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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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### SSC Program Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2  
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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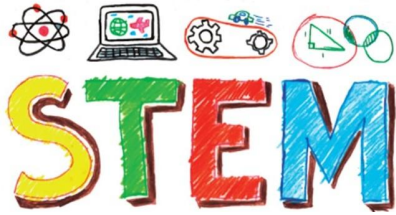
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## Scouting Success!



Thank you, Skye Fosdick, Heather Howard, Adrianna Trejo-Lovas & Staff for an outstanding Cub Scout event!!



**TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS PALOOZA**

Thank you, Erika Tindell, Staff and Troops, for a great day of skill instruction & scout experiences!!



## Online Auction a Success...THANK YOU!



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebrating Scouting Stars online auction was a complete success. Over \$4,000 was raised to help grow and support Scouting in our Council.

Thank you to the generous sponsors that provided exciting items for the auction. We had 77 items from over 40 local businesses and individuals donated to this year's auction.

Congratulations and thank you to our winning bidders. The great deals you received will make Scouting stronger.

Start gathering items and ideas for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Celebrating Scouting Stars online auction in 2023. If you would like to help with putting the event together, contact the Scout Office at 661-325-9036.

## Join the Badger Troop and Support Local Scouting

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 a convenient way to support Scouting in our community. Over the course of the year, your 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 [HERE](#)

## The 2023 National Scout Jamboree... an Adventure of a Lifetime Jamboree Meeting - June 2 - 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** - Register online to join the Council's Jamboree contingent. We have a maximum of 20 spots available.

**Register NOW** to secure a spot.

### **There are four steps to complete registration:**

1. Go online and complete registration. Use this link: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/participants/> **BY JUNE 30, 2022.**
2. Submit a recommendation letter from your Scoutmaster to the Scout Office (2417 M Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301) **BY JUNE 30, 2022**
3. Council Jamboree leadership will review applicants for approval (as they are received).
4. Pay a deposit of \$500 **BY JULY 15, 2022.** You may make several payments over the next 45 days to complete the deposit. All payments are made to the Southern Sierra Council.

**The next Jamboree meeting is on Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 via Zoom. To attend this meeting, email [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto: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.

**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 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. Your unit can earn up to 42% commission. Product will be available to sell starting the weekend of August 26.

**Come join us at the Popcorn Leaders Kick-off on**

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am**  
**Scout Service Center**  
**2417 M Street, Bakersfield, CA**

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.

- 2022 Trails End Popcorn Sale Information
- Trails End Technology Updates - Manage group or individual sales
- Set goals - Product Lineup - Increase Sales - Incentives
- Popcorn Kernel or Unit Designee - There will not be activities for kids
- Kick-off will also be available via Zoom, details forthcoming
- Please visit Trails End website to register for 2022 sale

\*\*\*\* RSVP via email to: [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto:randy.saunders@scouting.org) \*\*\*\*

## Fall Recruitment: Sharing the Scouting Adventure



Our youth, schools and neighborhoods need Scouting now more than ever.

The Southern Sierra Council membership growth team needs your help. Over the coming weeks, we will be organizing a recruiting effort that will provide more opportunities for our young people to join Scouting this fall.

Your Pack and Troop will play an important role in getting the values of the Scout Oath and Law to more families in the coming months.

You are invited to attend:

## **Fall Recruitment Kick-off**

**Thursday, July 21 at 6:30pm @ the Scout Office**

*The Kick-off will be available via Zoom for folks outside of Bakersfield.*

We will have pizza, ice cream and prizes for everyone attending.



Please make plans to attend... the more the merrier. We will review the fall recruitment plan, display materials, talk about social media and share best practices for successful recruitment of youth and adults.

Please RSVP at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-recruiting> so we can plan for food.

## **Council Shooting Sports**

Interested in Shooting Sports? - Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Council Shooting Sports Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, June 1 - 7:00 to 8:30 pm - Scout Office



The Purpose of BSA shooting sports is to introduce youth to shooting. The BSA shooting programs are based on age appropriateness and safety with the goal of developing a positive shooting experience for each youth.

Questions: Contact Council Shooting Sports Director, Jeremy Brown at (661) 912-1261 or [talonor@yahoo.com](mailto:talonor@yahoo.com)

## **Special Topic Roundtable - for all Leaders via Zoom**



**Thursday, June 9  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
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.

### **Outdoor Ethics**

Presented by Outdoor Ethics Master Trainers

**Mark Your Calendar for Next Month**  
**PROGRAM PREVIEW**  
**Thursday, July 14**  
**In-Person & Zoom**

**See separate article below for event information**

From the Cub Scout's first hike in a local park to the thrill of High Adventure, backyard or backcountry, our responsibility in the outdoors is a key part of the Scouting program.

How to bring the Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics principles to your unit.

Breakouts with program specific items for Cub Leaders and Scout Leaders.

**Zoom link will be sent to all Registered Leaders on Tuesday, June 7**

## Mark Your Calendars Program Preview 2022-23 Council Event Dates & Details

### Two significant dates to remember:

- **July 1** - Council website calendar will have dates for 2022-23 program <https://sscbsa.org/calendar/>
- **July 14 - Program Preview** - 6:30 pm - Scout Office
- More than dates - Event chairs will be staffing their program booths with flyers and event details.

## Potato Booth is Coming - We Need Volunteers

The 2022 Kern County Fair is scheduled for September 21-October 2. That means the Boy Scout Potato Booth will be open for business soon.

Did you know that we sold over 9,000 baked potatoes at last year's fair? That's a lot of spuds.

To make the Potato Booth operate, we need lots of Scouts and parents to volunteer to work a shift or two during the fair. More details and a schedule will be available on July 1. Shifts typically run for three to four hours.

Volunteers receive a ticket to get into the fair, a parking pass, and a baked potato of their choice.

Due to the nature of the work in the potato booth, the minimum age for a volunteer is eleven.

Groups can reserve a full shift (10-12 volunteers), half a day, or even a full day. This is an excellent opportunity for Scouts to get some service hours and attend the fair.

Please contact Randy Saunders at [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto:randy.saunders@scouting.org) for more information.





### Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- June 3-5 - OA Ordeal - Camp Three Falls
- June 23 - OA LEC Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office

Questions: Contact Lodge Advisor - Chuck Monaco at (661) 303-8636 or [cmonacoscouts@gmail.com](mailto:cmonacoscouts@gmail.com) or Lodge Chief - Aiden Moore at (661) 535-9238

## 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

**Thursday, September 15 - 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

- Congratulations to our three newest Eagle Scouts during the month of May! The new Eagles are from Troops 13, 147 & 194.

## Announcing Venture Crew 762



**Southern Sierra Council welcomes Venturing back to the council**

**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 focuses on high adventure, recreation, and fellowship. The activities will evolve over time based on the interests of the participants.

***Join the Crew - Lead the Adventure***  
***Open Enrollment for Boys & Girls***

**Who:** Venturing Crew 762

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

**When:** 4:30 to 6:00 pm - 2nd & 4th Sunday monthly

**For more information call:**

Mr. Brown - 661.912.1261 or Mr. Moore - 661.345.7981

## Training Updates & Information



**Wood Badge** is the best leadership training for ALL levels of scouters.

Learn the leadership skills you need for a successful program for our youth.

**LEADERSHIP IS A LIFE SKILL.**

## **Tri-Council 2022 WOOD BADGE** **September 16-18 & October 8-9** **Camp Tahquitz, San Bernardino**

**Registration:** [www.longbeachbsa.org/training/woodbadge/](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/woodbadge/)

**QUESTIONS:**

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**BALOO / IOLS**

**October 8-9**

**Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield**

**NEEDED: A few experienced volunteers to help present scouting skills to adult leaders**

**CONTACT:**

Erika Tindell

Course Director

[erikatindell@gmail.com](mailto:erikatindell@gmail.com)

**Who should attend:**

**BALOO** - Any registered adult volunteer to help the Pack be able to go on outdoor activities and overnight campouts.

**IOLS**: Any registered adult to assist with trail to first class scouting skills; required training for Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster positions.

Registration coming soon.

# YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT)

**ALL Renewals Due BEFORE October 1**



## YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

**Everyone - get a head start while you have more time this summer to complete your annually required Youth Protection Training.**

***RECOMMENDED for ALL adults even if you are not registered.***

## Dates to Remember



**July 16, 2022**

Star Party for Cub Scouts

**August 13, 2022**

Swimfest for Packs & Troops

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