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SSC Scouting News

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

[SSC Website Link](#)

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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, February 21 for President's 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
Shipping is available



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SSC Program Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
6:30 pm via Zoom**

**followed at 7:30 pm by a
2023 Jamboree Info Meeting**

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.

All Scouts BSA leaders are invited to stay for the Jamboree info meeting.

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.

Council Commissioner - General Support

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Please Welcome New District Executive Cameron Hutton



Cameron Hutton is the new District Executive for the Southern Sierra Council in Bakersfield, CA starting February 1, 2022.

Cameron has been involved with the BSA through the Southern Sierra Council since he was 7-years-old. He worked at Camp Kern every summer starting at age 16, working his way up from Merit Badge Counselor to Program Director. Cameron is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

As the District Executive, Cameron will join the Council Staff to collaborate with volunteers to grow Scouting through membership recruiting efforts, securing resources to support program, and assist with activity planning.

Cameron earned his Elementary Education degree from Utah Valley University. He taught sixth grade for a year before jumping at the chance to work for the BSA in his hometown. Cameron enjoys woodworking, collecting Legos, and shooting sports. Cameron and his wife Robyn have an 8-month-old son, Owen. They have 3 cats: Tuna, Vanilla, and Chocolate. Please join us in welcoming Cameron and his family back to the Southern Sierra Council.

New for 2022...the Badger Troop



The Badger Troop is the Southern Sierra Council's recurring gift club.

By contributing \$20 or more per month through your credit or debit card, you'll help provide a steady stream of support to the Council. Recurring gifts are convenient.

Over the course of the year, your small monthly donation becomes a significant contribution to making Scouting happen locally.

The first 100 members will receive the special "charter member" patch.

To join the Badger Troop, click this link: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/030/appeal/5374>

New California Law Protecting Youth - AB506 Online Training Deadline - Feb. 28, 2022



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. 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.

Deadline for completion of the online "Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers" is February 28, 2022.

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.

Congratulations to CAROLYN DUNN 2021 Silver Beaver Honoree



January 29's Council Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was the celebration to recognize our Veteran Scouters and present the highest award given by a council to an outstanding volunteer - Carolyn Dunn.

A video was prepared for our honoree and is available for viewing.

[Silver Beaver Video](#)

Council-Wide Annual Day of Service - February 5



**Be a part of Day of Service on Saturday,
February 5, 2022!**

The goal of Day of Service is to maximize Scouting's service to Kern, Inyo & Mono counties by consolidating a variety of service projects, chosen by our Scouts and Scout leaders. Put simply, we are asking you to set aside at least two hours the first Saturday of February for you and your scouts to make a difference in your neighborhood or community.

Special 2022 "Day of Service" Patch

Units that record their project in Scoutbook and email the report form to cbasham3504@gmail.com by Friday, February 11 will earn a patch for each Scout/leader who participated.

What is your Pack or Troop planning to do for their Day of Service project?

[Day of Service Report Form](#)

Special Topic Roundtable - for all Leaders via Zoom



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

SPRING MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The hot topic for this month will be the council's membership plan and the support that each unit will be able to give & get to bring in more scouts.

For Cubs - the advancement year is wrapping up but there is still plenty of Scouting to keep a new family busy. Council Pinewood Derby, Cub Scout STEM Day, Day Camp, Star Party, Swimfest plus the pack's end of year & summertime activities.

For Scouts BSA - It's always the right time to join a troop. Camporall, Trail to First Class Palooza, Summer Camp and monthly campouts.

Breakouts for Cub Leaders:

- Day Camp
- Summertime Pack Award

Breakout for Scouts BSA Leaders:

- OA Elections
- 2023 Jamboree Information

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
GENERAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE
Thursday, March 10
via Zoom & in-person at the
Scout Office

**Zoom link will be sent to all Registered
Leaders on Tuesday, February 8**

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- February 17 - OA Chapter Meeting - Location TBA
- February 24 - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person) - **Note change to 4th Thursday of each month**

Scouts BSA - Merit Badge Midway



Date: Saturday, March 5, 2022

Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per scout (Lunch will be available for an additional \$5.00 paid online with registration)

Location: First United Methodist Church - 4600 Stockdale Highway

Merit Badges will be announced and online registration will open February 15, 2022

Merit Badge Counselors - More elective merit badges are needed for this day. The goal of the day is for every scout to finish a merit badge. Prerequisites are encouraged - as needed.

No Eagle Required badges will be offered.

All counselors must be registered MBC and have completed California "Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers".

Please email Cindy Basham at cbasham3504@gmail.com if you are available to be a counselor for this event.

Eagles Nest

LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 14 - 9:00 am to 11:30 am
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.
- **Class of 2021 Eagle Scouts, Parents & Leaders - Save the date - March 24, 2022 Eagle Dinner - Luigi's**
- 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/>



Two Exciting Events
Saturday, March 26, 2022
First Presbyterian Church - H & Truxtun

COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY
with Sheriff Child ID booth



Doors open - 8:00 am
\$5.00 per race car - Registered Online
\$7.00 per race car - Onsite Day of Race

Race Classes -

Lions
Tigers
Wolves
Bears
Webelos/AOL
Open

**Looking for an energetic personality to
MC the derby.**

**Please contact Skye Fosdick at
skyefosdick@gmail.com**



REGISTRATION FOR BOTH EVENTS WILL OPEN FEBRUARY 15, 2022
www.sscbsa.org

As a thank you to the church for allowing us to use their location - please bring a bag of
canned goods for their food pantry.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON



12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
(following Pinewood Derby)

**\$8.00 per person - includes sandwich,
chips, cookie & water.**

Let's celebrate all our adult volunteers at the
annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

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/](https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/)

UNIT AWARD OF APPRECIATION form is
available by clicking
[Unit Award of Appreciation form.](#)

Start planning now the unit's nominations and
submit by March 21, 2022.

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

ARE YOU A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL?

Healthcare professionals are needed for **Camp Health Officers** for overnight trainings and events in Southern Sierra Council.



What do I need to do to become a Camp Health Officer?

- Be a certified healthcare professional (i.e. nurse, EMT, doctor, etc.)
- Have a current professional-level CPR/AED certification
- Complete the on-line Camp Health Officer training (short PowerPoint)
- Current YPT
- Completion of the California "Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers".
- BSA registration preferred

Obligation -

As the Camp Health Officer you will need to be available for the entire time of the camp event, including overnight. Or duties can be shared such as a day-time Camp Health Officer and an overnight Camp Health Officer.

Interested - Contact: Carolyn Forster - Council Training Chair at CJForster1964@gmail.com

TWO SEPARATE TRAININGS - ONE LOCATION

Registration Now Open - See links below



BASIC ADULT LEADER
OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO)

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



INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR
LEADERSHIP SKILLS (IOLS)

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

**7:00 am on Saturday to
1:00 pm on Sunday**

Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield
(BALOO is an overnight camping learning
experience)

Cost: \$35 by 2/25; \$40 2/26 - 3/8
Registration closes 3/8/22

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.

Adults work together as Dens. This hands-on course provides adult leaders with practical outdoor skills for leading Cub Scouts in the out-of-doors.

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

- Registered leader or adult volunteer
- Youth Protection Training (YPT) (last completed during 2021 or 2022) at my.Scouting.org
- California "Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers"
- BALOO Introduction ([My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org))

REGISTER Online at:

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

**7:00 am on Saturday to
1:00 pm on Sunday**

Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield
(IOLS is an overnight camping learning
experience)

Cost: \$40 by 3/4; \$45 3/5-8
Registration closes 3/8/22

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 and
Assistants to qualify for recharter.**

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

- Registered leader
- Current Youth Protection Training (YPT) (last completed during 2021 or 2022) at my.Scouting.org
- California "Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers"
- Hazardous Weather Training (My.Scouting.org)

REGISTER Online at:

https://scoutingevent.com/030-IOLS_March

Questions about BALOO or IOLS?
Contact Carolyn Forster at CJForster1964@gmail.com

PRESENTERS & COORDINATORS NEEDED



- **BALOO - March 19-20**
- **IOLS - March 19-20**
- **EDGE - April 2**

Contact: Carolyn Forster, 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.



LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER COURSE

Friday, March 11, 2022 - 6-9 pm via Zoom

And in-person - Saturday, March 12 - 8:00 am through Sunday, March 13 - 12:00 noon

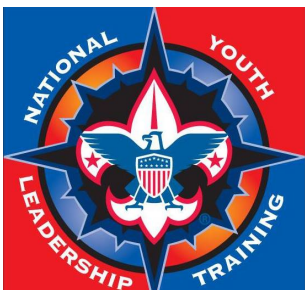
Fee: \$40.00 which covers program materials, Saturday breakfast and dinner and overnight camping.

This course is open to any Scout (14 yrs. or older), Venturer, adult Scouter or person interested in spreading the message of Leave No Trace.

Location: Wind Wolves Preserve off Highway 166

Presented by: Southern Sierra Council - Leave No Trace Master Educations, Maria & Jeremy Brown

For more information and to register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-LNTTrainer>



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

Course Dates: Monday, June 20 - 12 noon to Saturday, June 25 - 3:00 pm

Location: Rancho Escondido - Weldon, CA

Who Should Attend?:

- Scouts BSA must be 13 years of age and earned First Class Rank
- Venturers must be 14 years of age and completed Officer Training by June 1st.

Cost:

- \$290 per scout - if paid by April 30
- \$320 per scout - between 5/1/22 - 6/1/22
- \$350 per scout - starting 6/2/22

A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration.

For course details and to register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-2022NYLT>

Save The Date
2023 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

SSC - Info Meeting - Thurs., Feb. 3 - 7:30 pm
via Zoom

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>

Camporall Event Help is Needed

Date: Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1, 2022

Location: Camp Three Falls

Please contact Chuck Monaco
to reserve your favorite event spot
cmonacoscouts@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

May 7, 2022

Cub Scout STEM Day

May 21, 2022

Trail to First Class Palooza

June 13-17, 2022

Cub Scout Day Camp

