

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

Bringing You This Week in Scouting!

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

Disaster Recovery – <http://www.goodturnforamerica.org/disasterrecovery/index.html>

In the aftermath of a major disaster, members of the Boy Scouts of America throughout the country demonstrate their commitment to help other people in numerous ways. With your support and assistance, Scouts are working diligently to provide aid and assistance to those affected by recent disasters.

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.

Learn more about "One World One Promise" at the 21st World Scout Jamboree 2007 – United Kingdom www.scouting2007.org

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.

Other Items Of Interest Available At: – www.Scouting.org

NESA Eagle Scout Scholarships – <http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=ba&c=ne>

Two revised applications for the Cooke Eagle Scout Academic Scholarships and the Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarships are now available from the BSA Website.

Please discard all old scholarship forms. Only the new forms will be acceptable. (Applications should be given only to graduating high school seniors because the forms will change each year.)

Applications for both scholarships will be accepted after October 1, 2005, but postmarked no later than midnight January 31, 2006.

Tell Us About Your Service Project - <http://www.goodturnforamerica.org/>

We know that Scouts across the nation are answering the call to service. To tell the story of how your den, pack, patrol, troop, team, crew, or ship is contributing to this effort, Log onto www.goodturnforamerica.org and select the "Tell Us About Your Project" button the left of the screen.

Council Advancement & Recognition Committee Highlights

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

The Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth

Nominations Due:
Friday, November 18, 2005

For additional details, contact Paula Shattuck, Support Services Administrative Assistant, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-785-8700 ext. 175 or via email: pshattuck@bsa-la.org.

Recommendations for 2005 Silver Antelope Award

The Boy Scouts of America, via the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Antelope Award for distinguished service to registered, volunteer Scouters in the Western Region. You are invited to recommend an individual who meets the intent and requirements of this recognition.

The nominee should be:

1. An individual over 21 years of age.
2. Registered as a volunteer Scouter.
3. Residing in the jurisdiction of the Western Region.
4. A person of noteworthy service and exceptional character.
5. A person who has demonstrated leadership and service in area and regional activities. (This person may be representing the Western Region with service on a national task force committee.)

Please submit the recommendation through the individual's local council with sufficient lead time for local approval and area endorsement. The recommendation needs to be received in the regional office by Friday, December 30, 2005.

The recognition ceremony will be held with the national Meetings in Washington, DC, May 24-26, 2006.

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Council Recognition Dinner

Thursday Evening – January 26, 2006
The Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odyssey Drive
Granada Hills, Ca 91344
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Reception
7:30 PM – 9:15 PM – Dinner & Program
Cost \$45.00 per Person
This Dinner Will Recognize the Year 2005 Silver Beaver Recipients
Reservations Due By January 12, 2006

For additional details, contact Paula Shattuck, Support Services Administrative Assistant, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-785-8700 ext. 175 or via email: pshattuck@bsa-la.org.

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner – Class of 2005-2006

Thursday Evening – May 18, 2006
Airtel Plaza Hotel
7277 Valjean Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91406-3425
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Reception
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Dinner & Program
No Charge for the Eagle Scout Class of 2005-2006
Eagle Scout Sponsors: \$110.00

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Council Leadership Training Committee Highlights

Trainer Development Conference – www.bsa-la.org

Saturday – November 19, 2005
LDS Burbank Ward Chapel
14001 Burbank Blvd
Sherman Oaks, CA 91401
(Between Hazeltine and Woodman)
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
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, contact Paula Shattuck, Support Services Administrative Assistant, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-785-8700 ext. 175 or via email: pshattuck@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 \$1,005.00).

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.

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2006 Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases Contingent

Donald Rogert Canoe Base on Perch Lake

Atikokan, Ontario

Canada

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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.

Holiday Drive Report for "Operation Gratitude"

For those of you who unfamiliar with Operation Gratitude, it is a volunteer organization that prepares care packages for our men and women that serve in the military around the world. The care packages are sent twice a year, on 4th of July and Christmas. This is not a political organization. It exists solely to support our troops over seas.

For more information and to read letters of appreciation from the guys and gals in the field, go to <http://www.opgratitude.com> As they work to complete the packages for Christmas delivery, please review the list of items they are in need of and if you can help, please do so! Thank you!!!

Donate Your Vehicle

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

University of Scouting

Saturday – January 21, 2006

Birmingham High School

Van Nuys, CA

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$20.00

Includes Registration, Lunch and Refreshments

Dru Willey, Chairman

(H) 818-883-2459 or email angus1001@aol.com

For additional details, contact Paula Shattuck, Support Services Administrative Assistant, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-785-8700 ext. 175 or via email: pshattuck@bsa-la.org

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

February Course

Thursday - Saturday, February 2 -4, 2006

& Thursday – Saturday, February 23 – 25, 2006

Thomas Muir, Course Director

Linda O’Toole, Assistant Course Director

March Course

Friday – Sunday, March 24 – 26, 2006

& Thursday – Saturday, April 6 – 8, 2006

Camp Three Falls

Bill “Moose” Shattuck, Course Director

Robert Rees, Assistant Course Director

October Course

Friday – Sunday, October 27 – 29, 2006

& Saturday – Monday, November 11 – 13, 2006

Camp Josepho

Sue Armstrong, Course Director

Jack Fishel, Assistant Course Director

Participant Fee: \$250.00

Staff Fee: \$150.00

For additional details, contact Paula Shattuck, Support Services Administrative Assistant, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-785-8700 ext. 175 or via email: pshattuck@bsa-la.org.

National Youth Leadership Training

Summer Session

Sunday – Friday, July 2-7, 2006

Winter Session

Sunday – Friday, December 17-22, 2006

National Youth Leadership Training is a six-day 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) 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.

For additional details, contact Paula Shattuck, Support Services Administrative Assistant, at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center 818-785-8700 ext. 175 or via email: pshattuck@bsa-la.org.

Council Camping & Outdoor Promotions Committee Highlights

OA Lodge Winter Ordeal Weekend

Friday – Saturday, December 2-3, 2005

Sage Ranch—1 Black Canyon Road

Santa Susana, CA 93063-4632

8:30 PM Friday – 8:30 PM Saturday

Ordeal Candidate Fee \$60.00

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

OA Lodge Brotherhood Induction

Saturday Afternoon, December 3, 2005

Sage Ranch—1 Black Canyon Road

Santa Susana, CA 93063-4632

4:00 PM – Brotherhood Hike

5:00 PM – Brotherhood Ceremony

Brotherhood Induction Fee \$15.00

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

OA Lodge – Order of the Arrow 90th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony

Saturday Evening, December 3, 2005

Sage Ranch

1 Black Canyon Road

Santa Susana, CA 93063-4632

8:00 PM – Rededication Ceremony

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

OA Lodge Leadership Development

Saturday, January 7, 2006

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration Fee \$7.00

OA Lodge Banquet

Saturday Evening, January 7, 2006

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Cost \$10.00

OA – Section W4A Conclave – www.section4a.com

Friday – Sunday, March 17-19, 2006

Rio Mesa High School

545 Central Ave

Oxnard, CA 93030

Cost \$50.00

Go to www.bsa-la.org for Malibu Lodge Registration Form

OA Lodge Picnic

Saturday, June 17, 2006

11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Cost \$5.00

National Order of the Arrow Conference

Saturday – Saturday

July 29 to August 3, 2006

Michigan State University

Council Activities & Civic Service Committee Highlights

ActiveCA - www.ActiveCA.org

Information Flyer available at www.bsa-la.org

- 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.

California Hunter Education/Safety Course – www.angelesranges.com

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

Great Sites to Visit:

California Science Center – www.californiasciencecenter.org

Field Trip Factory – www.fieldtripfactory.com

Horsemanship Merit Badge – www.eldustberry.org

Juan Bautista National Historic Trail – www.nps.gov/juba

MSAS Astronomy Village Science Center & Observatory – www.mountain-skies.org

Mountains Restoration Trust – www.mountainstrust.org

National Scouting Museum – www.bsamuseum.org

A World of Wonder – www.aquariumofpacific.org

Scholarship ALERT! - Elks.org/scouting

Jewish Scouting Update

About 50 Jewish Scouts participated in Cahuenga District's Inaugural Religious Emblem Weekend on November 19 and 20, 2005, complementing their commitment to reverence and to Judaism. The Jewish Religious Emblem workshop, on Sunday, November 20, 2005, took place at Temple Beth Hillel, Valley Village, CA (Reform). Yasher Koach, Scouts!

David I. Karp, Member, Western Los Angeles County Council Jewish Committee on Scouting
Cahuenga District Chairman

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



IN HONOR OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY,
COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24th & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

Regular Hours at the Anna Ruggieri Service Center

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Regular Hours at the Van Nuys Scout Store

Monday – Friday 9:00AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00AM to 3 PM

Thanksgiving hours:

Closed Thursday
Open Friday, 9 am—3pm
Open Regular hours on Saturday

Regular Hours at the Antelope Valley Service Center

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM & 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM
AV Scout Store closed on Thursday for Thanksgiving, open regular business hours
on Friday & Saturday.

Regular Hours at the Westside Service Center and Scout Store

Service Center Monday – Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Westside Scout Store Open:

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Westside Scout Store Thanksgiving hours:

Closed Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Will open with regular business hours on Tuesday, Nov. 29th

Learning For Life Office

Please call the Learning for Life office for their hours and/or to make an appointment.

PROJECT STONEY POINT-2005

PLEASE JOIN REI, SCOUTINGUS AND THE "FRIENDS OF STONEY POINT" IN A MAJOR CONSERVATION EFFORT TO REFURBISH A VALLEY OUTDOORS RECREATIONAL AREA.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL CUB, BOY, GIRL AND VENTURE SCOUTS TO BRING THEIR SCOUTING SPIRIT TO HELP PRESERVE THIS NATURAL HIKING, CLIMBING AND OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA.

**WHO: SCOUTINGUS, REI SPORTING GOODS, FRIENDS OF STONEY POINT, CALTRANS. DEPT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PRIVATE VOLUNTEERS AND YOU THE PROUD, LOYAL, CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY MINDED SCOUTS.
(CLASS "A" UNIFORMS IN THE MORNING FOR PICTURES,
CLASS "B" UNIFORMS FOR CLEAN UP. BRING SUNSCREEN AND HATS)**

WHAT: PLEASE BRING GLOVES, SHOVELS, RAKES TO HELP CLEAN UP TRASH, BROKEN GLASS, GRAFFITI, CLEAR BRUSH, AND REVIVE HIKING TRAILS.

WHEN: December 03, 2005. FROM: 7:00 am (sign-in) TO: Noon (sign out)

**WHERE: STONEY POINT TRAILS LOCATED ON TOPANGA CANYON BLVD., SOUTH OF THE 118 FREEWAY.
(Parking will be available on the EAST side of the road.)**

MISC: FOOD IS BEING DONATED AND COOKED BY PACK 441. WATER AND ENERGY BARS ARE COMPLIMENTS OF REI AND ALBERTSON'S MARKET. TRASH BAGS WILL BE AVAILBLE.

SCOUTS CAN EARN BELT LOOPS, WORLD CONSERVATION PATCHES AND OTHER MERIT AWARDS. FREE GIFTS FROM REI! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OUR SCOUTING ETHIC AND SPIRIT TO OUR PARENTS & COMMUNITY. (Counts also towards President's Service Award hours)

TOUR PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE.

PASS THIS ON TO YOUR DISTRICT & COUNCIL.

PLEASE RESPOND WITH A HEADCOUNT NO LATER THEN November 29, 2005

CONTACT LES SALAY AT: SCOUTINGUS@AOL.COM