

March 2025



# Scouting America™

## Southern Sierra Council

### SSC Scouting News

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

[SSC Website Link](#)

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NEW INFORMATION ALL THE WAY TO THE LAST PAGE!!***



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Email (Advancement reports and a PO) to [cbasham3504@gmail.com](mailto:cbasham3504@gmail.com)  
Shipping is available



### [SSC Program Committee Meeting](#)

**Program Committee Meeting**

**March 6**

**6:30 pm via Zoom**

***(meeting link will be sent to all registered leaders)***

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](#)**



Both are great ways to keep up with what's happening throughout the month and for the upcoming year.

**Council Upcoming Dates to Remember**  
**(See articles below for details)**

- Mar. 1 - Merit Badge Midway
- Mar. 1 - Council Pinewood Derby
- Mar. 1 - Bakersfield Awards Luncheon
- Mar. 5 - Range & Target Sports Committee Meeting
- Mar. 6 - SSC Program Meeting
- Mar. 9 - Cub Scout Rangemaster Certification
- Mar. 10 - Camp Card Sales Begin
- Mar. 13 - Jamboree Troop Meeting
- Mar. 15 - Ridgecrest Awards Luncheon
- Mar. 15-16 - BALOO/IOLS - Ridgecrest
- Mar. 20 - Eagle Dinner - Class of 2024
- Mar. 27 - OA LEC Meeting
- Mar. 29 - Cub Scout Range & Target Sports Day
- Mar. 29 - Camporall Work Day
- Apr. 3 - SSC Program Meeting
- Apr. 18 - Office Closed
- Apr. 24 - OA - LEC Meeting
- Apr. 25-27 - Camporall
- Apr. 28 - Camp Card Sales End

**Scout Office  
&  
Trading Post Hours**

**Monday to Friday  
12 pm to 5 pm**

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**2026 National Scout Jamboree**  
**Join the Adventure TODAY!**



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 three to 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 has a contingent of Scouts and leaders that will 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. The cost of this trip will be \$5,200, and includes the Jamboree fee, the Washington tour, all overnight accommodations, meals, airfare, and some equipment needed for the event. We have established a payment plan and also provide fundraising opportunities to help any Scout that wants to attend earn the money to go.

The next **Scouts & Parents Meeting for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree on Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 7:00pm at Stine School (4300 Wilson Road) in Bakersfield.** All Scout BSA youth and parents that are interested are invited to attend this meeting. Spots are filling up, so join the contingent today!

**Scoutmasters:** Our contingent leaders would like to visit an upcoming Troop meeting to share information about the 2026 Jamboree with your Scouts and parents. Please contact Randy at [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto:randy.saunders@scouting.org) with a date and we'll make arrangements to visit.

Registration for this event is now open. Here is the link to use for initial registration, deposit and future payments: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Jambo26>. Scouts will also be required to get a recommendation from their Scoutmaster (form will be available via the registration link). To complete registration, a \$325 deposit must also be paid.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to participate 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](http://www.jamboree.scouting.org) under the JST/Staff tab.

## BADGER TROOP

### Southern Sierra Scouting Needs YOU!



## Recurring Monthly Gifts to Sustain Scouting

The Southern Sierra Council provides support to over 400 adult volunteers who are dedicated to making Scouting happen in Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties. Without the services provided by the local Council, providing the values and skills youth gain from Scouting is more difficult. One such service is accident insurance. If a Scout or leader is injured at a Scouting meeting or activity, this accident insurance assists families with medical expenses. While many other Councils have assessed a program fee as much as \$85 to the annual fee, the Southern Sierra Council has kept the program fee at \$25. This is possible because of generous donors, including the Badger Troop.

The Southern Sierra Council Badgers are making great things happen for Scouting in our area. Since the Badger Troop started, generous members' monthly contributions have helped the Council navigate through the fiscal highs and lows of the year. Just like your family or any business, the Council manages its financial obligations (electric bill, inventory, supplies for activities, payroll, etc.) with its revenue (Potato Booth, activity fees, store sales, etc.). Donations from Scouting supporters such as you are a significant resource. Without your generosity, the Council would ultimately cease to exist. Thank you for your continued giving.

The Badger Troop, started in 2022, 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. First-time members will receive the special shoulder patch.

# 2025 Camp Card Sale

## Scouts can earn their adventure!



The Southern Sierra Council introduces the 2025 Camp Card Sale, a springtime fundraiser that will help Packs, Troops and their Scouts earn money for summer adventures.

The Camp Card features a variety of coupons and discounts for businesses - similar to 2024 participants Smart & Final, Big 5, Rusty's Pizza, Valvoline Oil Changes, El Pollo Loco, Bakersfield E-sports, MB2 Entertainment, Jersey Mikes – and some new ones. There is also a Camp Card with coupons for Ridgecrest and the eastern side of the Council.

The card sells for \$10. Commission for the sale is 50%... \$5.00 per card. The sale begins on March 10 and concludes on April 28. There are no upfront costs to the unit, and no risk (you can return unsold cards). There is a prize program for the Scouts that sell. The Council Event card is the prize that Scouts are able to earn for selling Camp Cards. The Council Event card can be used for registration fees for any Council event, excluding Order of the Arrow events. These include: Trail to First Class Palooza, Merit Badge Midway, Cub Scout Day Camp, one-day Cub Scout activities, and other Council sponsored events that have a registration fee. The more cards a Scout sells, the greater value for discounts to Council Events they will earn.

This fundraiser is a great opportunity for Scouts attending the 2026 National Scout Jamboree to earn funds.

For details, sales tips, order information and prize program select the button below

2025 Camp Card Info

If you are interested in participating in the sale, please contact Randy Saunders at 661-325-9036 or email at [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto:randy.saunders@scouting.org).

### Bakersfield & Surrounding Areas



# High Desert



## Awards Luncheons Bakersfield & Ridgecrest

# Adult Volunteer

## 2025 Appreciation Luncheons

<b>BAKERSFIELD</b>	<b>RIDGECREST</b>
<b>Sat. March 1</b>	<b>Sat. March 15</b>

All Scouters, volunteers, units, and families are invited to the annual leader and volunteer recognition awards and luncheon.

Register on-line on the Council calendar.

**AWARDS & QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL LEADERS**

[www.sscbsa.org/Scouting/Awards/Leadership/](http://www.sscbsa.org/Scouting/Awards/Leadership/)

**AWARDS OF APPRECIATION**

Anyone who helped your Unit, registered or not, is eligible to receive this award.

CONTACT: Carolyn Forster, Council Training Chair  
CJForster1964@gmail.com  
SSC COUNCIL TRAINING COMMITTEE

**Bakersfield Luncheon Registration: Closed - 12:30 pm**  
 Location: San Lauren Elementary School - 5210 Victor St. - Bakersfield

**Ridgecrest Luncheon Registration link: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-RC25>**  
 Location: Desert Empire Fairgrounds - 520 S. Richmond Rd. - Ridgecrest

# 2025 Council Pinewood Derby

## Saturday, March 1, 2025



**\$7.00 - walk-in registration - cash or check only**

### Location:

**San Lauren Elementary School  
5210 Victor Street - Bakersfield**

- Each car must have been made by the participant during the 2025 Scouting year. All cars must adhere to official rules found online at [www.sscbsa.org](http://www.sscbsa.org)
- Only one car per participant in rank categories, participants must be present during race
- Open class is open to cub scouts with cars from previous years, Scouts BSA, siblings, parents and adult leaders.
- First 100 racers to register receive the 2025 participation patch!

***Everyone in attendance needs a medical A & B form (Scouts, adults & children)***

***Snacks will be available for purchase!***

**RACES TIMES - Please arrive 30 minutes before your race time to check in**

LIONS - 8:30 am  
TIGERS - 9:00 am

WOLVES - 9:30 am  
BEARS - 10:00 am

WEBELOS - 10:30 am  
AOL - 11:00 am

OPEN CLASS - 11:30 am FINALS - 11:45 am

## Merit Badge Midway - Morning Only

### Saturday, March 1, 2025

**Location: San Lauren Elementary School - 5210 Victor St. - Bakersfield**

**Registration: Closed - sessions full**

### Merit Badges being offered

**Check in opens at 8:00 am**

### **Painting & Photography sessions - 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**

- Photography - ***Bring a digital camera (or smartphone with build-in camera) Also, bring a USB cable to upload pictures to laptop for requirement 7.***
- Painting - ***Wear troop t-shirt/jeans or work pants - will be painting***

### **Plumbing session - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

- Plumbing - ***Prerequisite - requirement 6a***

***ALL Scouts BSA, Leaders & Family Members on site MUST turn in an "AB Medical" form (will be returned at the close of the event)***



## What's New in Advancement

### NEW MERIT BADGE - Multisport Merit Badge - Starts March 1

### Scouts BSA Test Lab for Potential Merit Badges

## What Is the Multisport Merit Badge?

The Multisport Merit Badge is designed to encourage Scouts to participate in endurance-based fitness activities that combine two or more sports. It's a great way to build strength, endurance, and teamwork while learning about healthy lifestyle choices.

Unlike single-sport badges like Swimming or Cycling, this badge introduces Scouts to multisport disciplines that test their ability to transition between activities and develop well-rounded athletic skills.

Some of the multisport formats Scouts can explore include:

- Triathlon: Swimming, biking, and running
- Duathlon: Running and biking
- Aquathlon: Swimming and running
- Aquabike: Swimming and biking

By participating in these sports, Scouts improve their endurance, coordination, and resilience while working toward an achievement that recognizes their commitment to staying active.

For more information: [Multisport MB Info](#)



## What is the Scouts BSA Test Lab?

The Scouts BSA Test Lab is an exciting way to help in the development of fun and interesting new topics unique to the Scouts BSA program. The requirements for each badge have the look and feel of merit badges, but instead of a printed pamphlet, you will find links to digital resources to help you complete the requirements.

## What to do

You must work with a registered adult volunteer of your choosing. After completion of all requirements, you must take a short survey which will lead you to a certificate of completion.

If enough surveys show Scouts enjoyed these potential new badges, we hope to introduce them as official merit badges in the future. If you complete a Test Lab badge and it becomes an official merit badge, you will be credited with having earned that badge!

Keep logging in to this page to see what new topics are added as each badge will have a test lab expiration date.

## Test Lab Rules

- 1 - Any registered adult can work with Scouts on these potential new badges.
- 2 - Badges will have a clearly stated time period by which all requirements must be completed.
- 3 - After the expiration date, the badge will be removed from the Test Lab and the National Council will evaluate if the subject should be added as a new merit badge.
- 4 - When all requirements are finished successfully, a survey will be available to gather opinions on the badge. Scouts will then be able to access the certificate of completion which must be signed and dated by the registered adult they have worked with.
- 5 - Should the badge be approved as a new merit badge, Scouts can be credited as having earned that badge if they present their signed and dated certificate to their unit.

6 - Scouts completing the requirements after the expired time period will not be recognized as having earned the badge.

More Test Lab Information: [Scouts BSA Test Lab Link](#)

Current merit badges in the Test Lab - Auctioneering, Life Skills, Wildland Fire Management

## Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge Day Saturday, April 5, 2025



**Cost:** \$5 per merit badge until Friday, March 28 - \$7 after

**Location:** Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield

**Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (bring snacks, water, & sack lunch) - check in starts at 8:30 am

\* = merit badge has prerequisites that must be done prior to attending the event.

ALL Scouts BSA, Leaders & Family Members on site MUST turn in an "AB Medical" form (will be returned at the close of the event)

Space is limited - register early.

Registration and prerequisite information: [Auto Maint. MB](#)

## Class of 2024 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner Thursday, March 20, 2025



The Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, celebrating the Eagle Class of 2024, will be held on **Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ Luigi's Warehouse** in Bakersfield.

This main event of this special evening is to recognize and honor the 35 young men and women that earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2024. 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 \$40 each, a great price for dinner at Luigi's.

We need sponsors to fund the Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster meals. Sponsorship donations also provide funds for Eagle Scout Scholarships. We presented \$5,000 in scholarships last year. You can be a sponsor for as little as \$250, 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-Eagle25> for more information and to register for the event as a sponsor or attendee.

## Membership/Recruiting

# Peer-to-Peer Recruiting

## Scouts - Recruit a friend to join Scouting

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

Unit Leaders - Please be sure to contact Cindy at the Council office to receive recognition items for the Scout & new recruit.

## 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

**Saturday, May 10 - 9:00 am**  
**Scout Office - 2417 M Street**

*Online registration will open April 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

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*2024 Eagle Scouts, Leaders & Parents - Mark your calendars for the 2025 Eagle Dinner -Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Luigi's Warehouse. The Eagle Class of 2024 will be celebrated!*

## Jerry Lake Memorial Education Scholarship for Eagle Scouts graduating in 2025

**Deadline April 30, 2025**

### Purpose:

Rain for Rent offers up to two (2) scholarships in the amount of

\$1,000 each annually renewable for three succeeding years (total \$4,000 each) to graduating high school seniors who have achieved the Eagle Scout rank to help them pursue a career in agriculture, mechanical, civil or manufacturing engineering.



### **Eligibility:**

Scholarships are available to students who have earned the Eagle Scout Award and who are graduating from Kern County high schools majoring in Agricultural, Mechanical, Civil or Manufacturing Engineering.

Students must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university and interested in a fulfilling career at a nationwide company in agricultural irrigation, trenchless underground technology or fluid pumping systems.

### **Link to:**

[Jerry Lake Memorial Scholarship brochure](#)

[Jerry Lake Memorial Scholarship application](#)

## **Order of the Arrow**

### **COMING UP:**

Mar. 27 - LEC - Scout Office - 7:00pm

April 25-27 - Camporall - Glennville Rodeo Grounds

### **ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS!**

This year's elections are underway as we prepare for call-outs at the Southern Sierra Council Camporall at the Glennville Rodeo Grounds. Requirements include a minimum of 15 nights camping, including attending Summer Camp, High Adventure Base or NYLT.



Lodge is still seeking youth interested in taking on leadership opportunities with in the lodge. Email Lodge Advisor Chuck Monaco at [cmonacoscouts@gmail.com](mailto:cmonacoscouts@gmail.com) if you are interested. We will have elections at Winter Fellowship. New Key 3 (Lodge Chief, Vice Chief and Secretary ) will be inducted at May LLD.

Continuing Fellowship on the Scouting Journey.

YOWLUMNE Lodge

### **TIME TO PAY YOUR 2025 OA DUES - \$20**

**Easy way to pay your annual dues -**

**Pay online at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Dues2025>**

### **Questions:**

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

**Camporall - Work Day  
Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**



9:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
Glennville Rodeo Grounds

This will be our one and only Camporall Work Day. The Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association, who allows us to use this facility, will be providing lunch but will not be able to accommodate special dietary requirements.

This workday is how we start earning points for Camporall by providing Cheerful Service to the Veterans Association.

Since the Greenhorn Mountain Veteran Association is going to provide us lunch we need to get them some possible attendance numbers.

Once you have some tentative numbers from your unit please register at this link - <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Pre25> which can also be found on the Council Website Calendar.

We are looking forward to another great event. Start Preparing to Do Your Best!

As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to email or text [cmonacoscouts@gmail.com](mailto:cmonacoscouts@gmail.com) or 661-303-8636

Hope to See You all on the 29th if not before at another event.

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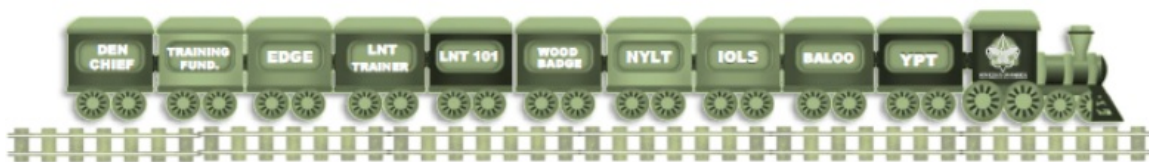
## CAMPORALL - 2025 Strong Skills...Timeless Values"

Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27  
Glennville Rodeo Grounds

Camporall handbook and registration information in available at:  
<https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-Camporall25>

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## Training News & Resources



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## COUNCIL TRAINING PLANNING MEETING\*

**THURSDAY, May 15\* @ 6:30 pm**

Zoom: ID: 314 211 1129 Password: 928897

## May 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda

- **Training Calendar Planning for 2025/26**
- **Trainers needed for Fall 2025: BALOO, IOLS, EDGE, Training Fundamentals**
- **YPT & Hazardous Weather renewals**
- **Position training timing**
- **NYLT & Wood Badge**

*And more . . .*

## 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 \*2 meetings per year (May and August).

## 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**
- **Anyone interested in trainings for your unit or becoming a trainer**

CONTACT:

Carolyn Forster

Council Training Chair

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

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***Be prepared to camp with your Pack or Troop this spring & summer!***

## **BALOO or IOLS**

**March 15 thru 16, 2025\***

**Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Ridgecrest, CA**

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

**Registration:** [https://scoutingevent.com/030-Baloo\\_IOLS\\_Mar2025](https://scoutingevent.com/030-Baloo_IOLS_Mar2025)

Adults learn in a group setting about outdoor skills needed to for all 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/camping; required training for **Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster** positions.

### **CONTACT:**

Carolyn Forster, Course Director

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

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## **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.*

### **Long Beach Area Council**

**June 13-15 and June 20-22, 2025**

**Camp Tahquitz, Angeles Oaks**

**Registration:** <https://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/youth-training/nylt/>

### **Sequoia Council**

**June 23-28, 2025**

**Camp Chawanakee, Shaver Lake**

**Registration:** <https://www.seqbsa.org/alumni-and-volunteers/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>

### **Greater LA Council**

**June 27-29 and July 11-13, 2025**

**Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center, San Pedro**

**Registration:** <https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-NYLT>

### **Tri-Council: Los Padres Council, Ventura Council & Southern Sierra Council**

**Course Director: Jeremy Brown**

**July 27-August 2, 2025**

**Camp Rancho Alegre, Santa Barbara**

**Registration:** <https://lpcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/national-youth-leadership-training-2025/3086794>

***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 volunteer staff have completed the NYLT course and are ready to take on new leadership challenges.



**CALLING ALL REGISTERED ADULTS:**

**Tri-Council Wood Badge 2025 is hosted by Southern Sierra Council!**

*Get the best leadership training from people you know. Ask your unit for scholarships for leadership training. (Southern Sierra Council has limited scholarship funds available.)*

**Leadership training for every level of registered adult:**

**Cub Scouting   Troops   Venturing**

*Wood Badge supports leadership, continuity, sustainability adult membership retention, and strengthens Scouting America programming for our youth.*

Tri-Council

**WOOD BADGE**

**September 5-7 & September 20-21, 2025**

Location: Camp Tecuya, Frazier Park, CA

Course Director: Carolyn Forster, Southern Sierra

**REGISTRATION\*:** Coming soon! *Scholarships available*

**Questions:**

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

**Scholarships are available.**

*\*MUST Register **BEFORE Aug 1st** to ensure availability and best cost.*

**What is Wood Badge?**

Wood Badge is the most advanced leadership training course for adults offered by the Scouting America. The training course is rich in scouting history and tradition and incorporates current leadership theory and methodology.

**Prerequisites:**

- Be registered adult member of the Scouting America
- Have completed basic training requirements 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)**

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf)

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## Range & Target Sports

Do you enjoy Range & Target Sports? Even more important...do your scouts enjoy Range & Target Sports?

Well...there is a committee that supports Range & Target sports of the Southern Sierra Council and you can be a part of the committee.

You are cordially invited to:

### **Range & Target Sports Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield

All are welcome!!

Point of Contact: Jeremy Brown, Range & Target Sports Committee Chair  
– [talonor@yahoo.com](mailto:talonor@yahoo.com) or (661) 912-1261.

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# Range & Target Sports Day!

## Saturday, March 29, 2025

Calling ALL Cub Scouts:

Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and AOLs!

\$8.00 per cub scout

Adults are free for the program day

Come join us for range and target sports!

**Slingshot, Archery & BB Gun \***

Bring your adult partner or den leader and  
have a fun day at Gergen Ski Ranch!

10658 Round Mountain Road - Bakersfield

Three program times to choose from:

9:00 am to 11:00 am

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Spots are limited so sign up early!

\*Lions do not have BB gun adventure, nor participate in shooting BB gun.\*



Online Registraton link: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-RTS25>

## Cub Scout Rangemaster Training

### Sunday, March 9 - 2 pm to 5 pm

Cub Scout Range & Target Sports Day is  
Saturday, March 29 at Gergen Ski Ranch.

In preparation for that day, as well as  
Day/Twilight Camp & fall campouts, a Cub  
Scout Rangemaster course is being offered:

**Sunday, March 9 - 2pm to 5pm.**  
**Cost is \$5**



If you have taken the course previously Rangemaster certification has expired (or will on 3/31/25). We hope you will get recertified and be available to help at one or all of these upcoming events.

Please register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-RM25>

## 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](http://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](#)

**Special Invitations for Scouts & Families**



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*PRESENTS*

# THE COMMUNITY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EVENT

**SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025 • 10 AM - 2 PM**

**CSUB CAMPUS • 9001 STOCKDALE HWY, BAKERSFIELD**

ENTER OFF OF STOCKDALE/DON HART DRIVE EAST.

## INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

- CSUB Nursing:  
Hands Only CPR
- CSUB Geology Department:  
Augmented Reality Sandbox
- CSUB Safety and Risk Management:  
Fire Extinguisher Simulator
  - CalWater:  
Water on Wheels trailer

## FIRST RESPONDER VEHICLES

- Bakersfield Fire Department
- Kern County Fire Department
- Kern County Sheriffs Office
- Bakersfield Police Department
  - Edwards Air Force Base
  - Hall Ambulance
- Kern County Environmental  
Health Response Truck

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Scouting America • Kern Fire Safe Council • United Way • PG&E • Independent Living Center of Kern County
- BGLAD • American Red Cross • The Salvation Army • Central CA Animal Disaster Team • Houchin Blood Bank
- Buena Vista Museum • CAPKs • Kern County Animal Services • Kern County Aging and Adult Services



**ASL Interpretation, admission and parking is FREE!**  
**Parking lots include K1, K2 & K3.**

Food Vendors on-site for purchasing lunch. KUZZ providing music and entertainment.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

**2:00 P.M.**



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**The NATURE CENTER**

*"Peacock House"*

**Hart Memorial Park**

**8000 River Road, Bakersfield, CA**

**[www.kernnaturecenter.org](http://www.kernnaturecenter.org)**



## Dates to Remember



**April 25-27**

Camporall  
Glennville Rodeo Grounds

**May 3**

Cub Scout STEM Day

**May 17**

Trail to First Class Palooza - Scouts BSA

**June 9-12**

Cub Scout Day Camp

**July 7-11**

Cub Scout Twilight Camp



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