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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](#)

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

The Scout Office & Trading Post will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day

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



Council Office Contacts
(661) 325-9036

Scout Executive
Randy Saunders - Ext. 104
randy.saunders@scouting.org



SSC Program Committee Meeting
NO PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

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.

Council Website & Calendar
www.sscbsa.org

Council Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/sscbsa>

Both are great ways to keep up with what's happening throughout the month and for the upcoming year.

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Summer of Service Project Success



Thank you to Packs 25, 33, 2021 and Troops 47, 147, 188, 712 for your service during the Council's Summer of Service project at Camp Hamilton!



August 28, 2021

Popcorn Time - Storefronts Are Back!



The Trail's End popcorn sale has started. There is still time for your Pack or Troop to participate this year. 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 is one more opportunity to order popcorn for storefront sales: Sept. 7 (NEW DATE, following LABOR DAY) 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 always an option for Scouts to sell popcorn, too.

Here are some benefits for your Scouts selling popcorn:

- ***Units can earn up to a max. 42% commission***
- ***Scouts earn Amazon gift cards via Trails End Rewards***
- ***All sellers will receive the 2021 popcorn patch***
- ***The Heroes Council Shoulder patch is back. Scouts sell \$100 of heroes donations to receive this award***

- **Unit top seller gets a \$50 prize (min. \$250 sales to qualify)**
- **Council top seller gets a \$250 prize**
- **Earn money for camp and other Scouting activities**

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 (<https://sscbsa.org/popcorn-sale/>) 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:

- **September 7 – (NEW DATE, following LABOR DAY) Storefront sales order due online**
- **September 24-25 – Storefront product distribution**
- **October 26 – Take Order due online**



Growing Scouting - Invite Your Friends to Join

Now that our Scouts are back in school, it's time to grow your Pack or Troop



September is a great month for hosting a join event and inviting new families to become part of the Scouting adventure. Remember, growing your unit isn't just about providing Scouting to more youth, it's also about recruiting new parents to become helpers and leaders.

While a join event or open house are focused on inviting new families, you should continue to encourage your current Scouts to invite their friends to attend den meetings, Pack activities, and Troop functions. We have incentives for our young recruiters listed below. Parents and leaders can also be part of the recruiting team for your unit.

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.

The Southern Sierra Council provides materials and resources to help your unit grow. We can produce flyers. We have posters and yard signs. We can also provide some social media promotion. Contact Randy or Cindy at the Scout Office for more information and to coordinate your recruiting efforts.

[SHARE SCOUTING WITH A FRIEND](#)



Membership Fee - Effective August 1, 2021

New to BSA - Youth

- \$72 per year National Membership Fee (prorated per month - \$6.00) plus
- \$25 One-time Joining Fee (no proration)
- Council Program Fee waived

Former BSA Member - Youth

- \$72 per year National Membership Fee (prorated per month - \$6.00) plus
- \$12 per year Council Program Fee (prorated per month - \$1.00)

Adult or Explorer

- \$45 per year National Membership Fee (prorated per month - \$3.75)
- \$15 per year Council Program Fee (prorated per month - \$1.25)

Recharter Fee for 2022 - (Same as 2021)

- Youth - \$84 (National \$72 plus Council \$12)
- Adult or Explorer - \$60 (National \$45 plus Council \$15)
- Unit Charter Fee - \$75.00 per unit

General Topic Roundtable - for all leaders In-Person & on Zoom



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.

Mark Your Calendar for Next Month
SPECIAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE
Thursday, October 14

Zoom link will be sent to all Registered Leaders on Tuesday, September 7
&

Scout Office doors will open at 6:30 pm for in-person attendees.

Den Chief Program & Interactive Outdoor Activities

Thursday, September 9
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM

The Den Chief Program is the most under-utilized program around. Benefits are:

Cubs

Interaction with older scouts & stronger preparation for bridging to Scouts BSA

Scouts

Leadership service for rank advancements

Den Leaders

An extra person to help with the den activities

Scoutmasters

More scouts fulfilling their leadership responsibilities for advancement

Den Chief Training is coming in October (see training section)

Discover how your unit can benefit from the Den Chief program.

SSC Trading Post will be open 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for attendees shopping needs.

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:

[Potato Booth Schedules](#)

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

Two Activities - One Location Lion's ROAR & Outdoor Expo

Plus Training (see *Training Section*)



Come to the Annual Lions Roar!!!
-- Special Event for Kindergarteners --
Scouting Fun and A Roaring Good Time!!

Saturday, October 9, 2021

8:00 AM To 12:30 PM

Location: Westside Church of Christ

7300 Stockdale Hwy. (corner of Stockdale & El Rio)

Fee \$15 Per Lion - \$5 Per Adult Partner*
Activities, Patch, and Snack Provided!

[Lions ROAR - Register Here](#)

*Adult Partner must be present with Lion at all times. A Patch for an Adult

may be purchased for an additional \$2.00*

Planting Station - Games - Obstacle Course - Shirts - Marble Run - and More!

Masks Required - Everyone must be temperature checked & Health Form Parts A & B turned in BEFORE participating. Health Forms required for everyone onsite - adults & youth

Link to Annual Health Form Parts A & B

(https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

Questions – Contact Amy Swidecki

At (661) 565-8797 or (661) 472-3642 or by email at scoutmom.as@gmail.com



OUTDOOR EXPO

Saturday, October 9, 2021

**Locations: Westside Church of Christ
7300 Stockdale Hwy (corner of Stockdale & El Rio)**

7:30 am - Check-in, Medical forms A & B, & Safety Check

8:30 am - Opening & Introductions
Skills Booths, Training, Displays

12:00 pm - Closing

REGISTRATION - Online registration/payment required by 10/8
Early bird registration ends 9/25 - \$5 per child
Late registration 9/26 -10/8 - \$7 per child

Note: Lion's ROAR registration is separate

[Outdoor Expo & Training - Register Here](#)

CUB SCOUTS - Tigers thru AOL

- Flags
- Knots
- Camping
- Leave No Trace & Outdoor Code

SCOUTS BSA, LEADERS & ADULTS **

**** See Training Section below for details**

- Leave No Trace Awareness 101
- Youth Protection Training
- Den Chief Training

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Questions – Contact Skye Fosdick: skyefosdick@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to run the stations

Packs - please contact Skye to reserve the station your pack will adopt.

Camping News

Putting the Outing Back in Scouting

Outdoor adventure is the promise made to young people when they join Scouting. Boys and girls yearn for outdoor programs that stir their imagination and interest.

In the Outdoors we strive to meet the Aims of Scouting -
Character Development, Citizenship, Personal Fitness, Leadership

Tigers, Wolves, and Bears...Oh My! First, Second & Third Graders



1st, 2nd & 3rd graders this is
for you and your adult partner

October 15-16, 2021
Tejon Ranch Old Headquarters

Cub Scout Youth: \$30.00
Cub Scout Adult: \$15.00

Space is limited to the first 80
participants.

[Register Here](#)

Annual Health Form Parts A & B are required at check in.

Health Forms are required for everyone onsite - adults & youth

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Webelos Woods Webelos, AOL & Scouts BSA



**Webelos Woods - 4th & 5th graders
along with Scouts BSA Troops**

SAVE THE DATE

November 5-7, 2021

**Location: Gergen Ski Ranch
10658 Round Mountain Road - Bakersfield**

All Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to attend.

Events include: Adventure Loops, Shooting Ranges, Evening Program, Meals and two nights of Camping Adventure!

Scouts BSA Troops - Please plan to adopt an activity

Questions: Contact Event Chair - David Kampa - david.kampa1@gmail.com

Online Registration opens - October 1

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- **September 7** - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person)
- **September 11** - Details & Desserts - 8:00 am to 10:00 am Scout Office
- **September 17-19** - Section W4N Conclave

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

LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 16 - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Scout Office - 2417 M Street

Life Scouts, Parents and Leaders are invited to the Life to Eagle Workshop. This is an interactive workshop/seminar detailing the Eagle Rank process from project inception through preparation for the Eagle Board of Review

- If you have any questions or need assistance with the Eagle process please contact the Council office for direction.
- Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout during the month of August! The new Eagle is from Troop 188.
- **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, September 14, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**
on Zoom: ID 314 211 1129; Passcode 828897

Who should attend: *All units should have a representative at Training Committee. All Trainers, Unit Training Chair or Committee Chair, Commissioners, recent Wood Badge participants, 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 (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf);
- 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](https://www.myscouting.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 @ Westside Church of Christ

- **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.

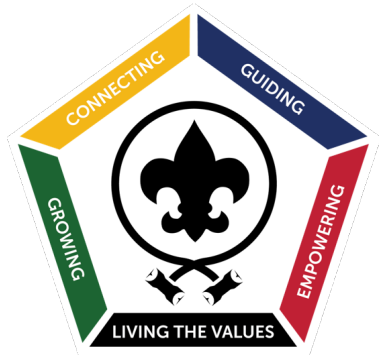
Questions -

Carolyn Forster

CJForster1964@gmail.com

Council Training Committee Chair

YPT Champion



WOOD BADGE

Support our Tri-Council Wood Badge program by purchasing a limited edition patch for only \$10 or the whole set of 4 for \$40. Proceeds support Tri-Council Wood Badge (Southern Sierra Council - Long Beach Council - Verdugo Hills Council).

Patches come in 4 colors:

- Full color
- all black
- all white
- glow-in-the-dark

Buy a patch as a gift for collectors, scouters, and to encourage all your leaders to attend Wood Badge. *Get a set just because they are cool!*

Contact any of our 2021 Wood Badge staff to purchase your set of patches today:

Maria Brown
Carolyn Forster
Heather Howard
Robert Reyes
Sheri Stringer
OR
the Scout Office





DEN CHIEF TRAINING

Saturday, October 9

Outdoor Expo - Westside Church of Christ, Bakersfield

- **7:30 am - required check-in with Medical Forms A&B** (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)
- **8:30 am - Training**

Registration: www.sscbsa.org/calendar

Who should attend:

- Scouts BSA
- Also recommended for Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters

Den Chief responsibilities

- Serves as a Scouting role model for the Cub Scouts in the den, as well as the entire pack;
- Promotes Scouting in general and the local troop in particular;
- Encourages the transition of Webelos Scouts into Scouts BSA;
- Holds a leadership position in the troop or crew, thus fulfilling an advancement requirement in the unit.
- Assists the den leader with planning and conducting den meetings.



LEAVE NO TRACE 101 - AWARENESS COURSE

Saturday, October 9

Outdoor Expo - Westside Church of Christ, Bakersfield

- **7:30 am - required check-in with Medical Forms A&B** (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)
- **8:30 am - Training**

Cost: \$5 collected by trainer

Register: www.sscbsa.org/calendar

Course Objectives

- 7 principles of Leave No Trace
- Importance of Leave No Trace in outdoor activities
- Leave No Trace resources and additional training

Course fulfills *(who should attend)*

Requirement 5 of Outdoor Ethics Action Award for:

- Scouts BSA (age 14+)
- Venturers, &
- Adult Leaders

Participants receive

- Skills and materials to present BSA Outdoor Ethics Orientation in their Unit
 - Leave No Trace standards hangtag
 - Info on BSA Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award program
 - BSA Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Awareness Training Certificate
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Dates to Mark on the Calendar



Golf Tournament
October 18, 2021

Council Pushmobile
December 4, 2021

Winter Extravaganza
January 8, 2022