

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

Bringing You This Week in Scouting!

May 18, 2005

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner
Airtel Plaza Hotel
Van Nuys, California

Thursday – 6:30 PM

May 19, 2005

For additional information on the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center in Van Nuys at 818-933-0129 or email dfortin@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

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Editor's Note: *Beginning in June, ETrails summer issues will be published only twice per month. Weekly issues will return in the Fall once the Editor — (that's me)— returns from Maternity Leave. Please continue to e-mail submissions to Rlongwell@bsa-la.org throughout the summer. Thanks! RL*

Personnel News

**Scout Executive Announces New
Director of Finance Services**

Scout Executive Ross Harrop is pleased to announce the appointment of Ronnie J. Daniel as Director of Finance Services for Western Los Angeles County Council effective July 1, 2005. In this position, Ronnie will be responsible for the oversight and direction of fundraising for the operating and endowment funds.

Ronnie has served successfully as the Scout Executive of Old Baldy Council, headquartered in Ontario, California since December 2001.

Ronnie started his Scouting career in 1990, and has served in Stockton, California; Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to working for the Boy Scouts, he was involved in Scouting as a youth. He began as an 8 year-old Cub Scout, and later earned his Eagle Scout badge and three palms.

Ronnie and his wife Heidi have been married for 17 years and have 4 children. His oldest son has just earned his Eagle Scout award.

He was born and raised in Rexburg, Idaho. Ronnie graduated from Brigham Young University and has his degree in Boy Scout Organization Administration.

Ronnie has been an active Rotarian for 15 years. He enjoys all sports, reading, and spending time with his family. He has been very active in his church being involved in the youth programs and other leadership positions.

Western Los Angeles County Council looks forward to Ronnie providing key leadership to its Finance Support Division.

Spring Wood Badge is Here

When:

Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22, 2005
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.

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 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

Meet Brando, the Brown Bat - Sunday, May 22nd 1 pm

This is a terrific outing for Cub Scouts (Boy Scouts too). Take out a tour permit and bring the den or patrol... here are the details. This is local and FREE...

Meet Brando, the Brown Bat
Sunday, May 22nd 1 p.m.

Wild Birds Unlimited of Woodland Hills, CA
22110 Ventura Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91364
Phone: (818) 704-SEED

Did you know that of the thousands of species of mammals, a quarter of them are bats? Did you know that some of the large fruit bats can glide like raptors? And did you know that the largest bat, the gigantic flying fox, has a wingspan of almost 6 feet? (Not to worry - you won't find one of those bats in the U.S.)

Discover more fascinating facts about bats when you join Brando and his human, bat biologist Diana Simons, here at Wild Birds Unlimited this **Sunday, May 22nd at 1 p.m.**

Diana will separate bat fact from bat fiction and you'll get an up close and personal look at Brando, a brown bat found throughout North America. Brando was found here in the San Fernando Valley with a broken wing. Although his injury is now healed, he is no longer able to fly. He is now an "ambatssador" helping people to learn about the mysterious world of bats.

A bat biologist, Diana gives educational programs about bats. As cities in California continue to sprawl, her mission to spread positive public perception about bats becomes vitally important to their survival.

As always, this program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, on a first come basis, so plan to be here early.

Enjoy the day!
YIJS,
Joyce Stein

HELP WANTED !!!!

Each year the Tamkin Foundation-sponsored Learning For Life Program has an Outdoor Experience, funded by the Fannie and Svante Knistrom Foundation, for the Special Needs students who participate in the classes at their schools. The Knistrom Outdoor Experience is scheduled for Mon., May 23 thru Thurs., May 26, 2005 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day at Chace Park in Marina del Rey, next to the Pardee Sea Base. The Outdoor Experience includes arts and crafts projects, a Harbor cruise and a BBQ lunch.

We are looking for Volunteers to help provide a fun-filled day for the students. We need approximately 6 volunteers for each day. Some of the areas we need help with are: assisting teachers with the arts and craft project, reading stories in down time, helping serve lunch and directing assigned groups to the boat.

If you have 1 day available, that is great. If you can help on 2, 3, or 4 days, fantastic! Please contact Christine Demmitt at cdemmitt@lfl-la.org as soon as possible.

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.**

Attention: All Past and Present 307ers

Tickets are now available for our 50 Year Anniversary Extravaganza which will be held on **Saturday, May 21st**. **Tickets** are only \$15 per person which includes Admission, Program, Commemorative Patch, Catered Dinner, Picture Presentation, Silent Auction, Bonus Auction Tickets, Special Guests, Grand Prize Drawing and all the memories you can pack into your mind.

Look for a Troop member or you can contact me for tickets. If you want tickets from me mail me a check and I will have them available to be picked up at my house or have them available to be picked up at will call the night of the event. Make all checks out to BSA Troop 307.

Send to:
Paul Oliver - Scoutmaster
11224 Amestoy Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

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.aegrouptickets.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

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



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

March 7, 2005

Dear Boy Scout Troop 307 Members, Family, and Friends,

You are cordially invited to participate in the **50th Anniversary Celebration** of Troop 307's existence as one of the best Boy Scout Troops in the Balboa Oaks District. Balboa Oaks District is within the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles County. To celebrate this **Golden Anniversary**, there will be a Dinner and Silent Auction to be held on Saturday May 21, 2005 at the Granada Hills Church of Latter-Day Saints; 11315 White Oak Ave. Granada Hills. The doors will open at 5:00 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. During dinner there will be a short program honoring Boy Scout Troop 307, in the past and in the present.

This exciting event has been established to recognize the currently active scouts, scout alumni, Eagle Scouts, leadership, past and present Scoutmasters, our charter organization First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills, local dignitaries, as well as friends and family that have so generously given of their time and support to Troop 307 over the years.

There are times that some of our Scouts and Scout families need financial assistance in order to participate in activities. This year we will again place part of the proceeds of this event into the Deluce Memorial Fund, which provides Camperships, uniforms and assistance for Scouts in need. We believe that no Scout should be left out of an activity due to lack of funds.

Your assistance and participation would be most appreciated either by the purchase of a ticket, donation of an item or service for the Silent Auction or purchasing an advertisement in our Event Program.

\$10 for a business card

\$20 for a ¼ page

\$30 for a ½ page

\$50 for a full page

\$65 for full inside front or back cover

\$75 for full back cover (if available)

At the heart of our efforts is the commitment to enable young people to fulfill their potential to lead positive, productive and rewarding lives. It takes many, many hands and caring people to assist in keeping alive the organizations that benefit our children and future leaders.

Please send any donation items to the Co-Chairperson & Scoutmaster:
Mr. Paul Oliver at 11224 Amestoy Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you so much for your support.

Diane Freeman
Troop Committee Chair
(818) 998-2022
Dianefah@aol.com

Paul Oliver
Scoutmaster
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Pauloliver@verizon.net

Taxpayer ID # 95-4656954

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