

September 2023



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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 Michelle.Shoemake@scouting.org
Shipping is available



SSC Program Committee Meeting

**Program Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 7
6:30 pm via Zoom**

The SSC Program Committee is responsible for strengthening and enriching unit program by overseeing the program functions of Activities & Civic Service; Advancement; Camping; and Training.

Council Website & Calendar

www.sscbsa.org

Council Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/sscbsa>

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

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

- September 8-10 - Webelos Woods

Council Commissioner - General Support
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The Scout Office & Trading Post
will be closed on Monday,
September 4.

- September 12 - Council Training Planning Meeting
- September 13 - YPT - In-person
- September 15-17 - OA Ordeal
- Sep. 20-Oct. 1 - Potato Booth at the Kern County Fair
- September 22-24 - OA Conclave
- October 14-15 - BALOO & IOLS
- October 20-21 - Tigermania
- October 20-21 - Wolf/Bear Campout



Trading Post Open on Saturday for the month of September

**TRADING
POST**



TRADING POST



**2417 M Street - Bakersfield
(just north of 24th & M)**

**In preparation for a
successful new member
season**

The Scout Office Trading
Post will be open on
Saturday for the month of
September

**Beginning
September 9**

Hours: 11am to 3pm

Uniforms, patches, books, etc.
Anything a new (or existing)
member will need.

Baked Potato Bash



The Baked Potato Bash was a huge success. Great food, great crowd, and great fun.

Congratulations to Sweet Edna's Southern BBQ. Their Sweet Potato Pie was the winning item for our "ultimate potato" dish.

Thank you to everyone that made this event happen: the sponsors, the food providers, the Scouts of Troops 712 & 2119, the volunteers, Crusader Brewing Co. and the attendees.

Summertime Fishing Event Thank You!



On August 12th, the Southern Sierra Council hosted a fishing activity for our Cub Scout Summertime Activities. Fun was had by many scouts and their families.

This exciting evening would not have been possible without our Certified Angling Instructors. The BSA CAI members that helped prepare the rods and gave instruction were Ed Pounds and Jeff Geyer.

A big thanks goes to Ed and Jeff for helping many scouts find joy in fishing.

Fall Recruitment Resources

[BeAScout.org](https://www.beascout.org)

It's Fall Recruitment time, so don't miss the chance for potential new Scouts for your unit! Make sure your unit's information is up to date at [BeAScout.org](https://www.beascout.org), the official BSA site that allows members of the public to find Scouting units near them, unit contact information, and ways to join.

Now's the time to check that your unit's information is up to date. It's easy to do. [Find out how.](#)



[QR Code & Unit Specific Links](#)

Every unit has a QR Code & Link that is direct to the online youth application for their unit. Post a copy of the QR code at every join event or unit meeting. Parents can take a picture

of the QR Code and will be instantly taken to the online application to join.

In addition, every unit has a link to share that goes direct to the unit's online youth application. This link is great to email to potential families to make it easy for them to join.

To find your unit's specific QR Code & link go to:

my.scouting.org

(your unit)

Invitation Manager

You will find the Invitation QR for your unit that can be downloaded and the Invitation Link to be copied.

Flyers, Posters & Yard Signs

Contact Cameron or Randy at the Scout Office with the join meeting details (date, time, location), and we'll provide flyers, posters and yard signs for you to display in your neighborhoods to promote the event.

Geofencing

Hosting a Join Event? Contact Randy at the Scout Office to set up a Facebook Geofence to notify families in the area of the event.

Current Scouts & Families

The best spokespeople for the unit are the existing members. Remind your scouts & families to spread the word about Scouting and your unit. For those who successfully recruit new members there are special recognitions.

[The membership recruiter incentives are still available to recognize Scouts and parents that bring new youth to your Pack, Troop or Crew.](#)



***These incentives
are available
throughout 2023.***



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

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

Parents, leaders or any adults: Invite a parent to bring their youth to join their Pack or Troop. If the invited youth joins, the adult will receive a Starbucks gift card. If the invited youth's parent becomes a registered volunteer, the adult will get two Starbucks gift cards.

**Join the Badger Troop
& Help Scouting Grow**



A new Scouting year is upon us. There are lots of adventures and activities awaiting our Scouts for 2023-24. Like an industrious Badger, the Southern Sierra volunteers and staff are hard at working making Scouting happen by planning quality activities, training new leaders, and providing opportunities for new families to join Scouting this fall. It takes all of us doing our best to make Scouting stronger in our communities.

The Badger Troop is the Southern Sierra Council's recurring gift club. By contributing \$20 or more per month through your credit or debit card, you'll help provide a steady stream of support to the Council. Recurring gifts are a convenient way to support Scouting in our community. Over the course of the year, your monthly donation becomes a significant contribution to helping Scouting grow locally. New members will receive the special "Badger Troop" patch.

To join the Badger Troop, click the button below:

[Join the Badger Troop Here](#)

POPCORN! POPCORN! POPCORN... THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN THE FUN...



The Trails End Popcorn Sale season is upon us. First orders for storefront sales have been submitted. Scouts are also doing Online Direct Sales already.

Packs and Troops are working hard to make the 2023 Trails End Popcorn sale count for better Scouting. It's not too late to join in on this year's Popcorn fundraiser. If you are looking for a fundraiser that provides huge opportunity, no up-front costs for the product, and has an excellent rewards program for the Scouts... Trails End Popcorn is for you.

There are several ways to sell popcorn: storefront, wagon sales, and online direct sales. Your unit can earn up to 42% commission. There are great Council prizes for the Scouts to earn.

The Condors Night for Top Sellers is on Saturday, December 9. Scouts that sell over \$1,000 in popcorn will receive 2 tickets to the Condors game.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about this year's Popcorn sale.

Upcoming Dates:

- **September 14-15:** First order product pickup from Stinsons – 200 Sonora Street – Appointment times will be available from Randy by September 8th. Units that placed orders will receive and email with directions.
- **September 25:** Deadline to submit second product orders online at Trails End website.
- **October 12-13:** Second order product pickup – Details coming soon.
- **November 10:** Deadline to return unsold popcorn.

**2023 Heroes (Military)
Popcorn Patch**

Register your unit to sell today at www.trails-end.com. Orders for second storefront product delivery are due online by September 25. If you need assistance with placing your order, contact Randy at 661-325-9036.

Bakersfield units: There are still some storefront opportunities available. Contact Cameron 661-325-9036 for storefront reservations.

Any Scout that sells at least \$100 in Heroes & Helpers donations (\$30 or \$50 items on the order form) will receive the 2023 special edition of the Southern Sierra Council Heroes (Military) shoulder patch.



Membership Fee Increase - Effective August 1



2023 Annual Membership Fees Effective—August 1, 2023

Participants in kindergarten through age 20
Cub Scouts Scouts BSA Venturing

\$95

(\$80 National fee + \$15 Council Program Fee)

All registered adult volunteers in unit & non-unit positions.

\$75

(\$60 National Fee + \$15 Council Program Fee)

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

ONE-TIME TO JOIN

\$25

New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.

No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another

Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers

\$25

(MBC who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events)

SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE

\$15/YR

For all Exploring youth & adults

\$65

(\$50 National Fee + \$15 Council Program Fee)

UNIT CHARTER FEE

For all new & rechartering units

\$100/year

NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS - NO PRORATION OF FEES

- New members will pay the 2024 fee for a full 12 months of membership. (re: Aug '23 to Aug '24)
- During 2024 recharter - new members will show as prepaid - no money due
- New members will receive emails from National to renew their membership as their original registration becomes due in 12 months. (reminders sent at 90, 60 & 30 days prior to due date)
- Units will also receive email notifications for members needing to renew membership
- Current members will have a renewal date of 12/31 each year.
- There are no refunds of membership fees if a scout/adult discontinues participation.

Note: The recharter process for 2024 will remain the same as last year.

Eagles Nest

- If you have any questions or need assistance with the Eagle process, please contact the Council office for direction.
- Membership empowers Scouting's mission, protects the Eagle Scout legacy, and keeps alumni connected. Give your Eagle pride a purpose with membership in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA). Join NESA at <https://nesa.org/>



LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 8 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Scout Office - 2417 M Street

Online Registration: Opens 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

2023 Eagle Scouts, Leaders & Parents - Mark your calendars for the 2024 Eagle Dinner - Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Luigi's Warehouse. The Eagle Class of 2023 will be celebrated!

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts during the month of August! The new Eagles are from Troops 125 & 484.

Order of the Arrow



Upcoming OA Events - OA Members:

Watch for Emails & Reminder Notices - Be sure to sign up for events. Mark Your Calendars NOW -

- September 15-17 - Fall Ordeal
- September 21 - OA Night in the Potato Booth
- September 22-24 - OA Section G18N Conclave
- September 28 - OA Night in the Potato Booth

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.

- **NEW - OA Jamboree patch set - OA members only - \$15**

Easy way to pay your annual OA Dues -

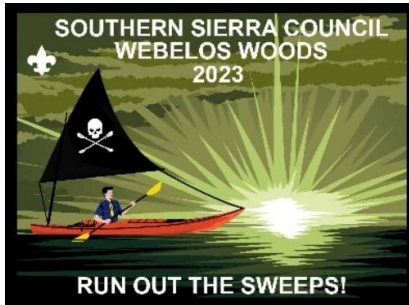
Pay online at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-OA2023Dues>

Questions:

Contact Lodge Advisor - Chuck Monaco at (661) 303-8636 or cmonacoscouts@gmail.com or
Lodge Chief - Alexander Tindell at tindellaj@gmail.com.

Webelos Woods

For all 4th & 5th Grade Dens



Beat the heat and start off the Fall Scouting season with this year's

WEBELOS WOODS 2023

"RUN OUT THE SWEEPS!"

Join us for a fantastic weekend at Gergen Ski Ranch where we will be offering First Responder, Castaway, Outdoor Adventurer, Cast Iron Chef, Campfire Fun, Interfaith Service and introducing this year, BOATS!

This year we will be offering canoeing and kayaking with swim checks scheduled for Friday evening. Swim checks can be done in advance by a certified lifeguard.

Friday, September 8 to Sunday, September 10
Gergen Ski Ranch - 10658 Round Mountain Road - Bakersfield

Regular Registration - \$60 per person from 8/31 to 9/6/23 - 11:59 pm

Register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/030-WW23>

Please contact Dave Kampa at david.kampa1@gmail.com for additional information.

We will provide the fun, food and activities, you provide the camping gear and a Scout looking for fun and adventure. Get your Webelos or Arrow of Light den together and register early to save money and we will see you at Webelos Woods! AAARRRGHHH!!!

Potato Booth is Coming Soon

We Need Volunteers



The 2023 Kern County Fair is scheduled for September 20-October 1. That means the Boy Scout Potato Booth will be open for business soon. Did you know that we sold over 11,000 baked potatoes at last year's fair? That's a lot of spuds.

To make the Potato Booth operate, we need lots of Scouts, leaders and parents to volunteer to work a shift or two during the fair. Shifts typically last for three to four hours.

Volunteers receive a ticket for fair admission, a parking pass, and a baked potato of their choice. Due to the nature of the work in the potato booth, the minimum age for a volunteer is eleven.

Groups can reserve a full shift (10-12 volunteers), half a day, or even a full day. This

is an excellent opportunity for Scouts to get some service hours and attend the fair.

We need volunteers for the following days/shifts:

- Thursday, September 21 – 2pm to 5pm
- Friday, September 22 – anytime all day starting at 8:30am
- Saturday, September 23 – anytime starting at 5pm
- Sunday, September 24 – anytime all day starting at 10am
- Monday September 25 – anytime all day starting at 2pm
- Tuesday, September 26 – anytime all day starting at 2pm
- Wednesday, September 27 – 2pm to 5pm
- Thursday, September 28 – 2pm to 5pm
- Friday, September 29 – 1pm to 5pm

Check out the Potato Booth schedule on our website and at the Trading Post. Sign up for a shift by emailing Cindy at cbasham3504@gmail.com.

Potato Booth schedule is available on our website -www.sscbsa.org

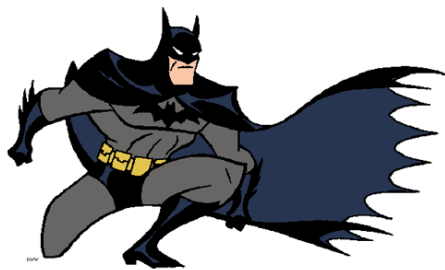


**Serve
Some
Spuds!!**



Super Hero Academy

Cub Overnighter for Wolves and Bears



**The annual Cub Overnighter
for
Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts**



Does your Bear/Wolf have what it takes to be the next Batman or an Avenger? If they do, they're invited to come out to Southern Sierra Council's Super Hero Academy.

The Academy will feature a campfire on Friday night, many fun activities in super hero training sessions on Saturday which will help towards their rank advancement, and also includes BB guns and archery!

When: Friday, October 20 to Saturday, October 21.

Check-in begins at 5:00pm on Friday evening. The event will end by 4:00pm on Saturday.

Location: Gergen Ski Ranch – 10658 Round Mountain Road, Bakersfield.

We want everyone to have a great time, so we've chosen the Gergen Ski Ranch just 20 minutes from downtown Bakersfield as the location to train your Cub Scout super heroes.

Besides being close to town, the ranch has ample parking and flush toilets, so it's easy on the parents!

Cost: \$35 per Scout/parent. Additional adults can attend for \$20 per person. All Cub Scouts must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration now open at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-WBAdv23>

If you have questions or are able to help run a super hero training session on Saturday, please reach out to Robert Foster via email, robert@robertf.org.

It's the 2023 Tigermania BLAST OFF TO NEW ADVENTURES!



All Tigers and their parents are invited to Tigermania!

Our time together will include Bobcat advancement activities, games, archery, and much more!

Arrive on Friday night (check in starts at 5:00 pm) and set up your campsite. Don't forget to eat before you come on Friday. Saturday breakfast and lunch will be prepared and provided by our kitchen crew for you. Activities will conclude by 4:00pm on Saturday.

When: Friday, October 20 through Saturday, October 21

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

Cost: \$35 per scout/parent - Additional adults can attend for \$20 per person

Don't forget to eat before you come on Friday or bring a sack dinner.

Register Online Today! <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-Tiger23>

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

DON'T FORGET:

Camping Gear

Sleeping Bag

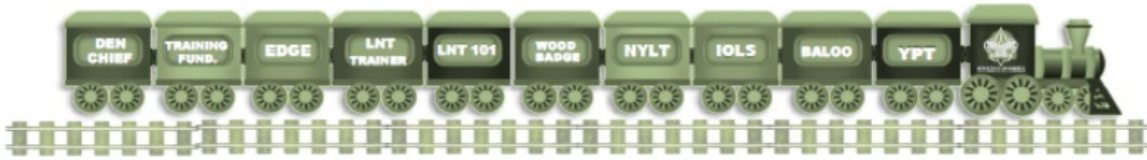
Tent

"Camp Chair"

"Refillable Water Bottle"

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

Upcoming Training Courses



COUNCIL TRAINING PLANNING MEETING*

Tuesday, September 12* @ 6:00 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 the training needed is offered timely and is engaging for all participants. Your voice and volunteer time is needed to provide the best training for all adults throughout our Council. **Training is a vital part of your unit's growth, succession planning, 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.

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

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT)

ALL YPT Renewals are Due BEFORE October 1



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT)

Everyone: **Get a head start NOW to complete your annually required Youth Protection Training.**

YPT taken during 2023 is required for recharter.

[My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) *

(You can retake YPT at [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) any time during the calendar year. It will not be "assigned" to you in the system.)

In-person YPT: Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 @ 6 pm

- **RECOMMENDED** for ALL adults even if you are not registered.

- **REQUIREMENT** for all registered adults before October 1st .

SSC YPT POLICY: YPT is required annually in Southern Sierra Council (SSC) per Board policy established in 2015. Although National BSA has a minimum 2-year requirement, SSC requires ANNUAL (every calendar year) renewal of YPT by all registered adults for recharter qualification.

***ONLINE BEST PRACTICES:** For best results please consider:

- Complete online YPT **BEFORE September**. After September – EVERYONE IN THE ENTIRE NATION is trying to update their YPT simultaneously, which often causes a delay/overload to the My.Scouting system during this time.
- Use a desktop or laptop computer. DO NOT use your phone or iPad to take these trainings since it may not let you complete the training and/or may not generate your certificate.
- Use Google Chrome when accessing My.Scouting.org (other platforms are not necessarily supported)
- Logon during the early morning hours to avoid the rush of East Coast scouters logging in due to the time difference.
- Be patient. Once you complete your training on My.Scouting.org, it may take upto 24 hours for you to receive your completion certificate by email.
- If you continue to experience issues with the online YPT course, please send me an email with screenshots and a description of your experience. Do not keep trying to take it repeatedly. We will work out the issues together.

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



BE A SCOUT FOR A WEEKEND

BALOO or **IOLS***

October 14 thru 15, 2023

Tejon Ranch Old Headquarters, Arvin

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

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

Adult trainings to learn outdoor skills needed for Cub Scout outdoor events/overnight camping or teaching trail-to-first class skills 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 help present scouting skills to adult leaders. (Syllabus outlines scope of presentations)

CONTACT:

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TRAINERS, PRESENTERS, COOKS, & HEALTH OFFICERS

**We appreciate all our volunteers' time, treasures, and talent!
Join the training team as a trainer, presenter, cook, or as a Health Officer**.**

What's involved:

- Attend the 4 Council Training Planning Meetings annually (March, May, August, September)
- Participate in 1-2 (or more) Council training events of your choice annually.

Volunteers needed

- **Trainers/Presenters** – Teach BSA outdoor skills, CPR/1st Aid* skills, presentation skills, and/or leadership skills to adult learners and Scouts BSA; Course syllabus already outlines the scope and expectations for you. (**trainer must be CPR-trainer certified*)
- **Cooks** – become BSA food service and safety certified. Council will pay for your training!
- **Health Officers** – **must be a currently certified healthcare professional (EMT, Nurse, Doctor, or similar) and complete the BSA Health Officer training (review a short PowerPoint). Primary responsibility is basic first aid only; if more medical attention is required – call 911.

Time commitment

Classroom courses:

- **Den Chief** – (morning; Fall)
- **Fundamentals of Training** (morning; Fall)
- **Trainers EDGE** - Staff development: 1-2 Zoom meetings; Course: all day (April)
- **CPR/1st Aid Course" all day (TBD)** (**trainer must have current CPR-trainer certification*)

Contact

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Council Training Chair
CJForster1964@gmail.com

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)



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 13-17 years old (Troop or Venture Crew)
- Earned 1st Class rank or higher
- Recommended by the Scoutmaster for NYLT

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

Course time: The NYLT course is 5 days camping and learning in an outdoor environment. The course may either be a full week all at once or split into two weekends.

Course Leadership: The NYLT course is run by youth and adult volunteers with Southern Sierra Council and possibly some volunteers from Verdugo Hills Council and Long Beach Area Council. Youth volunteers have completed the NYLT course and are ready to take on new leadership challenges.

Watch for our *NYLT Meet-n-Greet* coming this fall for your opportunity to ask more questions about this training course.

Safety in Scouting

Incident Reporting Helps

Timely and complete incident reporting provides the BSA 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 BSA 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. The BSA cannot address a concern if we do not know about it. Reporting incidents promptly is also critical so the BSA 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.



NEW FOR 2023 **Effective September 1, 2023:**

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. [Limited exception [follow link for exception details] for Cub Scout overnight Programs.] (Note: Registration as a Merit Badge Counselor does NOT meet this requirement.)

BSA policy: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a>

All adults (ages 18+) participating with the Pack, Troop, or Venture Crew with overnight scouting activities and camping MUST BE:

- Registered with BSA
- Background Checked
- Fingerprinted

- Complete Youth Protection Training (My.Scouting.org)
- Complete the corresponding training for your primary position. (For example: If you are registered as a Committee Member, you must complete Committee Training and YPT on My.Scouting.org.)

Please communicate with your Committee Chair and Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Crew Advisor about what registered position you will fulfill with the Pack, Troop, or Venture Crew.

We appreciate your continued participation and volunteering with unit and council events and activities. Thank you for completing these BSA requirements before September 2023.

Changes to Cub Scout Pack Overnight Camping

Effective Sept. 1, 2023, Cub Scout packs who are conducting their own overnight camping activity may now camp up to two consecutive nights. Cub Scout packs who are conducting their own overnight camping activities must continue to have at least one registered adult leader who is trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), oversees the planning and is in attendance for the pack campout.



This updated policy also applies to Webelos and Arrow of Light dens who may conduct den coordinated campouts. The policy will be updated in the Guide to Safe Scouting and other resources on Sept. 1. An updated version of the BALOO training will also be released at this time.

ACTION: Reminder Cub Scout camping is limited to the council's designated locations with appropriate facilities. The form required to submit camping locations for approval is in the link below.

https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/430-90218-PackOvernightForm_Fillable.pdf

For additional information regarding Cub Scout camping, including required youth protection policies, please review the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Special Invitations



Ventura County Council presents...
POWDER HORN

September 8-10, 2023

Use the QR Code to the right of go to:
www.vccbsa.org/powderhorn



What Is Powder Horn and Why Should I Attend?

Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adults and youth to the exciting high-adventure program possibilities for their unit. The course supports the mission of strengthening units so they can achieve the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

The ultimate goal is for the participants to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with the contacts and resources needed to implement them. This will lead to a more

exciting and robust program, which in turn should lead to increased membership and a higher retention rate in our units.

When you complete the course you will receive a Powder Horn device that hangs from your left pocket and a Powder Horn certificate. These items identify you as someone that has completed this advanced training. They will also serve to remind you of your ongoing commitment to service and Scouting.

Contact Ed Pounds - SSC Angling Chair if you have any questions.
graniteprocessinginc@gmail.com

Dates to Remember



November 4

Lion's ROAR
Merit Badge Midway
Fundamentals of Training
Leave No Trace Training
Den Chief Training

November 11

Bakersfield Veterans' Parade

Southern Sierra Council | 2417 M Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

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