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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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**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 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**
**NO PROGRAM MEETING
IN MARCH**

**NEXT MEETING
APRIL 7**

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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A Note from Scout Executive - Randy Saunders



Dear Volunteers of the Southern Sierra Council

On January 1, 2022, the State of California law AB-506 was enacted. This law is aimed at providing more protections for young people from child abuse. All youth organizations are required to comply with the new law.

There are two requirements for people that volunteer with youth-serving organizations:

1. Complete the California mandated reporter training (2 hours), and
2. Complete a live scan. Both requirements take time and money to happen.

Both requirements have a deadline to complete. Per instructions from BSA, all registered volunteers and employees must complete these requirements.

I want to thank you for making the commitment to our Scouts by completing the training. I want to thank you for making the commitment to complete the live scan quickly.

You are the reason that Scouting happens for the young people in our Council. I appreciate your efforts and applaud your dedication.

Thank you!

Invite a Friend to Join the Scouting Adventure

Scouting is the ultimate Adventure for our youth. There is so much a Scout can do... camping, fishing, shooting sports, learning life-saving skills, STEM, and on and on. About the only thing that can make Scouting better is to have a friend along for the experience.



Well, now's your chance. Invite a friend to your next den meeting, Pack meeting or Troop meeting to see and hear about the adventures of Scouting. Leaders, encourage your Scouts to invite a friend. We have a new incentive this year for Scouts that invite a friend that joins Scouting. This incentive program will last all of 2022. Whenever you have a Scout earn the incentive, contact Randy or Cindy at the Scout Office.

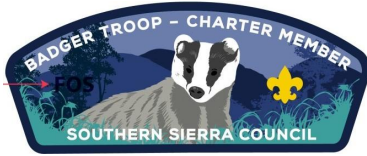
Youth: Invite another youth to join their Pack or Troop. Scouts are eligible to earn the incentive throughout 2022. When the invited youth joins, the Scout will receive their award.

- Cub Scout youth: \$10 Amazon gift card and patch
- Scouts BSA youth: \$10 Amazon gift card and patch
- Exploring youth: \$10 Amazon gift card
- Newly recruited youth: patch

Parent, leader or any adult: Invite a parent to bring their youth to join their Pack or Troop. This incentive is available throughout 2022. 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.

What Do We Know About Badgers?



The badger is a burrowing animal. They dig underground shelters. They are nocturnal creatures. There is a community in Tulare County named Badger, with a population of 140. The University of Wisconsin's mascot is the Badger.

Tejon is the Spanish word for Badger.

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. We have a number of members in this new club already.

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

Scouts BSA - Merit Badge Midway



Date: Saturday, March 5, 2022

Time: 8:30 am (check-in) to 4:00 pm

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

Location: First United Methodist Church - 4600 Stockdale Highway

Cost is \$5 per merit badge until March 2, 2022 - \$7 after

Merit Badges being offered

Orienteering - 9 am to 4 pm - FULL
Disabilities Awareness - 9 am to 2 pm *

Engineering - 9 am to 12 noon *
Fingerprinting - 9 am to 12 noon

Dentistry - 1 pm to 4:00 pm *
Traffic Safety - 1 pm to 4 pm

Merit badges with () have prerequisites that must be done prior to the event*

Registration & prerequisite information at https://scoutingevent.com/030-MB_Midway

Council Training Committee Meeting



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

All Scoutmasters, Cubmasters & Committee Chairs will receive the Zoom link. Please be sure share the link with your unit's representative.

Any questions call Carolyn Forster at (661) 412-1081 or email to cjforster1964@gmail.com

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.

Mark Your Calendar for Next Month
SPECIAL TOPIC ROUNDTABLE
Thursday, April 14
via Zoom

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



Thursday, March 10
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
In-person & on Zoom

SUCCESSION PLANNING

WHO'S NEXT?

Will your unit survive your departure?

What, Why, Who, When & How



Breakouts for Cub Leaders:

- Pack Campout Preparations, Activities, Food, etc.

Breakout for Scouts BSA Leaders:

- Camporall Guidebook
- Camporall Events

Leave No Trace Trainer Course



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>

Recognition Pizza Party - Ridgecrest Saturday, March 12



**Ridgecrest - California City - Lone Pine -
Bishop**

Let's celebrate our adult volunteers at the
Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party

Saturday, March 12, 2022

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm

John's Pizza - 348 W. Ridgecrest Blvd

Recognize your leaders and yourself for the success of your unit. Check out all the BSA awards and see what you and 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/>

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

Please submit all award paperwork by March 6 to allow for preparing the awards.
Submit to: cbasham3504@gmail.com

New Member Coordinator Orientation - March 17



Does your Pack or Troop have a New Member Coordinator? Every Scouting group needs a New Member Coordinator. This volunteer helps new parents connect with Scouting. They serve as an ambassador for their unit and promote membership growth.

There will be a New Member Coordinator Orientation on

Thursday, March 17, 6:30 pm at the Scout office

Pizza will be provided.

All attendees will receive a special polo shirt for New Member Coordinators.

Please register online for this free event [HERE \(https://scoutingevent.com/030-NMC\)](https://scoutingevent.com/030-NMC)

Take a look at this article to learn more about the New Member Coordinator position: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/09/25/new-member-coordinator/>

TWO SEPARATE TRAININGS - ONE LOCATION

Register NOW - See links below



BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO)

**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)

REGISTER Online at
<https://scoutingevent.com/030-BALOO>



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
(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-REQUISITIES: (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

Eagles Nest

- 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 - March 24, 2022 Eagle Dinner - Luigi's - register at**

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

- 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/>



Congratulations to Troop 47 for having the first Eagle Scout of 2022!!

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

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- March 24 - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person) - **Note change to 4th Thursday of each month**
- OA is seeking Arrowmen for elections and ceremonies. Contact Chuck Monaco or Aiden Moore.
- OA Elections must be done BEFORE Camporall. Contact David Kampa to arrange election at a troop meeting.

Two Exciting Events **Saturday, March 26, 2022**

First Presbyterian Church - H & Truxtun

COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY

with Sheriff Child ID booth



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

LUNCHEON



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

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

Please contact Skye Fosdick at
skyefosdick@gmail.com



REGISTER BY Friday, March 25 - 5:00 pm
at
<https://scoutingevent.com/030-Pinewood>

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

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

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already doing with your unit.

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



REGISTER BY Monday, March 21
at
<https://scoutingevent.com/030-Luncheon#>

*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.*

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



Trainer's EDGE helps develop the skills of a trainer
focusing on the participant raising their individual
trainer skill levels. This course "trains the trainer"
on behaviors and resources while offering hands
on experience in training methods and media.

Recommended for: Council, District, and Unit Trainers, Youth* and Adult Leaders

Required for: NYLT* and Wood Badge staff

* Scouts BSA in attendance may also complete Public Speaking Merit Badge & start
Communication Merit Badge.

Saturday, April 2, 2022

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield

Cost: \$10.00 by 3/25; late fee \$20 3/26-4/1

Includes handouts, certificates, and breakfast/snack.

A full day of great training experiences + LOADS of fun!

Register online by April 1 at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-EDGE>

BSA Cub Scout Rangemaster Training



Volunteers are needed to serve as Rangemasters for Cub Scout Day Camp and for Fall events - shooting sports activities.

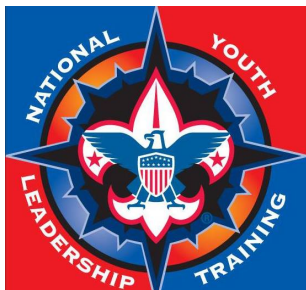
Friday, April 8, 2022
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Depending on course size)
Scout Office

Cost: \$10.00 (Dinner will be served)

This training includes a practical exercise on how to set up a BB gun, Archery, and Slingshot range, range layout, and have the participants walk through the process of running the range.

Register online by April 7 at 5:00 pm - <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Rangemaster>

NYLT - Early Bird Registration ends 4/30



REGISTRATION IS 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>

Training Updates & Information



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

PRESENTERS & COORDINATORS NEEDED



- **IOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**
- **BALOO - Basic Adult Leadership Outdoor Orientation**

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.

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>

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

