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SSC Scouting News

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

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



SSC Program Committee Meeting

**Program Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 4
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.

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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.

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

- April 6 - Pre-Camporall Event - Day 2

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



- April 13 - Trainers EDGE
- April 19-21 - Camporall & OA Callout
- April 25 - OA LEC Meeting
- April 26 - Council deadline for all Camp Card money or unsold cards
- May 4 - Cub Scout STEM Day
- May 9 - Roundtable for all Leaders
- May 11 - Eagle Scout Workshop
- May 11 - Lodge Leadership Development
- May 16 - OA Details & Desserts
- May 16 - Council Training Planning Meeting
- May 18 - Trail to First Class Palooza

**Spring Camp Card Sale
Scout can earn their adventure!**



**The Camp Card sale has begun!
AND it's not too late to join.**

The Southern Sierra Council Camp Card sale is a springtime fundraiser that will help Packs, Troops Crews and their Scouts earn money for summer adventures. The Camp Card features a variety of coupons and discounts for businesses, such as Smart & Final, Big 5, Rusty's Pizza, Valvoline Oil Changes, El Pollo Loco, Bakersfield E-sports, MB2 Entertainment, Jersey Mikes, Hurricane Harbor and a few others.

The card sells for \$5. Commission for the sale is 50%... \$2.50 per card.

**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 that a Scout sells, the greater value for discounts to Council Events they will earn.

There is a EXTRA bonus, too! Each week, there will be a drawing for a Dewar's Ice Cream gift card. Scouts that sell 20 cards in a week will be entered into the drawing. If a Scout sells 2 sets of 20 cards (40 cards), they will be entered twice! **Unit Camp Card Coordinators must send Randy an email with the names of eligible Scouts by Monday at noon.** The drawing will be done on Monday afternoon and the prize delivered to the unit before their weekly Scout meeting to present to the winner. So, spread the word to your Scouts!

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

Camp Card Sales Info



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|  <p>\$2.00 OFF ANY PURCHASE OF \$20 OR MORE</p> <p>Only includes the Brickyard Downtown food and nonalcoholic beverages. Doesn't include other food vendors at this location. Brickyard Downtown 18th & N Street Bakersfield, 93301</p> |  <p>\$10 OFF RESTAURANT PURCHASE OF \$50 OR MORE</p> <p>ONLY REDEEMABLE AT MB2 ENTERTAINMENT IN BAKERSFIELD, CA. EXCLUDES ALCOHOL AND ATTRACTIONS. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DEAL. NO CASH VALUE</p> |  <p>15% OFF ANY ORDER</p> <p>Follow on Instagram for our location. Insta: sabor_taino_smokehouse_bbq</p> |  <p>ENJOY \$2 OFF</p> <p>Any food or drink purchase of \$10.99 or more</p> |
|  <p>10% OFF ENTIRE PURCHASE</p> <p>Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Discount applied before tax. Only good at Bakersfield locations.</p> |  <p>ESPORTS CENTER</p> <p>GET 1 HOUR FREE WITH PURCHASE OF 4 HOURS</p> <p>BAKERSFIELDSPORTS.COM</p> |  <p>FREE SUPER WEDGE W/PURCHASE OF ANY LARGE PIZZA AT REGULAR PRICE. PLU #22</p> | <p>Pollo Loco</p> <p>This is not a gift card and has no cash value. Cannot be replaced if lost or stolen. One-time use only. Not available on online ordering or mobile app. Limit one discount or coupon per transaction or vehicle, per visit. Valid at participating restaurants only.</p> <p>Expires 12/31/2024. © 2024 El Pollo Loco, Inc.</p> |
| <p>Medieval Times</p> <p>DINNER & TOURNAMENT</p> <p>\$46.95 Regular Adult Admission</p> <p>\$30.95 Regular Child Admission</p> <p>Call 1-888-935-6878. Ask for code: 24SCOUT www.medievaltimes.com</p> |  <p>PAY ONLY \$60</p> <p>Present at ticket booth to redeem. Offer cannot be combined with other offers. Offer good through 12/29/24. Open select days 1/1/24 - 12/29/24. PLU: 10034212</p> |  <p>PAY ONLY \$30</p> <p>Present at ticket booth to redeem. Offer cannot be combined with other offers. Good for any Regular Operating Day in 2024 - Open select days from 5/25/24 - 9/15/24. PLU 10044173</p> |  <p>COUPON CODE 12908</p> |

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Dinner honors Eagle Scout Class of 2023



On March 21, over 100 Scouts, parents, leaders and community individuals honored the Eagle Scout Class of 2023 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 26 Eagles Scouts that achieved the rank last year. The keynote speaker was AJ Clark, Battalion Chief for the Bakersfield City Fire Department and an Eagle Scout from Troop 415. Judge Bernie Barman was recognized with the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. He is a Bakersfield Eagle Scout, Class of 1983.



Five Eagle Scouts received Southern Sierra Council Eagle Scout Scholarship at the event. They are: Sarah H., Troop 2119; Samuel J., Troop 3; Dylan S., Troop 194; Aiden S., Troop 194; and Krrish K, Troop 484 (center), 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 – Charles Casperson, Jim Burke Auto, Jay Rosenlieb, Randy & Nicole Saunders; Bronze Palm: Clifford & Brown, Jim Conners, Jeffrey Giumarra, Urner's; and Eagle Scout: Paul Fuller, Kathy Hill, Geoguidance Drilling Services, James McDermott & Johanna Hill McDermott, Marko & Dominique Zaninovich, William & Renee Zeiders.

**Show our Scouting Strength to the Community...
Give Big Kern is May 7**

Give Big Kern Day is Tuesday, May 7. 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

makes a huge difference.



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 2023, 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 \$20,000 and receive 100 donations.

Please consider making a donation to the Southern Sierra Council on Give big Kern Day to show Kern County that Scouting is alive and well. Starting April 7, 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.

Thank you for your support!
Randy Saunders - Scout Executive



Spring Recruitment is simply the process of inviting and registering new Scouts and their families in the Scouting program. Spring Recruitment is for kindergarten-age youth going into 1st grade through 4th grade youth going into 5th grade.

Recruiting is a year-round responsibility of all of our adults and youth in the Southern Sierra Council. Spring can be a great time to recruit as the promise of summer camp adventures are only weeks away. Prospective Scouts and families are thinking about nice weather, the outdoors, and activities that are at the core of the Scouting camping experiences.

Advancement on your schedule to "catch-up"...but only if you want. New families joining are more concerned with their youth having fun verses earning a rank.

Four Things you can do right now.

1. Set a goal
2. Be found on BeAScout (include QR code)
3. Social Media (include link)
4. Showcase Scouting at Community Events

Lean in on day camp as a 60-90 day out experience a family can build towards.

Note: Spring Recruiting is NOT for youth going into kindergarten. Lion recruitment starts August 1. There are no summer opportunities for Lions and Lions should register as close to the start time of the program for their den, which is the fall. If inquiries are made, packs should collect information and invite these families to recruitment opportunities starting in August.

It is also recommended that packs don't do spring recruitment for youth entering the 6th grade. If there are inquiries, packs should have the contact information for the local troop(s) to provide to the prospective Scout and his/her family.

2024 Camporall - All Scout Troops Invited "Power of the Patrol"



Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21
Glennville Rodeo Grounds
196 Pascoe Rd - Glennville

Registration Deadline - Friday, April 12
All registration is online only

Camporall registration, forms & handbook are available at
scoutingevent.com/030-Camporall24

Cub Scout STEM Day Saturday, May 4

May the Force be with you as you join us for a fun morning with a focus on science, engineering and other related topics.

Learn Star Wars Origami (with author Chris Alexander), see how armor is built and have fun in our galaxy not so far, far away. Open to all cub scouts.



Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
Check in @ 8:30 am

Location: Christ Church of the Valley
13701 Stockdale Hwy.

Cost:

Early bird registration - \$5 until April 25 at 11:59 pm, \$10 after

Final registration deadline - May 1)

Online registration: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-STEM24>

Trail to First Class Palooza Saturday, May 18



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 18, 8am to 5pm

Location: Panofsky-Wilson Preserve

(27750 Caliente Bodfish Rd, Caliente, CA 93518) - Map attached to registration page

Cost:\$10 per scout - registration deadline - Wednesday, May 15 - 11:59 pm

Online Registration only - <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-TTFC24>

Two ways to attend

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

Cub Scout Day Camp Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13

**Mark your calendars!
Get ready for our Outdoor adventures
at day camp!**

June 10th to June 13th 8:15am - noon each day.
(drop off as early as 7:30am)

Location: Centennial Elementary (15200 Westdale Dr.)

Prices

Early Bird - \$65 - until 5/5/24

Regular - \$75 - 5/6 to 6/5/2024

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

Open to Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and AOL Cub Scouts! All tigers must have an adult partner with them at all times.



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

Online Registration: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-DayCamp24>

4th Annual Online Auction "Celebrating Scouting Stars"



We are excited to present our 4th Annual Online Auction – “Celebrating Scouting Stars”.

Last year’s online auction was great. We had over 80 items and raised over \$6,000. We need your help to make this year’s auction better.

Auction Items Needed

Please consider donating an item or gift certificate to help support Scouting this year. These items can be gift certificates to a business, services, actual items such as art, jewelry, cosmetics, etc., or even monetary contributions. We are striving to feature local businesses and individuals in our auction every year to help give back to places that support Scouting.

Your donation will be featured on our website and throughout our promotions. Proceeds from your donated item will benefit the boys and girls in the Southern Sierra Council, and your support is truly appreciated.

While we all continue to face great challenges, we know that providing quality youth development is vital for a strong future.

2024’s “Celebrating Scouting Stars” online auction will begin on May 17th, at 5 pm and run through Memorial Day on May 27th, at midnight.

Documentation of your tax-deductible donation will be provided.

Please call or email Cameron Hutton at 661.325.9036 or cameron.hutton@scouting.org with a description of your item or more information. We can arrange pick-up at your convenience.

Kern River Parkway Foundation Hosting May 9 Roundtable for all Leaders

Announcing a new partnership with the Kern River Parkway Foundation

The Nature Center has developed a program for Webelos age scouts to experience the flora & fauna of Hart Park. Perfect for the Walkabout adventure pin or to put the outing back in Scouting. Learn from the experts - biologists, entomologists, ornithologists, geologists and more as they hike along the trails of Hart Park.

For Scouts BSA - Soon to be scheduled nature themed merit badge sessions. The foundation members are currently completing their registration as merit badge counselors.

Mark Your Calendars - Roundtable for all Leaders

Thursday, May 9 - 7:00 pm

at the Kern River Nature Center

8000 River Rd., 93308 (East end of Hart Park - formerly the Peacock House)

Meet the foundation members and be introduced to the programs designed especially for scouts and their advancement needs.

Need conservation service hours? This is the place that can provide the opportunity to get those done.

Contact Carla Rivas - at carlarivas55@gmail.com

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Sunday, April 7 - 2:00 pm

Special program on insects by Frank Bedard - Entomologist and long time scout leader. Frank has amazing collections of insects and will be sharing his collections during a presentation at the above address.

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 11 - 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Scout Office - 2417 M Street

Registration link: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-EW0524>

Life Scouts, Parents and Leaders are invited to the Life to Eagle Workshop. This is an interactive workshop/seminar detailing the Eagle Rank process from project inception through preparation for the Eagle Board of Review

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout during the month of March! The new Eagle is from Troop 848!

Effective May 1, 2024 2024 Annual Membership Fees

The change in membership fees has been postponed until May 1, 2024

Joining fee is eliminated as of April 1, 2024

2024 Annual Membership Fees

Effective—May 1, 2024



Participants in kindergarten through age 20
Cub Scouts Scouts BSA Venturing

\$100

(\$85 National fee + \$15 Council Program Fee)



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

\$80

(\$65 National Fee + \$15 Council Program Fee)

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE



ONE-TIME TO JOIN

\$0

This fee has been eliminated as of 4/1/2024

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

Order of the Arrow



2024 OA Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (LEC) MEETING

All are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly planning meeting at the Scout Office,

2417 M Street on **Thursday April 25th at 7PM** . Don't forget your sash!

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (LLD)

Saturday, May 11 - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm - Centennial Elementary School - 15200 Westdale Dr.

This annual event is an opportunity for Arrowmen to lead fellow Scouts in hands-on team-building leadership activities. All OA members and older youth Scouts are encouraged to attend. Grab your PLC and bring your unit to the next level. All are welcome to this event. Lunch will be provided by the Order of the Arrow.

Registration link for LLD - <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-LLD0524>

DETAILS & DESSERTS

Thursday, May 16 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Scout Office - 2417 M Street

You've been called out by your fellow Scouts at Camporall and are wondering what happens next? Details and Desserts is the event for you! We will provide small dessert treats for you as candidates to welcome your candidacy to the Order of the Arrow. We will introduce Arrowmen to you, what the OA is as the National Honor Society, the purposed of the order, how you enter, and the expectations of returning service to your unit as you have previously demonstrated prior to being elected.

Registration link for Details & Desserts - <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-DD24>

2024 ANNUAL ORDEAL - JUNE 14-16 - RETURN TO CAMP KERN!

Ordeal returns to Camp Kern! We are happy to announce that our 2024 Annual Ordeal will be held at Camp Kern on Huntington Lake. Register early to assist with car-pooling options. Ordeal will begin Friday evening and will end Sunday in the early afternoon. All current members are encouraged to attend in cheerful service with their fellow Arrowmen as we return to our camp home.

Registration link for Ordeal - <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-Ordeal24>

Please note - This is the ONLY Ordeal that will be held by the Lodge in 2024.

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.

- **Attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) - July 29 to Aug. 3, 2024 at the University of Colorado Boulder?**
- **Reminder to keep you payments current at all times to hold your spot**

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2024 OA DUES?

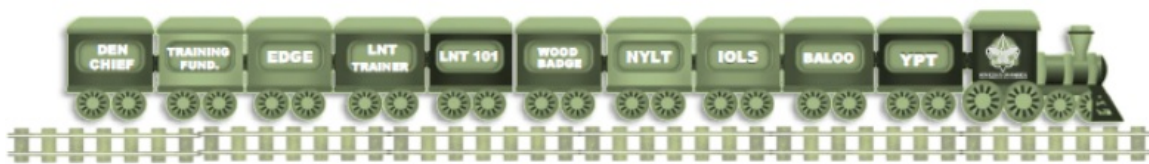
Easy way to pay your annual dues -

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

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.

Training News & Resources



Council Training Planning Meetings

THURSDAY, May 16 @ 6:00 pm

New trainers are needed! Many of our long-time trainers have retired or moved away. New trainers are needed to support trainings in Bakersfield throughout the year. Trainers can participate at as many training events or choose their one favorite event to support annually. Providing trainings in Bakersfield is helpful for adult volunteer ease of completing courses timely, without lengthy travel or overnight stays, and supports membership retention and providing the BSA programming for our youth.

May 16th Agenda

- **Training Calendar Planning**
- **Planning for 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 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 (March, May, August, September).

Who should attend:

- **Trainers**
- **Committee Chair** or **Committee Training Chair** (**If you don't have these positions currently filled – any volunteer in your unit may attend to take notes*)
- **Unit Commissioners**
- **Wood Badge participants and staff**

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)



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.

ENSURE YOUR SPOT ON THE COURSE – REGISTER EARLY

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

Las Vegas Area Council

May 26 – June 1, 2024

Logandale Fairground

(Las Vegas, NV)

Registration:

[Link to Las Vegas NYLT](#)

Ventura County Council

July 21 - 27, 2024

Camp Rancho Alegre

(Santa Barbara - San Marcos Pass)

Registration:

[Link to Ventura County County NYLT](#)

Long Beach Area Council

June 21-23 and June 28-30, 2024

Location to be determined

Registration:

[Link to Long Beach NYLT](#)

Western LA County Council

June 16 – 21, 2024

Camp Josepho

(near Getty Museum)

Registration:

[Link to WLACC NYLT](#)

Sequoia Council

June 17 - 22, 2024

Camp Chawanakee

(near Shaver Lake)

Registration:

[Link to Sequoia NYLT](#)

Orange County Council

June 17 - 22, 2024

Schoepe Scout Reservation

(near San Diego)

Registration:

[Link to Orange County 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 13/14-17 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 Leadership: The NYLT courses are run by youth and adult volunteers from sponsoring councils. Youth volunteers have completed the NYLT course and are ready to take on new leadership challenges.



What is Trainer's EDGE?

Trainer's EDGE helps Adult Leaders, Volunteers, and Scouts BSA develop communication skills for effective presentations. Learn techniques to engage your audience, enhance your presentation, and gain confidence in your delivery. Trainer's EDGE 'trains the trainer' to practice using presentation behaviors and resources in a safe, positive, hands-on training experience.

- **Recommended for:** Adult Leaders and Volunteers, Trainers, and Scouts BSA*

- **Required for:** Wood Badge staff

**Scouts BSA in attendance may also complete Public Speaking Merit Badge & start the Communication Merit Badge. Must attend session during lunch time to earn badge.*

TRAINER'S EDGE

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield

Register Online: [EDGE Registration](#)

\$15 by 4/5; late fee \$25 4/6-4/12 (5 pm)

Pre-course Presentation Assignment: Participants have a "pre-class assignment" to complete the course. Please **prepare an 8-10 minute training presentation** on any scouting-appropriate topic. You can design your own or choose one from an existing BSA training topic.

Your presentation should allow you to demonstrate the skills of a trainer. You will be provided with supplies to incorporate techniques learned during the course to enhance your prepared presentation. As a part of the afternoon program, you will make your presentation to a small group of other participants providing an opportunity for us all to learn from each other!

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*Leadership training for every level of registered adult:
Cub Scouting Troops Venturing*

Wood Badge supports leadership, continuity, adult membership retention, and strengthens BSA programming for our youth.

Tri-Council

WOOD BADGE

September 6-8 & September 14-15, 2024

Camp Josepho & Camp Verdugo Oaks

Course Director: Joey Bland, Verdugo Hills Council

Questions:

Joey Bland joeybland@yahoo.com or

Carolyn Forster CJForster1964@gmail.com

***Scholarships may be available through your Unit, Council, or the course.
Registration opening soon!***

What is Wood Badge?

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

Prerequisites:

- Be registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of 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

**Catholic Religious Emblems Program
A Scout is Reverent**



Light of Christ

Designed for 6 and 7-year-old Cub Scouts.



Parvuli Dei

Designed for 8 to 10-year-old Cub Scouts.



Ad Altare Dei

Designed for any Roman Catholic youth registered in a Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.



Light is Life

Designed for 12 and 13-year-old Scouts of the Eastern-rite Catholic Churches. Scouts in the Eastern Catholic Churches work on Light is Life instead of the Ad Altare Dei emblem.



Pope Pius XII

Designed for Scouts BSA, Venturing Crew members and Sea Scout Ship members who are 15 years old or older.

One of the points of the Scout Law is that a scout is Reverent, and the Scout Oath reminds us that we have a Duty to God. At the beginning of February, many churches and other places of worship recognized the scouts that are members of their congregation on Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath. This day is recognized yearly and oftentimes is used to award scouts specific religious recognition or show how scouts have been helpful in their religious community.

Since not all scouts have the exact same faith, Scouts BSA allows each scout to explore their faith through a separate Religious Emblem program that is specific to their faith. These programs vary, but most are designed for the scout to explore their faith with someone from their church or place of worship, or a designated counselor. General information for the various programs can be found on the [national scouting site](#), and the council office has workbooks for some of the most common faiths in the trading post.

One of the programs that is more counselor driven and focuses on group discussion is the [Catholic AD Altare Dei religious emblem](#). One of the scoutmasters in the council, Mr. Avery, has gone through their counselor training, and is just beginning to hold sessions for this emblem at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bakersfield. They will be meeting about once a month and will take about 6 months to complete. If you are interested in this religious emblem program, he has a [sign-up link](#) or you can email him at james.avery.bsa@gmail.com

2024 Cub Scout Advancement Changes Effective June 1, 2024

The four areas of improvement are the **Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards**. Bobcat will no longer be a badge that is earned once when a Cub Scout joins. It will become a required Adventure for each rank and earned each year.

To see the latest Cub Scout Program Updates:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/>

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.

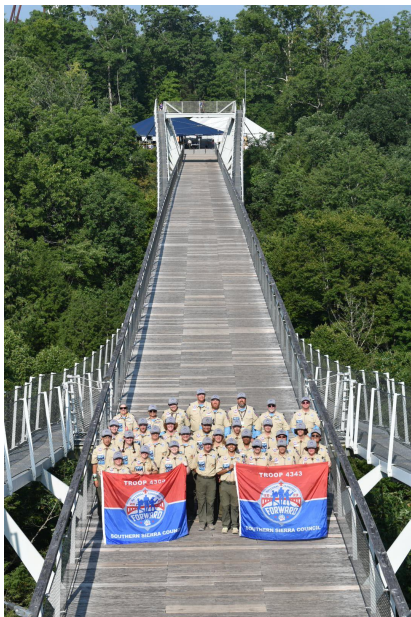
Why report an incident? The information reported from incidents helps identify areas for improvement so we can help prevent the reoccurrence of similar incidents. The BSA cannot address a concern if we do not know about it. Reporting incidents promptly is also critical so the BSA can respond in a timely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

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