to help! Call 1-800-CLEAN CA or visit www.keepcaliforniabeautiful.com and request a Clean-Up Registration Form. Fill it out and send it in!

Why Sell Popcorn? Here are 10 Reasons Why!

1. Pay for your whole year's Scouting program with just one popcorn sale.
2. Cover all your Unit's activities and supplies with the commission you get from popcorn.
3. Get more parents excited by eliminating their out-of-pocket expenses.
4. Save time by managing the sale online -- no paperwork.
5. Increase your Council and Unit income -- 70% stays local.
6. Boost a boy's future -- Scouts can qualify for Trail's End Scholarships for college or other post high school education by selling popcorn. Check with your Council for more details.
7. Attend the next Jamboree and have it paid for.
8. Teach boys how great it feels to earn their own way.
9. Help your Scouts strike gold -- top sellers can win great prizes from the National Trail's End Prize Program. Check with your Council for more details.
10. Plan your entire year, budget all the costs, and raise the money you need in the fall.

**For more information, please contact
Colette Taylor at (818) 933-0104.**

Winter 2005 – Boy Scouts Calendar

Tutankhamun & The Golden Age of the Pharaohs
June 16 – November 15, 2005 at LACMA

Check Out Boy Scouts Promotions
Contact: Alvin Chan
Email: aching@aeg-la.com
Website: www.aeggrouptickets.com

California Hunter Education/Safety Course

Offered by the California Department of Fish & Game
3rd Saturday of Every Month
Angeles Shooting Ranges
12651 Little Tujunga Canyon Road
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
(D) 818-899-5735
www.angelesranges.com

WOW - WHAT A NIGHT!!! It exceeded my expectations, and I had high ones. I would like to thank everyone who attended last night to make it so memorable. It was so cool to see people reminiscing and swapping stories and re-living old friendships and meeting others who are part of our Troop, past and present.

I would like to thank especially Pastor Sillerud, Councilman Greig Smith and District Chairman Vinnie Ruggieri for attending and presenting us with such great stuff. We are so grateful for the relationship we have with our community in and out of Scouting. Special kudos go to all 23 Eagle Scouts who made it a priority to attend. The opening ceremony was one that I will never forget - 37 current Scouts and 23 Eagle Scouts!

It was so great to actually put faces to the names of those adult leaders from our past. I especially want to thank all the Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs who joined us. You are a huge part of why we were able to even have this night. So many people were incredible in their help making the night turn out so well. Jennifer, Lauri and Elaine and the set up crew - that was by far the best any of our activities has ever looked. Rudy - the program was beyond words. I know you put in a ton of hours - and it was worth it. Rob - as always you were perfect as our master of ceremonies. Great job keeping us on schedule, laughing and entertaining us all. The Girls Scouts helpers were a very nice touch - thanks Lori, Lupe and Stacy. John handling the tickets - Gene, Elaine, Bob, Ira & Glenn for the pictures and video - Tricia, Steve, Ed and our cahiers - Karen the "Auction Item Queen" and everyone else who helped. Diane - special thanks to you for all the behind the scenes stuff and most of all for keeping me sane and on track during these last few months. There are a few more grey hairs, but at least they are all still on my head. To those of you from our past please come on by to one of our meetings anytime, every Tuesday night from 7:15 to 9:00. You are always welcome. So, until we meet again...

May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us. Good Night Scouts!!!

Western Los Angeles County Council
Phone Numbers & Extensions

Direct Dial Access Now Available at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center

Although the central number 818-785-8700 will still be answered by one of the Customer Service Representatives the following individuals and departments can now be called directly:

Derek Fortin	Director of Support Services	(818) 933-0129
Ross Harrop	Scout Executive	(818) 933-0125
Mike Heffernan	Facilities Specialist	(818) 933-0111
Elizabeth Hernandez	Urban Emphasis	(818) 933-0128
Ursula Kennedy	Quality Unit District Executive	(818) 933-0112
Paul Lacayo	Las Colinas District Director	(818) 933-0110
Martha Londono	Controller	(818) 933-0118
Romy Longwell	Finance Director	(818) 933-0103
Jon Mackenzie	Director of Camping	(818) 933-0119
Sheryl McBride	Director of Field Services	(818) 933-0106
Dave Melton	Systems Manager	(818) 933-0108
Peggy Murphy	Bill Hart District Executive	(818) 933-0113
Mary Thompson	Registrar	(818) 933-0116
Maria Osuna	Customer Service Manager	(818) 933-0107
Clif Stewart		(818) 933-0126
Colette Taylor	Finance Director	(818) 933-0104

Learning for Life **(818) 901-4891 phone / (818) 901-4890 fax**

Brenda Bradford	Learning for Life, Exploring Executive	(818) 933-0105
Christine Demmitt	Learning for Life Director	(818) 933-0123

Valley Scout Shop **(818) 781-1296**

Antelope Valley Service Center **(661) 942-0582**

Karin Main, Customer Service Manager	Vince Miller, Field Director
Antelope Valley Scout Shop	(661) 942-7820

Westside Service Center & Scout Shop **(310) 839-9905**

Frankie Melvin, District Director, Crescent Bay	ext. 102
Wes Patterson, District Executive, Crescent Bay	ext. 104
Eric Singer, Store Manager	ext. 106
Tina Williams, Customer Service Manager	ext. 100

Western Los Angeles County Council
Office Hours — Spring 2005



Our offices will be closed on
Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day

Regular Hours at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Regular Hours at the Antelope Valley Service Center

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM & 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM

Regular Hours at the Westside Service Center and Scout Store

Westside Scout Store Open:

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Westside Service Center Open:

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

2005 Scout Adventure Race

For additional event detail and online registration information please visit our website www.scoutar.com or contact Ed Shapiro at ed@uberfall.com.

The **Scout Adventure Challenge** is the country's premiere youth-based adventure race for those 14 and older. This 12-hour event incorporates all the traditional adventure racing disciplines: navigation, mountain biking, trekking, and kayaking, plus some special surprises. As with last year, this year's event will include an Adult division. Now in its 3rd year & supported by over 20 major sponsors, we've been blessed to have an opportunity to present this event on some of the most scenic & pristine private land in Orange County. This event will be sure to challenge even the best prepared teams.

Basic Race Details:

- 3rd Annual Scout Adventure Challenge
- **July 8th and 9th, 2005**
- Orange County, CA (exact location will be provided later)
- All teams consist of 4-person teams
- Youth and Adult divisions

Course Navigation:

Teams will use topographical maps, UTM coordinates, and the race instructions (which will be given to teams at the pre-race meeting) to navigate the course. The course will not be marked! The course will include manned checkpoints. In order to be ranked, Teams must move together as a unit and visit each checkpoint in sequential order. The course and disciplines are subject to change due to weather, safety, or other unforeseen concerns as determined by the race director.

Course Summary:

- **Trek/Trail Sections:** These sections will be held during the day and at night. The trek sections will be challenging with potentially over 4,000 feet of climbing.
- **Mountain Bike Sections:** With over 3,000 feet of climbing, this section includes steep climbs, steep descents, and beautiful fireroads with spectacular views from some of the highest peaks in Orange County.
- **Paddling Sections:** The paddle will follow some of California's most beautiful coastline, allowing racers to experience the spectacular scenery. This year's paddling section may include a 2nd paddle section over flat water.

Equipment/Support:

- The race will provide kayaks and paddles for each team (see mandatory gear list)
- This is a "Supported" race (i.e., each team must provide at least 1 crew person who can drive a vehicle)

Registration/Clinics:

- REGISTER EARLY! Registration will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Please be aware that event registration is limited due to the number of kayaks being supplied to us by our gracious sponsor!
- Check the "News & Updates" section periodically for scheduled clinics and race updates

SAVE THE DATE----OCTOBER 21, 22 & 23 2005

IT'S BACK.....

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.....

YES, YES, YES.....

YOU GUESSED CORRECTLY THE BALBOA OAKS
SCAVENGER HUNT!!!!

Due to last years great success and participation it will now be an official Western Los Angeles County Council sanctioned event. It will be open to all districts in our Council. It will be officially known as the "WLACC Patrol Challenge".

If you didn't participate last year just ask around to anyone who did and you will hear about the fantastic time your Troop missed out on. A word of warning though, if you ask someone who did it last year be prepared to listen to a whole bunch of great stories and funny anecdotes. The stories are still being told with excitement 4 months after the event. You will also be able to read about it as the feature article in the upcoming September or October edition of Scouting Magazine.

Jack and I are already busy concocting all sorts of fun and challenging places to find, weird objects to obtain and all kinds of crazy, wild and fun things to do to earn enough points to be crowned, "The WLACC Patrol Challenge Champs". Competition will be stiff this year, we are projecting 100 patrols to participate. Due to the size of the Council we are working on having multiple starting locations to make it as fair as possible.

Do yourself a favor - be a hero to your Troop, Venture, Varsity or Webelos 2 Den and plan on attending this event. They will thank you. And you will thank yourself because it will be the most fun you will have at any event all year. And you can take that to the bank! LDS Troops don't get shut out on this event. Your challenge (for LDS only) will start Friday the 21 and end on Saturday night the 22nd.

Please forward this on to anyone you think might be interested or who wants to hear about it. Have them send me their email address to be put on the mailing list. (email addresses are not shared and are sent out "Bcc"). If you have any questions please email me or call Paul Oliver @ (818) 368-8110 or Jack Fishel @ (818) 989-1106. We will be sending out more updates as they become available. We look forward to challenging you!!!.....paul & jack

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
(Replaces Junior Leadership Training - JLT)
August 21 – 26, 2005 at Camp Whitsett

For an application form, visit our website www.bsa-la.org or

Contact the Course Scoutmaster: Greg Bassé (Scoutmaster/Course Director)
Email: GregBasse@comcast.net
Fax: 661-775-3939
Phone: 661-263-6433 (M-F 7-10pm, Sat & Sun 9am-10pm)

What is NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING?

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING is a week long outdoor experience for present and future youth troop leaders, designed to help a Scoutmaster in his responsibility to train his Scouts in being better troop leaders and in maintaining a youth-run Scouting Program. The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Program replaces the course previously known as Junior Leader Training Conference (JLTC).

The course focuses on teaching advanced leadership skills in a team-building atmosphere based on the patrol method. Participants will be regularly challenged to accomplish activities and projects using the leadership skills taught in the course.

We set the example with a Youth-led troop as all the teaching is done by a Youth staff. Adult Staff will be present.

The experience and fellowship received by being with a patrol of Youth Leaders from other troops and led by a quality Youth Staff is significant for the participants. Our objective is for the participants to return to their troops with enthusiasm and ideas that will help make their job a lot easier and improve the troop's program.

What is the curriculum?

The course models a month in the life of a troop – three meetings (one each day for the first three days) all leading up to a big outdoor experience (an overnight outpost camp).

The course uses the patrol method and presents model Patrol Leader Council meetings. Patrols are challenged early in the week to present to the troop at the end of the week their "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership."

While the challenge is designed to have them go through the four stages of team development, it will help patrols and individual Scouts internalize the leadership skills and concepts being presented to them along the way.

Throughout the course, the staff will be modeling the concepts and skills that are the core content of the course. The focus of each session is not only knowledge but giving the youth a "Toolbox of Skills" that equips them with the "how to".

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING has six major aims:

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program.
- To teach and practice key leadership skills and relate these skills to the Scout's troop responsibilities.
- To give Scouts the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other Scouts
- Give each Scout a varied experience and new skills, with emphasis on the patrol method, in a fun atmosphere
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience "Scouting at its best".
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and his home troop.

Is NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING a week at summer camp?

No. Although there is an emphasis on fun, NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING is a leadership training course in an outdoor environment. There are no rank advancement opportunities during the week. The purpose of this course is to develop leadership skills that Scouts will use in their home troop and throughout their lives.

Who should attend NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING?

- Youth in a position of leadership (Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader) or will be a candidate in the near future.
- Be First Class rank before August 1, 2005.
- Must be thirteen years of age by August 1, 2005.
- And have the enthusiasm and desire to participate in this learning experience.

What is the NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING Participant cost? (Not Yet Established)

(A minimum of \$25 deposit to be paid with application, balance due by July 22, 2005)

When does registration close?

The last day to register is on July 22, 2005. After that date, Scouts are taken IF space is available.

To register, mail this application (2 Pages), complete with parent and scoutmaster signatures, along with the registration fee (Payable to: Boy Scouts of America-WLACC) to:

Greg Bassé (Scoutmaster/Course Director)
27765 Kristin Lane
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Write on the check: Acct. # 1-6801-138-20

Is the home Scoutmaster involved?

Absolutely! NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING is designed to enhance the Scouts relationship with his home

The Scoutmaster is invited to visit and observe the program on Friday afternoon, August 20, 2005. Activities for this day will include patrol presentations based on the "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership". This will be followed by a Troop Feast and Commitment Campfire.

Is any special equipment needed?

Each Scout is required to have at least one complete summer Scout uniform. A complete uniform includes the following; Scout shirt, Scout pants, Scout belt and Scout socks. This is known as the Class A uniform and will be worn at breakfast and dinner during the week. Most other times the Scouts will wear a uniform which consists of the NYLT T-shirt (provided on the first day of the course) along with Scout pants, Scout socks and Scout belt. One set of civilian clothes will be useful for a couple of activities during the week. More information is given after application is received.

How can I get additional information?

Contact the Course Scoutmaster: Greg Bassé (Scoutmaster/Course Director)
Email: GregBasse@comcast.net
Fax: 661-775-3939
Phone: 661-263-6433 (M-F 7-10pm, Sat & Sun 9am-10pm)