

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

Bringing Scouting News To You!

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FALL INTO CAMPING



CAMP WHITSETT

CAMP JOSEPHO

CAMP EMERALD BAY

It's time to have your scouts fall into summer camp 2009! Keep your eyes peeled for fun and exciting news about our wonderful and beautiful camps.

If you would like to make a reservation at any of our camps, please check our website at www.bsa-la.org or call the camping department at 818-933-0130.

We looking forward to seeing you in 2009!

Hello, Scouts!!!

I hope everyone had a great summer and that the scouts are back to school...

TROOP 513 (Billhart District) will be conducting our FALL merit badge clinics as follows:

- Swimming Merit Badge – attendance on the 2 dates below is required!

October 11 - Saturday - 10am-12noon – Santa Clarita Aquatics Center (Sports Complex off Centre Pointe Drive)

October 18 - Saturday - 10am-12noon - Santa Clarita Aquatics Center (Sports Complex off Centre Pointe Drive) CPR demo/presentation will be covered during these dates.

Fee = \$8.00 per scout.

- Skating Merit Badge

November 15 - Saturday - 10am-12noon - SC Skate Park (Sports Complex off Centre Pointe Drive)

November 22 - Saturday - 10am-12noon - SC Skate Park (Sports Complex off Centre Pointe Drive)

Helmets required on the Skating clinics. (and of, course – roller blades/skates).

RSVP to jreyes98@aol.com if you are interested so I can send the detailed requirements for the merit badges.

These are offered on a first-come first-served basis and participation is limited due to pool and park capacity.

- Jocelyn Reyes, Scoutmaster - Troop 513

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News from Crescent Bay...

Crescent Bay Annual District Awards Dinner

Our annual District Awards Dinner is coming up on November 8. This is the evening when we honor our District Volunteers with the Silver Dolphin Award and also the many Scouters who serve their units above and beyond with the Extra Miler Award. We know that each and every unit has Scouters who need to be honored. The District Awards Dinner is the perfect opportunity! We put on a lovely dinner and give out lots of awards. Please call the office with the names of nominees from your unit. Our goal is to honor Scouters from every unit. We want to see everyone there! Thank you to Shelly & Bob Clinco for all their work to make this the best Awards Dinner ever.

More CB News...2008 Summit Luncheon, November 20

We will continue our annual fundraising luncheon at the Beverly Hills Country Club on Thurs., November 20. We will share the inspiration of the Scouting story and honor exceptional youth within the District. Based on nominations we will also recognize one adult leaders and honor one mother (ask almost any Eagle Scout and he will credit his mother for all her tremendous support along the way!) Lunch will be delicious and it's a festive occasion to meet and greet fellow Scouters. Mark your calendars!

Lisa Alexander, District Chair

Balboa Oaks Merit Badge Midway - Final Schedule

Attached is the final schedule (Pages 13-17). See you there.

Who? Any Scout in any area who are interested in taking a Merit Badge Class.

What? Balboa Oaks Merit Badge Midway!

When? Saturday October 11th from 8:30 to 4:30pm – Classes begin @ 9am sharp!

Where? LDS Church, 17101 Plummer St., on the corner of Plummer and Amestoy, (just west of Balboa) in Northridge.

Why? To offer Merit Badge classes to Scouts working their way to Eagle.

How? Contact the counselor if required, do any pre-requisites attend the class, complete the class, and get your Blue Card.

Cost? All classes are FREE! There will be a Snackoree with snacks during the day and food available at lunchtime for purchase.

Registration? There is no registration unless specified in the class description.

Uniform? You bet. Show up in uniform and look your best.

Supplies? Bring Merit Badge Booklet, Pen and Paper? Of course. Good idea to bring your brain too!

Scouts - It is your responsibility to see what, if any, requirements you need to complete before class. Read carefully the attached info for requirements that may need to be done before the Midway. Double check the pre-requisites in the book if there is nothing listed on the attached document. If you do not complete a class you will be given a 'partial' Blue Card with the requirements signed off that you have completed.

Parents - We can use a few of you to help during the day, especially in the morning. If you can lend a hand for an hour or 2 please contact Michele Smith!

Sincerely,

Michele Smith

michele.smith@munchkin.com

818-221-4240 Direct

Dear fellow Scouts and Scouters,

I am sending out this email in a massive effort to encourage you all to sign in and sign up for the largest Earthquake Drill in US history which takes place on **Thursday, November 13 at 10:00 AM.**

Please go to www.shakeout.org and sign up your units, yourself and family members so that all the Scouting units in Southern California can be represented. "Be Prepared" Please Do it Now!

We have signed up 3.4 million folks so far and expect around 5 million people to participate in the event.

It is very simple and it is free! There is very informative and useful information on the site that you can share with your loved ones.

The scientific community says that we are overdue for "The Big One" and it could happen any day up to about 35 years from now. "Be Prepared"

When you register please indicate that you are a Boy Scout Troop, Cub Pack, Venture Crew or a Post and please add your council and unit number as well.

When you go to the site you will see that there is a "What can I do" section devoted to Scouting. You can even click into your county and see the number of units and business groups that have signed in.

If you have a unit that would like to set up a display in a backyard showcasing a "how to" camp after an earthquake, please let me know. We will be happy to come and take pictures and place them in the Scouting section of the ShakeOut web site, to give people visiting the site a first hand view of how Scouts are prepared.

Please contact me if you have any questions and I will "Do my Best" to answer them!

YIS, Erik Torgerson (818) 219-8036
Regional Associate for Scouting with the Great Southern California ShakeOut Co- Founder Eagle ScoutParents, part of the National Scout Parent initiative and Scout Alumni Connection

ESP/Emergency Survival Preparedness Program

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The Western Region page of the website of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting has been changed to include an announcement of a Shabbat-Friendly Wood Badge course in the summer of 2009. For more information, please go to <http://www.jewishscouting.org/regions/western/>

David I. Karp
Western Region Webmaster
National Jewish Committee on Scouting

Fall 2008 Merit Badge Midway Extravaganza

**Sunday, November 9th
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Temple Beth Hillel
12326 Riverside Drive
Valley Village, CA 91607**

For Information:
Claudio Sapir (818)521-3567
raul-locksmith@sbcglobal.net
or Jean Kline (310)289-0132
jmklinecpa@aol.com

Cost: \$5 per Scout
\$3.00 per Scout in advance if received by Nov 4th
Send check or money order payable to

BSA - Troop 36
c/o Larry Turner
13245 Riverside Dr. Suite 330
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Scouts and Scots

This is a special deal just for Scouts!
I have an offer for all Scouts from the Chief of the Sea Side Highland games in Ventura. Scout interested in the American Cultures Merit Badge can fulfill many of the requirements there.
Adult tickets at the Gate are \$14, but Scout personnel in uniform get in for half price, or **\$7.00!**

If they are 12 years or younger, they will get in for free!
Now there's a deal for a troubled economy.
Where: Seaside Park in beautiful Ventura County, California

When: October 11 & 12, 2008, 9:00 am until 5:00 pm

For more information about the Sea Side Highland games go to <http://www.seaside-games.com/main-2008.html>

Groundbreaking of the Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Park Tribute Walk...

Join us for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Tribute Walk and statue, Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:00 am, at the corner of Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave. in Granada Hills.

The Veteran Memorial Park, Tribute Walk and statue are a community project of the Granada Hills Rotary Foundation that we have been proud to support.

You can help support this beautiful and moving memorial to our veterans. For a donation, community members can order a Memorial Brick inscribed with the name of a person they wish to commemorate. The Memorial Brick will become part of the Tribute Walk.

Groundbreaking of Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Park Tribute Walk

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10:00 am

Corner of Chatsworth St.

& Zelzah Ave.

Granada Hills

For more information, please call Dr. Carl Melnik at (818) 366-2020.

Attention all units (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers etc):

Children's Day will be on November 22, 2008 at Woodley Park, Van Nuys. *Save the date.*

Importantly, 200 to 300 Scouts in uniform have been invited to participate in the opening parade on that day in the AM.

This is a great opportunity for Scouting to be visible *en masse* in and for our community.

And Scouts can plan to stay at the event all day thereafter, without charge! There will be lots of activities.

See <http://www.childrensday2008.com> for the details of Children's Day. This is a huge event in which we will participate.

Talk it up in your units, your PLCs, your unit committees. We will need *LOTS* of Scouts, in uniform, in the parade.

Then, watch your email for more details. Soon we will advise you on how to register for the parade.

Yours in Scouting,

Judy Soyster

WLACC Scout Organizer for the Parade

judysoyster@dslextreme.com

Catholic Committee on Scouting

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Catholic Scout Retreat

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008

Veteran's Park, Sylmar

Pictured from left to right:

Committee Chaplain,

Father Jim Maher

Committee Chairman

Dennis Swink

WLACC Scout Executive



WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA
2009 PHILMONT EXPEDITION

The Western Los Angeles County Council is in the process of filling two crews for a 2009 Council Philmont Expedition. The dates for the expedition are as follow:

Depart Los Angeles via Amtrak Saturday August 1, 2009
Philmont Bus & Early Arrival Sunday August 2, 2009
Philmont Check-In Monday August 3, 2009
Depart via Philmont Bus Saturday August 15, 2009
Arrive Los Angeles via Amtrak Sunday August 16, 2009

This will be a council contingent made up of Scouts and Scouters from WLACC. The fee is anticipated to be \$1,400 per person. This is an all inclusive fee covering transportation, food and all incidental expenses for the two week expedition.

Reservations are first come first served . The remaining spaces are expected to fill-up very quickly. The deposit of \$347.50 per person and it is due immediately in order to hold your space with the contingent.

Training hikes will be required. Some can be done with your home unit and others will be required crew training hikes.

Initial reservations and questions should be directed to Jeff Feldman, Council Contingent Leader, at (818) 535-9494 or jfbf@ix.netcom.com.

There are spaces available for adults as well.

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO SIGN-UP
THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 13, 2008

LETS ROCK! - STONEY POINT CLEAN-UP ~ 2008



PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR 6TH ANNUAL CONSERVATION PROJECT TO CLEAN & REFURBISH A LOCAL VALLEY LANDMARK AND NATURAL HIKING/PICNIC ROCK CLIMBING & WILDERNESS AREA NESTLED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE INVITE AND ENCOURAGE **ALL SCOUTS AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS** TO BRING THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL SPIRIT TO HELP PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THIS BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREA.

WHO: REI SPORTING GOODS, BSA TROOP 921, CALTRANS, DEPT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND YOU THE DEDICATED CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY ORIENTATED **SCOUTS AND PUBLIC VOLUNTEERS!**

CLASS "A" UNIFORMS FOR THE OPENING FLAG CEREMONY.

CLASS "B" UNIFORMS FOR CLEAN UP. (BRING SUNSCREEN AND HATS)

WHAT: PLEASE BRING GLOVES, SHOVELS AND RAKES TO HELP CLEAN UP TRASH, BROKEN GLASS, GRAFFITTI, CLEAR BRUSH AND RESTORE THE MANY HIKING TRAILS AND WALK WAYS .

WHEN: **OCTOBER 25, 2008. FROM: 8:00 am TO: NOON.**

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

MISC: FREE FOOD DONATED AND PREPARED BY BSA TROOP 921.
FREE WATER, ENERGY BARS & MATERIALS COMPLIMENTS OF REI.

SCOUTS CAN EARN BELT LOOPS, WORLD CONSERVATION PATCHES AND OTHER MERIT AWARDS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT & VOLUNTEERISM.

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING A "LEAVE NO TRACE" DEMONSTRATION.

Tour Permits are required and a release of liability will have to be signed at the entrance.

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO YOUR DISTRICTS & COUNCILS

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: SCOUTINGUS@AOL.COM

Can you sew from a simple pattern?

TrinityCare Hospice would like to offer dying patients or their surviving family members a comforting bear made from the hospice patient's own clothing, pillows or other material they may find comforting.

While the patient themselves are on hospice service, the Burden Bear can calm restlessness, be a source of non-medical pain relief, and offer a sense of peace as they face the end of their life. For our surviving family members, the Memory Bear is a way to keep the essence of their loved one close by, assisting them through their grief.

Volunteers will complete the Bears in their own homes upon arranging to obtain the material and deliver completed projects to one of our centrally located hospice offices (Cerritos, Torrance or **Van Nuys**).

For more information contact Ida Vernay, Volunteer Coordinator, via email ida.vernay@providence.org or visit the TrinityCare Hospice website at www.trinitycarehospice.org.

The bears shown below were made for two teenage daughters who were losing their father to cancer. The blue bear was made from a dress shirt he wore to work (he was a lawyer) and the black one was made from a sweatjacket he frequently wore on the weekends. The gentleman was able to select the clothing pieces himself and give the bears to his daughters a few days before he died. He passed away on Christmas morning 2007.



Good Turn for America
Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century



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 between **Saturday, November 8, 2008** and **Saturday, November 15, 2008**.

- “Good Turn for America” Patch & ’08 Rocker For Youth Participants
- “Good Turn for America” Ribbon For Each Participating Unit
- Week of November 8, 2007 - November 15, 2008 - Scouting For Food Collection in Your Neighborhood, chartered organization, or local shopping centers & grocery stores.

Here Is How It Works

1. Scouting units commit to participate in “Scouting for Food” before November 1st.
2. Members of the Scouting unit canvas their neighborhood, chartered organization, or local shopping centers & grocery stores asking for donations of non-perishables food. Youth should wear their Scouting uniform, work with a buddy, and be supervised by a parent or Scouting leader.
3. Collected food is then taken to a local Food Bank, Pantry or designated collection point.
4. Local Food Banks & Pantries distribute the food to needy families.
5. Return the “Scouting for Food” Unit Report & Awards Application to the Anna Ruggieri Service Center located in Van Nuys, California.
6. The Council Activities & Civic Service Committee distributes “Good Turn for America” patches, rockers, and ribbons to participating units at the December Roundtable.

“SCOUTING FOR FOOD” UNIT REPORT & AWARDS APPLICATION

- Unit Number:
- District:
- Number Of Scouts Participating:
- Number Of Other Youth Participating:
- Number Of Adults & Leaders Participating:
- Number Of “Scouting For Food” Bags Distributed:
- Number Of Cans Or Pounds Of Food Collected:
- Estimated Number Of “Scouting For Food” Service Hours (Participants X Hours):

Local Food Bank, Pantry or Collection Point:

- Name:
- City:

Contact Person:

- Name:
- Day Time Telephone Number:
- Email Address:

Mailing Address for “Scouting for Food” Awards:

- Street Address or PO Box Number
- City
- State
- Zip Code + 4

“Good Turn for America” Patches & ’08 Rockers will be distributed at the December Roundtable

_____ Youth “Good Turn for America” Patches Requested

_____ Youth “Good Turn for America” ’08 Rockers Requested

_____ Adult & Leaders “Good Turn for America” Patches Requested @ \$0.75/each

\$_____

_____ Adult & Leaders “Good Turn for America” ’08 Rockers Requested @ \$0.45/each \$_____

Total Balance Due for Adult & Leaders \$_____

Return to:

Western Los Angeles County Council
Boy Scouts of America
16525 Sherman Way, Unit C-8
Van Nuys, CA 91406-3753
FAX: 818-901-4888
Email: dfortin@bsa-la.org

Hello All Cub Scouts, Cub Packs, Cub Leaders, Cub Parents/Guardians,

We have a wonderful camping opportunity for each registered Cub Scout! Attached, is one of the best opportunities that you will have to experience all of the fun, fellowship, food, and friends over one weekend that you can handle. But wait, there's more.....

Did I mention the following....

BB Guns! - Earn your belt loop and on occasion work toward your BB Gun Pin with certified instructors and staff.

Archery!! - Earn your belt loop, try to hit a bulls eye on the target with certified instructors and staff.

Crafts!!! - Wow, and we have a lot of them. Try Leather working, bead work, making neckerchief slides, lanyards (those will keep you busy), and much, much, more!

Cooking!!!! - Yes, you will actually be making a snack while you are up at camp. Yummy!

Knots!!!!! - Need to work on your knot skills? This is good for the young and the young at heart. We will keep you all tied up with this one. Learn some knots and maybe how to pitch a tent. Very useful things you need to know.

Letterboxing!!!!!! - Come see what this is all about.

Webelos Program!!!!!!! - That's right, we have a Webelos Program to work toward activity pins.

Oct/Nov 2008 - Outdoorsman and Geologist activity pins. Our staff really rocks with these activities!

March/May 2009 - Forester and Naturalist Activity Pins. Get back to nature with our staff as you learn about the various types of plants and trees we have at Josepho.

You can have all of this and more by making your reservation online at www.bsa-la.org <<http://www.bsa-la.org>> or coming into the Council office if you do not have Internet access. We have spaces available for the upcoming Fall Camps for October and November 2008. The flyer lists the Spring 2009 camp dates on the front page. For your reference the Cub/Parent Dates are as follows:

October 17-19, 2008

November 7-9, 2008

March 27-29, 2009

May 1-3, 2009

You can come by yourself as a Cub Scout/Cub Parent pair, or bring your den scouts/parent pairs. This is an excellent event for the entire Pack to get involved with as well. Spread the word!

So, bring your tent, sleeping bag/pad, toiletries, clothes, Class A uniform for the flag ceremony, and your smile and join us to have some fun at Camp Josepho!

NOTE: Each cub Parent Weekend at Camp Josepho is limited to 150 adult/Cub Scout pairs. (Total of 300 participants) So get your registrations in early! The deadline for camp registrations is the Friday the week before each camp. NO EXCEPTIONS! there are NO onsite registrations.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday Moore

Cub Parent Weekend Administration

QUESTIONS?????????

Sunday Moore: sundaymoore@aol.com

Christine Demmitt: cdemmitt@bsa-la.org

CQ - Calling All Scouts and Scouters - CQ

Jamboree on the Air - 51

October 18 and 19, 2008

Ability First Campus

6530 Winnetka Avenue

Woodland Hills, California 91367

Hosted By Troop 504, Las Colinas District

Boy Run Amateur Radio Station Will Be Operating

Adult Assisted Amateur Radio Station Will Also Be Operated

Opportunity For Scouts To Participate in This Worldwide Event

Radio Merit Badge, & Electricity Merit Badge Counselors

Available On Site To Help Scouts Complete These Two Merit Badges

Hot Dog Lunch Available At Noon on Saturday

R.S.V.P.

Merit Badge and Reservation Contact Information:

Robert Hutchinson, (W9LQI) SM: (818) 888-8175

Warren Hutchinson, (KI6FWO) SPL: (818) 888-8114

Cub Scouts & Webelos Resident Camp at Josepho 2009



Session 1*: July 8th – July 11th
Session 2*: July 12th – July 15th
Session 3*: July 17th – July 20th
Session 4*: July 24th – July 27th
Session 5*: July 29th – Aug. 1st
Session 6*: Aug. 2nd – Aug. 5th



Kahuna Challenge

Resident Camp is many things—it is a special long-term program for Cub Scouts and Webelos that provides an excellent transition from the Cub Scout Day Camp to the traditional Boy Scout Summer Camp. As the best of both worlds it gets the scouts used to spending multiple nights in the outdoors while providing a well-structured program full of activities to keep them busy.

In other words it takes the ingredients of Day Camp and adds to it some of the spices of the Boy Scout program to create a special opportunity for Cub Scouts and Webelos. They will learn to be self-sufficient and reliant during an overnight camping experience. This camp is designed to have scouts come as a den or as an individual. This is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your son this summer.

We will focus on outdoor skills that are best done in a rustic setting. Also, boys will have the opportunity to earn the Archery and BB Shooting belt loops and pins which can only be earned at council camps. Finally, optional activities will include sports and swimming opportunities for those that are interested.

Who Can Attend? Scouts who will be in 2nd through 5th grade in September 2009. For 2nd and 3rd Graders, an adult must participate with each boy. For 4th and 5th Graders, we require a 1:3 parent to camper ratio

If you have any questions, please contact the Program Director Laurel Lofland at llofland@bsa-la.org

Balboa Oaks Merit Badge Midway

The Balboa Oaks Merit Badge Midway will be held at the LDS Church, 17101 Plummer St., on the corner of Plummer and Amestoy, (just west of Balboa) in Northridge, on Saturday, October 11, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sign ups for merit badges will begin at 8:30 am. Merit badge classes begin at 9:00 am.

Come prepared to work! You should be familiar with the merit badge requirements for the merit badge that you wish to take. ***Read the Merit Badge Pamphlet!!!*** You should have completed the pre-requisites, if any, that your merit badge counselor has asked for. If you have not completed the pre-requisites you can still take the Merit Badge with the permission of the Merit Badge Counselor and finish the badge at a later date. ***Make sure that you have a signed blue card.*** You may take more than one Merit Badge class.

Come in full uniform! We are expecting a big turn out, please be on your best behavior, any disturbances and you will be asked to leave.

The Midway will be broken up into 4 sessions and a lunch break. Some Merit Badges will take more than one session.

Session I	9:00-10:30	Session II	10:45-1215
Lunch	12:15-1:00		
Session III	1:00-2:30		
Session IV	2:45-4:15		

JUST ADDED – Trail to First Class
Volunteers needed!!!

Merit Badge Midway Schedule 2008

All Merit Badges marked with an * have a prerequisite.

Session 1 9:00-10:30

Art*	Joel Ruggieri
Graphic Arts*	Melissa Palazzo
Theater*	Mark Bodine

Session 1A 9:00-12:15 (15 minute break)

Citizenship in the Nation (Eagle)*	Eugene Bradford
Crime Prevention	Ralph Ward
Drafting*	Allan Behar
Communications*	Dr. Cathy Coyle-Thompson
Hiking*	Allan Biggins
Home Repairs*	Manny Valle
Theater*	Mark Bodine
Traffic Safety	Alex Palazzo

Session 2 10:45-12:15

Dog Care*	Les Salay
Leatherwork*	Joel Ruggieri
Theater*	Mark Bodine

Lunch 12:15-1:00

Session 3 1:00-2:30

Graphic Arts*	Melissa Palazzo
Dog Care*	Les Salay
Leatherwork*	Joel Ruggieri
Salesmanship	Philip Baron
Theater*	Mark Bodine

Session 3A 1:00-4:15 (15 minute break)

Citizenship in the Community*	Elaine Boulay
Citizenship in the Nation (Eagle)*	Eugene Bradford
Crime Prevention	Ralph Ward
Drafting*	Allan Behar
Communications*	Dr. Cathy Coyle-Thompson
Home Repairs*	Manny Valle
Traffic Safety	Alex Palazzo

Session 4 2:45-4:15

Art*	Joel Ruggieri
Salesmanship	Philip Baron

*Prerequisites

Art:

Bring paper and a few pencils to draw with.

Citizenship in the Community:

Here are the lists of prerequisites for Citizenship in the Community that must be completed prior to the Merit Badge Midway in order to complete the Merit Badge at the Midway. There is a lot of interesting community research necessary to earn this Eagle-required merit badge.

All scouts intending to participate must contact me at eboulay@socal.rr.com or call me at 818 363-2387.

All scouts must have read the Citizenship in the Community booklet available at the scout shop or from their troop. In addition to bringing it with them, scouts should complete:

Requirement #2. Bring a copy of a map of your community, and research the items mentioned on the worksheets.

Requirement #3 a "Attend a city or town council or school board meeting, or a municipal, county, or state court session." and b so that we can complete the discussion. Worksheets are available on the merit badge websites.

There are several convenient neighborhood council meetings Scouts could attend before the Midway, including the Northridge East Community Council meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7 pm at Andasol Elementary School or the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council meeting Oct. 7 at 7 pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch. For information about the next Northridge West Neighborhood Council, call 818-366-5226. This meeting may be held at Beckford Ave. Elementary School at 19130 Tulsa St.

Requirement 4. Choose an issue important to citizens of your community. Complete a and b. Find out which branch of government is responsible for this issue, then obtain permission and interview one person from that branch of government. Be prepared to discuss your findings at the meeting to complete (c) "Share what you have learned with your counselor."

Requirement #5. With the approval of your counselor and a parent, **watch a movie** that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. There are suggested movies in the booklet and on the website http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Citizenship_in_the_Community

Requirement #7. a, b, and prepare for c, which is a discussion of what you learned through your research and volunteer experience. Choose a charitable organization outside of Scouting that interests you and brings people in your community together to work for the good of your community. **This includes volunteering at least 8 hours of your time for the organization.**

Requirement 8. Develop a public presentation (such as video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and unique aspects of your community. Use the worksheet to determine what to include. Present this at the Midway session.

Citizenship in the Nation:

I am advising any scout that wants to undergo the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge at the Midway to complete the attached as much as possible, bring in a newspaper article on a national issue and finally, to visit this website if the scout has participated in the Memorial Day Flag ceremony in Westwood.

<http://www.cem.va.gov/nchp/losangeles.htm>

Scouts should be prepared to discuss the newspaper article they bring in and the purpose for the National Cemetery Administration.

Dog Care:

1. Do the following:
 - A. Discuss the control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.
 - B. Explain the importance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health.
 - C. Discuss the benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis.
 - D. Discuss with your counselor any seasonal conditions (like hot summers, cold winters, or extreme humidity) where you live that need to be considered for your dog.
2. Do the following:
 - A. Explain the precautions to take in handling a hurt dog.
 - B. Explain how to treat wounds. Explain first aid for a dog bite.
 - C. Explain what to do if a dog is hit by a car.
 - D. Visit a veterinary hospital or an animal shelter and give a report about your visit to your counselor.
3. Know the laws and ordinances involving dogs that are in force in your community. (leash laws, Poop pick-up in a public area, Licensing.

Leatherwork:

Buy and bring in one of the Leatherwork projects sold at the Scout Shop.



HORSEMANSHIP MERIT BADGE & HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAMS at CAMP JOSEPHO!

Dear Troop Leaders and Parents,

We have brought our horses to Camp Josepho in order to offer a *unique* opportunity for scouts of all ages to earn their **Horsemanship Merit Badge** or experience a **Horsemanship Program**. We are **El Dustberry**, a unique ranch utilizing rescue horses in our programs.

What makes us unique:

- Located in **Camp Josepho** in the Santa Monica Mountains, we are a recognized California non-profit organization providing innovative programs to children and adults throughout the Los Angeles Metropolitan area.
- The monies generated by our Merit Badge Programs provide the support for our free programs and services that assist cancer patients and their families.
- We teach "Gentle and Natural Horsemanship", a humane approach to interaction with horses based on trust and respect.
- Most of our horses are considered rescues and have histories of neglect, abuse or abandonment and have been rehabilitated under our care. Through their histories, we teach key principles of sharing, tolerance, respect, appreciation and that each being makes a difference.

What we offer your troop:

Our **SCOUT MERIT BADGE AND HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAMS** offer participants the opportunity to increase appreciation and respect for the deep connections among people and horses. Hands-on learning experiences provide the necessary skills and impart the knowledge required to earn the Horsemanship Merit Badge. Our program is taught by a Merit Badge Counselor.

Key topics covered include:

- Bonding Activities in which partnering, connection and trust is achieved between horse and human
 - Natural Horse care & Tack
 - Natural Horsemanship - Riding bareback and bit-less, as an "extension" of the horse
 - Horse Psychology - Herd Mentality and more!
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- *All programs are custom designed to meet the specific needs of each participant and group. We serve those with special needs.*
 - Camp out at **Josepho** and do our program, or come up for the day!
 - Program cost: \$35 per participant.
 - **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:** Saturdays and Sundays, 9-11 or 10-12, 1-3, 3-5
 - Summer, weekend and specialty horsemanship programs and camps offered

Please call us at (818) 995 0277 for more information, program scheduling, and rates. Email us at robin@eldustberry.com , www.eldustberry.org

We appreciate your support and look forward to welcoming your troop for an invaluable experience they will never forget!

Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America

Anna Ruggieri Service Center

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Regular Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

**All WLACC Service Centers will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2008
for the Columbus Day Holiday.**

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
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