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Bringing Scouting News To You!

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Happy New Year!**

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Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to the scouts and scouters of Western Los Angeles County Council as we experienced membership and unit growth in 2007 in cub scouts, boy scouts and explorers.

Our growth in traditional membership and Learning for Life is a tribute to the quality program being delivered by our 7,000 adult volunteers and staff.

Thank you for bringing "Fun With A Purpose" to life for more than 27,000 youth.

Ivan Rosenberg
Council President

Jeff Feldman
Council Commissioner

Patrick Druez
Vice President of Membership



Silver Beaver Recipients Announced

The Silver Beaver Award is a national award given in recognition of an individual's commitment and service to youth -- both in Scouting and in other ways or through other organizations. The Western Los Angeles County Council is pleased to announce the 2008 Recipients of this award. We honor them! We THANK them! The awards will be presented at the Council Dinner on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at the Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Drive, Granada Hills. The evening begins with a reception from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and is followed by dinner and a program that begins at 7:30 p.m. The dinner & program are put on by our Council Advancement & Recognition Committee, led by Chair Bill Norris.

(Space is limited, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. The cost is \$65 per person or \$600 for a table of 10.) Please contact Derek Fortin for reservation information, (818) 933-0129 or Dfortin@bsa-la.org.

Please join us for a delightful evening of fun and camaraderie as we honor and thank these individuals for their dedicated service to youth.

2008 Silver Beaver Recipients are: Fred Brown, Lowell Brown, Paul Brown, Barry Burgess, Thomas Craft, Ron Flury, Thomas Fong, Max Goldberg, John Haight, Michael Hansons, Steven Kofahl, Richard Marcus, Jim McGrory, Vance Meyer, Karen Osterheldt, Kathy Patton, Arthur Pinkers, Michael Tovey and Mike Walker.

**Malibu Lodge Order of the Arrow
2008 Malibu Lodge Banquet**

When: Saturday, January 5, 2008
Where: Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
15555 Saticoy street, Van Nuys, ca, 91406
405 freeway and Saticoy
Time: 6:00 - 8:30pm
What: A great night of food, awards and reunions for the Order of the Arrow!!!!!!!!!!
Don't forget the Vigil Call-Out!!!!!!!!!!
Cost: \$15 for great food and an all-around
Amazing Time!!!!!!!!!!

**City of Los Angeles Department of
Parks & Recreation**

**Campo de Cahuenga
3919 Lankershim Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601**

**Presents Layers of History
Sunday, January 13, 1:00 pm-2:15 pm
Re-enactment of the Signing of the Articles
Of Capitulation at Campo de Cahuenga**

- Fiesta Dancers
- Living History and Authentic Uniform Dress
- Firing of the Howitzer Cannon
- Tour of the Archeological Dig
- Memorial Wreath Presentation
- 12 Flags Over California
- Complimentary Refreshments
- \$2.00 Taco Bar

Event Sponsored by Campo de Cahuenga
Historical Memorial Association

www.campodecahuenga.com
Campodecahuenga1847@hotmail.com

**Jewish Committee on Scouting Important Dates for
the 2007-2008 School Year**

· Friday February 1st 2008 7:30 PM at Temple Beth Hillel: Scout Shabbat
· Saturday April 2008 9:00 AM at Beth Jacob Congregation: Scout Shabbat
· Friday May 23rd through Monday May 26th 2008: Kinnus Campout!
I know this list will grow. Please email jfeuer@askcsg.com with any pertinent events you wish to add.

Opportunity for Community Service Project.

The Eagle Scout Brotherhood Committee has an opportunity for one or two volunteers, which may qualify as a community service project.

Needed first is to develop (design, write, and test) a database of Eagle Scouts. The volunteer needs to be computer savvy – in MS Excel, MS Word and possibly MS Access - to the level of setting up and building input screens and reports for the database. Some coordination with the national Eagle Scout database being established may be needed. Edward Story, the Committee Chair, can provide guidance, supervision, feedback, and the ultimate organization of the entire project. He estimates this portion of the project might take as much as 30 hours, preferably done over a couple or more weeks.

Then, once operational, the Eagle Scout database needs to be loaded from existing lists, including actual input, initial categorization, checking of addresses (e-mail and otherwise), verifications, etc. This may also require up to 30 hours.

The project might be done by one person, or by two persons working in collaboration, e.g., one focusing on creating the database and another on loading it.

If interested, please contact Edward Story, ed@ironwoodadvisory.com, 310-827-1600.

Fellow Jewish Scouters:

Wood Badge is the highest BSA leadership training and a special Shabbat-friendly and kosher version is coming our way this summer. The course is local (at Camp Josepho) and will bring together Jewish leaders (and non-Jewish ones) like never before. It promises to be a lot of fun!

I am presently aware of four Jewish leaders planning to attend. If you can join us, please reply to jfeuer@askcsg.com.

Shabbat Friendly Wood Badge Course

July 13 - July 18, 2008 (Sunday through Friday)

Los Angeles, CA

Every boy deserves a trained leader! Wood Badge for the 21st Century was developed for all Scouters: Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, and council and district leaders. It is the BSA's core leadership skills training course focusing on a person's ability to work with and lead groups of youth and adults. The emphasis is on leadership skills, not outdoor skills. The first part of the Wood Badge course reflects unit meetings, while the second part of the course uses a troop camping activity as its delivery model. contact:

jfeuer@askcsg.com

Jeffrey Feuer

Chairman, Jewish Committee on Scouting

West Los Angeles County Council

Cubmaster Pack 360, Beth Jacob Congregation

Has your council reserved your spot in history? Over 50% of the councils in the nation have made a commitment to ArrowCorps5 to be a part of the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever planned by the Order of the Arrow. All five sites have space available, but a \$100 deposit per person, per site, must be submitted to the national office by February 1, 2008. Do not be left at home this summer, contact your lodge leadership to join your council's contingent and plan to attend ArrowCorps5!

Where is the information for ArrowCorps5?

ArrowCorps5 information is available on the National Order of the Arrow Event Information Area web site. This web site contains information about each of the ArrowCorps5 sites, promotional materials, reservation packet and forms. <http://event.oa-bsa.org>

Looking for a new scenic wallpaper for your desktop? Check out these six colorful images of ArrowCorps5 sites.

Be sure to remind your friends about the chance of a lifetime with ArrowCorps5!

iPromote. wePromote. Let's Promote!

At the 2007 National Planning Meeting the Order of the Arrow National Committee and the National Event Promotion Committee announced the iPromote program. The program is to reward the excellent promotional efforts by lodges. The iPromote program will award either an iPhone or Wii to seven Arrowmen.

The first two will be awarded to each of the two lodge chiefs with the largest percentage of Arrowmen in attendance (based on total contingent attendance divided by the total lodge membership). In addition to the lodge chiefs, an Arrowmen from each contingent will be randomly chosen to be the third and fourth recipients. The fifth and sixth will be awarded to each of the two sections chiefs with the largest percentage of Arrowmen in attendance (based on total section attendance divided by the total section membership). The final recipient will be a randomly drawn Arrowman from the largest contingent attending ArrowCorps5 (this contingent will be different than the contingents with the largest percentage).

Important Upcoming Dates

\$100 Deposit by February 1, 2008

Ensure your Council submits "Form B" along with the \$100 deposit per person per site. This form may be submitted as many times as necessary, don't wait until the February 1, 2008 deadline!

YOUR SPOT IS NOT RESERVED UNTIL THE DEPOSIT IS RECEIVED AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

Paid in Full by May 1, 2008

The remainder of the ArrowCorps5 fee (a total of \$250) is due by May 1, 2008. A \$50 late fee will be charged after May 1, 2008.

5 Things to do in the Summer of 2008!

Mark Twain National Forest - June 7-14, 2008

Manti-La Sal National Forest - June 14-21, 2008

George Washington and Jefferson National Forest - June 21-28, 2008

Shasta-Trinity National Forest - July 12-19, 2008

Bridger-Teton National Forest - July 26 - August 2, 2008

Arrow <http://www.oa-bsa.org>

This is a reminder that Scout Shabbat services will take place on February 1, 2008, 7:30 PM at Temple Beth Hillel, 12326 Riverside Drive, Valley Village, CA. The flyer is attached. Everyone is welcome. Please come in uniform if you have one; come anyway if you do not.

During services, religious emblems and awards will be presented. Scouts may lead a small portion of the service.

The Western Los Angeles County Council Jewish Committee on Scouting has ordered 40 Scout Shabbat patches from National for the February 1 Scout Shabbat. National's price has not yet been set. Our Council JCOS may bump up the price a small amount; consider it a donation. The overall price will likely not exceed \$5.00 per patch; however, they are usually beautiful patches. Patches will be available only until we run out of them. We will not collect money at the Scout Shabbat, so you will need to pay for them in advance. Watch for further announcements about price.

In the interim, you may reserve Scout Shabbat patches *for the Temple Beth Hillel service on February 1, 2008, only*, by sending me an email at david@karpmediation.com with the following information:

Name of Scout who will be attending
Pack/Troop No.
Mailing address
email address
Number of patches desired.

I will keep track of the information, and when the price has been established I will advise you, and you can send a check.

Thanks.

Shabbat Shalom,

David I. Karp

To all districts and units in WLACC and to surrounding councils:

As you know, I am planning a Conference on Character on January 21, 2008, at Pepperdine University, Malibu. I hope that you find the subject of "character" as interesting as I do. It is one of the corner stones of Boy Scouting as a youth development resource.

This is just a heads-up that the early (discounted) price for the conference is available only through January 7, 2008.

The registration form is attached in the event you would like to take advantage of the discount.

All of the details of the conference may be found at <http://conferenceoncharacter.com>

District and Council Key Three, our Council and District Committees, Executive Board members, adults leaders and parents can take this opportunity to mingle and improve the impression of Scouting on other registrants. This is also an opportunity to bring/send someone who is new to Scouting.

I hope to see you at the conference. If you cannot attend, please try to assure that someone from your Chartered Organization does.

Happy New Year to all.

David I. Karp

Only 18 shopping days left until Boy Scout Sunday!!!

Special offers to help Promote Duty to God for Scout Sunday or during Scout month:

- Receive a FREE Duty to God presentation resource DVD with your order of 15 or more Duty to God promotion patches. You must call the P.R.A.Y. office and mention this email when you order to receive the Free DVD. Orders must be placed by 4pm CST on January 25th.
- Duty to God T-shirts - Are you planning on making a Duty to God presentation to your unit? Making plans for Scout Sunday in February? Order a Duty to God T-shirt from P.R.A.Y. The navy blue T-shirt features the puzzle patch on the back and "Duty to God" on the front left chest. Buy 2 or more Duty To God T-shirts (limited to select sizes and quantities in stock) and receive free shipping. You must call the P.R.A.Y. office and mention this email when you order to receive the Free Shipping. Orders must be placed by 4pm CST on January 25th.
- Duty to God Gold Commemorative patch sets now 25% off for a limited time! This patch set has 8 to 10 colors per segment and is 100% embroidered and stands out with its Gold Metallic border. Patch set is suitable for framing and proceeds from this special edition patch will support the Duty to God promotion patch program. You will need to call the P.R.A.Y. office to receive this discounted price of only \$75.00 if ordered by 4pm CST January 25th, 2008.
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You are receiving this special offer email as part of P.R.A.Y.'s Boy Scout Email Bulletin List. If you would no longer like to receive the email bulletins and special offer emails from P.R.A.Y., please reply with Unsubscribe in the subject line or send an email directly to jenniferh@praypub.org to be removed from our email list.

Equestrian Therapy Needs Volunteers!!!

The Institute of Equestrian Therapy has been providing therapeutic horseback riding for disabled children since 1974.

The IET is a not for profit, all volunteer organization. We are in need of additional volunteers to help assist students as they learn to ride and improve their balance, coordination, and self confidence. No experience necessary! We'll train you in basic horse care and handling. We also have opportunities to learn how to ride as well.

We are located on a beautiful, serene, 3000 acre ranch in Simi Valley.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help disabled children and at the same time enjoy a truly natural environment. A chance to walk wooded trails and experience the great outdoors while helping others!

Lessons are scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

You can send us an email at equestriantherapy@yahoo.com and visit our site at <http://www.equestriantherapy.com>

Day Camp Dates- 2008

Antelope Valley- June 23-27
Crescent Bay- June 23-27
Bill Hart Day Camp- July 7-11
Balboa Oaks- July 14-18
Las Colinas- July 14-18
Bill Hart Twilight- July 21-25
Cahuenga Twilight- July 20-24

Webelos Resident Camp- Josepho

June 20- July 2 (Sunday- Wednesday)
July 16-19 (Wednesday-Saturday)
July 27-30 (Sunday- Wednesday)

Cub/Parent Weekends- Josepho

March 28-30

May 2-4

October 17-19

November 7-9

Family Camp – Whitsett

August 22-24

Look for registration forms by January 28

**HIGH ADVENTURE TRAINING COURSES
2008**

Outing Leader

(Cub and Non-Backpacking Leaders)

January 19, 2008 [University of Scouting]

Winter Awareness

Indoor February 2, 2008 (Council Office)

Outdoor February 23-24, 2008

Backup Outdoor March 16-17, 2008

(Basic Backpacking Prerequisite)

Desert Awareness

May 17, 2008

(Basic Backpacking Prerequisite)

(optional overnight)

Orienteering Merit Badge/HAT Award

September 5-7, 2008 (Three Falls)

(in conjunction with Verdugo Hills HAT Team)

Basic Backpacking

Indoor October 18, 2008 (Council Office)

Outdoor Nov. 15-16, 2007

LDS Outdoor Nov. 17-18

Personnel News:

Staff Contact information:

Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America

Anna Ruggieri Service Center

16525 Sherman Way, Unit C-8

Van Nuys, CA 91406

(818) 785-8700

Regular Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Contact Information

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:

<u>Ext.</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Direct Line</u>
101	Alcantar	Mayra	malcantar@bsa-la.org	Customer Service Specialist	
174	Byrne	Holli		Accounts Payable Clerk	
116	Cottrell	Briana	bcottrell@bsa-la.org	Registrar	(818) 933-0116
123	Demmitt	Christine	Cdemmitt@bsa-la.org	Director, Ideal Year of Scouting	(818) 933-0123
114	Fitzgerald	Tracey	tfitzgerald@bsa-la.org	Consult Dir. Of Outdoor Educ.	(818) 933-0114
140	Ford	Andy	aford@bsa-la.org	Business Manager– Camp Whitsett	
129	Fortin	Derek	dfortin@bsa-la.org	Director of Support Services	(818) 933-0129
109	Harrison	Lee	lharrison@bsa-la.org	COO of Emerald Bay	(818) 933-0109
125	Harrop	Ross	rharrop@bsa-la.org	Scout Executive	(818) 933-0125
128	Hernandez	Elizabeth	ehernandez@bsa-la.org	Urban Emphasis Coordinator	(818) 933-0128
172	Hernandez	Jessie	jhernandez@bsa-la.org	Executive Asst. Secretary	
111	Hetherington	Kirk	khetherington@bsa-la.org	Camp Director- Emerald Bay	(818) 933-0111
178	Klenetsky	Sarah	sklenetsky@bsa-la.org	Customer Service Specialist	
106	Kline	David	dkline@bsa-la.org	Director of Field Service	(818) 933-0106
118	Londono	Martha	mlondono@bsa-la.org	Controller	(818) 933-0118
103	Longwell	Romy	rlongwell@bsa-la.org	Director of Communications and Donor Relations	(818) 933-0103
119	Mackenzie	Jon	jmackenzie@bsa-la.org	Director of Outdoor Programs and Capital Assets	(818) 933-0119
108	Melton	David	dmelton@bsa-la.org	Systems Manager	(818) 933-0108
107	Osuna	Maria	mosuna@bsa-la.org	Human Resources Specialist	(818) 933-0107
120	Patterson	Wesley	wpatterson@bsa-la.org	District Director, Las Colinas	(818) 933-0120
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126	Stewart	Clif	cstewart@bsa-la.org	Camp Director - Whitsett	(818) 933-0126
104	Taylor	Colette	ctaylor@bsa-la.org	Finance Director	(818) 933-0104
116	Thompson	Mary	mthompson@bsa-la.org	Camping Secretary-Emerald Bay	(818) 933-0130

Van Nuys Scout Store, (818) 781-1296

Store Hours- Monday – Friday, 9:00AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00AM to 3 PM

Western Los Angeles County Council Satellite Offices

Learning for Life Office

5121 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 210

Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Fax# 818-995-1416

Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Brenda Bradford, Learning for Life, Director

Direct line (818) 995-1415

exploring@lfl-la.org

Antelope Valley Office

42402 10th Street W. Suite G

Lancaster, CA 93534

Phone # (661) 942-0582

Fax# (661) 723-1450

Store# (661) 942-9905

Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:30 am — 5:30 pm

Store Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:30 am — 5:30 pm & Saturday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

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Jackie Costanzo, Office Manager Jcostanzo@bsa-la.org

Store Hours: Monday—Wednesday, & Saturday, 10:00 am—2:00pm

Thursday evenings, 3:00 pm—7:00 pm

Crescent Bay Office

10131 National Blvd., Suite A

Los Angeles, CA 90034

Phone # (310) 839-9905

Fax# (310) 839-4495

Store# (310) 839-7514

Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 10:00 am — 6:00 pm

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Camp Emerald Bay

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Camp Whitsett

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Kernville, CA 93238

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Fax# (760) 376-2796

office#: (760) 376-3195

Camp Josepho

Phone# (310) 459-9093