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SOUTHERN SIERRA COUNCIL

SSC Scouting News

Keeping you up to date with what is happening in the Southern Sierra Council.

[SSC Website Link](#)

Council Restructure

On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, the Board of Directors approved consolidating all units in the council into one district. Currently we have 46 units in the council which is smaller than many districts in other councils.

Membership is 50% of 2019 with the loss of our LDS units and low retention of the non-LDS scouts during recharter. All units are under the Tejon District umbrella with the continued leadership of:

District Chairman - John Ryan
District Commissioner - Patricia Martin-Galvin



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Tejon District Committee Meetings

First Thursday of each month - 6:30 pm

Meetings are currently being held via Zoom but will resume, when allowed, at the Scout Office.

All interested adults are invited to attend.

Trading Post Closed but Available

If you need supplies or awards our staff is working from home and is available to arrange shipment of your items right to your door.

If you have something to drop off call the office to verify when someone will be in the office. During that time, ring the doorbell and you will be able to drop off your item(s).

Eagle project proposals and final Eagle binders are still being processed. Drop them at the office for processing.

Our top concern still remains the health and well-being of our Scouting Community.



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Give Big Kern Success



GIVE BIG KERN Report

Southern Sierra Council, BSA raised \$12,007 dollars through #GIVEBIGKERN on May 5 - that's an impressive 248% increase over 2019's \$3,455.

Donations were made by 100% of the Board and many donors that believe in Scouting.

7,016 volunteer hours were pledged.

This is a huge blessing to keep the council going while the Spring Friends of Scouting campaign is delayed.

Activities - Scouting From Home



4-Point Challenge Form

REMINDER - 4-Point Challenge

Forms are due to your unit contact by Friday, May 15

If you are not participating through your unit, please email your completed form to cbasham3504@gmail.com

Unit Reminder - Please send your patch orders to cbasham3504@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, May 20. Each patch is \$1.25 and is payable upon delivery. Please be sure to contact all your scouts about their completions. No additional patches will be ordered so your original count must be accurate.

For those who still need a form see the button above.



STARS, STRIPES & SCOUTS

Virtual Memorial Day Remembrance For everyone!

Many units have a historical Memorial Day service project to remember those who have served in our Armed Forces and either lost their lives during their service or have since passed away.

Flags placed on veteran's graves at many of the memorial parks around the area, color guards at the Memorial Day celebrations, a prayer in memory of those who gave their all.

To fill the gap of those remembrances...

All scouts are inviting to send a photo of themselves saluting in Uniform.

SCOUTING NEVER ENDS

We thank and salute all the units continuing to stay in contact with their Scouts and families. More than 50% of the units in the council have continued to have meetings...just utilizing virtual platforms.

Troop are having meetings by Zoom. Merit badges are being completed and Trail to First class has not stopped.

Packs are having den meetings by Zoom. Virtual bridgings are happening so the AOL scouts can make their move to a Scouts BSA troop and begin their trek along the trail.

Explorer posts are still having virtual meetings and drills.

Check out the many virtual activities on the Council website under Covid-19.

Council Training Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 pm
Webinar on Free Conference Call.com

Who should attend:

- Pack or Troop Committee Training Chair or Committee Chair
- Wood Badgers are encouraged to attend for support with your ticket activities and how you can continue to promote Wood Badge to all leaders.

The Training Committee is the best opportunity to coordinate trainings for your unit's needs.

Freeconferencecall.com, meeting ID: CJForster

Questions: Contact Council Training Chair - Carolyn Forster at CJForster1964@gmail.com

In addition, scouts can send a photo of a personally made remembrance sign, a special crafts or dessert, remembrance decorations at your home to be included in the video. Let your imagination be your guide.

Just remember to be in the photo in Uniform.

The photos will be put in a video and posted on the council Facebook page and website for the Memorial Day weekend.

Submit photos by Monday, May 18 to SouthernSierraCouncil.BSA@gmail.com



Journey to Excellence

Concerned About Journey to Excellence?

Missing nights of camping, service hours, training opportunities, summer camp attendance?

The National JTE committee will be reviewing the objectives once the Shelter at Home is lifted and Scouting can get back to business.

Revised JTE objectives will be issued to take into consideration the months of missed program.

Once the restrictions are lifted and revisions are available each unit will receive the update.



REVISED METHOD FOR INPUTTING SERVICE HOURS

Effective immediately -

- Units should log service hours via the Scoutbook redirect when they click "Activity Logs" (under either the individual or 'Quick Entry').
- Units not using Scoutbook but only Internet Advancement 2.0 to report advancements - service hours may be input directly into Internet Advancement 2.0.
- For the time being, units can still enter Exploring Service Hours, report Eagle Service projects and view previously recorded projects.
- Lodgemaster should be used for entering Order of the Arrow service hours. This data (which is stored in the Scoutbook database but is not User visible in Internet Advancement 2.0) feeds JTE directly.

Jamboree - There are still a few spots left

National Jamboree July 2021 "Scouting's Flagship Event"

Scouts at least 12 years old and First Class rank at the time of Jamboree will have the time of their lives.

Join 36 scouts and 6 leaders from So. Sierra Council as they experience 13 days of ultimate Scouting with 40,000 scouts from across the nation.

Check out the details.

[Council Jamboree Information](#)



**Jamboree Troop Meetings (Virtual)
Monthly - Third Thursday
6:15 pm to 8:00 pm**

Upcoming Summer Events

Cub Scout Camps

With regret - June's Cub Scout Day Camp is cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

July's Twilight Camp is still on

July 20-23 - 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm
St. Francis School - 2516 Palm St
Cost: \$100

Don't miss the highlight of the Cub Scouting Year!

Fun, exciting age-appropriate activities including games, archery, BB gun shooting, crafts and fitness.

Register now to show scout commitment. A full refund will be given if the camp is cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Roundtable - For all leaders (Zoom)



[Twilight Camp Registration](#)

**Thursday, June 11
6:50 pm to 8:00 pm**

Program ideas, information on policy and events; and training opportunities. Evening will include general session and then breakouts for Cub & Scout leaders.

Zoom invitation with connection will be available beginning June 1.



Life-to-Eagle Workshop - via Zoom

Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Invited participants include:

- All scouts considering their next steps towards the Eagle Scout rank
- Their parents
- Unit Leaders that help support scouts in moving towards Eagle

Topics cover include:

- What it means to be an Eagle Scout
- Understanding the Eagle Scout requirements
- Planning and conducting your Eagle Scout Service Project
- Completing the Eagle Scout Rank Application
- Your Eagle Scout Board of Review
- Planning for your Court of Honor



The Eagle process involves more planning, approvals and paperwork than previous ranks. The goal of this session is to inform and prepare you to more easily navigate this process.

Any questions, feel free to contact Brian at bholcombe@bak.rr.com

Order of the Arrow - Spring Ordeal

For members of the Order of the Arrow

**Spring Ordeal - June 17 to 19
Camp Kern at Huntington Lake**

Newly elected members - this is your chance to complete the first step toward full membership in the Order.

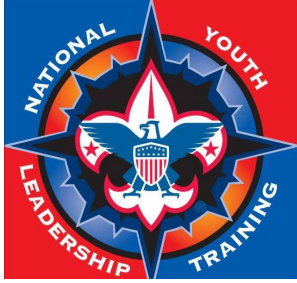
Existing members - Be Prepared to take that next step to Brotherhood member.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information from the Lodge.

Questions - Contact Bill Hurley, Lodge Advisor
whurley6@icloud.com



**NYLT -
National Youth Leadership Training**



One spot remaining

June 22 to 27 @ Camp Kern (Huntington Lake)

Scouts BSA must be 13 year of age and First Class rank

- Competent in Scout Skills
- Participated in Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)
- Recommended by Scoutmaster

Contact Course Director

Sheri Stringer
(661) 619-9212
stringer.sheri@gmail.com

Fee: \$290.00 per scout

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. This outdoor experience is set up to represent a month in the life of a typical scout unit. Scouts will develop an understanding of group formation and development. All this through hands-on leadership experiences.

Dates to Mark on the Calendar

Camporall - Saturday, August 14-16 (all Scouts BSA)

Camp Three Falls

Rescheduled from April

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

(Required outdoor training for SM & SA)

September 12-13

Webelos Woods (All Webelos & AOL)

September 18-20

Certified Angling Instructor Course

September 17-20 at Buena Vista Lake

Outdoor Expo (for everyone)

October 10