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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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Award orders can be emailed ahead to be pulled and have ready when you arrive. Email (Advancement reports and a PO) to Mary Castaneda at mary.castaneda@scouting.org
Shipping is available



SSC Program Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
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 for the
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
on Thurs., Nov. 24 & Fri., Nov. 25
Open Veteran's Day - Nov. 11
Noon to 5 pm

Thank You Tigermania & Wolves/Bears Overnighter



October was a great month for Cub Scout camping.

Tigermania, an event for first grade Cub Scouts and their parents, was held on October 21-22 at Tejon Ranch Old Headquarters. Over 40 Tigers roared through a fun day of activities and delicious food. Special thank you to Amy Swidecki, who organized this wonderful event. Amy has led Tigermania for several years now, each one being full of fun and adventure. Thank you Amy and her volunteer staff for working so hard to make this event a wonderful experience.



Our second and third grade Cub Scouts attended the Wolves/Bears Overnighter at Sebastian Campground on the same weekend of October 21-22. Over 50 Cubs and their parents braved the primitive elements for a day of fun activities and an evening under the open sky. Thank you to all of the volunteers who stepped up when called upon to make the event happen. Many giving hands provided service leading activity stations, delivering meals, and cleaning up the area.

Thank you all!

Special thanks to Dewayne Marney, the Council chef. Dewayne led a team of volunteers to prepare and serve meals to nearly 250 people during the two events. Thank you Dewayne.

We also need to recognize Mitchell Coleman and the Tejon Ranch Conservancy for allowing access and being awesome hosts for these two events. Thank you Mitchell!

Join the Badger Troop and Support Local Scouting

The past few months have been full of Scouting adventures. New Scouts are going camping with our expert Scouts. Lots of Bobcat badges are being earned. Older Scouts are completing merit badges

and advancing in rank.

Like an industrious Badger, the Southern Sierra volunteers and staff are hard at work 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 Sale - Final Stages



The Trail's End popcorn sale is entering its final stages. The last product order has been placed and the popcorn will be available to pick up from the Scout Office on November 17-18.

Scouts can continue to sell popcorn via storefront or wagon sales. There is some product available to sell at the Scout Office. If you are interested in picking up some popcorn, please contact Randy at 661-325-9036 or randy.saunders@scouting.org.

We will also have popcorn for sale at the Trading Post.

Online direct sales are still available for your Scouts. Scouts receive 1.25 rewards points for online direct and all credit card sales. You don't have to handle product or money (credit card payments for online sales).

Kernals (and leaders) of popcorn selling units, please review and complete the items on this checklist by November 30:

1. Pick-up final order on November 17-18. Randy will contact you to make arrangements.
2. Submit the Trails End Rewards prizes that your Scouts have earned online
3. Send Randy the # of Scouts that sold popcorn for participant patch
4. Send Randy the # of Scouts that earned the Heroes patch
5. Send Randy the name of the top selling Scout, and \$\$\$ sales total for that Scout, for top unit seller prize
6. List of Scouts that sold at least \$1,000 for Condors game tickets
7. List of Scouts that sold at least \$2,500 for \$200 gift card prize
8. Pay balance due to the Council

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THESE ITEMS BY NOVEMBER 30, 2022.

Scout Night at the Condors

**Bakersfield Condors hockey action is back!
So is Scout Night with the Condors.**



Mark your calendars for
Saturday, December 3 - Puck drops @ 7:00pm

Bakersfield Condors vs Colorado Eagles

Scouts attending the game will be able to participate in the fan tunnel welcoming the team onto the ice before the game. Scouts will also serve as the Colorguard during the National Anthem.

Popcorn top sellers will be recognized during intermission.

Order your tickets online
through the
Scout Office using the
button below

Condors Tickets

All Scouting families are invited to participate in Scout Night with the Condors. Tickets for the Scout section will be available at the Scout office and the council website starting November 1. Cost is \$18 per ticket.

Pre-game activities start at 6:30pm.

Tickets for the scout section are only available through the Scout Office. Deadline to purchase tickets in Sunday, November 27 - 11:59 pm

Recharter Timeline & Membership Fees



Unit Recharter - 2023

The BSA issues charters to community organizations to enable them to use the Scouting program under their own leadership as a service to their children, youth, and families. Rechartering is the process of renewing the charter agreement between the BSA and the organization, and renewing the registration of youth and adult members. Every unit must recharter annually.

Youth Protection Training is required annually of all leaders, and they cannot be reregistered if their YPT was not taken in 2022. Anyone without current YPT must be dropped until compliant and then they are eligible to reregister (a new adult application will be required).

Recharter Unit Timeline

Stage 1 - Recharter Prep - Sept. 1 to Oct. 13 (Assign Recharter Champion, complete Membership Inventory & attend Recharter Training Overview)

Stage 2 - Internet Recharter - Oct. 14 - Dec. 5 (Unit updates roster, collects fees & submits online)

Stage 3 - Council Process - Dec. 6 to Dec. 31 (Validates recharter & resolves defects)

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

2023 Online Recharter User Guide

If you have any questions or need assistance with the unit recharter please contact your Unit Commissioner or Council Commissioner, Cindy Basham (cbasham3504@gmail.com).

Multiple Events - One Day & One Location Saturday, November 5

Westside Church of Christ - 7300 Stockdale Hwy
Session Times Vary - See below

Lions ROAR - for Kindergarteners

Den Chief Training & Merit Badge Midway - for Scouts BSA & Venturers

Leave No Trace 101 - for Leaders & Scouts BSA/Venturers (age 14+)

Youth Protection Training - for Leaders & Parents



All kindergarteners & a parent are invited for
Scouting Fun and A Roarin' Good Time!!

8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Planting Station - Games - Obstacle Course -
Shirts - Marble Run - and More!

Register & information at the link below:
<https://scoutingevent.com/030-Lions>

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

8:30 am - 11:00 am

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Training>

Den Chief training is for Scouts BSA and Venturers 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.



Merit Badge Midway

Check-in opens: 8:30 am

Register at:

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

All day merit badges - Start at 9:00 am - End at 4:00 pm

Architecture
Radio
Search & Rescue

Morning Only - Start at 9:00 am - End at 12:00 pm

Soil & Water Conservation (see prerequisites at registration)*

Afternoon Only - Start at 1:00 pm - End at 4:00 pm

Traffic Safety (age 14+)
Safety (see prerequisites at registration)*



* Prerequisites must be done prior to the Merit Badge Midway to complete the merit badge on that day.

Lunch available - be sure to reserve at time of registration

LEAVE NO TRACE 101 - AWARENESS

8:30 am - 12:00 am

Cost: \$5 (paid to instructor at time of session)

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Training>



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

mariambrown614@gmail.com



Last Chance for 2022 to complete

In-person Youth Protection Training (YPT)

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Training>

- **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.

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, November 10, 2022

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

In-Person & on Zoom

November Themes

Cub Scouts - Blue & Gold Dinners

Zoom link will be sent to all registered leaders on November 8.

Council Jamboree Contingent Fundraiser



Support the Council Jamboree contingent by dining at

Panera Bread

4108 California Ave. (Only)

Thursday, November 17, 2022
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Panera Fundraiser Flyer link

Use in the Cafe, Drive Thru or Order Online

**(flyer or digital copy must be presented at time of order in cafe
or use fundraising code when ordering online - see flyer)**

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of then Council's Jamboree Contingent

With each flyer presented during this fundraising event, Panera will donate 20% of food and soft beverage sales to the Jamboree contingent.

for other Jamboree fundraising information go to:

<https://sscbsa.org/camping/national-scout-jamboree/>

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

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

- November 17 - LEC - Lodge Executive Meeting
- December 17 - LLD - Lodge Leadership Development

All youth OA members interested in a youth leadership role in the lodge (Chief / Vice Chief / Secretary) are strongly encouraged to attend all of these events.

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

Wednesday, November 9 - 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 October! The new Eagles are from Troops 47, 147 & 194.



Friday, November 11

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

Please email Cindy Basham if your unit would like to participate
(cbasham3504@gmail.com)

This year's parade theme:
"Veterans Still in Service (Service Organizations)"

Meeting time, entry # and location will be emailed to units that have signed up as soon as it is received from the parade committee.

2022 PUSHMOBILE RACES

Saturday, December 3, 2022



Location: Valley Baptist - Olive Drive Campus
5500 Olive Drive - 93308

***** Races occur in the WEST parking lot - ALL Parking is in the EAST parking lot *****

Check-in: 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Races begin at 9:00 am

Early bird registration cost per racer \$8.00 - on/or before Nov. 22.

After 11/22/22 - cost per racer \$10.00

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY - Except on Race Day
Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-pushmobile22>

Registrations accepted up to & including Race Day

(If not registered by 12/2/22 at 5:00 pm you must bring registration form on Race day with cash or check payable to SSC - BSA, No Exceptions)

***** No Refunds - Races are rain or shine *****

REMEMBER - AB Medical Form for everyone in attendance
These forms are required for participation

Snack Bar will be available to purchase snacks before & throughout the event.

Pushmobile Car & Race specifications being used for this Council event are available on the SSC website [SPECS](#).

Cars not meeting specifications will be permitted to race but will not be eligible for awards.

Questions - Call Event Chair: Brent Wuertz at 661-599-2487 or Council Staff Advisor: Randy Saunders at 661-325-9036.

Silver Beaver Nominations Due

Thursday, December 1, 2022 by 5:00 pm



The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

The Silver Beaver nomination form is available at the link shown below.

The nomination form and supporting information for the Silver Beaver award should be placed in a sealed envelope with "Silver Beaver Nomination" on the outside and either delivered to the Council Office - Attention: Cindy Basham or emailed to cbasham3504@gmail.com.

All nomination MUST be received no later than DECEMBER 1, 2022.

Nominations are confidential - please do not alert the nominee their name is being submitted for consideration.

The Silver Beaver award will be presented at the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

[Silver Beaver Nomination Form](#)

Dates to Remember



January 21, 2023
Winter Extravaganza
(a morning of Cub Scout Fun)

January 28, 2023
Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner

February 4, 2023
Council Day of Service
(What project will your unit do?)

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