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SSC Scouting News

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SSC Program Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
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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Star Party Thank You



Our first Star Party was a hit, as July 16th was a wonderful night to look at the stars and planets. Over 2 dozen participants learned about the planets and constellations. Scouts were spinning out of control as they modeled the rotation and revolutions of the celestial factors that make our seasons and phases of the moon. Eyes were opened at the marvels of the heavens and fun was had by all.

An astronomical-sized "thank you" goes to **Bill Bliss** for bringing his educational materials, his expertise and for sharing knowledge with all who attended.

A special thanks to **Skye Fosdick** for leading the efforts to arrange the Star Party. And last, a huge thanks to all the parents and participants who brought equipment and their ready-to-learn scouts. We hope our next Star Party will be an even bigger blast.

August - Summertime Event

Swimfest



For

Cubs & Scouts

Saturday, August 13—2:00 to 5:00 pm

Register online at:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-swimfest>

Registration deadline—Thursday, August 11

LOCATION CHANGE - NEW LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

\$5.00 per attendee (swimming or spectating) - Walk-ons \$8.00 per attendee
12 months & under - no charge (per owner)

Swimmers - be dressed...ready to swim. Don't forget your towel and sunscreen.

Spectators - bring a lawn chair - Pop-ups are welcome.

Snacks & non-glass beverage containers welcome.

No alcohol or smoking.

Swimfest Registration

Join the Badger Troop and Support Local Scouting



A new Scouting year is upon us. There are lots of adventures and activities awaiting our Scouts for 2022-23.

Like an industrious Badger, the Southern Sierra volunteers and staff are hard at working making Scouting happen by planning quality activities, training new leaders, and providing opportunities for new families to join Scouting this fall. It takes all of us doing our best to make Scouting stronger in our communities.

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 this link:

<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/030/appeal/5374>

Popcorn! Popcorn! Popcorn! - It's Not Too Late



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.

Packs and Troops are preparing to make the 2022 Trails End Popcorn sale count for better Scouting. It's not too late to join in on this year's Popcorn fundraiser. 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. You unit can earn up to 42% commission. There are new council prizes for the Scouts to earn.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about this year's Popcorn sale.

Register your unit to sell today at www.trails-end.com. Orders for storefront product are due online by August 5. If you need assistance with placing your order, contact Randy at 661-325-9036. Product will be available for pick-up on August 25-26. Bakersfield units: There are still some storefront opportunities available. Contact Cameron 661-325-9036 for storefront reservations.

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. We are 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.

Check out the following resources - [Let's Grow Scouting Resources](#)



Fishing Day The Park at RiverWalk

**Saturday, August 27th
8am-NOON**

(No cost)

Learn to fish like a pro with BSA certified angling instructors. Participants age 16+ must have a valid fishing license. Fishing gear and bait provided.

Remember, if you bring a friend and they join Scouts, you can get a gift card and both Scouts get a special recruiter patch.

Stay Informed - Attend Roundtable by Zoom



Providing 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.

**Thursday, August 11, 2022
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

August Theme - Let's Get Started

- Membership - Growing your unit
- JTE - Are you set for a strong end of year success?
- Planning an Annual Unit Calendar & Budget
- Preparing for Recharter

Zoom link will be sent to all registered leaders on August 9.

Potato Booth is Coming Soon 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.

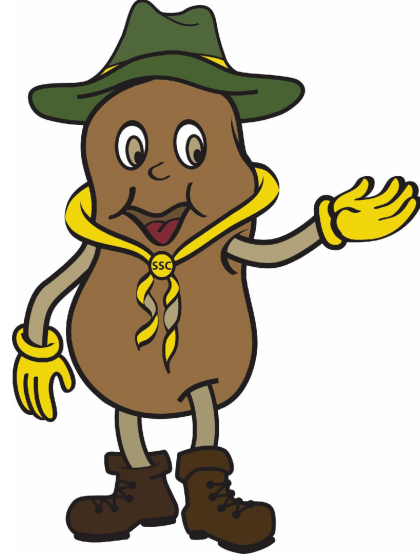
To make the Potato Booth operate, we need lots of Scouts, leaders and parents to volunteer to work a shift or two during the fair. Shifts typically last for three to four hours.

Volunteers receive a ticket for fair admission, 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.

Check out the Potato Booth schedule on our website www.sscbsa.org and at the Trading Post. Sign up for a shift or shifts by emailing Randy at randy.saunders@scouting.org.



Webelos Woods 2022

"AD ASTRA" - "To the Stars"



All **WEBELOS and Arrow of Light Scouts** are invited to attend this Council-wide camping/activity trip. Here the Scouts will set up camp, work on activity pins as well as participating in camp-wide games and campfire programs.

Check-In - Friday, September 9 - Begins at 5:00 pm

Check-Out - Sunday, September 11 - 10 am

Location: Gergen Ski Ranch -10658 Round Mountain Road - Bakersfield

Cost: \$40.00 per person (covers activities, meals and patch)
(Sat: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner - Sun: Breakfast)

Register online between August 1 & September 5

Webelos Woods Registration

Wood Badge - Registration Now Open



Wood Badge is 5 days of quality leadership training for any level registered adult leader (Cub

Scout, Troops, or Crews): Learn the leadership skills you need for a successful program for our youth. Be a leadership superhero in your unit!

Ticket goals - are a way for you to practice the leadership skills you learned on course. The 5 ticket goals can be self-improvement, like taking EDGE training or participating at Roundtable, intermediate as in becoming a Merit Badge Counselor for your Unit and presenting a MB class, or more involved like being a course director. The choice is yours! How will you stretch your new leadership skills?

Tri-Council 2022 WOOD BADGE

September 16-18 & October 8-9

Camp Tahquitz, San Bernardino - (5 SSC scouters are already registered; coordinate a carpool!)

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

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

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YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT)

ALL YPT Renewals are Due BEFORE October 1



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

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

In-person YPT: September 12, 13, or 14, 2022

Scout Office - 2417 M St. - 6:30 to 9:00 pm

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



Order of the Arrow

Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices

- August 18 - OA Chapter Meeting



- August 25 - OA Lodge Executive Committee
- Sept. 16-18 - OA Section G18N Conclave
- October 7-9 - Fall Ordeal

Questions: Contact Lodge Advisor - Chuck Monaco at (661) 303-8636 or 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 six newest Eagle Scouts during the month of July! The new Eagles are from Troops 47, 125, 188, 194 & 712.

Training Updates & Information



COUNCIL TRAINING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 9 @ 6:30 pm
ZOOM

Meeting ID: 314 211 1129
Passcode: 928897

Why should you attend?

All adult leaders are required to be trained to provide the best programming for our youth. We need your input to strategically coordinate the trainings your leaders need for their positions. Your feedback on trainings is invaluable.

Who should attend?

A representative from each Pack, Troop, and Venture Crew should attend the meeting.

While it is important to be the Committee Training Chair, any registered adult can attend to represent your unit.

Trainers, Unit Commissioners, and Wood Badge participants are recommended to attend.



BALOO or IOLS
October 15-16, 2022
Camp Hamilton, Bakersfield

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

CONTACT:

Erika Tindell, Course Director

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 is coming soon.



DEN CHIEF TRAINING

November 5, 2022

8:30 am - 11:00 am

Location: TBA

Registration is coming soon.

Den Chief training is for Scouts BSA and Venturer scouts to become qualified to help with Cub Scout Dens. Scouts - take your next step in your leadership journey by increasing your skills as a leader with Cub Scouts.

LEAVE NO TRACE 101 - AWARENESS

November 5, 2022

8:30 am - 12:00 am

Location: TBA

Cost: \$5

Registration is coming soon.



Leave No Trace is much more than just picking up trash! Learn the basics of Leave No Trace principles to enhance your ethical decision-making in the outdoors environment. This course meets Requirement #5 of the Outdoor Ethics Action Award.

Who should attend:

- Scouts BSA and Venturers (age 14+)
- Adult Leaders

Course Director:

Maria Brown

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Dates to Remember

Scout Skate

Rollerama - 7850 Brimhall Rd

Saturday, September 17th
10am- noon

Enjoy a fun morning of skating
with friends.

Open to everyone at no cost.



Remember, if you bring a friend and they join scouts, you can get a gift card and both scouts get a special recruiter patch.



October 21-22

Tigermania (for 1st graders)

Cub Overnighter for
Wolves & Bears (2nd & 3rd graders)

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