

April 2025



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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](#)

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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
Shipping is available



[SSC Program Committee Meeting](#)

Program Committee Meeting

April 3

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.sscscouts.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)

- Apr. 3 - SSC Program Meeting
- Apr. 5 - Auto Maint. MB Day
- Apr. 10 - OA Chapter Meeting
- Apr. 18 - Office Closed
- Apr. 24 - OA - LEC Meeting
- Apr. 24 - RT Staff & UC Meetings
- Apr. 25-27 - Camporall
- Apr. 28 - Camp Card Sales End
- May 1 - SSC Program Meeting
- May 3 - Cub Scout STEM Day
- May 8 - Roundtable - For All Leaders
- May 8 - Jamboree Troop & Parent Meeting
- May 10 - Life to Eagle Workshop
- May 15 - SSC Training Committee Mtg.
- May 22 - OA - LEC Meeting
- May 29 - Unit Commissioner Mtg.
- May 31 - OA - LLD - Lodge Leadership Development -



**Scout Office
&
Trading Post Hours**

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

**The Scout Office & Trading Post will
be closed on Friday, April 18 for
Good Friday.**

Open Monday, April 21.



Council Office Contacts

(661) 325-9036

Scout Executive

Randy Saunders - Ext. 104
randy.saunders@scouting.org

District Executive

Cameron Hutton - Ext. 103
cameron.hutton@scouting.org

Council Commissioner - General Support

Cindy Basham - Ext. 102
cbasham3504@gmail.com

Thank You Volunteers!
It couldn't happen without you

PINEWOOD DERBY

On March 1st, we had a great turnout at our council Pinewood Derby. Over 100 racers pitted their cars against others to see who had the fastest cars in the council!



Our fastest car was built by:

Liam Claus - Pack 25

The event also included a scout's choice award for the coolest looking car, so the aesthetic artists could receive awards along with the speed engineers.

A huge thank you goes to Pack 25 for organizing and hosting. Without their fantastic effort, we could not have had as much fun as we did.

And the winners were...

Lions:

1. Lukas Walker
2. Preston Padilla
3. Allison Root

Tigers:

1. Wyatt James
2. Bethany Matthews
3. Serenity Ronk

Wolves:

1. Meera Deshpande
2. Finn Bradford
3. Benjamin Walker

Bears:

1. Samanyu Muruganatham
2. Carter Coons
3. Johnny Loo

Webeles:

1. Kailee Dabrowski
2. Jaxon Cooper
3. Isla Hilton

AOLs:

1. Liam Claus
2. Declan Fosdick
3. Eli Walker

Grand Finals:

1. Liam Claus
2. Samanyu Muruganatham
3. Lukas Walker

Open:

1. Pablo Alfaro
2. Adi Deshpande
3. Dominic Mello



MERIT BADGE MIDWAY

Painting, Plumbing, Photography were the featured merit badges at our Merit badge Midway on March 1st.

Over 35 scouts were able to practice and learn new skills.

These topics will be very helpful when they are able to take care of their homes in the future and post about their repairs on Instagram.

The scouts appreciate having knowledgeable counselors to mentor them during the process.

A big thanks goes to counselors for

Painting - Alanna Way & Patricia Martin-Galvin

Plumbing - Robert Foster & Ileana Nava

Photography - Brian Atwater & Matthew Way

and an additional thanks goes to Gayle Achuff for arranging the classes and counselors.



VOLUNTEER AWARDS LUNCHEONS

On March 1 (Bakersfield) & March 15 (Ridgecrest) volunteers were recognized for their dedication as Scouting leaders. Many knots were awarded and two special volunteers were recognized with the District Award of Merit.

Congratulations James Avery & Eric Winter!!



Thank you, Carolyn Forster, for organizing both awards luncheons!

Cub Scout Range & Target Activities Day... a HUGE Success!



The Council hosted Cub Scout Range & Target Activities Day on Saturday, March 29. Over 125 Cub Scouts from all over Kern County participated in sling shots, archery and BB gun activities on a beautiful Saturday at the Gergen Ski Ranch. Parents on hand provided coaching and support for their young bullseyes-to-be.

Special thank you for the volunteers that provided supervision and instruction at all of the ranges. These fine Scouters, Gayle Achuff, Cindy Basham, Esequiel Esparza, Cameron Hutton, Ross Keith, Alanna Philbin Way, Randy Saunders and Matthew Way, made sure our Cub Scouts had a great time and were safe. THANK YOU!



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, May 8, 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 willing 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 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 under the JST/Staff tab.

Show our Scouting Strength to the Community...
Give Big Kern is May 6



Give Big Kern Day is Tuesday, May 6. The Southern Sierra Council needs everyone's help with raising the funds necessary to grow and support local Scouting. Your generous contribution is vital to our cause. Every gift of any amount helps local Scouting reach the lives of more young people.

Donations to the Southern Sierra Council through Give Big Kern help Scouting go and grow locally.

Here are a few examples:

- The Council provides activities and events that help deliver a complete Scouting experience to young people.
- The Council pays for and provides accident insurance that helps parents pay for the treatment of injuries that happen at Scouting activities.
- The Council provides liability insurance coverage that protects charter organizations, meeting locations, and Scouting volunteers.
- The Council provides recruiting materials and tools to help Packs and Troops grow their membership. The Council had membership growth in 2024, but there are many communities that still need Scouting in Kern County.
- The Council keeps an inventory of materials and supplies that are used for activities, overnight campouts, and training courses.
- The Council office provides one-stop service to parents and leaders, whether it's to purchase Scout uniforms and supplies, or checking advancement records for Eagle Scout candidates.

Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000 and receive 100 donations.

Please consider making a donation to the Southern Sierra Council during Give Big Kern to show Kern County that Scouting is committed to improving young lives.

Starting April 6, you can donate any amount online:

<https://www.givebigkern.org/organizations/southern-sierra-council>

Please share this link with your friends and contacts that are interested in supporting our young people. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated and very important to keep Scouting alive in our area.

2025 Camp Card Sale Continues



The Southern Sierra Council 2025 Camp Card Sale started several weeks ago. The Camp Card Sale is 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 - Smart & Final, Big 5, Rusty's Pizza, Valvoline Oil Changes, El Pollo Loco, Bakersfield E-sports, MB2 Entertainment, Jersey Mikes. 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 continues now 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.

There is also a weekly drawing for Scouts that sell at least ten cards the previous week. The prize is a gift card.

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

2025 Camp Card Info

If you are interested in participating in the sale, you are welcome to join the fun. Please contact Randy Saunders at 661-325-9036 or email at randy.saunders@scouting.org. There are additional Camp Cards available to pick up at the Scout Office.

Bakersfield & Surrounding Areas

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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

Register Online at:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-Eagle0525>

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.



Dinner honors Eagle Scout Class of 2024

On March 20, over 125 Scouts, parents, leaders and community individuals honored the Eagle Scout Class of 2024 at the annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. The dinner, held at Luigi's Warehouse, is a special occasion held to celebrate the accomplishments of the 35 Eagle Scouts that achieved the rank last year. The keynote speakers were John & George Hay. John and his brother George are Bakerfield Eagle Scouts, and they shared with those in attendance the importance of being and Eagle Scout as an adult.

Brent Wuertz was recognized with the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. He is an Eagle Scout from the Class of 1990.

Five Eagle Scouts received Southern Sierra Council Eagle Scout Scholarship at the event. They are: Omar Garcia II, Troop 950; Joshua Hernandez, Troop 712; Maxwell Jones, Troop 3; Isaac Pizano, Troop 125; and Patrick Pillers, Troop 848, received the Empire Eye & Laser Center Eagle Scout Scholarship. Congratulations to these recipients.

Thank you to the Sponsors that contributed to the event. Sponsorships provide dinner for the Eagle Scouts and their Scoutmasters, as well as fund the scholarships. Here is are Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner Sponsors: Silver Palm – Empire Eye & Laser Center; Gold Palm – Clifford & Brown, Jim Burke Ford Lincoln, Jay & Melanie Rosenlieb, Randy & Nicole Saunders and Urners; Bronze Palm: Cindy Basham, Charles Casperson and Jim Conners; and Eagle Scout: Paul Fuller, Kathy Hill, Geoguidance Drilling Services, Michael & Margaret Johnson, Charlie Moe and Mark & Sheri Stringer.

Also thank you to Troop 484 for their service throughout the dinner!



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:

April 10 - Chapter Meeting - 6pm to 7:30pm at the Monaco House

April 24 - LEC Meeting - 7pm - Scout Office

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. Contact David Kampa at david.kampa1@gmail.com to schedule a troop election.



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 or
Lodge Chief - Talen Monaco at (661) 525-6586 or T3Monaco@gmail.com.

Camporall - for all Scouts BSA Troops Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27, 2025 Glennville Rodeo Grounds



**Camporall handbook and registration
information available at:**

**[https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-
Camporall25](https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-Camporall25)**

Cub Scout STEM Day Saturday, May 3, 2025



Cub Scout Families

STEM DAY

**Saturday, May 3, 2025
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

We'll have an exciting morning of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math demonstrations. In honor of "May the 4th", we'll also have a special Star Wars themed station.

Online registration opens Wednesday, April 9

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-STEM25>

Trail to First Class Palooza

Saturday, May 17, 2025



Join scouts from across the council for a productive day, while focusing on rank requirements for Scout through 1st Class ranks. Great opportunity for older scouts to show off their skills and help newer scouts with advancement. Remember to bring a sack lunch and your A/B medical form!

Saturday, May 17, 8am to 5pm

Location: Panofsky-Wilson Preserve - (27750 Caliente Bodfish Rd, Caliente, CA 93518)

Cost: \$10 per scout

Two ways to attend

- (1) With your troop - overnight camping allowed
- (2) As an individual - for the day only

Register online by Wednesday, May 14, 2025

<https://scoutingevent.com/030-TTFC25>

Cub Scout Day Camp & Twilight Camp



Day Camp
 June 9-12th 8am-12pm
 Centennial Elementary
 15200 Westdale Dr

Day Camp Registration:
 Early: \$65 until May 9th
 Regular: \$85
 May 10th -31st

Twilight Camp
 July 7-11th 5:30pm-8pm
 Location TBD

Twilight Registration:
 Early: \$65 until May 9th
 Regular: \$75
 May 10th - June 25th

SSC 2025 DAY CAMP & TWILIGHT CAMP!

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

**TIGERS MUST HAVE AN ADULT
 PARTNER AT ALL TIMES**

**PACKS MUST PROVIDE ONE TRAINED
 ADULT FOR EVERY 5 SCOUTS**

Register now : <https://sscbsa.org>
 Contact Camp Directors with Questions:
 Heather Kampa 661-304-3424 or
 Stevie McDonald 949-421-8334



Day Camp/Twilight Camp - Registration Open NOW
 Day Camp (June) - <https://scoutingevent.com/030-June25>
 Twilight Camp (July) - <https://scoutingevent.com/030-July25>

Training News & Resources



COUNCIL TRAINING PLANNING MEETING*

THURSDAY, May 15* @ 6:30 pm

Zoom: ID: 314 211 1129 Password: 928897

May 15th 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

WOOD BADGE – WORKDAYS



WORKDAY for WOOD BADGE **Camp Tecuya, Frazier Park**

REGISTRATION: *Coming soon!*

Please register on-line all your older scouts and volunteer adults who will be attending the workday.

The Tri-Council is hosting workdays at Camp Tecuya in preparation for the 2025 Wood Badge course. Workdays help keep course prices affordable for everyone and for future events! A great way to accumulate service hours, and an opportunity for conservation service hours.

FOOD

Please eat breakfast before arrival. Lunch will be provided; sorry, we will not be able to accommodate specific dietary requirements.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT – Please label all your equipment in advance

- Work gloves (required)
- Goggles (required)
- Dust Mask (required)

TOOLS/EQUIPMENT – Please label all your tools/equipment in advance

If you have it, please bring:

- Hammer
- Ladder
- Circular saw
- Sander (belt or orbital)
- Sanding blocks
- Sawzall
- Crowbar/pry bar
- Shovel
- Cement mixer
- Power Washer

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Sanding Belts
- Sandpaper
- Painters Tape
- Paint Brushes
- Paint Rollers
- Paint Trays
- Stucco

REPAIRS AND CLEAN UP

- Painting – benches, picnic tables, buildings, floors, deck, railing, outhouses
- Rake pine needles
- Demo and repair - platforms
- Stucco repairs – pool house
- Roof replacement – outhouses
- Build fire hose shed and concrete foundation (could be

an Eagle project)
Grease trap cover repair

QUESTIONS

Carolyn Forster
Council Training Chair
Tri-Council Wood Badge Course Director
CJForster1964@gmail.com



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

Scholarships 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



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 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 volunteer staff have completed the NYLT course and are ready to take on new leadership challenges.

Scout Spirit in Action

Honoring our Fallen Soldiers & American Flag

Packs & Troops - Your Help is Needed Two events where Scout Spirit will be in action

Saturday, May 24 - 7:45 am - Hillcrest Memorial Park

Placing American flags at each soldier's grave honoring their bravery & courage.

Saturday, June 14 (Flag Day) - 9:30 am to 12 noon - Greenlawn Southwest

Retiring American flags that have completed their duty waving over homes and businesses.

Please email Cindy Basham at cbasham3504@gmail.com to get your pack/troop on the list for one or both of these events. Individual signups are welcome, too.

An approximate headcount will be needed as the event grows near but at this time only your commitment to participate is needed. Friends & family invited, too.



Special Invitations for Scouts & Families



SCOUTS



READ SACRED TEXTS

We invite Scouts & youth across the world to join us again in reading their own faith's sacred texts. Together, we can recognize our **Duty to God**, participating as a group or on your own.

Read your sacred texts on **May 1st, 2025**, or any time that week. Join Scouting America, other youth organizations and all faith youth groups in a celebration of sacred texts.

MORE INFORMATION

stlbsa.org/Scouts-read-sacred-texts-worldwide/
ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com



To Order Patches



To Register



Promotion Video

REDISCOVER ADVENTURE AT

CAMP WHITSETT

FUN ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

WEEK 1: 6/22/2025 - 6/28/2025
WEEK 2: 6/29/2025 - 7/5/2025
WEEK 3: 7/6/2025 - 7/12/2025
WEEK 4: 7/13/2025 - 7/19/2025

SIGN UP NOW AT
CAMPWHITSETT.ORG

Registration info is also available on the website here:
https://www.campwhitsett.org/summer-camp-prices/#2025_camp.



KERN RIVER PARKWAY 
NATURE CENTER

HART MEMORIAL PARK · BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Saturday - April 12 - 10am to Noon

Hart Park "Adopt-A-Park" Cleanup

Grabbers/gloves/trash bags provided, come help us make Hart Park beautiful & visit the peacocks!

Saturday, April 26 - 2pm to 4pm - FAMILY PROGRAM

Owl Pellet Bone Dissection with Dave Hanley.

The kids love making fun creatures out of the bones found in owl pellets, come learn & create



U.S. CONGRESSMAN DAVID G. VALADAO
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 | 6:00-8:00 PM
HANFORD WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Meet representatives from

NAVAL ACADEMY | WEST POINT | AIR FORCE ACADEMY
MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY | COAST GUARD ACADEMY
FRESNO STATE ROTC

*To RSVP, please call 559-460-6070 or visit our website
Valadao.house.gov/services/academy-night.htm*



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



April 25-27

Camporall
Glennville Rodeo Grounds

May 3

Cub Scout STEM Day

May 8

Roundtable - All for Leaders
Hart Park Nature Center

May 17

Trail to First Class Palooza - Scouts BSA

June 9-12

Cub Scout Day Camp

July 7-11

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