

April 2022



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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**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 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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**THE SCOUT OFFICE
& TRADING POST**

will be closed

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

For GOOD FRIDAY

LIVE SCANS DUE BY APRIL 30



Great Job on Requirement 1!

Complete the California mandated reporter training (2 hours)

Now on to Requirement 2!

Complete a live scan.

Deadline - April 30, 2022

Per instructions from BSA, all registered volunteers and employees must complete these requirements.

Special Opportunities for Live Scan

**Location: California Registration Live Scan Notary Services
6720 District Blvd - Bakersfield (inside "A Sign Factory")**

Saturday, April 2 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, April 9 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**FEES COST-FREE - Thursday, April 21 - 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Pizza will be served**

(Thank you to a generous donor for making this happen!)

Wednesday, April 27 - 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 30 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Live Scan deadline)

Live Scan Form (complete form & take with you)

Live Scan Form

Congratulations 2022 District Award of Merit Recipients Dave Moelter & Heather Howard



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

Parents, leaders or any adults: Invite a parent to bring their youth to join their Pack or Troop. 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. This incentive is available throughout 2022.

Going Once, Going Twice... Donations Needed for Online Auction



We are excited to present our 2nd Annual Online Auction – “Celebrating Scouting Stars”. Last year’s online auction was great. We had over 70 items sold for nearly \$7,000.

We need your help to make this year’s auction better. Please consider donating an item or gift certificate to help support us this year. These items can be gift certificates to a business, services, actual items such as art, jewelry, cosmetics, etc, or even monetary contributions. We are striving to feature local businesses and individuals in our auction every year to help give back to places that support us. Your donation will be featured on our website and throughout our promotions.

Proceeds from your donated item will benefit the boys and girls in the Southern Sierra Council, and your support is truly appreciated. While we are all continue to face great challenges, we know that providing quality youth development is vital for a strong future. 2022’s “Celebrating Scouting Stars” online auction will begin on May 20, 2022, at 5 pm and run through Memorial Day on May 30, 2022, at midnight. We will provide documentation of your tax-deductible donation.

Please call or email Cameron Hutton at 661.325.9036 or cameron.hutton@scouting.org with a description of your item or more information. We can arrange pick-up at your convenience.

Scout Night with the Condors - April 16



COVID mandates are gone! Time for your den, Pack and Troop to go to a Condors game. Come out for Boy Scouts Night on Saturday, April 16. Cheer on the Condors as they skate towards the play-offs.

Click the picture to the left to purchase tickets for your family, den, patrol, Pack or Troop. Be sure to add your group name in the “comments” section. Masks or negative COVID tests are no longer required to attend the Condors games.

See you there!

Support Scouting... Give Big Kern is May 3

Observed on the first Tuesday in May, Give Big Kern is a dynamic and fun day of giving hosted by Kern Community Foundation to foster local philanthropy in support of charitable organizations in Kern County. The effort allows participating

agencies to gain visibility as they engage the entire community in "One day to celebrate the giving spirit of Kern County!" The Southern Sierra Council has been a participant in Give Big Kern since 2017. Last year, we had 82 donors contribute a total of \$15,071, our best year! All Give Big Kern donations 100% go to and support the Southern Sierra Council. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000.



Give Big Kern Day is May 3, but all donations received in April will be counted towards the grand total of this month's efforts. The Council is continuing to struggle with raising the funds necessary to support local Scouting. Your generous contribution is vital to our cause. Every gift of any amount makes a huge difference.

Please consider making a donation to the Southern Sierra Council to show Kern County that Scouting is alive and well. You can donate any amount online at <https://www.givebigkern.org/organizations/southern-sierra-council>. Please share this link with your friends and contacts that are interested in supporting our young people. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated and very important to keep Scouting alive in our area.

Thank you for your support!
Randy Saunders - Scout Executive

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



What is Trainer's EDGE?

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: \$20 - Includes handouts, certificates, and breakfast/snack.

Pre-course Presentation Assignment: Participants have a "pre-class assignment" to complete the course. Please **prepare an 8-10 minute training presentation** on any topic from any BSA material. You can design your own, or choose one from an existing BSA training.

Your presentation should allow you to demonstrate the skills of a trainer. As a part of the afternoon program, you will make your presentation to a small group of other participants. Part of this course provides an opportunity for us all to learn from each other!

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

Course Director
Carolyn Forster
CJForster1964@gmail.com

The 2023 National Scout Jamboree... an Adventure of a Lifetime Information meeting - April 7 - 7:30 pm

The National Scout Jamboree is the ultimate Scouting adventure. Scouts from all of the USA and from overseas will gather for 10 days in July 2023 in the rolling hills of West Virginia. While there, these Scouts will take part in one exciting activity after another. The Southern Sierra Council will send a contingent to National Scout Jamboree in the summer of 2023.

We are just starting to organize and plan our expedition to the Jamboree. If you are interested in participating as part of our contingent, please complete the survey on this link: <https://forms.gle/VxJJbvZD6EbLhAa6>.



There is a Jamboree meeting on **Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 pm via Zoom**. If you want to attend this meeting, email randy.saunders@scouting.org for the Zoom access information.

You can also visit the Jamboree website, <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>, for more information about the National Scout Jamboree.

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
Council Office - 2417 M St. - Bakersfield**

Cost: \$10.00 at the door (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.

2 year certification - Training card will be issued at completion of class.

Must be 18 years old and over.

Register online by April 6 at 5:00 pm - <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Rangemaster>

Questions - Contact Jeremy Brown at (661) 912-1261 by text or email talonor@yahoo.com

Special Topic Roundtable - for all Leaders via Zoom

Thursday, April 14



7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
via Zoom

Is Scouting Still Alive?

Yes it is

**Scouts & Units can be proof that
Scouting is alive, well,
and lots of fun!**

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, May 12
in-person & via Zoom

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



**Showcasing Scouting
through Social Media**

NRA Range Safety Officer Training Class



Saturday, April 23
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Council Office -
2417 M Street - Bakersfield

MUST PREREGISTER FOR CLASS AT www.nrainstructors.org

- Select "Safety"
- Select "NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course"
- Select "BSA Only " - then enter your Zip Code/Bakersfield
- Enter required information
- Hit "Register"

Cost is \$25.00 - paid to Jeremy Brown - Cash/Venmo BEFORE class.

Please text Jeremy at (661) 912-1261 or email at talonor@yahoo.com with RSVP.

Class limit is 10 participants - Must be 21 years old or older.

2 year certification

Bring your own lunch and writing implements.

This is a hands-on class - No Prerequisites.

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- April 28 - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person) - **Note change to 4th Thursday of each month**
- OA Elections must be done BEFORE Camporall. Contact David Kampa at (661) 703-2161 to arrange election at a troop meeting.
- Callouts will happen at Camporall
- **DATE CHANGE FOR OA ORDEAL - June 3rd - 5th**

2022 Camporall "Overcoming the Challenge"

All Scouts BSA Troops are invited to the 2022 Camporall
Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1

Camp Three Falls
12260 Boy Scout Camp Road - Frazier Park

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY at

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

Registration is by Troop for all scouts & troop leaders

Event Staff & Volunteers not attending with a unit will register as individuals

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 22



Cost:

Scouts BSA - \$30 each

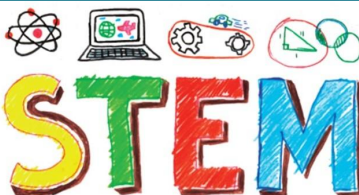
Adults - \$30 each

Adults with Meals - \$45 each

(event staff & volunteers not eating with unit)

The Camporall Handbook with event schedule, activities, required paperwork & more is available at the above link.

Cub Scout STEM Activity Day



Saturday, May 7, 2022

9 am - 12 pm

Check in @ 8:30 am

First Congregational Church of Bakersfield

5 Real Rd, Bakersfield (Corner of Stockdale & Real)

Cub Scouts are invited to a morning of STEM activities and fun!

Cost is \$5 per Scout

Register online at www.scoutingevent.com/030-STEM

Deadline for registration - May 4, 2022

Remember to bring your Medical A & B forms for scouts & adults

Council Training Committee Meeting

COUNCIL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 10 @ 6:30 pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 314 211 1129

Passcode: 928897



****CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING !!****

We need your input and participation!

- * ALL Packs and Troops should send a representative to each Training Committee meeting.
- * All Unit Commissioners should attend to assist their units in training planning and participation.

- 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

Eagles Nest

- If you have any questions or need assistance with the Eagle process please contact the Council office for direction.
- 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/>



LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 14 - 9:00 am to 11:30 am

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

Announcing the formation of a NEW Venture Crew First Meeting: Sunday, May 15



The Southern Sierra Council is about to add a new Venture Crew.

Venturing is a co-ed organization for youth 14-20
(13 years old who are completing 8th grade are also welcome!)

This youth lead crew will focus on high adventure, recreation, and fellowship. The activities will evolve over time based on the interests of the participants.

Come help Lead the Adventure

Who: Venturing Crew 762

Meet at: American Legion Post 26 - 2020 H St. - Bakersfield

When: 4 pm - Sunday, May 15, 2022

Save the date

For more information call:

Mr. Brown - 661.912.1261 or Mr. Moore - 661.345.7981

Trail to First Class Palooza



SAVE THE DATE

This event will provide the opportunity to work on requirements - from Scout rank through First Class rank.

Saturday, May 21, 2022

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

\$10 per scout - deadline Wed., May 11

Two ways to attend

- (1) With your troop - overnight camping allowed**
- (2) As an individual - for the day only**

Location: Pending

Registration opens April 10, 2022

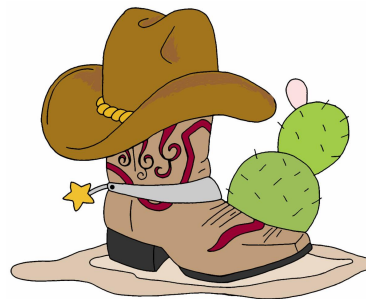
For more information & registration: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-Palooza>

Cub Scout Day Camp

DON'T MISS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CUB SCOUTING YEAR

Southern Sierra Council presents:

**Wild, Wild West
CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2022**



Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Centennial Elementary School

15200 Westdale Drive - 93314

Prices

Early Bird - \$65 - April 1 - May 15

Regular - \$75 - May 16 - June 1



- Fees are non-refundable.
- Fall first graders (Tigers) must be accompanied by an adult at all times - 1 per tiger.

No registration after June 1, 2022.

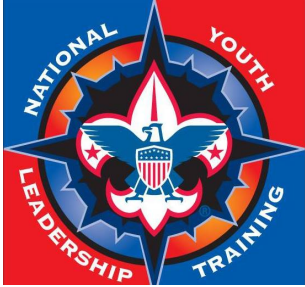
PACKS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING AT LEAST 1 ADULT, PLUS 1 ADULT FOR EVERY 5 SCOUTS ATTENDING FROM YOUR PACK FOR ADEQUATE SUPERVISION.

For more information & registration: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-DayCamp>

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



WOOD BADGE

"I was a Den Leader when I took Wood Badge –it completely changed how I saw my role in Scouting." Michael Devine, Course Director, Long Beach Area Council

Wood Badge is 5 days of quality leadership training for **any level registered adult leader**:

- **Cub Scout** and **Pack leaders**
- **Troop leaders**
- **Committee Chairs** and **Committee Members**
- **Unit Commissioners**
- **District** and **Council program leaders**
- **District** and **Council staff**
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How do I qualify for Wood Badge training?

- 18+ years old
- Registered adult - any position; any level
- YPT (take during 2021 or 2022)
- Completed position training

Tri-Council 2022 WOOD BADGE

September 16-18 & October 8-9

Camp Tahquitz, San Bernardino

Cost: \$295 (scholarships available) - food, training materials, facilities

Registration: www.longbeachbsa.org/training/woodbadge/

QUESTIONS:

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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



BALOO & IOLS - October 8-9

- **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.
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Missed BALOO & IOLS Trainings?

BALOO training - it is required for all Packs to have BALOO-trained leaders attend all outdoor events and overnight campouts.

IOLS Training is required for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. It is recommended for all leaders in Scouts BSA programs.

Southern Sierra Council is next offering BALOO & IOLS training this fall, October 8-9, 2022. If you need IOLS training sooner, please check out these nearby Councils for additional dates:

LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL

- **BALOO & IOLS** - April 9-10, Camp Tahquitz
- <https://www.longbeachbsa.org/iolsbaloo/>

Dates to Remember



July 16, 2022

Star Party for Cub Scouts

August 13, 2022

Swimfest for Packs & Troops