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Silver Antelope Award Recipient

Congratulations to Marty Kasman for earning the Silver Antelope Award on May 31, 2007 at the BSA's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The Silver Antelope Award is given to those who have contributed much to Scouting, their communities and society.

Marty A. Kasman earned his Eagle Scout with Gold Palm in Panorama City, California. He has been an active adult volunteer for almost 30 years. Marty brings enthusiasm and purpose to all that he does. He influences youth and adults alike by bringing Scouting to life.

Marty is very involved with the council, district and unit activities of Western Los Angeles County Council. He exemplifies the adage that if you want to get something done, ask a busy person. Currently, Marty is a Cubmaster in Valencia, and he also serves as the Western Region Area IV Vice President of Program. Nationally, Marty has served in eight national jamborees and two national Wood Badge Alignment Symposiums.

Marty is the chief executive officer of a well-respected California-based environmental consulting firm. He is also an exceptional Scouter, dedicated husband, father and community leader who enjoys an impeccable and well-deserved reputation for honesty and integrity. Marty is a living example of the Scout Oath and Law.

Marty has served as the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church Supper Club group leader with the responsibility of organizing social dinners, fundraising and other events. He is an ambassador for the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce and has also raised guide dog puppies for the Guide Dogs of America.

For Marty's many selfless contributions to his community, the Boy Scouts of America was honored to present him with the Silver Antelope Award.



Jewish Community on Scouting

One of the prime purposes of the Jewish Committee on Scouting is to foster good outreach to Jewish youth by publicizing opportunities in Scouting. It does not matter if the opportunity is with a Jewish or non-Jewish unit.

To that end I would like to ask for your help with several ideas: The first is setting up a comprehensive directory on our JCOS web site so that any of us can refer interested Jewish youth to an appropriate unit. Please email jfeuer@askcsg.com with the unit leader name, unit number, city, charter organization, religious affiliation (if any), phone number and email address. I will cobble together a directory to last for the upcoming year. Please send this information even if you think I already have it – I would like to confirm what I know and add what I don't.

A second idea is promoting Scouting to Jewish youth and their parents at the start of the new school year. To this end, the Jewish Journal is publishing a back to school section due out August 17th. The rate for a 1/8 page ad is \$450 which could be shared by a number of units. Circulation is 150,000 per week. We could run a BSA logo, brief copy, and a list of units participating in the ad. If you are interested please email me this week.

Finally, a great way to improve communication without much effort is to enroll Jewish Scouting families on our web site so they receive our group emails. To do that you may either email me their email address, encourage them to visit our web site themselves at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WLACC-JCOS/> and click "Join this Group," or visit the link and add them yourself! Regards to all, Jeff Feuer

To all in Western Los Angeles County Council BSA:

I am sending a personal request to you for your insight if you are willing to share it. Please also forward this to the Institutional Heads of your respective Chartered Organizations for their insight as well.

As you probably know, on behalf of Western Los Angeles County Council BSA I am leading the planning of a "Conference on Character," to take place on Martin Luther King Day (January 21), 2008, at Pepperdine University in Malibu. Pepperdine University will likely co-sponsor this conference along with the Western Los Angeles County Council.

This will not be a Scouting event. The goal is to bring together diverse religious and community organizations on common ground and to serve the organizations in their goals of youth development. This will be a serious, innovative, informative and educational conference for the leaders of our community. Our target audience will include important citizens of our community with affiliations in religious institutions, non profit organizations, business and management, law and government, health and social services, broadcasting and print media, education and so forth.

Here is my request of you: If you are willing to do so, I would appreciate a paragraph or two, or more or less, about "character" from your viewpoint. You could write about: what you believe "character" is, what values you think are important in society, government or in your business or profession, what you believe is lacking or needs improvement, what concerns you overall about character, examples of character that you have witnessed. You can write about (almost) anything at all related to character, just write thoughtfully.

One exception is this: please do not write about Scouting or its character building focus or effect. Please write as if you are not connected with Scouting.

If you choose to do this, please send your piece to me by email to david@karpmediation.com under the heading "character." It will be easier for me to cut and paste your thoughts into a much larger collection, which I hope to print and to include in the conference materials as thoughts from the community on character.

In your email, please be sure to include your full name and business or profession and any other identifier that will help people to understand the [non-scouting] perspective from which you are writing.

I hope to have many such insights which can be assembled together. I reserve the right to choose the "best" in some subjective way for publication. Maybe I will choose the "best" one hundred such submissions.

If you send me an email such as I have requested (or if you send it by US Mail, which is OK too), you are granting permission for publication of your writing in the forum described.

Thank you for anything you might do to help this event become more insightful and important.

Please feel free to contact me at david@karpmediation.com or 818-781-1458 with your questions or comments.

Temple Beth Hillel, the Chartered Organization of Cub Scout Pack 311 and Boy Scout Troop 36, in the Cahuenga District of the Western Los Angeles County Council BSA, proudly announces that it will again host the following events, as follows:

Sunday, October 28, 2007, Merit Badge Midway, 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 9, 2007, Jewish Religious Emblems Workshop (Maccabee, Aleph, Ner Tamid, Etz Chaim), 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday evening, February 1, 2008, Scout Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM

Everyone is welcome. Field uniforms are appropriate for all of the foregoing events. Men and boys should have their heads covered for religious services at Scout Shabbat (Scout hats or Kippot are fine). During Scout Shabbat services, Scouts will be honored who have earned their respective Religious Emblems.

Please distribute this information widely and put these events on unit, district and council calendars. A.J., please put this on the Western Region page of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting at <http://www.jewishscouting.org/regions/western/>. More details and registration materials will be posted as they become available.

Temple Beth Hillel is located at 12326 Riverside Drive, Valley Village, CA 91607 (between Laurel Cyn Blvd and Whitsett). Temple Beth Hillel is the oldest Reform synagogue in the Eastern San Fernando Valley and is an inclusive community which has chosen Scouting as a resource to meet its needs in youth development and as a vehicle to teach ethics, values and character consistent with the beliefs of the synagogue and Reform Judaism. The Pack and Troop welcome members of all faiths. Congregational membership Open Houses are scheduled for August 10 and 31. A Cub Scout recruitment night is set for Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 7:00 PM. For further information about scouting or congregational membership at Temple Beth Hillel, please contact the undersigned at david@karpmediation.com

David I. Karp
Temple Beth Hillel Chartered Organization
Representative
Member, National Jewish Committee on Scouting

Council Advancement Committee

The Council Advancement Committee is seeking nominations for Silver Beaver Recipients. Applications can be obtained from the council office or their district Advancement Committee Chairs. Applications must be received by November 16, 2007 to be considered for this year's Silver Beaver Class.

Thank you,

Arthur Pinkers arthurtscout@socal.rr.com

Puzzle Patch Update

The second segment of the puzzle patch is drawing to a close.

July 31st will be the last day to

order the second segment with the mountain and sunset. Both

youth and adults may earn the Duty to God Puzzle Patch. The requirements are simple: learn about the religious awards and make a commitment.



Consider making a presentation at summer camp. Research shows that camp is definitely a place where Scouts think about God. Order the puzzle patch to reinforce *Duty to God* this summer.

These patches are on a four-year cycle always switching in the month of August. Information on religious awards and sample presentation resources are available from P.R.A.Y.

Visit this site to order patches online: <https://www.themillergroup.com/praypub/dutytogodproductlist.asp>

Need resources to make a presentation? Visit here: <http://www.praypub.org/dutytogod.htm>

Camping at Antelope Canyon Ranch

Antelope Canyon Ranch is open for business. It is a special place just a little over 100 miles from the sprawling metropolis of Los Angeles nestled in the quiet and beautiful Tehachapi Mountains. If you are interested in reserving the camp site please call Phil Wyman at 661-823-9251 or 661-444-6713. Weekend and daily rates are \$6.00 per person per day. You may also email him at pwyman@as.net. It's a great place to get away and enjoy nature. If you have a chance to get away enjoy and be safe.

Scout Day at the East West Bank Classic

Thursday, August 9th is Scout Day at the East West Bank Classic at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California.

Special tennis clinic beginning at 10:00 am

Scout package includes ticket for the 11:00 am match, special Scout patch, food and drink and a FREE tennis racquet.

Prices: \$22 for Reserved Section
\$40 for Lower Box

Parents and friends are encouraged to attend as well. For more information, call Chad Kutting at 213-742-7205. Ckutting@aegworldwide.com

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Anna Ruggieri Service Center

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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 a number of individuals and departments can now be called directly:

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