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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



The Scout Office & Trading Post will be closed Monday, January 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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SSC Program Committee Meeting

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 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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Recharter Completion Shout-out



Will your unit be rechartered when 2023 begins? Just about every pack, troop & crew in the council can answer "YES" to that question.

Outstanding job continuing your unit's Scouting program into the new year!

Thank you to all that made it happen on time!!

Pushmobile - Applause for Troop 484



A BIG round of applause for the Leaders, Scouts & Parents of Troop 484 for chairing the 2022 Cub Scout Pushmobile Race in December!

221 Cub Scouts had an outstanding time racing with other dens and packs.

Thank you, Troop 484!

[2022 Pushmobile Race Results](#)

Congratulations to all!

Lions

1st Place - Pack 104

Bears

1st Place - Pack 125

2nd Place - Pack 33
3rd Place - Pack 38

Tigers

1st Place - Pack 2021
2nd Place - Pack 58
3rd Place - Pack 38

Wolves

1st Place - Pack 58
2nd Place - Pack 33
3rd Place - Pack 25

2nd Place - Pack 58
3rd Place - Pack 400

Webelos

1st Place - Pack 58
2nd Place - Pack 125
3rd Place - Pack 104

Arrow of Light

1st Place - Pack 25
2nd Place - Pack 400
3rd Place - Pack 58

Pushmobile Special Pack Awards

Spirit Award - Pack 33
Fastest Time - Pack 125

2022 Trails End Popcorn Sale...a huge success!

The sales totals for the 2022 Trails End popcorn sale are now complete. We are pleased to report that the popcorn sale was a huge success.

Thirteen Packs & Troops participated in this year's fundraiser. Together, they sold \$252,290, including \$22,000 via online direct sales.

Our Scouts collected nearly \$10,000 in Heroes donations, which was shared with several fire stations, Bakersfield Police Department and Kern County Search & Rescue.

A total of 186 Scouts had at least one sale. The average sales per Scout is \$1,356, an incredible effort by our young sellers.

Our units collected an average of 42% commission, which totals \$106,728 that scouts and leaders will use to deliver adventure and lasting memories.

Here is a list of the Packs & Troops that participated in the 2022 Trails End popcorn sale:

- Pack 58 - \$62,730
- Troop 194 - \$59,648
- Pack 25 - \$19,036
- Troop 300 - \$17,549
- Pack 400 - \$14,969
- Pack 104 - \$14,255
- Pack 33 - \$13,266
- Pack 341 - \$6,271
- Pack 426 - \$3,824
- Troop 712 - \$2,120
- Troop 413 - \$1,765
- Pack 413 - \$1,575
- Troop 2119 - \$276

Scouts attending the 2023 National Scout Jamboree were also able to participate in the popcorn sale to help raise funds for this "once in a lifetime" adventure. Collectively, this group sold \$31,892.

Here is a list of the top selling Scouts in the 2022 Trails End popcorn sale:

- Eli K, Troop 194 - \$11,884
- Richie F, Troop 194 - \$10,409
- Elijah F, Troop 194 - \$8,012

Thank you to all of the Scouts, leaders and parents that supported the popcorn sale in 2022. The Council received \$56,255, 22% of total sales, that will help provide resources to grow Scouting in our area.



There is a limited amount of popcorn for sale at the Trading Post. Stop by and pick up your favorite items today.

NYLT Reunion & Staff Recruitment



Any youth who has been a participant on a National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course in any council is invited for our NYLT Reunion and Staff Recruitment event.

Youth staff are needed for our next course happening June 26-July 1, 2023.

Meet us for food and fun as we take a walk down the NYLT memory lane. Hear about all the 2023 course staff opportunities!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
6:30 pm

Tony's Firehouse Grill & Pizza
4750 Coffee Road, Bakersfield

Please RSVP online at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-65799>

Casual attire (NYLT t-shirts)

Scout Leader Roundtable Next Roundtable - February 9



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, February 9, 2023
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
In-person & by Zoom

Zoom link will be sent to all registered Scouters on Tuesday, February 7.

There will not be a January Roundtable.

February Topics:

Cub Scout Roundtable - All about Pinewood Derby...the specs, the rules...tips & tricks for success!

Scout Roundtable - Camporall 2023 - Handbook & Leaders meeting.

What is Roundtable?

Roundtable is a program that gives leaders up-to-date information on National & local Scouting and

provides a forum for leaders to offer and receive help from their fellow Scouters.

Who should attend?

Everybody! Roundtable is designed for all leaders – Venturing Crew Advisers, Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Webelos Leaders, Committee Members, Assistant Scoutmasters, Den Leaders, Commissioners; every scouting position has a place at Roundtable. Whether you've been in Scouting for 40 years, or just signed up last week, Roundtable has a lot to offer you.

Why should I go?

Because Roundtable is by, for, and about YOU, unit leaders, committee members and commissioners! Roundtable is loaded with ideas, discussion, and demonstrations of all kinds. Got a particular problem you just can't work out? Come to Roundtable and ask the group – draw on the years of Scouting experience made available just for you.

Cub Scout - Winter Extravaganza



Saturday, January 21, 2023

9 am - 12 pm

Check-in starts at 8:30 am

First Presbyterian Church - 1705 17th St. (corner of H & Truxtun)
Event is in the gym - located at the west end of the parking lot

Come join us for a fun filled morning of winter themed crafts, skits, songs, and activities! We'll have plenty of fun for ALL Cub Scouts.

Bring a bag of canned food items, and receive a patch!

Registration is now open at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-WE>

Cost is \$5.00 per scout - **Deadline for registration is Thursday, Jan. 19.**

ALL Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Leaders & Family Members on site MUST turn in an "AB medical" form

Council Day of Service Saturday, February 4, 2023



What project will your unit do?

The goal of Day of Service is to maximize Scouting's service to Kern, Inyo & Mono counties by consolidating a variety of service projects, chosen by our Scouts and Scout leaders. Put simply, we are asking you to set aside at least two hours the **first Saturday of February** for you and your scouts to make a difference in your neighborhood or community.

Special 2023 "Day of Service" Patch

Units that record their project in Scoutbook and email the report form to cbasham3504@gmail.com by Friday, February 10 will earn a patch for each Scout/leader who participated.

The "Day of Service" report form will be available in the February newsletter

Council Jamboree Contingent Fundraiser



Support the Council Jamboree
contingent by dining at

Raising Cane's

This location ONLY

3224 Coffee Road - Bakersfield, CA 93308

Thursday, January 19, 2023
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Mention the fundraiser at the register and Cane's will donate
15% of sales to the SSC Jamboree Troop

[Share this flyer with family, friends, and neighbors](#)

Raising Cane's Flyer

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.

- January 26 - LEC Meeting - 7:00 pm - Scout Office
- February 10-12 - OA Winter Fellowship - Panofsky Preserve
- February 11 - OA Cub Scout Fun Event (See below)

Order of the Arrow Lodge selects new officers

The Yowlumne Lodge of the Order of the Arrow recently elected new officers for the 2023 Scouting year.

- Lodge Chief – Alexander Tindell, Troop 47
- Lodge Vice Chief – Logan Snavelly, Troop 194
- Lodge Secretary – Talen Monaco, Troop 712

The Lodge also recognized two of its members with the Founders Award. Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. **The Founders Award recipients for 2022 are Aiden Moore and David Kampa.**

Special thanks to Chuck Monaco and his team of adult Advisors who dedicate hours of service throughout the year mentoring the youth of our Lodge.

Southern Sierra Council is also home to the current Section Chief, Tucker Monaco. Tucker is an Eagle Scout from Troop 712 and past Yowlumne Lodge Chief. There are six lodges from

neighboring councils in our Section. Tucker works with the leadership of each one to grow stronger lodges that provide cheerful service to their home Council.

As 2022 comes to an end and 2023 begins, the Yowlumne Lodge also will have some new beginnings and changes to the lodge's outreach and service. Our Lodge Leadership Development in December had a great turn out and visitors. The youth trainers put on several great training sessions. The ceremonies team completed the induction for 4 Arrowmen welcoming them to Brotherhood. We have inducted 14 new Arrowmen in 2022 and look forward to their active involvement in the Lodge

Our upcoming event will be February 10-12th which will be our Winter Fellowship at Panofsky Preserve in Caliente off Hwy 58. The lodge would like to invite Cub Scouts to come out on the 11th from 10am - 2pm for some fun scouting events led by Arrowmen in the SSC. They are currently planning some shooting events, scouting skills and crafts. Cub Scout Packs are going to want to save this date.

Troop Leaders, we will begin Unit elections in January and February. Please be ready to greet our elections team. Call outs will take place at Camporall as usual.

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 - Alexander Tindell at tindellaj@gmail.com.

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/>
- **Class of 2022 Eagle Scouts, Parents & Leaders - Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 16 for the 2023 Eagle Dinner**



LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 19 - 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 newest Eagle Scouts during the month of December! These Eagle Scouts are from Troop 194, 217 & 2119.

Silver Beaver - Class of 2022

Amy Swidecki

You may recognize Amy from a Council Camporall, Lion's ROAR, Tigermania, Webelos Woods or you may have or had a scout in one of her Cub Scout dens.

Amy has impacted many lives through her Scouting



years and has created Scouting memories for many scouts & leaders.

Amy will be honored with the presentation of the Silver Beaver award - *the highest award presented by a council* - at the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, January 28, 2023.



Please plan to attend - See details below.

Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner Saturday, January 28, 2023



**You are Cordially invited to the
SOUTHERN SIERRA COUNCIL**

Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner

**Saturday, January 28, 2023
Hodel's Country Dining - 5917 Knudsen Dr. -
Bakersfield**

Doors open 5:30 pm --- Program begins 6:00 pm

**Individual Tickets - \$35.00
Sponsored Table for Eight - \$260.00
Online Reservations - Click [HERE](#)**

This annual event recognizes Scouts, Scouters, and Community Leaders who give outstanding service to the Scouting movement along with units for their council support.

The highlight of the evening, the Silver Beaver - the council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. It is considered the highest award a Boy Scout council can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter. The Silver Beaver Award is given to individuals who, through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service, have evidenced exceptional service to the BSA, service of exceptional character to non-Scouting youth, and service or standing within the community.

Again this year we will be recognizing Scouting Veteran Leaders--from 5 years to 90 years. If 2022 was a 5-year milestone for you or a fellow leader, please submit a Veteran Award Application. Applications should be submitted to the Scout Office no later than January 15, 2023. Veteran Award Application is available at the registration page shown above.

Silver Beaver Boosters are encouraged to donate in support of the Silver Beaver award. Donation can be made on the reservation page.

Spring Training Courses



NEW DATE!

LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER

CLASS: **Friday, February 24, 2023, 6-9 pm**
SSC office, 2417 M Street, Bakersfield

OVERNIGHT: **Saturday, Feb 25 AND Sunday February 26**
Wind Wolves Preserves

Registration coming soon.

Course Director: Maria Brown, MariaMBrown614@gmail.com

As more people use parks and recreation facilities, **LEAVE NO TRACE** guidelines become even more important for outdoor visitors. The Leave No Trace plan helps people to be more concerned about their environment and how to protect it for future generations. Leave No Trace applies in a backyard or local park (front country) as much as it does in the wilderness (backcountry).

Leave No Trace Trainer course is open to both YOUTH (age 14+) and ADULTS. It is 1 day of class work plus an overnight camping experience.



BALOO or **IOLS***

March 25 thru 26, 2023

Desert Empire Fairgrounds

520 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest

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

Registration coming soon.

Adult trainings to learn outdoor skills needed for Cub Scout outdoor events/overnight camping or teaching 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.* (Syllabus outlines scope of presentations)

CONTACT:

Carolyn Forster, Course Director
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What is Trainer's EDGE?

Trainer's EDGE helps Adult Leaders and Scouts BSA develop communication skills for effective presentation.

Learn techniques to engage your audience, enhance your presentation, and gain confidence in your delivery.

Trainer's EDGE 'trains the trainer' to practice using presentation behaviors and resources in a safe, positive, hands-on training experience.

- **Recommended for:** Council, District, and Unit Trainers, Youth* and Adult Leaders
- **Required for:** Wood Badge staff

**Scouts BSA in attendance may also complete Public Speaking Merit Badge & start Communication Merit Badge.*

TRAINER'S EDGE

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield

Registration coming soon.

Pre-course Presentation Assignment: Participants have a "pre-class assignment" to complete the course. Please **prepare an 8-10 minute training presentation** on any scouting topic. You can design your own or choose one from an existing BSA training.

Your presentation should allow you to demonstrate the skills of a trainer. Use techniques leadered during the course to enhance your prepared presentation. As a part of the afternoon program, you will make your presentation to a small group of other participants providing an opportunity for us all to learn from each other!

Course Director
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ADULT RECOGNITION LUNCHEONS

- **Bakersfield – Saturday, March 4**
- **Ridgecrest – Sunday, March 26**

Registration coming soon.

Everyone is invited to the annual Adult Recognition Luncheons in March. Invite your entire unit to attend the luncheon and appreciate all the leaders and volunteers who give up their time, talents, and treasures to make your unit grow and go!

Now is the time to send in the request for your Leader Knots and Awards to your unit's Award Chair. Your time and commitment to your scouts and families is valuable and we want to honor you! Show your growth in the BSA program by receiving your knots and awards at the annual Adult Recognition luncheon. (See links to adult awards below.)

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT: This is the highest honor a District can award to a volunteer. Who are those volunteers who have stepped up to take on an event for scouts or leaders at any level.

NOMINATIONS: Submit nominations to Cindy Basham for this important recognition.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS: Recognition is not just for specific positions. All volunteers are valuable. You or your unit can recognize anyone who has volunteered time to your scouts and unit with our Council's '**Unit Award of Appreciation**'. There is no limit to nominate anyone and everyone who has volunteered with your unit, registered or not, to be recognized at the luncheon.

LEADER AWARDS & KNOTS:

Adult Awards & Recognition:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/adult-awards-and-recognition/>

Adult Recognition for Exceptional Service:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/adult-awards-and-recognition/adult-recognition-for-exceptional-service/>

Awards Central:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>



COUNCIL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:30 pm

Zoom: ID: 314 211 1129 Password: 928897

Why should I attend this committee?

Training doesn't happen by magic or accident; nor is it created by a single person. It takes planning and

input from ALL the units to ensure the training needed is offered timely and is engaging for all participants. Your voice and volunteer time is needed to provide the best training for all adults throughout our Council. **Training is a vital part of your unit's growth, succession planning, and member retention, and quality programs.**

Anyone can represent your unit at the Committee meetings – Please assign someone who isn't otherwise engaged in your unit activities to attend the 4 meetings per year.*

Who should attend:

- **Trainers**
- **Committee Chair** or **Committee Training Chair** (**If you don't have these positions currently filled – any volunteer in your unit may attend to take notes*)
- **Unit Commissioners**
- **Wood Badge participants and staff**

Dates to Remember



March 4, 2023

Merit Badge Midway
Council Pinewood Derby

April 28 - 30, 2023

Camporall
Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony

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