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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

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, OCTOBER 7
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.

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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Council Commissioner - General Support

Cindy Basham - Ext. 102
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Potato Booth Update



As we approach the final weekend of the Kern County Fair, there are opportunities available for your Scouts and friends to work a shift at the Boy Scout Potato Booth. We need helpers on Friday, October 1 and Sunday, October 3. Troop 712 has Saturday covered.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer for a shift, contact the Scout Office 325-9036, or email randy.saunders@scouting.org, and we'll get you signed up for a shift. Remember, as a Potato Booth volunteer you receive a ticket and parking pass to the fair, a free baked potato and a free drink.

Thank you to all of the people that have volunteered for a shift already at the fair. AND, a tip of the cap to those who have worked more than one shift. Your service is much appreciated. All volunteers will receive a Potato Booth patch following the fair.

Popcorn Time - Sales Success



The Trail's End popcorn sale has been a huge success so far. As we enter October, Take Order sales become a focus. Chocolatey Pretzels are available through the Take Order sale. Storefront sales are still happening, too.

Remember, your unit can return up to 10% of the popcorn you ordered for storefront sales, and the deadline to do so is **October 26**. **NO RETURNS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 26**.

Units that return no storefront popcorn will earn an extra 2% commission. If you are looking for some additional popcorn to sell, there is still a supply of products at the Scout Office.

Take orders are due online via the Trails End website on **October 26**. The product will be available for pick-up on **November 19-20**.

Online direct sales are still open for your Scouts. 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.

The Heroes patch honors firefighters this year. To earn this patch, Scouts need to sell at least \$100 in American Heroes donations.

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

Upcoming reminders:

- Deadline to return unsold storefront popcorn – max amount is 10% of order
- October 26 – Take Order due online
- November 19-20 – Take Order product available to pick-up
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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

Recharter System Opens - October 15, 2021 (Unit Key 3 will have access)
Completed Recharter Due - November 29, 2021

Special Topic Roundtable - for all leaders via 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW RECHARTER SYSTEM

**Thursday, October 14
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
via Zoom**

RELAX - The annual renewal process for each pack & troop has earned a reputation as being difficult...but it doesn't have to be.

If there are hard parts, those parts are that some rules must be followed for each member and that you have to finish on time.

On October 15, 2021, the new online internet

Mark Your Calendar for Next Month
GENERAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE
Thursday, November 11

recharter system opens and has moved to a new platform accessed through Internet Advancement.

GET YOUR ANSWERS BEFORE
YOU START

**Zoom link will be sent to all Registered
Leaders on Tuesday, October 12**

- Who can submit the Internet Recharter?
- Is an access code required?
- Can a unit add multiples into a renewal?
- If I have a question or need help completing recharter for my unit, who can I ask?
- Documents & trainings required

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

Plus Training (see Training Section)

Registration Closes for both events - October 8 @ 5:00 pm



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

8:00 am - Opening & Introductions

8:30 am - Skills Booths & Training

12:00 pm - Event ends

REGISTRATION - Online registration/payment
required by 10/8
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

- Crafts
- Songs & Skits
- Knots
- Flags
- Leave No Trace & Outdoor Code
- and more...

SCOUTS BSA, LEADERS & ADULTS **

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

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

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 Skye Fosdick: skyefosdick@gmail.com

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

Registration Closes: October 10

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

October 15-16, 2021 - 5:00 pm
Tejon Ranch Old Headquarters

Cub Scout Youth: \$30.00
(includes activity fee & meals on Saturday)

Cub Scout Adult: \$15.00
(includes meals on Saturday)

Space is limited to the first 80 participants.



[Register Here](#)

DON'T FORGET:

- Camping Gear
- Sleeping Bag
- Tent
- Chair
- Mask
- AB Medical Form (scouts & adults)
- CA Shooting Sports form
- To eat before you come on Friday

5...4...3...2...1...Blast Off! All Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and their Parents will "Blast Off to New Adventures".

Our mission will consist of advancement, Space Games, Archery, BB Guns & Slingshot and much more!

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

Health Forms are required for everyone onsite - adults & youth

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

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Webelos Woods Webelos, AOL & Scouts BSA 4th & 5th Graders



SSCBSA PRESENTS:

WEBELOS WOODS 2021

*Seeking
Adventure!*

All WEBELOS and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts are invited to attend this Council-wide event. Here the Scouts will set up camp, work on Adventure Loops (listed below), participate in a camp-fire program and interfaith service.

WHEN: Check-In: Friday November 5, 2021 – Begins at 5PM - Follow Signs to Registration
Check-Out: Sunday, November 7, 2021 – 10AM – Assembly Area

WHERE: Gergen Ski Ranch – 10658 Round Mountain Road - Bakersfield

COST: Early-Bird: \$30 per person - October 1 – 18
Standard: \$40 per person - October 19 – November 4
Late/On-Site: \$50 per person - November 5

WHAT TO BRING: Dinner on Friday evening is to be provided by you/Pack. Please eat before camp or bring a sack dinner. There are no personal campfires or cooking areas allowed in camp. Also bring any/all camping gear: Tent, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, etc. Packs will camp together in the same area.

IMPORTANT: Each Pack is required to bring paper plates, cups and utensils for the 4 provided meals. This is to keep the cost down as well as save water that would be used for dishes in the kitchen.

Additionally, please have a skit or song you would like to perform as a Den/Pack for the Saturday evening campfire.

QUESTIONS: Contact Camp Director David Kampa 661-703-2161
david.kampa1@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE: Archery, BB Gun, First Responder, Outdoor Adventurer, Scouting Adventure, Castaway, Into the Woods, and Campfire Programs!

To register, please visit <https://scoutingevent.com/030-51552>

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- October 5 - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person)
- October 8-10 - Fall Ordeal at Camp Three Falls
- October 23 - Flag Retirement - 7:00 am to 10:00 am
 - 7th Standard Road - 1 mile west of Calloway
- October 28 - Chapter meeting

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, November 10 - 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 two newest Eagle Scouts during the month of September! The new Eagles are from Troop 3 in Tehachapi and Troop 848 in Ridgecrest.

- **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

Three Great Trainings - October 9 at Outdoor Expo Youth Protection - Den Chief - Leave No Trace



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.

**LAST OPPORTUNITY In-person YPT training:
Outdoor Expo @ Westside Church of Christ**

- Saturday, October 9
- 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: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-50620>

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



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: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-50620>

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 Arrow of Light 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: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-50620>

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



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





NYLT Youth Scholarship Ornaments

Since 2018 the Southern Sierra Council National Youth Leadership Training program has sold an annual \$10 ornament to fundraise scholarship money to ensure that no scout is denied the opportunity for lack of funds.

There are leftover stock from previous years and they are offering the current patch plus 2 from previous years for \$25, or complete set for \$30.

Please support NYLT Scholarships and the youth training opportunity provided.

Contact Course Director, Maria Brown at mariambrown614@gmail.com to get your NYLT ornaments.

PRESENTERS & STAFF NEEDED

BALOO - March 19-20

Trainer's E.D.G.E. - April 2

Here's your opportunity to practice your leadership and presentation skills! Presenters are needed for both EDGE and BALOO trainings this spring.

E.D.G.E. Training - Presenters are given pre-written scripts for specific sections and act as troop guides for the participants. Most presentations average 15-25 minutes.

BALOO Training - Presenters are given syllabus guidelines for each specific topic (see list below). Most presentations average 25 minutes. Invite a new trainer to co-present with you. Presenters/Staffing are needed for the follow areas:

Presentations:

- Aquatics
- Campsite selection
- Campfire planning
- Cooking
- First Aid
- Flag Ceremony, song, closing thought
- Geocaching basics
- Gear Selection
- Interfaith Service
- Knife Safety for Cub Scouts
- Basic Knots for Cub Scouts
- Large-Group games
- Nature & Hiking
- Outdoor Ethics
- Program Planning for Cub Scout Events
- Stoves, Lanterns, & Fire Safety



Staff:

- Kitchen - for staff and participants (Sat-breakfast-staff only, lunch, dinner, & cracker barrel; Sun-breakfast)
- Health Officer - (must have professional level CPR certificate)

To join the training team for either of these Trainings, please contact:

Carolyn Forster

Council Training Committee Chair

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Saturday December 4th, 2021

**Location: Valley Baptist - Olive Drive Campus
5500 Olive Dr. 93308**

***** Races occur in the WEST parking lot.**

ALL Parking is in the EAST parking lot***

Check-in starts: 7:30am

**Registration closes at 8:40 am, Races begin at
9am**

REMEMBER AB Medical Form for everyone in attendance

Early bird registration cost per racer \$5, on/or before by Nov. 19.

After 11/19/21 cost per racer is \$7

Registrations accepted up to & including Race Day

REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY (Except for Race Day)

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-51626>

**(If not registered by 12/3/21 at 5:00pm you must bring registration form
on Race day with cash or Check payable to BSA, No Exceptions)**

*****No Refunds – Races are rain or shine*****

Snack Bar will be available before & during races.

**Pushmobile Car & Race specifications being used for this Council event
are available on the SSC website at www.SSCBSA.org . Cars not meeting
specifications will be permitted to race but will not be eligible for awards.**

**Questions - Call Event Chair: Brent Wuertz at 661-599-2487 or
Council Staff Advisor: Randy Saunders at 661-325-9036**

**Save The Date
2023 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE**

NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of approximately 40,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members.



Scouts BSA - This is an experience of a lifetime.

July 19 - July 28, 2023

Bechtel Summit Reserve - West Virginia

Register your email at jamboree.scouting.org to receive updates as plans develop.

Southern Sierra Council will form a troop to attend - Watch these newsletters for more information on applying to attend with the SSC Contingent.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veWwTG-gNUo>

Bakersfield Veterans Parade November 11, 2021



The council is sponsoring an entry in the Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11. All packs & troops are invited to be a part of the entry.

This year's theme is "Veterans our Valued Treasures"

More information will be rolling out but mark your calendars for this special event for scouts to honor veterans!

Dates to Mark on the Calendar

Golf Tournament
October 18, 2021

Winter Extravaganza

January 8, 2022

