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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](#)

**Due to the state mandate concerning the COVID-19 pandemic - Staff & Visitors are required to wear a mask while at the Trading Post**

**The Trading Post and Scout Office hours are Monday thru Friday - Noon to 5:00 pm**

**The Trading Post and Scout Office will be closed for the holidays on:**

**Thursday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Dec. 31 & Friday, Jan. 1, 2021**

Orders can be emailed ahead to be pulled and ready when you arrive. Email (Advancement reports and a PO) to Mary Castaneda at [Mary.Castaneda@scouting.org](mailto:Mary.Castaneda@scouting.org) or by calling (661) 325-9036

Shipping is available



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**Office Manager** - Mary Castaneda



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### **Tejon District Committee Meetings**

First Thursday of each month - 6:30 pm

**Thursday, December 3 via Zoom**

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

The District Committee mobilizes resources to ensure the growth and success of units. Districts are responsible for carrying out four standard functions: membership, fund development, program, and unit service.

All interested adults are invited to attend.

*Please email your interest in receiving the Zoom link to the meeting to:*  
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[jwryan61@gmail.com](mailto:jwryan61@gmail.com)

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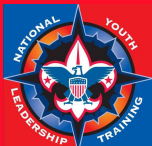
*We wish you and your loved ones a marvelous holiday season and a prosperous New Year. From your officers, Executive board, and staff at the Southern Sierra Council, we sincerely thank you for your time, resources and generous support.*



*Stephen Boyle, Council President*

*Cindy Basham, Council Commissioner*

*Randy Saunders, Scout Executive*



**NYLT Collectable Ornament  
Preorder Now - Available Dec. 15**

# National Youth Leadership Training Scholarship Collectable Ornament Patch



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) limited edition**  
Christmas season ornament patch is available for \$10 each.  
All profits earned will be used to provide **NYLT scholarships** for youth in the  
Southern Sierra Council during the 2021 course.

- **Pre-orders** accepted through **12/15/2020** (or while supplies last).
- Patches arrive around 12/15/20 at the Council office.
- Orders may be picked up directly from council office or delivery arrangements made by contacting an NYLT staff member.

Questions: Contact NYLT Course Director: Maria Brown 661-912-5923 or Sheri Stringer at 661-619-9212

Order Form - NYLT Ornament Patch

## Support Scouting...Donate Online



2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. I hope you and your families are staying healthy and safe during this holiday season. The leadership and staff of the Southern Sierra Council are working hard to keep Scouting alive and well in our area.

Despite our efforts, we are still short raising the funds needed to keep Scouting support available for our Packs, Troops, and Posts. We need your help. Please consider making a donation to the Southern Sierra Council. You can donate any amount online at <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/030/appeal/3306>

Your generous gift is greatly appreciated and very important to keep Scouting alive in our area.

Thank you for your support!

Randy Saunders - Scout Executive

# Popcorn!!! NEW Items & Bundles Available via Online Direct!!!



Scouts and Leaders, the Trail's End Popcorn Sale continues on via Online Direct Sales. Any Scout can participate in Online Direct Sales and earn funds for their Scouting experiences. Free shipping for all orders \$30 and more will also continue.



Honey Roasted Peanuts



Peppermint Bark



Frosted Snowflake Pretzels



Unbelievable Butter  
Microwave



American Heroes  
Donation



Chocolatey Caramel Crunch  
Tin

Limited Time Only—Free Shipping on orders of \$30 or more

Original Online Products continue to be available

The Heroes (military) donation is also still available. Remember, any Scout that sells \$100 in Heroes donations will receive a special edition military popcorn shoulder patch from the Council.



Please visit the Trails End website or contact Randy at [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto:randy.saunders@scouting.org) for more information about the popcorn sale. It's not too late to start selling and earning for a great year of Scouting.

## Popcorn at the Trading Post

There is also a limited supply of popcorn for sale at the Trading Post (Scout office). Stop by and pick up your favorites...WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Currently we have:

- White Cheddar
- Unbelievable Butter
- Salted Caramel
- Blazin' Hot Cheddar
- Caramel

## Time to Wrap Up Recharter

### UNIT RECHARTERS

#### Recharter Fees for 2021 - Returning Members

- Youth - \$84 (National \$66 plus Council \$18)
- Adult or Explorer - \$60 (National \$42 plus Council \$18)
- Unit Recharter fee - \$75 per unit

#### Important Recharter Dates -

Monday, November 30 - All recharter input should be complete in the Online Recharter System  
Friday, December 4 - All recharter paperwork and fees due at Scout Office.

### MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR RENEWALS - Deadline Dec. 15

All MBC must renew their commitment annually no later than December 15. Each currently registered Merit Badge Counselor received an email listing the merit badges they are currently registered to counsel. Using that information - counselors must submit a new "Merit Badge Counselor Information" form designating the badges they will be continuing or specifying the ones to be deleted from their list.

There is a limit of 20 merit badges per counselor. When submitting the 2021 form, be sure to select no more than your top 20 and include an update to certifications on badges that have specific counselor requirements.

If you have any questions - please contact Cindy Basham [cbasham3504@gmail.com](mailto:cbasham3504@gmail.com)

### NON-UNIT REGISTRATIONS - 2021 Registration Due NOW

Members whose primary registration is through the Council or District - please be sure to pay your 2021 Registration fee (\$60) at the Scout Office.

Not able to make it to the office? - Call Mary between 12 noon & 5:00 pm to pay over the phone.

## SPECIAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE



**Zoom link will be sent to all Registered Leaders on Monday, December 7**

### SPECIAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE -

**Thursday, December 10  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

#### December Program:

- **Moving Your Unit Forward in 2021**
  - Online Updates to Systems
  - JTE Updates & Planning
  - Growing Membership
  - National Updates

**NEXT GENERAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE - Thursday, January 14**

# Scouting Adventure for 2021



## WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA!

**January 9, 2021 8:30am – Noon**

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*Calling all Cub Scouts to join the Tejon District in our annual Winter Extravaganza S.T.E.M. Activity Day!*

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**Event Activities to Include:**

**Brush Bots, Straw Rockets, Marble Mazes, Robot Drawing Tool and Neckerchief Slides**

**Frito Boat lunch will be provided after the day's activities.**

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**Location: Westside Church of Christ**

**7300 Stockdale Hwy (corner of Stockdale and El Rio)**

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**Registration Cost - \$10.00 Registration Deadline - Jan 3rd**

[Register for Winter Extravaganza Here](#)

## Order of the Arrow



### Upcoming OA Events:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- Dec. 5 - Lodge LLD / Lodge elections at CALM from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Dec. 10 - Lodge Christmas party / chapter elections - 14706 Goodwin Ave. - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

## Eagles Nest

- If you have any questions or need assistance with the Eagle process please contact the Council Office for direction.
- Congratulations to two new Eagle Scouts during the month of November! These scouts are members of Troops: 13 & 317
- Currently, there are 53 scouts who have earned their Eagle rank in 2020. One month to go...Who else will earn the honor in 2020?
- Class of 2020 Eagle Scouts, Parents, & Leaders - Mark your calendar for the March 9 Eagle Dinner.



## Pushmobile Mark Your Calendar for March 6



### Attention ALL Cub Scouts!!

Lions through Arrow Of Light

Please save the date, **MARCH 6, 2021** for the Southern Sierra Council Pushmobile Race.

So, dust off those pushmobiles, find those bicycle helmets and **BE PREPARED** for an Amazing Race!!!

Additional info to be sent out soon.

## Adult Leader Awards



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It's time to apply for adult recognitions for your leaders and adult volunteers. We value all our volunteers and leaders and need to remember to recognize their work and achievements too. Although everyone says they are too humble to need an award for doing what they love to do, we recognize our adults to show appreciation and letting our scouts and families know you are invested in the BSA program, mission, and values.

Many of the awards involve tenure plus training and activities you are already accomplishing.

All BSA awards: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>

**Tejon District-Unit Award of Appreciation:** Nominate *anyone* with your Unit, registered or not, who helps your scouts grow and go! Appreciate the volunteer who helps coordinate campout locations or is your treasurer, for example; you can even nominate the janitor

who stayed late and opened the school auditorium last year for your Unit each week. No restrictions on who can be nominated for this award.  
E-mail Appreciation Award nominees to Cindy Basham, [cbasham3504@gmail.com](mailto:cbasham3504@gmail.com)

Unit Award of Appreciation form

**Save-the Dates:**

**Tejon District Volunteer Recognition and Dinners**

- **March 13** - Ridgecrest
- **March 27** - Bakersfield

## Training News & Upcoming Courses



**Questions about training or training requirements**

Contact Council Training Chairman - Carolyn Forster at [cjforster1964@gmail.com](mailto:cjforster1964@gmail.com)



**COORDINATORS NEEDED**

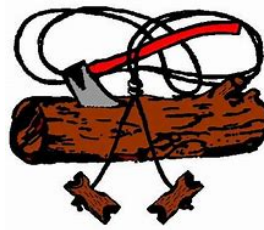
- **BALOO** - March 20-21
- **EDGE** - April 10
- **IOLS** - Sept. 12-13

**Coordinator Responsibilities:**

- Outdoor skill competence is not required.
- Coordinate and gather group of experienced Scouters to support presentation of trainings for attendees.
- Work with experienced coordinators available for guidance and best practices.
- Syllabus is already developed for these trainings; includes agenda outline, presentation descriptions, and timing.



Please contact Carolyn Forster, [cjforster1964@gmail.com](mailto:cjforster1964@gmail.com) to volunteer as the coordinator for any of these trainings.



## **WOODBADGE**

Register for the premier adult leadership development course for the Boy Scouts of America.

Wood Badge is **leadership training for all Scout Leaders** who are involved at any level of scouting: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing, as well as Council and District leaders and professionals.

Learn by doing, gain leadership knowledge from experienced leaders, include the mission of the BSA into your unit's program. If you are sending your scouts to NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) you should attend Wood Badge. All adults gain valuable and current leadership skills. Work with your unit if you need assistance with the registration fees.

Watch for Wood Badge course scheduled for 2021!

Questions about Wood Badge:

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Maria Brown, [mariaambrown614@gmail.com](mailto:mariaambrown614@gmail.com)

Chris Moore, [ScouterChrisMoore@gmail.com](mailto:ScouterChrisMoore@gmail.com)

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## **COUNCIL TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Join us at Council Training Committee to give your input on trainings needed for your unit, your leaders, and your scouts.

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

*Who should attend:*

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

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021 - 6:30 pm - Location: Zoom**

**Please contact Carolyn Forster, [cjforster1964@gmail.com](mailto:cjforster1964@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to provide input for the next meeting.**

## **Dates to Mark on the Calendar**

**Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

**January 30 - Details to be announced**

**Council Day of Service**

**February 6 - Service project of your unit's choosing**

**Leave No Trace Trainers Course**

**February 26-28**