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SSC Scouting News

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

[SSC Website Link](#)

Be sure to select "View Entire Message" at the bottom of page one to see full newsletter

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

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 or by calling (661) 325-9036

Shipping is available



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SSC Program Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 5, 2021
6:30 pm via Zoom

The SSC Program Committee is responsible for strengthening and enriching unit program by overseeing the program functions of Activities & Civic Service; Advancement; Camping; and Training.

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Blake Nettleton is Heading South



Congratulations to District Associate, Blake Nettleton, on his new position as Senior District Executive for the Crescent Bay District in Western Los Angeles County Council. Crescent Bay District has been around since August 30, 1930 and even spent many decades as a council on it's own. Blake will honor their history and guide the district as it serves 1,600 scouts.

Blake's last day in Southern Sierra Council is Friday, August 13. We will miss him but know this is a great step along his professional Scouting trail.

Build an Adventure - Rocket into Scouting



Randy Saunders launching plastic bottle rockets



Bill Basham, Blake Nettleton & AOL Scout Trini launching scout rockets. Where did it go??



At 10:00 am on Saturday, July 31, excited Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA began arriving at Tevis Jr High for the Council's Rocket Launch.

Anticipation was everywhere, as the rockets promised both fun and challenges, as young rocketeers built and then launched both water/compressed air-powered "bottle rockets" and Estes Model Rockets.

A dozen bottle rockets & twenty-one Estes rockets were built and successfully launched while showcasing Scouting fun & opportunities!

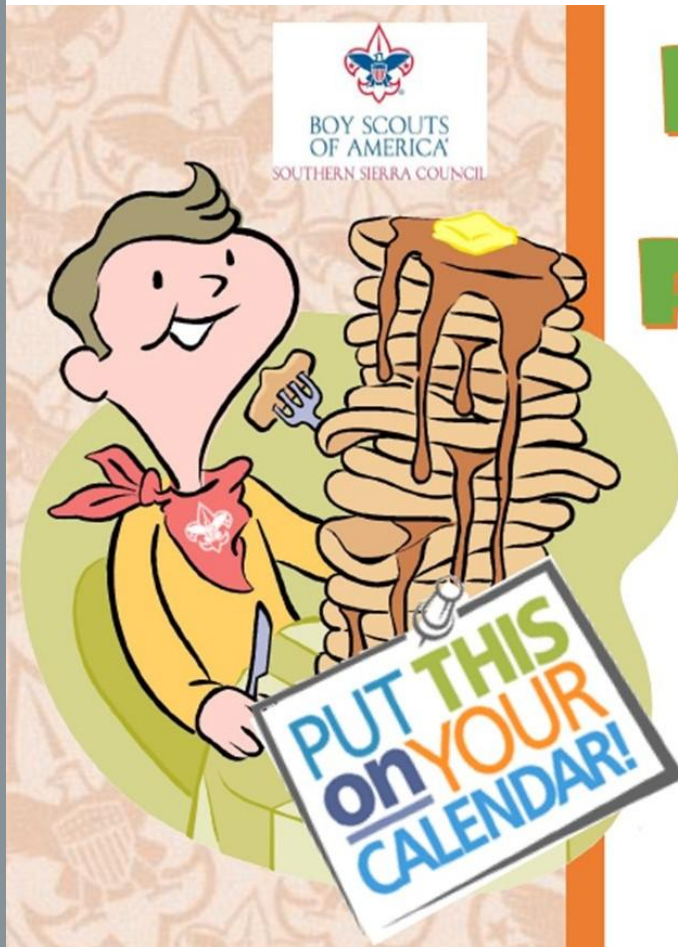
Congratulations to the scouts that brought a friend! A special prize is earned when their guest registers to be a scout.

Thank you to the parents & leaders that served in "mission control" as the scout's launched their rockets upwards!

A Blast was had by all!!

Preview and Pancakes

Please RSVP by Thursday, August 12 to allow for handout & breakfast prep



PREVIEW & PANCAKES

Help your Pack or Troop have the best year ever for 2021-2022! Plan your calendar with Council events included.

Join us for pancakes and a preview of all the great Council activities for scouts and scouters!

Learn about all the Program Committee booths and events, activities, and more at . . .

Preview & Pancakes

Saturday, August 14

8:00 am to 10:00 am

Southern Sierra Office

2417 M Street, Bakersfield

[Register for Preview & Pancakes](#)

Scouting's Trash to Treasures - Yard Sale

One person's trash is another person's treasures



MULTI-UNIT YARD SALE

Saturday, August 7

Urner's Parking Lot - 4110 Wible Road

Packs/Troops - Reserve your 18'x18' free spot.
Units may reserve additional 9'x18' spots for \$10.00 each.

FINAL DAY TO RESERVE A SPOT IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 - 11:59 PM

For more details - check out the council reservation page

[More Details & Reservations](#)

In addition to the yard sale - we will also have

Council Food Booth Menu

vendor booths -

- Self defense tools, stun devises, pepper spray
- Custom vinyl & screen print t-shirts
- Handwoven Crafts
- Licensed anime, comic, cartoon merchandise
- Handmade Fabric Crafts
- Mary Kay Skin Care & Cosmetics
- Homemade Dog Treats
- Acrylic, Polymer Clay craft items
- and more

Breakfast Burritos - \$4
(eggs, cheese & potatoes - sausage, bacon or plain)

Lunchtime Nachos - \$4
(chili & cheese)

Coffee (free refills) - \$1

Bottled water - \$1

Salsa & jalapenos on the side.

SHOP FOR TREASURES AND ENJOY A MEAL

Support Local Scouting Share this note with your friends

Scouting in the summer is awesome!

We hosted an incredible Cub Scout Day Camp in June, Scouts BSA troops have attended summer camps, lots of new skills were learned and plenty of badges were earned. The “outing” is back in Scouting this summer, thanks to our dedicated leaders and volunteers.



The leadership and staff of the Southern Sierra Council are working hard to provide the resources and funds needed to keep Scouting alive and well in our area.

We need your help. Please consider making a donation in celebration of a great Scouting summer to **Southern Sierra Council** during the month of August. You can donate any amount online [HERE](#).

Please share this link with your friends and contacts that are interested in supporting our young people. 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

Special Topic Roundtable - for all leaders



Roundtables provide unit leaders with the skill to do and the will to do what is needed to ensure that every member of every unit has a great Scouting experience. They build upon the foundation provided by position-specific basic training and each leader's commitment to serving youth through Scouting.

GENERAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE -
Thursday, September 9

Meeting Safety

Thursday, August 12
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Is Your Meeting Place Safe?

As units return to their old meeting rooms or begin to use new ones - What to look for to be sure your meetings follow the Health & Safety/Risk Management review.

Randy Saunders will walk us through the steps to insure scouts and leaders are safe.

Event Updates & Announcements

Zoom link will be sent to all Registered Leaders on Tuesday, August 10

Wood Badge - \$260 rate extended & Bring-A-Friend for extra discount



WOOD BADGE

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

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.

HURRY! ONLY \$260 now!

PLUS - \$25 refund if you bring a friend to Tri-Council Wood Badge!

TRI-COUNCIL WOOD BADGE: August 27-29 AND October 2-3, 2021



**Scholarships are available -
Ask your Pack/Troop, Council, or
Wood Badge Course**

**Questions about Wood Badge:
Carolyn Forster, cjforster1964@gmail.com
Maria Brown, mariambrown614@gmail.com**

[Register for Wood Badge Here](#)

Popcorn Time - Storefronts Are Back!



The Trail's End popcorn sale is back in 2021. It is not too late to get your Pack or Troop started in this program. If you are looking for a fundraiser for your unit and your Scouts, Trail's End popcorn is the perfect one for you.

Storefront sales are available this fall. The Council has coordinated with several of the larger retail chains in Bakersfield to secure some dates and selling times for your Pack or Troop. There are also options for your unit to do storefront sales at smaller businesses in your area. With the help of your parents, reach out to some of the banks, hardware stores, automotive shops, and other open businesses to set up a booth and sell popcorn.

There are two opportunities to order popcorn for the storefront sale: Aug. 6 for pick-up on August 27-28, and Sept. 6 for pick-up on September 24-25. Units orders are made online at the Trail's End website <https://www.trails-end.com/>.

Online direct sales are back this year. All of their products are available via online direct sales. Scouts receive 1.5 rewards points for online direct and all credit card sales. You don't have to handle product or money (credit card payments for online sales). The take order option is also available for Scouts to sell popcorn, too.

If your unit has not registered yet, now is the time to log-in to the Trail's End website and get started. Check out our 2021 Popcorn Plan [HERE](#) for commission structure, prizes, and the

schedule.

If your unit is not participating, but your Den or Patrol wants to, we can make it happen for you. Contact the Scout Office or randy.saunders@scouting.org.

Upcoming reminders:

- August 6 – Storefront sales order #1 due online
- August 27-28 – Storefront product distribution
- September 6 – Storefront sales order #2 due online



Growing Scouting - Invite Your Friends to Join



School is starting and scouts will be seeing their old friends and making new ones.

Cub Scout Packs and Scouts BSA Troops may have reduced their meeting and activity schedules for the summer, but it is time to return to a full Scouting program.

August & September is the perfect time for scouts to bring a friend...new or old...to experience Scouting.

Packs and Troops will be hosting meetings, activities and campouts. Even a service project is a fun activity for your Scouts and their friends that join Scouting.

Once you get these school year activities on the calendar, ask your Scouts to invite a friend. Yes, your school year events can also be an opportunity for new families to join your Pack or Troop. The Southern Sierra Council will offer the following incentives for your Scouts and parents. Please share these with your group.

- Youth: Invite another youth to join your Pack or Troop between June 1 and October 31. When the invited youth joins, the Scout will receive a special incentive.
 - Cub Scout youth: Pinewood derby car kit and patch
 - Scouts BSA youth: Pocket knife and patch
 - Newly recruited youth: patch
- Parent, leader or any adult: Invite a parent to bring their youth to join their Pack or Troop between June 1 and October 31. If the invited youth joins, the adult will receive a Starbucks gift card. If the invited youth's parent becomes a registered volunteer, the adult will get two Starbucks gift cards.

Have a great Scouting year and bring your friends along, too.

Help Other People at all Times

As we have throughout our history, Scouting families have answered the call to work together in service of the greater good. From public health

drives...to caring for the environment...to assisting neighbors in need...Scouts have always been a force for positivity and goodness in our communities.



The Summer of Service is a broad initiative for individuals, families, units, and councils to participate, share, and report the amazing impact of serving the community.

The Southern Sierra Council has scheduled a Council-wide Summer of Service Project

Location: Camp Hamilton (34999 Lerdo Hwy)

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021

Time: 8 am-12 pm (Noon).

Join Scouting families across the Council and nation in a spirited Summer of Service!

Now more than ever, our world needs that Scouting spirit once again. Let's step up! Together, we can answer the call to make a positive impact in our neighborhoods and communities.

For those Cub Scout units that are joining us with projects big or small, we have Yard Signs for use while working.

Please contact us at 661-325-9036 if you have any questions.

For more information about the National program "Summer of Service" go to <https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/>

Kern County Fair - Baked Potato Booth Help Needed

JOIN US AT THE KERN COUNTY FAIR FOR THE FAMOUS BOY SCOUT POTATO BOOTH!

SEPTEMBER 22 – OCTOBER 3

SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT (OR A FEW) AND RECEIVE ALL THESE BENEFITS!!

- **FREE ADMISSION TO THE FAIR!**
- **FREE PARKING!**
- **FREE POTATO AND DRINK!**



Check out the potato booth schedules to see where you can help:

To sign up for the shift(s) of your choice - Email Randy Saunders at randy.saunders@scouting.org or via phone (661) 325-9036

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- August 3 - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person)

For more information or to schedule a visit:

Lodge Chief - Tucker Monaco - tucktuck712@gmail.com

Chapter Chief - Trystan Monaco - trystanmonaco@yahoo.com

Lodge Advisor - Bill Hurley - whurley6@icloud.com

Eagles Nest

- If you have any questions or need assistance with the Eagle process please contact the Council office for direction.
- Congratulations to four new Eagle Scouts during the month of July! These scouts are members of Troops: 194, 484, 712 & 2119.
- Class of 2021 Eagle Scouts, Parents & Leaders - Mark your calendar for the March 24, 2022 Eagle Dinner.
- Membership empowers Scouting's mission, protects the Eagle Scout legacy, and keeps alumni connected. Give your Eagle pride a purpose with membership in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA).



Join NESA

Training Updates & Information



Questions about training or training requirements

Contact Council Training Chairman - Carolyn Forster at cjforster1964@gmail.com



Council Training Committee

Meets 4x's per year: March, May, August, & September

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**
on Zoom: ID 314 211 1129; Passcode 828897

Who should attend: All Trainers, Unit Training Chair or Committee Chair, Commissioners, and anyone interested in training or the training schedule



TRAINING ATTENDANCE PREREQUISITES

For all in-person or virtual trainings, the following requirements **always** apply:

- **All participants** must have Medical Forms A&B ([680-001_ABC.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#));
- Medical Form Part C for camping 72 hours+ and/or high adventure activity
- **Adult participants** must have current Youth Protection Training (taken during 2020 or 2021) - [My.Scouting.org](#)

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

It's time to renew your Youth Protection Training. If you previously completed YPT during 2020, you are required to complete the training again during 2021 to qualify for recharter in October.

How do I take YPT training?

Go to [My.Scouting.org](#) to take your YPT training. Your completion certificate should appear in about 24-48 hours after completion.

In-person YPT trainings

Youth Protection Training will be offered in-person on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the month of September at the SSC office in Bakersfield.

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm @ SSC office, Bakersfield

- **Tuesdays:** September 14, 21, or 28 or
- **Wednesdays:** September 8, 15, 22, or 29

Outdoor Expo 8:30 am - 11:00 am

- **Saturday, October 9**

Why do I need to take YPT again?

Youth Protection Training is the best resource to ensure everyone understands, recognizes, and knows about how to protect youth from bullying to sexual abuse.

It is Southern Sierra Council's policy, established by the Board of Directors in 2015, **ALL registered adults** are required to complete Youth Protection Training annually - during every calendar year.

Recommended YPT Training for ALL ADULTS

All adults are recommended to complete YPT, even if not registered. If you are participating in meetings, activities, and campouts, **YOU** should complete Youth Protection Training to understand and support the Youth Protection measures in place with your Pack or Troop.

Questions -

Carolyn Forster

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Council Training Committee Chair

YPT Champion





INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

Saturday, September 11 *AND* Sunday, September 12*

Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield

Cost: \$40 by 8/20; \$45 8/21-29

Registration (closes 8/29): www.sscbsa.org

*IOLS is an overnight camping experience course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Adults work together as patrols in this hands-on course for adult leaders. Learn practical outdoor skills for leading Scouts in the out-of-doors and teaching Scout basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. REQUIRED training for Scoutmasters to qualify for recharter. **IOLS is only offered 1x per year.**

PRE-REQUISITES: (Must be completed BEFORE course is taken)

- Registered leader
- Current Youth Protection Training (YPT) (last completed during 2020 or 2021) at My.Scouting.org
- Weather Hazards Training at My.Scouting.org

Course Director

Carolyn Forster

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Tigers, Wolves, and Bears...Oh My!



**Registration opens
August 15, 2021
at Midnight!**

**Space is limited to the first 80
participants.**

October 15-16, 2021
Tejon Ranch Old Headquarters

Cub Scout Youth: \$30
Cub Scout Adult: \$15.00

[Register Early!](#)

Getting the Outing back in Scouting & more...

Webelos Woods Campout News...

Volunteer to organize this year's Webelos Woods Campout - November 5, 6 and 7. Last year's chairman is willing to help you get started!

Submit your name to Randy Saunders, Council Exec, cell – (661) 779-3023 or email: randy.saunders@scouting.org

Do you have a fun activity for the Webelos? Contact Randy Saunders to run an advancement activity for the scouts at Webelos Woods.

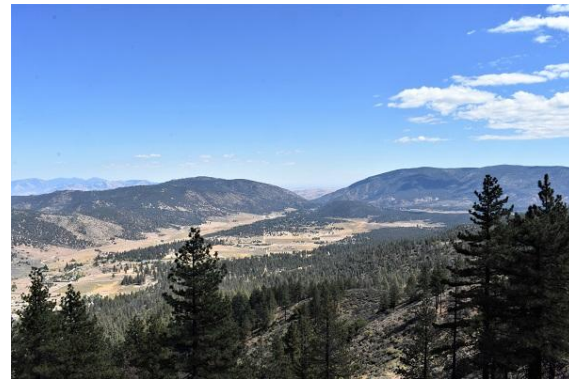
Let Randy know!

The cook has already signed-up! Yummy...

[Mt. Pinos Backcountry backpacking campsites](#)

Trailheads one hour or so from Bakersfield.

- Mt. Pinos – McGill car camp -7,300' Summit 8,848'
- Mt. Abel – car camp
- Half Moon – car camp
- Stonehouse
- Little Mutau
- Buck Creek
- Fish Bowls
- Deal Junction
- Reyes Creek
- Cedar Camp
- Sheep Camp
- Three Falls
- Piru Gorge
- Condor Lookout
- Alamo Mt.
- Bear Trap
- Sisquoc River



[Leadership Books Review by Randal Mapstead](#)

Use the following three books to develop leadership skills in your scouts:

Outdoor Leadership Technique, Common Sense & Self-Confidence, John Graham, The Mountaineers 2004 –

The opening paragraph from the Preface reads: "My first experience as a leader was not a success. Newly promoted to lead a patrol in Boy Scout Troop 99, I handled the first conflict I faced by socking Phil Adams and creating a general free-for-all on a trail near Mount Rainier. For that, I got benched." John Graham is the executive director of The Giraffe Project. In 1992, he created a series of workshops on outdoor leadership for The Mountaineers.

The second book, *The National Outdoor Leadership School's Wilderness Guide*, Mark Harvey, Fireside - Simon & Schuster Inc. 1999.

Two excerpts from the chapter 'Leadership and Expedition Behavior'. "..... good expedition behavior springs from all the most decent of human traits: respectfulness, flexibility, tolerance of others, courtesy, politeness, directs communication, self-awareness, open-heartedness, teamwork, sharing and selflessness."

Sounds like Boy Scouts!

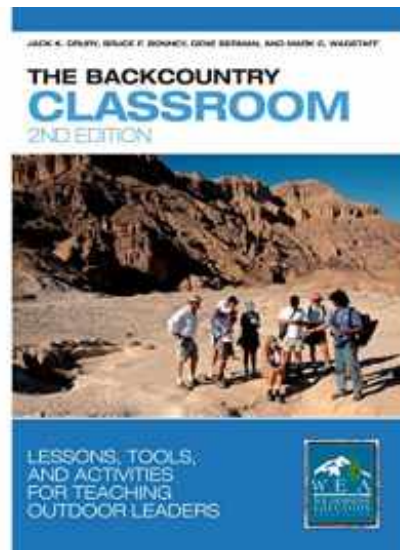
"Breakdowns usually come when you have no common goals, no common values and no mechanism for decision making."

My favorite and third book: *The Backcountry Classroom 2nd Edition*, Jack K. Drury, The Wilderness Education Association – The Globe Pequot Press 2005.

The information in the 48 chapters is presented in outline format. "We also include in each lesson our suggestions for the timing of the lesson during a typical extended expedition and some teaching strategies that we have used successfully."

Each chapter ends with "Instructional Strategies." Chapters about leadership are: (My favorite chapter is Group Processing and Debriefing)

- 8. Collaboration: How We Approach Teamwork
- 9. Crisis Management in the Backcountry
- 10. Decision Making
 - part 1. An Introduction to Decision Making
 - part 2. A Process for Making Decisions
- 12. Expedition Behavior
- 23. Group Development
- 24. Group Orienting and Monitoring
- 25. Group Processing and Debriefing*
- 26. History of Outdoor Leadership
- 29. Leadership
 - part 1. What is Leadership, and What Does It Take to Be a Leader?
 - part 2. Leadership Styles and Leadership Implementation
- 39. Safety: Emergency Procedures
- 40. Safety: Risk Management
- 43. Travel Technique: An Introduction to Travel
- 44. Travel Technique: Hiking
- 46. Trip Planning



Orion Project - Adventure at the Summit



The Orion Project was a seven-day overnight program that gave our Scouts free rein of the Summit. The name of the game was adventure.

With opportunities for BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, zip lines, canopy tours, challenge courses, climbing, shooting sports, whitewater rafting, and fellowship with Scouts from across the nation our schedule was full!

ORION PROJECT STATS

Scouts: **7**

Adults: **4**

Plane travel: **4268 miles**

Driving: **528 miles**

Hiking: **70.73 miles**



Trying something for the first time, the fun, and memories had by all:

PRICELESS

Thank you Crew 030 for an
AMAZING trip!

Dates to Mark on the Calendar



Outdoor Expo & Lions ROAR
Saturday, October 9

Golf Tournament
October 18, 2021

Sporting Clays
October 22, 2021

Webelos Woods
November 5-7, 2021

Council Pushmobile
December 4, 2021

