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SSC Scouting News

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Shipping is available



SSC Program Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
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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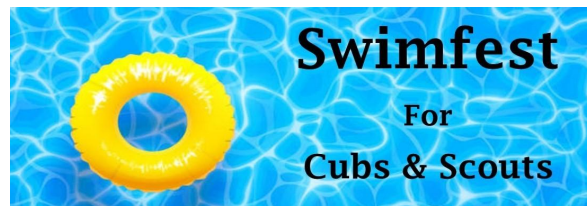
Simply [click here for AmazonSmile](#), select "Southern Sierra Council, BSA" as your organization.



The Trading Post and Scout Office will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day



Swim Fest was a splash!



We had well over 20 people join us for a wet n' wild fun time at Swim Fest as part of our summertime pack award program. What a wonderful way to wrap up the summer!

A special thanks goes to Sheri Stringer. Because of her, we had access to the wonderful pool at the Riverlakes Community Center.

All the youth had a swimmingly good time, and also stayed safe with our BSA certified lifeguard, Chuck Monaco. No one went home with a sunburn or a frown!

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!...

There's still time to join the fun!



The Trails End Popcorn Sale has started. Scouts are busy selling popcorn to fund their Scouting adventures for the coming year.

Packs and Troops are working hard 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. Your 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 next storefront product delivery are due online by September 6. If you need assistance with placing your order, contact Randy at 661-325-9036.

Product will be available for pick-up on September 22-23. Bakersfield units: There are still some storefront opportunities available. Contact Cameron 661-325-9036 for storefront reservations.

Potato Booth is Coming Soon We Need Volunteers

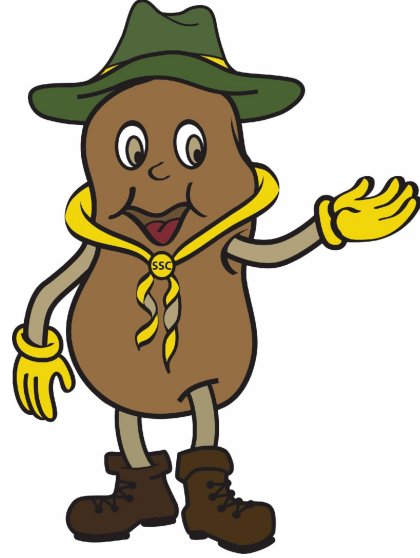
The 2022 Kern County Fair is scheduled for September 21-October 2. That means the Boy Scout Potato Booth will be open for business soon. Did you know that we sold over 9,000 baked potatoes at last year's fair? That's a lot of spuds.

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 (<https://sscbsa.org/>) and at the Trading Post. Sign up for a shift by emailing Randy at randy.saunders@scouting.org.



Membership Fee Increase - Effective August 1

New to BSA - Youth

- \$90 per year National Membership Fee/Council Program Fee (prorated per month - \$7.50) plus
- \$25 one-time Joining Fee (no proration)

Former BSA Member - Youth

- \$90 per year National Membership Fee/Council Program Fee (prorated per month - \$7.50)
- No Joining Fee

New Adult Member

- \$60 per year National Membership Fee/Council Program Fee (prorated per month - \$5.00)
- No Joining Fee

Recharter Fees for 2023

- Youth - \$90 (National \$75 plus Council \$15)
- Adult - \$60 (National \$45 plus Council \$15)
- Scout's Life - \$15 per year
- Unit Recharter Fee - \$100 per unit

Attend Roundtable - In-Person or 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, September 8, 2022
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield

September Theme - "Ceremonies - the Lost Art"

During a weekly meeting, pack meeting/court of honor, campfire program, or special gathering, a well-presented ceremony will add meaning and enhance the experience.

Ceremonies serve Scouting in a variety of ways. A simple or elaborate ceremony can:

- communicate something significant is taking place!
- accentuate an event or accomplishment!
- entertain!
- provide inspiration!

Adult Awards and Recognition - Training, Tenure & Talent

Zoom link will be sent to all registered leaders on September 6.

In-person attendance encouraged.

Webelos Woods 2022

"AD ASTRA" - "To the Stars"

Deadline to Register - Monday, Sept. 5



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)

Webelos Woods Registration

Scout Skate - Bring a Friend

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.

No registration required - bring a friend...bring the family

Wood Badge - Registration Now Open



Only 3 spots left - don't be left behind!!

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.

Note: YPT is required annually in Southern Sierra Council (SSC) per Board policy established in 2015. Although National BSA has a minimum 2 year requirement, SSC requires ANNUAL (every calendar year) renewal of YPT by all registered adults for recharter qualification. (You can take YPT at My.Scouting.org any time during the calendar year. It will not be "assigned" to you in the system.)

Howl like a Wolf, Growl like a Bear!

Cub Overnighter for Wolves and Bears



Friday, October 21 to Saturday, October 22

The annual Cub Overnighter for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts is Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22. Check-in begins at 5:00pm on Friday evening. The event will end by 4:00pm on Saturday.

The Cub Overnighter will be at the Sebastian Campground on the Tejon Ranch. The Sebastian Campground is an area managed by the Tejon Conservancy. The camping area is open field.

There will be portapotties (no flush toilets). You will need to bring drinking water (two gallons per person in your party should be enough). So, yes, this is a primitive campsite. Be prepared and follow the packing list available on the website's calendar link for this event.

Come out and camp under the clearest sky in the valley, lit up by only the stars above. There will be a full schedule of activities for the Scouts including: evening songs, stories and skits; archery; BB guns, crafts, games, and a nature walk.

Meals will be provided for Saturday breakfast and lunch. There will also be a Friday night snack and plenty of water to drink. Cost for the event is \$30 per Scout and \$30 per adult.

Registration opens online on September 12. [Register Here](#).

If you are interested in helping with an activity station, please contact Randy at randy.saunders@scouting.org.

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices - Be sure to sign up for events.

- Sept. 9-11 - Webelos Woods Staff
- Sept. 16-18 - OA Section G18N Conclave
- Sept. 22 - OA LEC at the Potato Booth
- Sept. 29 - OA at the Potato Booth
- October 7-9 - Fall Ordeal

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 August! The new Eagles are from Troops 13, 47, & 848.

Training Updates & Information



COUNCIL TRAINING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 13 @ 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 preferred 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

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Registration: https://scoutingevent.com/030-BALOO_IOLS

**Overnight camping is required to complete either course.*

Adult trainings to learn outdoor skills needed for Cub Scout outdoor events/overnight camping or trail-to-first class skills for Scouts BSA Troop.

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.

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

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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

Cost: \$5

Location: TBA

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

Dates to Remember



October 21-22

Tigermania (for 1st graders)

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

October 28

BUNCO Fundraiser & Dinner
Support leadership scholarships for both
NYLT & Wood Badge
<https://scoutingevent.com/030-BUNCO>

November 5

Lion's ROAR (Kindergarteners)

November 11

Veteran's Day Parade - Bksfld.
(Council entry for all units)

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