

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

Bringing You This Week in Scouting!

October 12, 2005

**Hot Items at the Boy Scouts of America National
Council Web Site – www.Scouting.org**

Ready & Prepared Award

<http://www.scouting.org/awards/10-278/index.html>

The BSA Ready & Prepared Award was developed to encourage and reward Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews that incorporate safe practices while enjoying challenging activities. The award acknowledges the common sense and judgment, founded on knowledge and training, used to incorporate risk management into a unit's decision-making process. It recognizes that the more responsibility individual members take for their personal health and safety, the more everyone contributes to a successful activity.

Scouting's 95th Anniversary

<http://www.scouting.org/media/anniversary/index.html>

On this 95th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, we salute the history of Scouting, and 95 years of Good Turns for America.

2007 World Scout Jamboree

<http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/world/index.html>

Join us for the 2007 World Scout Jamboree held at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, Essex, in the heart of England, the birthplace of the Scouting movement. Get your request in now. The Western Los Angeles County Council has a limited amount of space available in the Western Region Contingent. A selection process will be implemented to review youth and leader applications.

Do Your Good Turn for America

<http://www.goodturnforamerica.org/>

From barn raisings to soup kitchens, ordinary Americans have always made an extraordinary difference in the lives of their neighbors and in their communities by lending a helping hand. Today, America needs the service of its citizens more than ever. Hunger, lack of adequate shelter, poor health—these are issues that affect all of us. The Boy Scouts of America believes that we can do something about these issues—if we work together. That's why we've created Good Turn for America. Good Turn for America is a collaboration with The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, and thousands of other community organizations that focuses the power of volunteerism on these important community issues.

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**48th Jamboree-on-the-Air &
Jamboree-on-the-Internet**

October 15-16, 2005

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting and amateur radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world participate. If the conditions are right, it is common to contact a hundred Scouting countries during the weekend.

In the United States, Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols visit a local amateur's ham shack during JOTA. Many districts and councils hold events that coincide with JOTA, where amateurs set up stations giving Scouts and leaders a chance to exchange greetings with Scouts from other areas.

Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, is an annual Scouting event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. This event utilizes computers and the internet. Thousands of Scout groups can be contacted during the weekend.

In the United States, Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols can meet and, under the supervision of leadership, make many new friends. Councils and districts can host a JOTI event at Scout shoes or other events where computers can be connected to the Internet.

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

Announcing The New Duty To God Promotion Patch

Patch: Duty to God Promotion Patch

Purpose: To learn about & promote religious emblems

Requirements:

Attend or make a presentation on religious emblems & make a commitment to Duty to God

Eligibility:

Both youth and adults – of all faiths – may earn this patch

Resources:

Video, scripts & slide presentations

Available from: www.praypub.org or call 1-800-933-7729

Scouting For Food

Boy Scout Councils throughout Los Angeles and Orange County are coordinating a Food Drive in cooperation with local Food Banks & Pantries. As an organization, the Boy Scouts of America has made a strong commitment to help disadvantaged communities through a food drive called "Scouting for Food." This "Good Turn for America" will take place on **Saturday, November 5, 2005 (Bag Distribution)** and **Saturday, November 12, 2005 (Bag Collection)**.

- "Scouting For Food" Patch For Each Participant
- "Scouting For Food" Ribbon For Each Participating Unit
- "Scouting For Food" Bags For Each Participating Unit
- "Scouting For Food" Promotion Via Regional Television, Radio & Newspapers
- Week Of November 5, 2005 - Scouting For Food Bag Distribution In Your Neighborhood
- Saturday, November 12, 2005 - Scouting For Food Bag Collection In Your Neighborhood

For additional details, contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-933-0129 or dfortin@bsa-la.org or your District Scouting For Food Chairman.

Great News in the Western Los Angeles County Council Jewish Scouting Community:

A Coed Jewish Venturing Crew is forming at Temple B'nai Hayim, a Conservative Synagogue in Sherman Oaks, CA. The Crew will be Shomer Shabbat and follow Jewish dietary laws.

At its first organization meeting today (10/9/05), seven teens participated and divided up the leadership responsibilities. They will meet again soon, on a date to be determined, to secure sufficient adult leadership, to complete the chartering process, and to begin planning their program and having FUN.

Any Jewish Teens in the San Fernando Valley interested in participating should contact me at david@karpmediation.com or 818-781-1458 so that I can forward your information to the youth leadership for follow up.

What a great way to start off the New Year!!
David I. Karp, Crew Advisor Pro Tem

Patrol Challenge

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21-23, 2005
COUNCIL WIDE - PATROL CHALLENGE

IT'S BACK...BIGGER AND BETTER THAN LAST
YEAR...

Based on last year's great success and participation, the Scavenger Hunt has been scheduled as a 2005 Council Activity. All patrols in the Western Los Angeles County Council are invited to participate in the "WLACC Patrol Challenge". Read about last year's district event as the feature article in the September 2005 issue of Scouting Magazine.

The Challenge is open to 2nd Year Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers. LDS Patrols will start Friday the 21st and end Saturday night the 22nd. Observant Jewish patrols may check in after sundown on Saturday with competition ending on Sunday. Do yourself a favor - be a hero to your 2nd year Webelos Den, Troop, Team or Crew and plan on attending this activity, it may be the most fun you'll have at any event all year. To get on the email update list, check for early bonus points, or for more info, send your email address to pauloliver@verizon.net. Or call Paul Oliver (818) 368-8110 or Jack Fishel (818) 989-1106. Western Los Angeles County Council

**The Silver Beaver Award for
Distinguished Service to Youth**
Nominations Due: Friday, November 18, 2005

Trainer Development Conference

Saturday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
November 19, 2005

LDS Burbank Ward Chapel
14001 Burbank Blvd
Sherman Oaks, CA 91401
(Between Hazeltine and Woodman)

Cost: \$15.00

Includes Registration, Lunch and Refreshments, A Notebook Full of Materials, and A Day Full of Incredible Training.

John Overton, Course Director
(D) 818-620-100 or email john.w.overton2@boeing.com

For additional details, please contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at 818-933-0129 or via email: dfortin@bsa-la.org.

2006 Philmont Expedition

Expedition #707-O

Depart Los Angeles, Wednesday, July 5, 2006
Overnight Philmont Thursday, July 6, 2006
Philmont Check-In Friday, July 7, 2006
Depart Philmont Wednesday, July 19, 2006
Return Los Angeles, Thursday, July 20, 2006
6 Crews with 72 Participants

The estimated 2006 Council Philmont Contingent fee is \$1,005.00 per participant and includes the 12-day Philmont backpacking expedition plus round trip transportation from Los Angeles via Amtrak and the Philmont Bus, meals & extra night to and from Philmont, program expenses at Philmont, council administrative fee and a contingency.

Currently the Council Philmont Contingent payment due for September 1, 2005 is a total of \$360.00 (Less deposits and payments received). Future payments due are; January 15, 2006, \$320.00 (for a total of \$680.00), and May 1, 2006, \$325.00 (for a total \$1,000.00).

Although the 2006 Council Philmont Contingent is fully subscribed, a waiting list has been established for any eligible Scout or Leader that would like to participate.

Reservation for the 2007 Council Philmont Contingent will begin later this year.

For additional details, please contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at 818-933-0129 or via email: dfortin@bsa-la.org.

Order of the Arrow – Lodge Conclave/Fellowship

Save the Date
Friday – Sunday
October 28-30, 2005

Order of the Arrow – Vigil Honor for Outstanding Service

Vigil Honor Nomination Forms Due:
Saturday, October 29, 2005
Lodge Conclave/Fellowship

After two years of service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, a youth or adult Arrowman may be selected to be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to Scouting, their lodge, or the Order of the Arrow.

2006 Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases Contingent

Donald Rogert Canoe Base on Perch Lake
Atikokan, Ontario
Canada

The Council Activities and Civic Service Committee has requested Reservations for the summer of 2006.

Request for reservations are being accepted for eligible Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturer, and leaders

Reservation for the 2007 Council Northern Tier Contingent will begin later this year.

For additional details, please contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at 818-933-0129 or via email: dfortin@bsa-la.org.

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

For details on the United States Contingent to the 21st World Scout Jamboree go to <http://scouting.org/jamboree/world/index.html>.

For 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.

Order of the Arrow – Lodge Winter Ordeal & Brotherhood Induction Weekend

Save the Date
Friday – Saturday
December 2-3, 2005

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

Donate Your Vehicle

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

ActiveCA - www.ActiveCA.org

See Attached Flyer

- The Boy Scouts are partnering with the governor to promote a program to increase awareness and participation in fitness and health enhancement for scouts and the general public.
- Each district in the western LA Council is being asked to create their own plan to promote “Active-Ca/Live in a Healthy State”
- The steering committee for this project has created the following suggestions which you can use, alter, or throw out and create your own plan.
- Each district must come up with their plan, write up a rough draft, and e-mail it to Dr. Barry Carlin, the committee co-chair by July 21st, and plan to present it at the July 27th council coordinated Meeting.
- Part of the plan will be to have scouts present the program to the public at local organization meetings and events already scheduled. A scout will give a short speech about the program, a handout about the program will be handed out, and a press release will be sent to local media. Local media can also be invited to attend the event.
- A youth co-chair will need to be chosen in each district
- The council committee will supply districts with a one page handout to give all attendees which describes the program.
- Each district must create a SHORT script for a scout to say when presenting to a group. Please include this with the draft you e-mail on 7/21. You can use the one page handout mentioned above as a guide
- Each district will plan an official kick-off event. The guidelines are in a packet from Governor Schwarzenegger
- Possible groups to approach to speak at or have a booth/table to talk to people:
 - Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Elks, AYSO, church’s, synagogues, All scout groups, girl scouts, Chambers of commerce, Hispanic, Asian and other cultural groups, school assembly’s, 10K’s, walk-a-thon’s, marathon’s, local sporting events, charity events, local athletic leagues & teams, local business’s to offer it to their employees (healthy, fit workers have less injuries and work comp costs, and are more productive, morale is better and the company is more profitable. Perhaps the company can promote their workers to exercise during lunch or right after work), Police & Fire department, doctors, dentists, acupuncturists, chiropractors, gyms.
 - Senior centers, YMCA’s, tennis clubs, Sierra club, Martial arts clubs, dance schools, boys and girls clubs, golf clubs

For additional details, contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-933-0129 or dfortin@bsa-la.org or your District ActiveCA Chairman.

Field Trip Factory – www.fieldtripfactory.com

Free Field Trips

For over 10 years, Field Trip Factory has delivered FREE, fun field trips to communities across the country. Field Trip Factory offers hands-on lessons in real life environments, where children are taught valuable skills. Last year, over 3,000 Tiger Cub Groups, Cub Scout Dens, and Boy Scout Troops participated in our field trips, meeting program and advancement requirements in nutrition, fitness, creative problem-solving, teamwork, literacy, individuality, animal care, recycling and geography. Schedule your field trip online at www.fieldtripfactory.com or call (800) 987-6409.

Horsemanship Merit Badge

Visit their website at www.eldustberry.org.

National Public Lands Day

September 24, 2005
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Paramount Ranch
Contact: Mike Malone
National Park Service Volunteer Manager
(D) 805-370-2317

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

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

Personnel Needs

Western Los Angeles County Council, Antelope Valley District B.S.A. has an opening for a part-time employee (20 hrs/wk) to serve in a teaching role at the Challenger Center (juvenile detention center) in west Lancaster and the Venturing center in Palmdale. This person also helps in Venturing programs established in local High Schools. Some Scouting background is helpful. Training in several outdoor certification (COPE) courses will be provided. Compensation is \$10 per hour. This person will conduct groups through the Venturing center. In the High Schools, this person will be presenting some Scouting as well as motivational materials. Interested parties should bring or fax resume to the AV Service center at 42402 10th St. Lancaster (93534) or FAX to: 661-723-1450. This person should be at least 18 years of age. We will go into further detail as to instructional courses we have been offering at the Challenger Center. No college degree is required. Questions may also be referred to Steven G. Millar, DE Antelope Valley District, B.S.A. at 661-942-0582.

Spooktacular!

**Sponsored by Councilmember Greg Smith
Northridge Hospital Medical Center Community
Festival**

Saturday, October 29, 2005

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts have been invited to participate in the Community Tent!

Northridge (Roscoe & Reseda)

Roscoe Blvd. Closed from Reseda to Etiwanda

Last year approximately 10,000 people attended this event.

20 Non-Profit Organizations have been invited to participate in the Community Tent.

Fee: **\$50.00**

Spaces are still available.

Opportunity to promote and distribute information about Scouting in general and your unit in detail.

Please **RSVP ASAP** to:

Gail Hynick

818- 363-5035

ANDREW BROWN'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Dear Scouting friends and supporters:

As many of you already know, my Eagle Scout service project is designed to deliver a Christmas stocking to at least 250 soldiers in Iraq. Accomplishing this is going to require quite a bit of time and effort, so any help is appreciated!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We need donations to make this project a success. Here is a list of items we need:

- Cash (very useful at this point in the project)
- Tooth brushes
- Crystal Light (or similar powdered drink mix)
- Apple cider drink powder (soldiers like this at Christmas time)
- Powdered hot chocolate mix (ditto!)
- Hand warmers (inexpensive and disposable; K-Mart or Target should have them)
- Q-tips
- Baby wipes (soldiers love these!)

For planning purposes, we ask that if you intend to make a donation, you please confirm by e-mail the items you will be helping with. Please send your e-mail to lbrown@foley.com by the end of the day Sunday, October 16.

Please drop off your items Monday, October 17 or Tuesday, October 18 at the Brown home, 17170 Kinzie Street in Northridge, (818) 993-1409. After 7:00 p.m. on October 18, please bring any items to the Plummer L.D.S. Church Building. If you need to make special arrangements or need your items picked up, please let us know.

ALSO: Please come help us stuff the Christmas stockings at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, at the Plummer L.D.S. Building! You'll be glad you helped!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Andrew Brown

(818) 993-1409

CAHUENGA DISTRICT

Fall 2005

Merit Badge Midway

Extravaganza

Sunday, October 30th

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Temple Beth Hillel

12326 Riverside Drive

Valley Village, CA 91607

For Information:

Claudio Sapir (818)762-3567 raul-locksmith@sbcglobal.net

Or Jean Kline (310)289-0132

jmclinecpa@aol.com

Cost: \$3 per Scout

\$2.50 per Scout in advance

From Congressman Howard Berman's Office

On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2005 we will honor veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces with the 2nd annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade.

You can help make this important event a success by becoming an official entrant in the parade. The parade will begin at 11:00am on the corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Rinaldi Street and will run south on Laurel Canyon Boulevard for 1.3 miles and end at Paxton Street in Pacoima.

Veterans Day is a special day set aside to honor Veterans for their service and the sacrifices they and their families have made. At a time when our troops are actively engaged in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and throughout the world, the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade is particularly important to the proud veterans, families of veterans and troops from the San Fernando Valley.

I thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your participation on Veterans Day. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (818) 891-9399 Ext. 124 or email lrojas@cisgla.org. Please mark this date on your calendar. Shortly a registration form will follow so we can confirm the Boy's Scouts participation in the parade.

*Sincerely,
Lydia Rojas-Cardoza"*

WESTERN LOS ANGELES
JEWISH COMMITTEE ON
(In conjunction with Cahuenga



COUNTY COUNCIL
SCOUTING
District's 2005 Religious Emblem Weekend)

FALL RELIGIOUS

EMBLEM WORKSHOP

Maccabee [Grades 1-3], Aleph [Grades 3-5],
Ner Tamid [Age 11+], Etz Chaim [Age 14+]
(Requirements available at www.jewishscouting.org/njcs/emblems/index.html)

November 20, 2005 / 18 Heshvan 5766
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Limited Enrollment.

Temple Beth Hillel, Activities Building
12326 Riverside Drive, Valley Village, CA 91607
(Between Whitsett and Laurel Cyn, enter from Laurelgrove)

Adult attendance is required with all Tiger, Cub and Webelos Scouts.
Scouts in uniform please, including Scout Hats or Kippot.

If the emblem is completed by December 20, 2005, your Scout and family will be eligible
to attend a JCOS Religious Emblem Recognition Luncheon on January 8, 2006.
(Also mark your calendar for Temple Beth Hillel's Scout Shabbat, March 3, 2006)

Questions? Contact David I. Karp, 818-781-1458, david@karpmediation.com
Registration is made with the following form
Donation of \$5.00 payable to WLACC – JCOS also suggested
Reservation Cutoff: November 10, 2005

(Tear off and return to David I. Karp, 13818 Cumpston Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401-5818.)

Scout(s) Name(s) _____ Age _____ Pack/Troop _____

Which Emblem? _____ Accompanying Adult: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Donation suggested of \$5.00 per Scout, payable to WLACC-JCOS. Enclosed? _____

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
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) 995-1416 fax**

Brenda Bradford	Learning for Life, Exploring Executive	(818) 995-1415
Christine Demmitt	Learning for Life Director	(818) 995-1413

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



Our offices will be closed on
Thursday, October 13th in honor of Yom Kippur

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

Learning For Life Office

Please call the Learning for Life office for their hours and/or to make an appointment.
(phone numbers are listed on page 5 of this newsletter).