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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**

**Both will be closed on Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Orders can be emailed ahead to be pulled and have ready when you arrive. Email (Advancement reports and a PO) to Cindy Basham at [cbasham3504@gmail.com](mailto:cbasham3504@gmail.com)  
Shipping is available



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**SSC Program Committee Meeting**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6  
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](http://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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## 2021 Trails End Popcorn Sale...a huge success!



The sales totals for the 2021 Trails End popcorn sale are now complete. We are pleased to report that the popcorn sale was a huge success. Fifteen Packs & Troops participated in this year's fundraiser. Together, they sold \$174,958, including \$27,000 via online direct sales. Our Scouts collected \$5,800 in Heroes

donations, which was shared with the Kern County Fire Department and the Bakersfield City Fire Department. A total of 137 Scouts had at least one sale. The average sales per Scout is \$1,277, an incredible effort by our young sellers. Our units collected an average of 40% commission, which totals \$69,659 that Scouts and leaders will use to deliver adventure and lasting memories.

Here is a list of the Packs & Troops that participated in the 2021 Trails End popcorn sale:

- Pack 58 - \$68,556, #22 in the nation!
- Troop 194 - \$40,170, #109 in the nation!
- Troop 47 - \$13,066
- Pack 33 - \$10,057
- Pack 104 - \$9,664
- Troop 1 - \$8,344
- Pack 341 - \$6,255
- Troop 413 - \$4,114
- Pack 25 - \$4,023
- Pack 147 - \$2,234
- Pack 400 - \$2,095
- Pack 2021 - \$2,040
- Troop 712 - \$1,144
- Troop 2119 - \$1,040
- Troop 848 - \$155

Here is a list of the top selling Scouts in the 2021 Trails End popcorn sale:

- Logan S, Troop 194 - \$9,785
- Eli K, Troop 194 - \$7,175
- Elijah F, Troop 194 - \$6,430
- Richie F, Troop 194 - \$6,060
- Rashaan G, Pack 58 - \$6,009
- Madden W, Troop 194 - \$5,375
- Alek L, Pack 58, \$3,833
- Archer S, Pack 58 - \$3,700
- Ethan C, Troop 194 - \$3,635
- Julio E, Pack 104 - \$3,408
- Harjeevan D, Pack 58 - \$3,250

- Beckett G, Pack 58 – 3,218
- Tyson H, Troop 47 - \$2,945
- Carson G, Pack 58, \$2,732
- Orion D, Pack 58 - \$2,726
- Uday D, Pack 58 - \$2,726
- Ekkum B, Pack 58 - \$2,607
- Aiden M, Troop 47 - \$2,582
- Van M, Troop 47 - \$2,560

Thank you to all of the Scouts, leaders and parents that supported the popcorn sale in 2021. The Council received \$41,425, 24% of total sales, that will help provide resources to grow Scouting in our area.

There is a limited amount of popcorn for sale at the Trading Post. Stop by and pick up your favorite items today.

## 2022 Pack/Troop Recharterers Past Due

### ALL 2021 CHARTERS EXPIRED 12/31/2021

**THANK YOU to all units that submitted their 2022 Recharter on time!**

*For those units that have not submitted their 2022 recharter - your charter has expired.  
If you need assistance, please contact Cindy Basham at [cbasham3504@gmail.com](mailto:cbasham3504@gmail.com).*

All Unit Key 3 have received the 2022 Recharter instructions plus documentation to reference during the process.

#### Reminders

- All adult leaders must have taken or renewed their Youth Protection Training in 2021
- All adult leaders must be 100% Position-Specific trained for each position they are serving
- All adult leaders must have a Criminal Background Check Authorization on file with the council. (these do not need to be resubmitted each year - only those missing the CBC form are needed to be scanned and uploaded to recharter system)
- No new application is needed annually for existing leaders/scouts in a pack or troop showing on the roster. Applications are only for those being added to the pack or troop roster during recharter. (New applications will be scanned and uploaded to recharter system).

#### 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 Opened - October 15, 2021**

**(Unit Key 3 have access through [my.Scouting.org](https://my.Scouting.org) - no access code needed)**



## Order of the Arrow



#### **Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:**

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- January 15-16 - OA Winter Fellowship - 5 Dogs
- January 27 - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person) - **Note change to 4th Thursday of each month**

#### **Order of the Arrow Lodge selects new officers**

The Yowlumne Lodge of the order of the Arrow recently elected new officers for the 2022

Scouting year.

- Lodge Chief – Aiden Moore, Troop 47
- Lodge Vice Chief – James Torres, Troop 712
- Lodge Secretary – Logan Snavelly, Troop 194

The Lodge also inducted new advisors for the coming year.

- Lodge Advisor – Chuck Monaco
- Lodge Associate Advisor, Elections & Finance – David Kampa
- Lodge Associate Advisor, Ceremonies – Chris Moore
- Lodge Associate Advisor, At Large – Bill Hurley
- Lodge Associate Advisor, At Large - Dewayne Marney

Congratulations and best wishes to the Lodge's new leadership.

A special "thank you" to our out-going Lodge Chief, Tucker Monaco. Tucker worked hard during his tenure to build a stronger Lodge that promotes camping and cheerful service. Tucker is now serving as the Section Vice Chief, representing Yowlumne there.

Another special "thank you" goes to Bill Hurley. He has served the Lodge as it's Advisor for a number of years. While he has passed the torch to Chuck Monaco, Bill will continue to provide support as the Associate Lodge Advisor.

## Winter Extravaganza - Saturday, January 8



### Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA

Check-in starts 8:30 am

#### Program

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

### First Presbyterian Church

Corner of H St. & Truxtun

*Programs will be held in the Gym at the west end of parking lot*

**\$5.00 per Scout until 1/5/22 & \$7.00 after**

***Bring a bag of canned food items and receive a patch !***



#### Cub Scout Program -

- Songs
- Skits
- Crafts
- FUN!!!

#### Scouts BSA Program -

- Fingerprinting Merit Badge
- Scouting Heritage Merit Badge - see prerequisites on registration page

***(Only one MB may be taken due to the sessions running during the same time slot)***



[Register Here](#)

## New California Law Protecting Youth - AB506



Protecting youth is our top priority and we are excited to announce some new layers of protection the State of California will be introducing next year to supplement and enhance our already robust Youth Protection Policies.

Starting in January 2022, California law AB 506 will require all youth-serving organizations to take several steps to protect children. Due to our commitment to safety, we are already meeting several of the requirements, including our two deep leadership policy and by having a clear process for mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse incidents.

Two of the AB 506 standards will affect all adult volunteers, all employees, and many of our families. These requirements will be added to the BSA registration process and enhance our current background check. These new requirements are for everyone, regardless of Boy Scout registration status, who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year. Those meeting this definition will undergo:

- Mandatory Fingerprinting
- Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California

Mandated Reporter Training will be required **in addition to** our BSA Youth Protection Training. We have previously updated you on our council's YPT policy, which requires that all registered adults 18 and over maintain YPT compliance for their entire registration period and by renewing YPT annually.

All California BSA councils are working together to implement these requirements consistently and in a timely fashion. Our youth members require the commitment of all adults involved in the Scouting program to keep them safe. Thank you for your dedication to this core value and for protecting our youth.

We will share further details about these new processes as they are established in the coming weeks and months. You can follow updates and complete the Mandated Reporter Training on the statewide website [www.CaliforniaScouting.org](http://www.CaliforniaScouting.org). We appreciate your patience and assistance as we join all California Youth Service Organizations in improving youth protection. True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting, and we thank you for your dedication to keeping all our Scouts safe in Scouting.

We encourage you to complete the Mandated Reporter Training now. Please follow the instructions at the completion of the training for automatic submission of your completion certificate to the council and/or email a copy to [cbasham3504@gmail.com](mailto:cbasham3504@gmail.com).

## BeAScout.org Leads - Did You Know?



### For All Unit Leaders

The BSA National office has alerted us that there is a noticeable spike in web activity on sites like BeAScout.org over the holiday break, with families searching for positive, outdoor activities for their children--just what Scouting is here to deliver!

**The Call to Action for you is:**

1) Expect that there might be Active Leads arriving to your unit via Invitation Manager within [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) and

2) PLEASE act on such invitations promptly to engage with those who are reaching out. There has never been a more important time to help youth/families find a unit and join our program!

## General Topic Roundtable - for all Leaders In-Person & on Zoom



**Thursday, January 13  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
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, February 10**  
**via Zoom**

### **SERVING SCOUTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The basic premise of Scouting for youth with disabilities is that all youth want to participate fully and be respected like every other member of the unit. Experience has shown that Scouting usually succeeds best when every Scout is part of a regular unit.

Breakouts for Cub & Scout Leaders with age-appropriate participative program.

- Adapting Activities
- Adapting Advancement
- Awareness Events
- Recognizing Abilities
- Helpful Resources

**Zoom link will be sent to all Registered Leaders on Tuesday, January 11**

## Celebrating the 2021 Silver Beaver Class & Veteran Scouters from 5 to 90 Years of Service



**You are Cordially invited  
to the  
SOUTHERN SIERRA COUNCIL**

### **Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner**



**Saturday, January 29, 2022**  
**Hodel's Country Dining - 5917 Knudsen Dr.—Bakersfield**

**Doors open 5:30 pm --- Program begins 6:00 pm**

**Individual Tickets—\$35.00**  
**Sponsored Table for Eight—\$ 260.00**  
**Online Reservations - Click [HERE](#)**

This annual event recognizes Scouts, Scouters, and Community Leaders who give outstanding service to the Scouting movement along with units for their council support.

The highlight of the evening, the Silver Beaver - the council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. It is considered the highest award a Boy Scout Council can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter. The Silver Beaver Award is given to individuals who, through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service, have evidenced exceptional service to the BSA, service of exceptional character to non-Scouting youth, and service or standing within the community.

This year will also be recognizing Scouting Veteran Leaders—from 5 years to 90 years. Please submit all Veteran Applications to the Scout Office no later than January 15, 2022. Veteran Award Application is available on the reservation link above.

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## Eagles Nest

### LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 20 - 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 five new Eagle Scouts during the month of December! These scouts are from Troops 3, 35, 194, 415 & 848. A total of 34 Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle in 2021.**
- **Class of 2021 Eagle Scouts, Parents & Leaders - Mark your calendar for the March 24, 2022 Eagle Dinner.**
- **NESA Scholarship Application Window Opens - December 1**
  - The National Eagle Scout Association is accepting applications for its annual scholarships. **Click here** for full details and updates, and encourage your Eagle Scouts to apply.
  - **Application deadline - January 31, 2022**
- 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 at <https://nesa.org/>



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## Training Updates & Information



## COUNCIL TRAINING COMMITTEE Tuesday, March 8 @ 6:30 pm on Zoom

### ***We need your input and participation!***

ALL Packs and Troops should send a representative to each Training Committee meeting.

- Get the latest information and updates on trainings affecting your unit.
- Answer questions about trainings.
- Plan trainings that fit your unit's schedule.
- Get involved with presenting trainings.
- Make training a regular feature of your unit's overall commitment to bringing the best BSA programming for the youth and families.

*Council Training meets 4x's per year: March, May, August, & September*

### **Questions about training or training requirements**

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



## **BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO)**

**Saturday, March 19 *THRU*  
Sunday, March 20, 2022**

**Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield**

*(BALOO is an overnight camping learning experience)*

***All Cub Scout level leaders*** - BALOO training is **required** for Packs or Webelos/AOL Dens to be qualified to take Cub Scouts on outdoor activities and overnight campouts. BALOO training is only offered 1x per year in Southern Sierra Council.

### **PRE-REQUISITES:**

- Registered leader or adult volunteer
- Youth Protection Training
- BALOO Introduction ([My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org))

### **Questions about BALOO?**

Contact Carolyn Forster  
[CJForster1964@gmail.com](mailto:CJForster1964@gmail.com)

**Online registration opens January 7, 2022.**

[BALOO Registration](#)

**PRESENTERS & COORDINATORS NEEDED**



**BALOO - March 19-20**

**EDGE - April 2**

**• IOLS - October 8-9**

**Contact:** Carolyn Forster, [CJForster1964@gmail.com](mailto:CJForster1964@gmail.com)

**Coordinator Responsibilities:**

- Outdoor skills competence is not required.
- Current registration and YPT.
- Coordinate and gather a group of experienced Scouters to support presentations of trainings for attendees.
- Schedule and present 2 Staff Development meetings.
- Work with experienced coordinators available for guidance and best practices.
- Syllabus is already developed for these trainings; includes agenda outline, presentation descriptions, and timing.

**Presenter Responsibilities:**

- Knowledgeable and experienced with topic(s) to be presented.
- Current registration and YPT.
- Follow the scope of the BSA syllabus for the assigned training presentation.
- Bring associated presentation materials to enhance learning for the students.
- Syllabus and experienced coordinators available to assist you. Shared drive has some materials created especially for these trainings.

## Volunteers are Priceless!



**ADULT APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS**

**Saturday, March 12 - Ridgecrest**

**Saturday, March 26 - Bakersfield**

Let's celebrate all our adult volunteers at the annual Adult Appreciation Luncheon. (More information about time and location soon.)

Recognize your leaders for all they do for your unit. Check out all the BSA awards and see what you or your leaders qualify to earn. Many are based on tenure and activities you are already doing with your unit.

**Leader Awards:** <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>

Recognize other volunteers in your Unit who go above and beyond but who are not in a specific position or may not even be in the BSA. People like your Treasurer or Camping Chair, the custodian who stays late at the school where you meet, or someone who donates time or things so your Unit can go and grow!

**UNIT AWARD OF APPRECIATION** form is available by clicking [HERE](#).

Start planning now the unit's nominations and submit by March 4, 2022.

## Community Service Project

# KERN RIVER CLEANUP

Saturday, January 15

9:00am - 1:00pm

Wear gloves, warm clothes,  
sturdy shoes and bring **WATER!**

Interested in donating to Bring Back The Kern?!  
Bring a box of heavy duty trash bags!



KERN RIVER  
PARKWAY  
FOUNDATION  
ARADWORTH, CALIFORNIA

## RSVP @

[bringbackthekern.org](http://bringbackthekern.org)



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Directions

**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](http://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>

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## Dates to Remember



**Council Day of Service**  
**February 5, 2022**

**Merit Badge Midway**  
**March 5, 2022**

**Council Pinewood Derby**  
**March 26, 2022**

**Camporall**  
**April 29 - May 1, 2022**