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SSC Scouting News

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

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**The Scout Office & Trading Post
will be closed Monday, May 30
in honor of Memorial Day**



SSC Program Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, MAY 5
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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2022 Journey to Excellence Scorecards are now available. [Click here](#)

California Scouting - AB 506



Thank You!

to all for caring about the scouts of Southern Sierra Council by taking the Mandated Reporter Training & completing Live Scan.

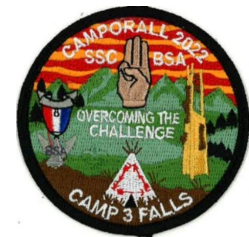
Scout Safety is #1 and so are the volunteers of SSC!

2022 Camporall - "Overcoming the Challenge" Thank you - Chuck Monaco & Team!

Scouting is back in full force as evidenced by the great turnout and participation. Nearly 200 scouts and 100 leaders had a great weekend.

Thank you to Chuck Monaco & his Camporall team for an outstanding event!

Congratulations to the Troops, Patrols & Scouts for their Scout Spirit & Success!



Support Scouting... Give Big Kern is Tuesday, May 3 Tribute to your Troop, Pride in your Pack

Give Big Kern Day is Tuesday, May 3
and, once again, the Southern Sierra Council is participating.

All donations to Give Big Kern 100% support local Scouting.

The council's goals for Give Big Kern are to receive

\$20,000 in donations from 100 givers.

We need your help...AND in addition, your donation to Give Big Kern can help your Troop or Pack.

Scout leaders, parents and supporters now is the time to pay Tribute to your Troop, and show Pride in your Pack.



Here's how you can do so:

- Make a donation to the Southern Sierra Council through Give Big Kern starting now through 11:59pm on May 3.
 - Give at this link: <https://www.givebigkern.org/organizations/southern-sierra-council>
 - Or, drop off a donation at the Scout Office (cash, check or credit card)
 - Gifts you made earlier in April will also count toward the Give Big Kern totals
 - Indicate your Pack or Troop number with your name in the donor field. You may use your gift for more than one unit, but the amount will be split amongst them
- 10% of donations received in a unit's name (or number) will be given to the unit and placed into their unit account at the Scout Office. The unit can use the funds for purchasing awards, or any other transaction made at the Scout Office.
- The Troop and Pack with the most donors will receive an additional 10% into their unit account
- The Troop and Pack with the most dollars raised will receive an additional 10% into their unit account.
- Recognitions will be announced, and unit account balances updated on May 5.

Please share with all of your parents, volunteers, and friends.

Support Scouting in the Southern Sierra Council, pay Tribute to your Troop, and show Pride in your Pack.

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. One day to celebrate the giving spirit of Kern County!

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 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 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.

Invite a Friend to Join the Summer Scouting Adventures

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 an 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.

The 2023 National Scout Jamboree... an Adventure of a Lifetime Jamboree meeting - May 5 - 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.



Scouts may now register online to join the Council's Jamboree contingent. There are three steps to complete registration.

1. Go online and complete registration. Use this link: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/participants/>
2. Council Jamboree leadership will review applicant for approval
3. Pay a deposit of \$500 by July 15, 2022. You may make several payments over the next 75 days to complete the deposit. All payments are made to the Southern Sierra Council.

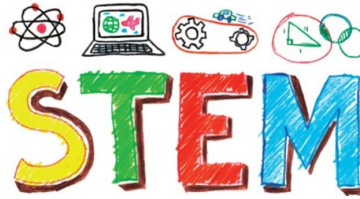
The next Jamboree meeting on Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 via Zoom. If you want to attend this meeting, email randy.saunders@scouting.org for the Zoom access information.

All scouts age 12 by July 19, 2023 and recommended by their Scoutmaster & the

Council are invited to attend.

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

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

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



Thursday, May 12
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
In-Person at the Scout Office
AND on Zoom

Annual Program Planning

Program planning offers the opportunity to draw up an effective, exciting course of action for the coming year.

- How, What, When, Why
- Steps to a great annual program
- Journey to Excellence as your guide
- Resources - Galore

Cub Scout Breakout

- Annual Program Planning
- The **New** Journey to Excellence for Packs

Scouts BSA Breakout

- Annual Program Planning for the Troop
- Journey to Excellence - 2022

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, June 9 via Zoom

Zoom link will be sent to all Registered Leaders on Tuesday, May 10



Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- May 12 - Details & Desserts - All Ordeal Candidates & their Parents - 5:30 pm at the Scout Office
- May 26 - LEC - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office (in-person)
- June 3-5 - OA Ordeal - Details give at the May 12 Details & Desserts gathering.

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

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

- Congratulations to our three newest Eagle Scouts during the month of April! The new Eagles are from Troops 3, 47 & 217.

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



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 18

Two ways to attend

(1) With your troop - overnight camping allowed

(2) As an individual - for the day only

Location: Panofsky - Wilson Preserve - Caliente, CA

Register NOW at the link below.

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

Service Project Opportunity Memorial Day Weekend



**Historic Union Cemetery
Memorial Day Weekend Flag Placement
730 E. Potomac Ave. - Bakersfield**

Meet Friday, May 27 - 4:00 pm - to place flags
Meet Monday, May 30 - 4:00 pm - to pick up flags

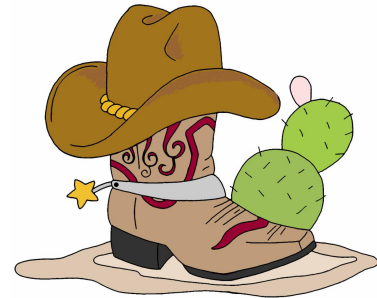
Questions? Contact Stacey Hoffman - (661) 303-9932 -
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Cub Scout Day Camp

**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.

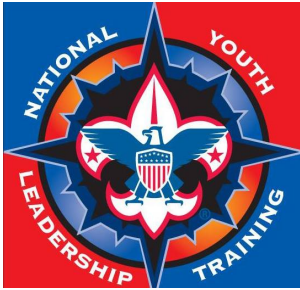
PACKS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING AT LEAST



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 - Only a Couple Spots Left



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:

- \$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>

POPCORN! POPCORN! POPCORN!

Southern Sierra Council



The Trails End Popcorn Sale is back for 2022. Last year, our Packs & Troops put over \$69,000 into their Scouting adventures by selling popcorn. The average unit commission was 40%... well above the national average.

If you are looking for a fundraiser that provides a huge opportunity, no up-front costs for the product, and has an excellent rewards program for the Scouts... Trails End Popcorn is for you. There are several ways to sell popcorn: storefront, wagon sales, and online direct sales.

Come join us at the Popcorn Leaders Kick-off on Saturday, July 16, 9:00 am at the Scout Office.

There are benefits for attending: your Pack or Troop will receive an additional 2% commission, and a \$50 store credit at our Trading Post. Attendees will also receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card.

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/

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Dates to Remember



July 16, 2022
Star Party for Cub Scouts

August 13, 2022
Swimfest for Packs & Troops