

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

Bringing You This Week in Scouting!

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It's Popcorn Time!

Welcome to the 2005 Western Los Angeles County Council's Trail's End Popcorn Sale! We have been working since last November to organize all the details to provide the ONLY fundraiser your unit will need to provide the Ideal Year of Scouting. This is a win-win for everyone participating—your unit earns a commission to deliver a quality program, and Scouts can earn merit badges and prizes and camp fees.

District popcorn kickoffs are held at the August roundtable. Packets of information are given to units that include the sales booklet, important dates, samples of forms, prize information and a lot more!

We're starting earlier this year with Take Orders beginning September 9 and Show & Deliver, Show & Sell and beginning on September 10. The Show & Deliver/Sell order was due on August 24. The sale goes through October 25 this year. We hope you'll jump in the popper with the other 170+ units that sell and use this as your only fundraiser!

Call Colette Taylor at 818-933-0104 or email
ctaylor@bsa-la.org and sign up to sell today!

How good can your program be this year?

Imagine a program so meaningful to their son that parents would increase their involvement and commitment. A program year so full of fun activities, events and recognition that boys couldn't wait for the next meeting so they could bring their friends. Imagine a program fully funded and "owned" by the Scouts themselves. Imagine a year brimming with exciting things to do at little or no cost to mom and dad!

That's the Ideal Year of Scouting! It's actually happening for many Western Los Angeles County Council packs and troops. You're helping to make it happen. It's happening because you're planning better, more robust programs. You are communicating costs and needs to parents clearly and *using Trail's End as a single fundraiser* to pay for your complete year of fun, excitement and growth for Scouts.

We encourage you to plan at least one or two Blitz Days for Show and Deliver sales. We're planning a council-wide Blitz Day for September 17. In other councils, units have proven that they *sell four times as much* in the same period of time as compared to selling in front of a store.

Total sales in 2004 were \$500,000! Your unit shared in over \$355,000 that supported local Scouting.

Join us this year as we reach for our \$700,000 goal. There are no hoops to jump through to earn more. The more you sell over last year, the more dollars that are returned to your unit. What a great way to help provide a full and successful program.

Thank you for your commitment to Scouting!

Varsity Scout & Venturing Triathlon

Saturday
September 24, 2005
Sponsored by the LDS Varsity Committee

All Scouts and Scouters

A few updates on the upcoming WLACC Patrol Challenge October 21 - 23, 2005. We are confirmed to have 3 starting locations. One on the West Side for the Crescent Bay district, one in the SF Valley for the Balboa Oaks, Las Colinas and Cahuenga Districts and one in the Agua Dulce area for the Bill Hart and Antelope Valley districts. We are going to need all of them. We are projecting 2,000+ participants!!!

Observant Jewish Units will be able to participate and observe the Sabbath. Your event will start around sundown on Saturday and finish on Sunday. You will be competing only against other Observant Units. LDS, you too will have your unique schedule of starting on Friday and finishing on Saturday night and competing against LDS units.

We already have this years patch set up and it is cooler than last years. And last years was realllllyyyyyy cooooooolllllll. There are some wild locations to find, mysteries to unravel, weird items to obtain and cool fun things to do as a patrol. You will probably do stuff you have never done before in your life and go places you never even knew existed.

It has been confirmed with Scouting Magazine that our Scavenger Hunt/Patrol Challenge from last year will be the cover story in the September Scouting Magazine. You should start seeing your copy at the end of August.

This is a major event to plan and we could really use a little RSVP help from everyone to guide us. If you get this email could you please respond with:

- 1. Do you think you will participate - yes, no or undecided**
- 2. If you are attending, how many patrols in your unit (each patrol has a maximum of 8 boys)**
- 3. How many boys in each patrol**
- 4. What District are you in**
- 5. Are you LDS or Observant Jewish unit**

We understand it is a little early to know for sure, but give us a guess. It will really help. Don't worry about duplicate RSVP's, we will sort them out. To RSVP or to get more info on the event contact pauloliver@verizon.net

Please forward this info on to everyone on your Scout email list and ask them to contact us to get onto the event email roster to keep up to date on all the current info.

Also the first Bonus Point Deadline date of September 16th is fast approaching. Pay your registration by then to earn 400 bonus points.

Your wild and crazy hosts.....Jack and Paul

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.

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.

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

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

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.

The Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth

Nominations Due: Friday, November 18, 2005

Trainer Development Conference

Save the Date: Saturday, November 19, 2005

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.

The Antelope Valley district would like you to know..., "that we are deep into recruiting at local schools and rechartering for 2006 has begun. Also congratulations on a job well done go to John Snediker and Mike and Linda O'Toole for their leadership roles at the 2005 National jamboree and for Jerry Nieto once again contributing to the success of the Scuba section at the jamboree. We appreciate their hard work and sacrifice to make the jamboree a success. A special tribute to Barbara Heggem and Judy Toothaker from Antelope Valley District. Judy Toothaker has faithfully served as coordinator of the Venturing center and the Challenger center youth programs and at the same time Training chairman of Los Colinas District. Barbara Heggem has faithfully served as Program chairman for the Antelope Valley District. Both of these ladies have made a tremendous contribution to Antelope Valley and to Scouting in general. They both will be sorely missed and we recognize their great contribution to the W.L.A.C.C. and the Antelope Valley District in particular. George Passantino, a member of this year's American Heroes Dinner, has agreed to be the 2006 chairman and several preliminary staging meetings have already been held. We are looking for continued growth in all areas of Scouting in the Antelope Valley District."

ActiveCA - www.ActiveCA.org

See ActiveCA.org website for more information.

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.

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.

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

Order of the Arrow – Lodge Fall Ordeal Weekend

Fall Ordeal Weekend
8:30 PM Friday – 9:30 PM Saturday
September 9-10, 2005
Camp Jubilee

Candidates selected in 2005 for Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow, and who have not participated in an induction weekend, are invited to participate in the September Ordeal Weekend conducted by the Lodge. For those candidates who are unable to attend, the next Lodge Ordeal is scheduled for December 2-3, 2005. Candidates who do not complete the Ordeal within one year of their election will have to be re-elected by their troop or team.

The Fall Ordeal Registration fee is \$60.00 and includes OA Sash, OA Handbook, OA Universal Ribbon, and OA Malibu Lodge Flap, program expenses, meals and OA Lodge Dues. Please note that the Fall Ordeal Registration fee includes your lodge dues for both 2005 and 2006.

To register for the Fall Ordeal Weekend, contact Derek Fortin, Director of Support Services, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center in Van Nuys at (D) 818-933-0129, FAX 818901-4887 or email dfortin@bsa-la.org. Include your name, an evening telephone number and where you live.

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 – Lodge Conclave/Fellowship

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

MSAS Astronomy Village – Science Center & Observatory

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

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.

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

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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.

**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:**

Ronnie Daniels, Director of Finance Services (818) 933-0105
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) 9330128
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) 901-4891phone / (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

Scouting Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor 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