

October 2024



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Southern Sierra Council

SSC Scouting News

Keeping you up to date with what is happening in the Southern Sierra Council.

[SSC Website Link](#)

Be sure to select "View Entire Message" at the bottom of page one to see full newsletter - Plus forward to your unit families



Award orders can be emailed ahead to be pulled and have ready when you arrive.
Email (Advancement reports and a PO) to cbasham3504@gmail.com
Shipping is available



**Scout Office
& Trading Post Hours
Monday to Friday
12 pm to 5 pm**



SSC Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Meeting

October 3

6:30 pm via Zoom

(meeting link will be sent to all registered leaders 10/1)

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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Council Upcoming Dates to Remember

(See articles below for details)

- Oct. 3 - SSC Program Meeting
- Oct. 4-6 - Webelos/AOL Adventure Campout
- Oct. 12-13 - BALOO & IOLS
- Oct. 17 - Council Training Planning Meeting
- Oct. 18-19 - Tigermania
- Oct. 18-19 - Wolves/Bears Campout
- Oct. 24 - OA - LEC Meeting
- Oct. 24 - Commissioner Meeting
- Oct. 28 - Popcorn - Deadline to Submit Unit Final Order Online
- Oct. 28 - Popcorn - Storefront Return Deadline
- Oct. 31 - Halloween
- Nov. 2 - Outdoor Expo
- Nov. 7 - SSC Program Meeting
- Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Parade
- Nov. 13 - Life to Eagle workshop
- Nov. 14 - Unit Renewal Training
- Nov. 21 - Popcorn Order Pick Up
- Nov. 21 - Commissioner Meeting
- Nov. 28 & 29 - Office closed

**TRADING
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**The Trading Post
will be open**

Saturdays

11 am to 3 pm

October 5

October 12

October 19

October 26

Badgers Make Important Contributions to Southern Sierra Scouting



The Badger Troop, established in 2022, is a group of dedicated Scouting supporters that make a monthly donation to the Southern Sierra Council. These gifts have accumulated each month over the past few years to generate a steady stream of funds that provide timely resources to help Scouting "grow and go". Working together, we will do our best to make Scouting possible to all young people. Scouting's positive impact on young people is meaningful in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. Our Badger Troop is committed to the future of local youth.

You are invited to join the Southern Sierra Council's Badger Troop. 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 sustainable funding source for 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. Become a member today and you'll receive a special patch.

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

POPCORN! POPCORN! POPCORN! Funding Scouting Adventures



The 2024 Trails End Popcorn Sale is helping Scouts and their units fund their adventures for the coming year. There is still time to sell more popcorn to reach goals higher rewards levels.

The final product order must be submitted online to Trails End by October 28th. Product will be delivered and available to pick up on November 21st.

There are still storefront locations and times available for your groups. Make reservations for storefront sales on your unit portal. There is still some popcorn inventory at the Scout Office, which your unit can pick up while available.

Along with Trails End Rewards, there are some excellent prizes that Scouts can earn.

Prize orders are due December 6th. Unit kernals will receive reminders to submit prize orders.

- All Scouts that sell at least one item receive a popcorn patch
- Any Scout that collects at least \$100 in Heroes donations with receive the special Heroes shoulder patch

- Any Scout that sells at least \$1,000 in popcorn will receive two tickets to the Condors game on Saturday, January 11. There will also be special opportunities and recognition at the Condors game.

55 Scouts have sold over \$1,000

- Any Scout that sells at least \$2,500 in popcorn will receive a \$200 gift card from Amazon, Walmart or the Scout Store.

17 Scouts have sold over \$2,500

Scouts can sell online

Top selling units - online sales (as of Sept. 25)

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • Pack 58 - \$10,156 | • Pack 33 - \$624 |
| • Pack 104 - \$4,705 | • Pack 413 - \$486 |
| • Troop 194 - \$4,352 | • Pack 711 - \$447 |
| • Pack 25 - \$1,597 | • Pack 2021 - \$441 |
| • Troop 300 - \$1,255 | • Troop 712 - \$440 |

Please contact Randy at randy.saunders@scouting.org for more information





Membership/Recruiting

Peer-to-Peer Recruiting Scouts - Recruit a friend to join Scouting New for 2024

Once the new recruit is registered the original scout will receive a lantern with flip-top fan, a SSC Recruiter Patch & a recruiter strip for their uniform.



New scout will receive a SSC Recruiter Patch

All new Cub Scouts who register via BeAScout.org from August 1 through October 31, 2024, will receive a special Welcome Kit in the mail shortly after completing registration.

NEW - Scouts BSA/Venturing Leader Training Required for all Unit-level Range & Target Activities Effective 9/27/2024



The purpose of Scouting America's range and target activities is first and foremost centered around teaching safety. Scouting America's range and target activities are developed and implemented through age-appropriate training and experiences.

This training is required to be taken by at least one adult in each unit that is going to be participating in Range and Target Activities at the unit level. This is a one time certification and will record automatically to your training record.

Here's the easiest way to access this new training:

1. Log onto my.scouting.org
2. Select My Training
3. Select Scouts BSA
4. Click on the Catalog link on the top navigation bar.
5. Sort by Most Recent

For now, Range SAFETY will be the first training listed after you sort.

Cub Scout Range & Target Activities are available at Council Events only.

Journey to Excellence Is Your Unit on Target for Success?



Last quarter of the year - time to review your unit's Journey to Excellence status.

Use the next 3 months to tackle the categories that need attention.

Check out the 2024 Scorecards for the details.

Packs

- Planning & Budget
- Membership Growth & Retention
- Program - Advancement, Activities, Outdoor Activities, Service Projects
- Leadership - All positions are filled with trained adults

Troops

- Planning & Budget
- Membership Growth & Retention (includes AOL Bridging)
- Program - Advancement, Short-term camping, Long-term camping, Service projects & Youth leadership
- Leadership - All positions are filled with trained adults.

Scorecards are available at the link below.

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

2026 National Scout Jamboree Leader Selection Process & Parent Information



The National Scout Jamboree is one of the pinnacle adventures that a Scout can experience. Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. Typically held every four years, it's a gathering of approximately 15,000 Scouts, leaders, and service team members that showcases everything that is great about Scouting.

Features include: one of the longest zip line courses in North America, a world-class skate park, ATV offerings, treetop canopy tours, rock climbing, water activities, patch trading, stadium shows, and much more!

The next National Scout Jamboree will be held on July 22-31, 2026, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

The Southern Sierra Council will put together a contingent of Scouts and leaders to make the journey to the National Scout Jamboree. The trip includes a tour of the Washington, DC area several days before the Jamboree.

Scouts ages 12 (by the opening of the Jamboree in 2026) and up are eligible to attend and participate in the Council's contingent to the Jamboree.

Costs have not been set as of now, but the range will be \$4,500 to \$4,800 and includes the

Jamboree fee, the Washington tour, all overnight accommodations, airfare, and some equipment needed for the event. Once the price is set, a payment schedule will be available for Scouts and parents to follow.

There will be a Scouts & Parent Orientation for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree on Thursday, January 9, 2025 @ 7:00pm at the Scout Office in Bakersfield.

Adults, we need volunteers to serve as the leaders for this contingent. We have a limited number of spaces available. Here is the leader selection process:

- Submit a current Scouting resume and a letter of interest to Randy Saunders at randy.saunders@scouting.org. The letter of interest should include, Scouting leadership experience, service with other youth groups, relevant trainings for youth activities, first aid and other health & safety certifications, and any other items you want to share that enhances your qualifications for this group. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RESUME AND LETTER IS NOVEMBER 1, 2024.
- Interviews will be held with all candidates during the month of November.
- Leaders will be selected and announced on December 1, 2024
- Expectations for selected leaders include: attending ALL contingent meetings, preparation events, and the National Scout Jamboree; providing on-hand supervision of the Scouts during the entire Jamboree trip including travel to/from Bakersfield; keeping required documents necessary for travel and participation at the Jamboree; making sure all contingent attendees are healthy and safe for the duration of the trip; and ensuring that Scouts communicate with their parents while away from home.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to participation at the National Scout Jamboree as a member of the Jamboree Service Team. More information about Jamboree Service Team can be found at www.jamboree.scouting.org under the JST/Staff tab.

2023 National Jamboree Council Contingent



**2024 Potato Booth
Keeping the Kern County Fair Tradition Strong**

**Another Kern County Fair,
another Southern Sierra Baked Potato Booth season...**

The Potato Booth received some improvements during the summer, including a new roof, repainted floor, a new back door, new plumbing and new shelving. These upgrades were much needed. Thank you to Brent Wuertz and Robert Foster for providing the brains and muscle to get these projects completed in time for the opening of the Fair.

The Potato Booth had another successful Fair season. Hundreds of Scouts, parents, leaders and caring individuals



volunteered their time to serving at least one shift (many served several shifts) in the Potato Booth this year.

Fun Potato Facts

- 9813 baked potatoes made and sold
- 4263 were The Works, the most popular baked potato
- 42% of orders added the large drink combo, a huge increase over 2023
- 1044 Chile Verde Potatoes
- 771 bowls of Mac & Cheese, Chile Verde or combination were sold
- 2289 added Sour Cream to their order, most popular side item
- 13% of orders added bacon to their potato
- 216 Sweet Potatoes sold
- Average sale per customer is \$16.39

Top selling hours:

- Sept 26, 8 to 9pm - \$1990
- Sept 28, 10 to 11pm – \$1963
- Sept 28, 7 to 8pm - \$1932

Each one of the potatoes were baked in our ovens, and topped with chili, cheese, sour cream, mac & cheese, chile verde and bacon. ALL of these items were prepared by our volunteer crew. Thank you all for another successful season!

The Potato Booth is a vital funding source for making Scouting happen in the Southern Sierra Council.



Eagle 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 13 - 6:30 pm

Scout Office - 2417 M Street

Registration will open October 1

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 two new Eagle Scouts during the month of September! The new Eagles are from Troops 484 & 711.

Order of the Arrow



2024 OA Calendar

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

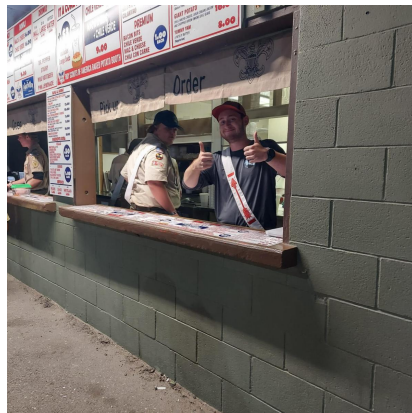
Thursday, October 24, 2024

7:00 pm at the Scout Office

Chapter event - Thursday, October 17 - 7:00 pm - Location to be determined.

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.

Order of the Arrow Worked Both Thursday Nights during the Fair!



Thank you to all who served up those spuds!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2024 OA DUES?

Easy way to pay your annual dues -

Pay online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-Dues>



**18 scouts/scouters attended the Section G18N
Order of the Arrow Conclave the weekend of
September 27-29 in Arcadia.**

**Great representation from the Yowlumne Lodge!!
Thank you to all that attended!!**

Questions:

Contact Lodge Advisor - Chuck Monaco at (661) 303-8636 or cmonacoscouts@gmail.com or
Lodge Chief - Talen Monaco at (661) 525-6586 or T3Monaco@gmail.com.

Upcoming Cub Scout Campouts

Putting the Outing in Scouting

Webelos & Arrow of Lights - Oct. 4-6

Tigermania - Oct. 18-19

Wolves & Bears - Oct. 18-19



SOUTHERN SIERRA COUNCIL BSA PRESENTS:

WEBELOS/ARROW OF LIGHT ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park -
4011 Grant Dr. - Earlimart, CA (a 40-50
minute drive north of Bakersfield).

Regular Registration - \$50 per person from 9/28 to 10/2/24 - 11:59 pm

Registration fee covers activities, meals & patch.

Register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-WebAOL24>

All Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts and Parents are invited to attend this Council-wide camping/activity trip. Here the Scouts will set up camp, work on Adventure pins and have fun campfire programs.

WHEN:

Check-In – Friday, October 4 - Begins at 5 PM - Follow signs to registration

Check-Out – Sunday, October 6 - 10:00 AM - Assembly Area

Register online through October 2.

WHAT TO BRING: Dinner on Friday evening is to be provided by you. Please eat before camp or bring a sack dinner. There are no personal campfires or cooking areas allowed in camp. Also bring any/all camping gear: Tent, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, Camp Chair etc. Packs will camp together in the same area. Packs may want to bring pop-ups for their campsites.

IMPORTANT TO BRING: BSA Medical Form - Parts A & B (please note the form includes permission for your scout to use a BB device), & BB Gun/Archery permission slip.

Additionally, please have a skit or song you would like to perform as a Den/Pack for the Saturday evening campfire.

Join us for a fantastic weekend at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park where we will be offering a number of adventures, interfaith service and campfires.

We will provide the fun, food and activities, you provide the camping gear and a Scout looking for fun and adventure. Get your Webelos and Arrow of Light dens ready and register early.

*This is a Webelos/AOL and Adult partner event. Please no siblings. There are no facilities or activities for additional family members.

Questions - please contact Cameron Hutton at (661) 325-9036 or Cameron.Hutton@Scouting.org.



It's the 2024 Tigermania! **BLAST OFF TO NEW ADVENTURES!**

All Tigers and Parents Come to Tigermania!

Our time together will consist of Bobcat advancement, Games, Archery, and Much More! Don't forget to eat before you come on Friday and be prepared for a night of camping, campfire stories, and friends!

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

Cost: \$ 20 per person (includes activity fees & meals on Saturday)

No program is provided for additional family members or non-Tiger Cubs

All Cub Scouts or attendees under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Don't forget to eat before you come on Friday or bring a sack dinner. Be prepared for a night of camping and stargazing!

Register Online at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Tigers24>

Questions? Email Amy at scoutmom.as@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET:

Camping Gear

Sleeping Bag

Tent

*Camp Chair

*Refillable Water Bottle

*Annual Health & Medical Record" - Parts A & B for all attendees

*Permission slip for BB Gun & Archery (available on registration page)



Cub Overnighter for Wolves and Bears

October 18-19, 2024

The campout will feature a campfire on Friday night, many fun activities on Saturday which will help towards their rank advancement, and also include BB guns and archery!

When: Friday, October 18 to Saturday, October 19 (Check-in begins at 5:00 pm on Friday evening. The event will end by 4:00 pm on

Saturday.

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

Cost: \$20 per person. Additional family members can attend for \$20 per person. **No program is provided for additional family members.**

All Cub Scouts or family under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Staff: \$10 per person (Scouts BSA/Leaders assisting with activities)

Register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-WB24>

If you have questions please contact Cameron Hutton at (661) 325-9036 or cameron.hutton@scouting.org

Don't forget to eat before you come on Friday and be prepared for a night of camping and fun!

Training News & Resources



It's time for every registered adult to renew
your **YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING**
before October 1st!

WHY? Southern Sierra Council has been committed to ensuring all youth are safe at all times and in every situation. Youth Protection Training is required annually (every calendar year) in Southern Sierra Council, per Board Policy, established in 2015.

HOW?

You can retake your Youth Protection Training anytime, any day on*
(YPT will not be 'assigned' to you):

*Online Best Practices for Successful Results:

- Use a **laptop** or **desktop** computer (*the course is not designed for mobile devices or iPads*)
- Use **Google Chrome** (*the course is not designed for other search engines*)
- Send an email to me, with screen shots/descriptions, if you are having trouble completing the training on your computer. DO NOT continue to retake the trainings if you are experiencing difficulty with completion.
- You should receive a **certificate by email within 24 hours** of taking the course and completing the test.

***NOTE:** *Every registered adult who last completed YPT during 2023 will receive reminder emails through October. Once you have completed your training online successfully, the emails will not be sent to you. Please contact me anytime if you believe you are receiving the emails in error.*

QUESTIONS: Carolyn Forster, Council Training Chair,
CJForster1964@gmail.com

HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

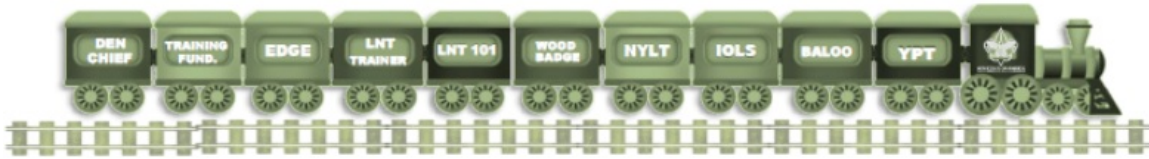


It's time to renew your **Hazardous Weather Training (HWT)**.

HWT is REQUIRED to be renewed every 2 years (National Scouting America requirement) for ALL leader positions. Leadership positions with expired **HWT** are considered 'untrained' and do not qualify for renewal or working with youth.

Ensure you have the most current information in weather safety this summer by updating your HWT on My.Scouting.org.

Login to [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) any time to retake Hazardous Weather Training.
(Note: It will NOT be 'assigned' to you. You can retake **HWT** at any time.)



COUNCIL TRAINING PLANNING MEETING*

THURSDAY, October 17 @ 6:30 pm

Zoom: ID: 314 211 1129 Password: 928897

Why should I attend this meeting?

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 trainings are offered timely and are 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, adult 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 (March, May, August, September).

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**

CONTACT:

Carolyn Forster
Council Training Chair
CJForster1964@gmail.com



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

*A great opportunity for female as well as male Scouts BSA to meet and interact with scouts from the Southern California area. *Register early to ensure you have a spot – NYLT trainings in Southern California fill up fast and usually have a waiting list.*

Registrations* coming soon!

Verdugo Hills Council

February 15-17

and

February 21-23, 2025

Camp Verdugo Oaks, Castaic

Tri-Council:

**Los Padres Council, Ventura
County Council & Southern Sierra
Council**

July 27-August 2, 2025

Camp Rancho Alegre, Santa Barbara

What is National Youth Leadership Training? NYLT is the entry-level program for youth ages 13-17 to learn and practice leadership skills with their peers in an outdoor environment. Leadership skills are essential for all youth to navigate everyday challenges and be more successful with school and college/university, band/sports, church, community service, work, family life, and, of course, Troop and Crew youth leadership. Scouts participating in the NYLT course are better prepared for life.

Qualifications:

- Youth ages 13/14-17 years old (Troop or Venture Crew)
- Earned 1st Class rank or higher
- Recommended by the Scoutmaster to attend NYLT course

Scholarships: Youth may request scholarships for registration fees through their Troop or Venture Crew, the Council office, or the NYLT course itself.

Course Leadership: The NYLT course is run by youth and adult volunteers from Southern Sierra Council and/or nearby councils, as mentioned above. Youth volunteers have completed the NYLT course and are ready to take on new leadership challenges.

ADULT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Did you know you, your leaders, and adult volunteers may qualify for an award?

Awards for adults signify you have been trained, provide quality performance in your leadership role, you completed significant

milestone(s), and are committed to helping our youth to be responsible citizens in the community. Check out all the awards you, your leaders, and adult volunteers deserve and may be qualified to receive. Adult leader and volunteer recognitions are presented annually in March.

AWARDS CENTRAL (all awards available): <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>

TRAINING AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: UNIT LEADER AWARDS

<https://www.scouting.org/training/training-awards-and-recognition/>

(Note: one of the requirements for Training Awards is “attend 4 Roundtables”; Roundtable is offered both in person and online to give everyone easy access to attend: Feb, May, Aug, & Nov. As an alternative, the leader can attend either a PowWow or University of Scouting, which are offered at nearby Councils throughout Southern California.)

- **Den Leader Training Award** – for all levels of *Den Leaders*
- **Scouter’s Training Award** – for each level of leader (*Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing*).
- **Scouter’s Key** – for *Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor* (Venturing).



William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award – for leaders who organize a new, traditional unit (*Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, or Venture Crew*) and the unit qualifies for Bronze level Journey to Excellence after first charter renewal.

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/WD-Boyce-New-Unit-Award.pdf>



Unit Leader Award of Merit – The Committee Chair nominates and applies for the award for your unit’s *Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Venture Advisor* who is running a quality program for the youth. [Award Nomination Form](#)



Unit Award of Appreciation – This award is for any adult volunteer, in any capacity, registered or not, who has given exceptional service to your unit. Submit everyone you want – there is no limit or specific qualifications. Award form coming soon.



Be ready this fall to go camping and outdoor activities with your Pack or Troop. Mark your calendar for BALOO or IOLS this October.

BALOO or **IOLS***

October 12 thru 13, 2024

Fort Tejon State Historic Park, Lebec, CA

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

Registration link: https://scoutingevent.com/030-BALOO_IOLS_Fall24

Registration deadline - Friday, October 4 - 11:59 pm

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

NEEDED: *A few experienced volunteers to present scouting skills to adult leaders.* (Syllabus outlines scope of presentations)

CONTACT:

Carolyn Forster, Course Director

CJForster1964@gmail.com

Outdoor Expo

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Location - Bakersfield - TBD

Trainings, Lion's ROAR, Merit Badge Midway

Outdoor Expo has something for everyone! Bring your scouts for Merit Badge Midway or Lions Roar and adults take in-person trainings at the same time and place.

Online Registration for Training: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Training24>



DEN CHIEF TRAINING

Learn about the Den Chief position, how Scouts BSA can help you with your den activities while they gain experience in leadership skills. A great way for your Cub Scouts to have someone to look up to and get excited to transition to a Troop in the near future.

Who should attend: Scouts BSA, Cub Scout leaders and adult; Scoutmasters/Asst. Scoutmasters; any interested registered adult



LEAVE NO TRACE BASICS

Learn Leave No Trace principles and how it applies to ethical decision-making in an outdoor environment and activities. Meets Requirement 5 of Outdoor Ethics Action Award.

Who should attend: Scouts BSA (age 14+), adult leaders and registered volunteers

The Fundamentals
of Training



FUNDAMENTALS OF TRAINING / TRAINER'S EDGE

Get 2 courses in 1 fun-filled day! Learners gain self-confidence in their presentation skills, learn tips and techniques to make your presentations effective and interactive in a safe, positive environment.

Who should attend: New and experienced registered adult volunteers and leaders and Scouts BSA.

NOTE: Scouts BSA can earn the Public Speaking Merit Badge by completing the courses and staying through the lunch session: Roberts Rules of Order.



Come to the Annual Lions Roar!!!
For Scouting Fun and A Roaring Good Time!!

Saturday, November 2, 2024
8:00 AM To 12:30 PM

Online Registration for Lion's ROAR: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Roar24>

**Cost: \$20 Per Lion (includes an Adult Partner)*
Activities, Patch, and Snack Provided!**

Reserve Your Spot Online at

***Adult Partner must be present with Lion at all times.
A Patch for an Adult may be purchased for an additional \$2.00**

Planting Station
Games

Obstacle Course
Shirts

Marble Run
and More!

AND New for this year - Archery & Slingshot



Merit Badge Midway

Time: (Check-in) 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per merit badge until Friday, Oct. 25 - \$7 after

Online registration for Merit Badges: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-MBFall24>

Full Day
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Disabilities Awareness *

Morning Session
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

American Business *

Afternoon Session
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Indian Lore

(*) Prerequisites apply - please see online registration for details. These must be completed and brought to the merit badge day to receive the full merit badge - otherwise it will be a partial until prerequisites are complete and submitted to the counselor.

All Outdoor Expo attendees (youth & adults) must turn in a Health Form (parts A & B) at Check in

Safety in Scouting

Incident Reporting Helps

Timely and complete incident reporting provides Scouting America with an opportunity for analysis of incidents that occur and promotes continuous improvement of our programs. In our experience, the sooner a clear, concise, and complete incident report is made, the sooner that an appropriate response to the incident can occur.



GENERAL INFORMATION

What is an incident? There are three types of reportable incidents:

- Near Miss—A near miss does not result in injury, illness, or damage, by definition, but it had the potential to do so.
- General Liability—Events or allegations of injury, illness, or property damage, including employment, director, and officer issues.
- Youth Protection/Membership Infraction—Allegations of abuse, violations of Scouting America guidelines or policies, or inappropriate behavior by a Scout/Scout leader/parent/other.

Why report an incident? The information reported from incidents helps identify areas for improvement so we can help prevent the reoccurrence of similar incidents. Scouting America cannot address a concern if we do not know about it. Reporting incidents promptly is also critical so Scouting America can respond in a timely manner and manage claims properly.

When do I report an incident? You should immediately contact your local council to report and get assistance with serious, fatal or abuse incidents. Report within 24 hours if an injury or illness cannot be treated by Scout-rendered first aid, a medical professional such as a doctor or nurse was needed, or an ambulance was called.

How do I report an incident? There are incident reporting tools to assist you in collecting the facts of the incident to provide to the council. This is available on the council website www.sscbsa.org. Scroll down on the home page to "Incident Reporting Tools".

Reporting tips: It is important that incident reports are filled out as completely & timely as possible. This will help bring clarity to the situation and avoid unnecessary calls or emails for additional information. Photographs of the site, facilities, vehicles, or equipment can add value to the report. Remember to include only pertinent facts about the incident. Do not assign blame or include personal opinions. Stick to the facts.

[Navigating Incidents: Guide for Units](#)

Dates to Remember

November 11
Veteran's Day Parade (Bakersfield)



November 14 Unit Renewal Training

December 7 Pushmobile

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