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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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Email (Advancement reports and a PO) to Mary Castaneda at [mary.castaneda@scouting.org](mailto:mary.castaneda@scouting.org)  
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### **SSC Program Committee Meeting**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2  
6:30 PM via ZOOM**

**followed by**

**CAMPORALL LEADERS' MEETING  
7:00 PM  
Same ZOOM link**

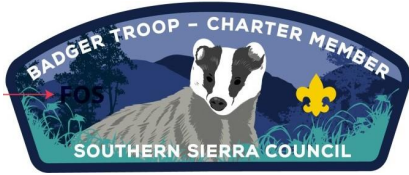
***Watch your email for Zoom link arriving  
Wednesday evening***

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>

## Join the Badger Troop



### Are you part of the Badger Troop yet?

The Badger Troop was started in 2022. How many Badger Troop members are there? Quite a few... and there is room for more new Badgers to join in 2023.

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 convenient. Over the course of the year, your small monthly donation becomes a significant contribution to making Scouting happen locally. The first 100 members will receive the special "charter member" patch. Get one of these special patches while they last!

To join the Badger Troop, click this link: <https://donations.scouting.org/#!/council/030/appeal/5374>

## Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner: Sponsors Needed

### Class of 2022

#### Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner Thursday, March 16, 2023



The Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, celebrating the Eagle Class of 2022, will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 @ Luigi's Warehouse in Bakersfield. This main event of this special evening is to recognize and honor the 24 young men and women that earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2022. These individuals will be our guest and have been invited to attend, along with their Scoutmasters, hosted by the Southern Sierra Council.

Parents, family member and friends are welcome to attend by purchasing a ticket for \$35 each, a great price for dinner at Luigi's. The keynote speaker will be Jeff Geyer, retired U.S. Army. Jeff served as a Golden Knight, making over 1,300 successful jumps out of airplanes during his career.

During the evening's program, the Southern Sierra Council will have the privilege to recognize its first recipient of the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. Jay Rosenlieb, an Eagle from the Class of 1973 from Troop 188, is one of Bakersfield's own. Jay has had a distinguished career as an employment attorney and has also contributed a lifetime of service to the Boy Scouts of America locally, statewide, and on the national level.



We need sponsors to fund the Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster meals. Sponsorship donations also provide funds for Eagle Scout Scholarships. We presented \$3,000 in scholarships last year. You can be a sponsor for as little as \$200, and your meal is covered, too!

Anyone, older Eagle Scouts, parents of Eagle Scouts, leaders of Eagle Scouts, fans of Eagle Scouts, are invited to be a sponsor and support this wonderful evening. Click this link <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Eagle22> for more information and to register for the event as a sponsor or attendee.

# Invite a Friend to Join the Scouting Adventure



Scouting is the ultimate Adventure for our youth. There is so much a Scout can do... camping, fishing, shooting sports, learning life-saving skills, STEM, and on and on. About the only thing that can make Scouting better is to have a friend along for the experience.

Well, now's your chance. Invite a friend to your next den meeting, Pack meeting, Troop meeting or Crew meeting to see and hear about the adventures of Scouting. Leaders, please encourage your Scouts to invite a friend.

We are continuing the incentive this year for Scouts that invite a friend that joins Scouting. This incentive program will last all of 2023. Whenever you have a Scout earn the incentive, contact Randy or Cindy at the Scout Office.

**Youth:** Invite another youth to join their Pack or Troop. Scouts are eligible to earn the incentive throughout 2023. When the invited youth joins, the Scout will receive their award.

- Cub Scout youth: \$10 Amazon gift card and patch
- Scouts BSA youth: \$10 Amazon gift card and patch
- Venturing youth: \$10 Amazon gift card and patch
- Exploring youth: \$10 Amazon gift card
- Newly recruited youth: patch

**Parent, leader or any adult** Invite a parent to bring their youth to join their Pack or Troop. This incentive is available throughout 2023. If the invited youth joins, the adult will receive a Starbucks gift card. If the invited youth's parent becomes a registered volunteer, the adult will get two Starbucks gift cards.

Packs and Troops, did you know that you can turn essentially any activity on your calendar into a join event for new Scouts and families. All you need to do is get the word out, and the Scout Office can help. We can produce and distribute flyers promoting your summertime events. We also have posters and yard signs that can be placed at your meeting sites and in the neighborhoods, including schools, nearby. Just contact Cameron or Randy at 661-325-9036 and we'll be ready to assist.

Remember, Scouting is a year-round program. You should have summertime activities for your Scouting families. Let's do our best to give every young person the opportunity to become a Scout.

## Scouts - Earn Your Own Way



The ninth point of the Scout Law is "Thrifty – Work to pay your own way"

**Promotion window – March 1 to April 14**

Scouts may check out up to \$500 worth of popcorn products to sell and earn 40%

commission toward Council event registration fees.

## **Camporall, Day Camp, First Class Palooza, STEM Day and more!**

“Pop” right into these events with your profits from popcorn.

Contact Randy or Cindy at the Scout Office (325-9036) to start sales NOW!

*Sales limited to the product on hand.*

## **Pinewood Derby Saturday, March 4, 2023**

**Time: 8am-12pm**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church (1705 17th St, Bakersfield, CA 93301)**

**Cost: Online Registration - \$5 per car, Onsite Registration - \$7.00 per car**



**Race Classes -**

Lions  
Tigers  
Wolves  
Bears  
Webelos/AOL  
Open



**Registration and car specification info at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-PW23>**

## **Merit Badge Midway**



**Date: Saturday March 4th, 2023**

**Time: 8am-4:30pm**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church  
(1705 17th St, Bakersfield, CA 93301)**

**Cost: \$5 per merit badge until March 1, 2023 - \$7 after.  
Optional \$5 for lunch (reserve at the time of registration)**

**Merit Badges being offered:**

Art - 8:30 am to 12:00 pm \*

Photography - 8:30 am to 12:00 pm \*

Radio - 8:30 am to 12:00 pm \*

Basketry - 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm (No prerequisites)

Game Design - 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm \*

Photography - 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm \*

Registration & prerequisite information at  
<https://scoutingevent.com/030-68665>

## ADULT & UNIT RECOGNITION LUNCHEONS



## ADULT RECOGNITION LUNCHEONS

Register online for these special events!

### Bakersfield – Saturday, March 4

12:00 - 2:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Hall  
(Truxtun & H Streets, Bakersfield)

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-68663>

### Ridgecrest – Sunday, March 26

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Desert Empire Fairgrounds  
520 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-69095>

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.

**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 submit anyone and everyone who has volunteered with your unit, registered or not, to be recognized at the luncheon.

Application: [Unit Award of Appreciation link](#)

### **LEADER AWARDS & KNOTS:**

[Adult Awards & Recognition Link](#)

[Adult Recognition for Exceptional Service Link](#)

## BSA Cub Scout Rangemaster Training

Volunteers are needed to serve as Rangemasters for Cub Scout Day Camp and for Fall events - shooting sports activities.

**Friday, March 31, 2023**  
**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Depending on course size)**  
**Scout Office - 2417 M Street**



**Cost \$10.00 (Dinner will be served)**

This training includes a practical exercise on how to set up a BB gun, Archery, and Slingshot range, range layout, and have the participants walk through the process of running the range.

Register online by March 30 at 5:00 pm - <https://scoutingevent.com/030-RM23>

## Order of the Arrow



### Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

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

- March 23 - OA LEC - Lodge Executive Committee - 7:00 pm  
- Scout Office - 2417 M St., Bakersfield

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](mailto:cmonacoscouts@gmail.com) or  
Lodge Chief - Alexander Tindell at [tindellaj@gmail.com](mailto:tindellaj@gmail.com).

## 2023 Camporall - "Seeking to Soar"

**April 28 - 30, 2023**  
**Camp Three Falls**

**A fun-filled weekend for all Scouts BSA Troops & Venture Crews**

- Scored Activities
- Non-Scored Activities
- Troop Leadership Position Challenges
- Awards & Recognition
- OA Callout Ceremony

**Don't miss the Camporall meeting on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00pm via Zoom**

**Guidebook & Zoom link will be emailed on Wednesday evening -**



Camporall registration opens Friday, March 3

Online Registration at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-camporall23>

## 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 - Be sure to register for the Eagle Dinner on March 16 - Honoring YOU!**



### LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

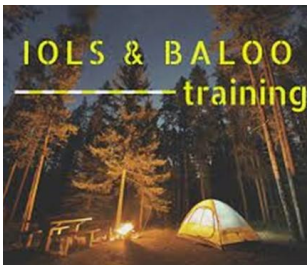
**Saturday, May 13 - 9:00 am to 11:30 pm**  
Scout Office - 2417 M Street

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 Scout during the month of February! This Eagle Scout is from Troop 3.

## Spring Training Courses

***HURRY! Don't miss this opportunity for BALOO and IOLS courses happening in Ridgecrest!***



**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:** <https://scoutingevent.com/030-BALOOIOLS>

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

#### 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. Recommended for Webelos/AOL/Cubmasters transitioning to Scouts

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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**

**Cost : \$10.00 per person**

**Registration link:** <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-TE23>

**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!

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# Leadership Training



**NYLT is a leadership program for Scouts BSA youth members ages 13-20.**

Participants learn leadership skills and techniques they can use in their Troop/Crew and other situations requiring leadership of self and others.

### Pre-requisites

- Registered member of a Scouting Unit
- Recommended by the Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor
- BSA Medical Forms A, B & C
- First Class Scout Rank minimum
- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

**June 26 – July 1, 2023**

**Camp Verdugo Oaks**

**38001 Golden State Highway, Castaic**

**Registration:** <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-NYLT23>

Cost:\*

\$295 – EARLY BIRD (by April 30)

\$325 – Regular (May 1-May 31)

\$350 – Late (June 1-15)

\*Scholarships may be available from your Troop or Crew.



**Leadership training for every level of registered adult: Cub Scout, Troop, or Venturing.**

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## WOOD BADGE

**September 8-10 & October 7-8, 2023**

**Camp Tahquitz, San Bernardino**

**Course Director: Aimee McCarty, Long Beach Area Council**

Questions: [tricouncilwoodbadge@gmail.com](mailto:tricouncilwoodbadge@gmail.com) or

[CJForster1964@gmail.com](mailto:CJForster1964@gmail.com)

**HURRY! EARLY BIRD SPECIAL only \$225**

Scholarships may be available through your Unit, Council, or the course.

**REGISTRATION:** <https://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/woodbadge/>

## **What is Wood Badge?**

Wood Badge is the most advanced training course for adults offered by the Boy Scouts of America. The training course is rich in Scouting history and tradition.

Participants spend 5 days and 3 nights learning modern leadership theories from contemporary scholars such as Ken Blanchard (author of the *One Minute Manager* series of books), Stephen R. Covey (author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* and *Principle Centered Leadership*), and Spencer Johnson (author of *Who Moved My Cheese*), to name a few.

## **How will I benefit?**

- Make a positive difference in the quality of your Scouting program and the impact Scouting has on the lives of its members.
- Be better prepared to give our youth the opportunity to live Scouting's values to become a better citizen.

## **Prerequisites:**

- Be registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America
- Have completed Basic Training for your registered Scouting position prior to the course
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B and C)

## **To successfully complete Wood Badge, Scouters must:**

- Attend and participate in BOTH weekends of the Wood Badge course
- Attend the mid-course patrol meetings
- Complete their Ticket goals within 18 months



## **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

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## Summertime Activity for June

On your mark, Get Set, GOOOOO!  
 To  
**Cub Scout Day Camp 2023**



<p><b>June 12th through June 15th</b>          Green flag drops at 8:15am (Start time)          Checkered flag flies at Noon (end time)</p>	<p><b>Registration</b>          Early: \$65 until 5/12/23          Normal: \$75 5/13 to 6/2/23</p>
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**Location:** Centennial Elementary (15200 Westdale Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93314)



Events include: BB gun shooting --- Field games --- Archery --- Crafts and fun activities!

Open to Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and AOL Cub Scouts!

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-DC23>

All tigers must have an adult partner with them at all times.

For proper supervision, all packs are responsible for providing 1 trained adult for every 5 scouts attending.

Questions? Contact: Heather Howard, Day Camp Director at 661-304-3424 or [heatherhow80@gmail.com](mailto:heatherhow80@gmail.com)  
 OR Cameron Hutton, Staff Advisor at 661-325-9036 or [cameron.hutton@scouting.org](mailto:cameron.hutton@scouting.org)

## Dates to Remember

**April 28 - 30, 2023**

Camporall

Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony

**May 6, 2023**

Cub Scout STEM Day



# May 11, 2023 Quarterly Roundtable

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