

# THE LEADERS' e DIGEST

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### Special Points of Interest

- New Council President
- New Eagles
- Request for a Certificate of Insurance
- Tour Plan Q & A
- New Medical Form Q & A



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## San Gabriel Valley Council 2010 Class of Silver Beavers



Steve Craig



Phyllis Crandon



Allen Franke



Robert Harbicht



Jon Haskett



Dave Link



John Nelson



Glenn Ramos



Robert Sanderson



Carol Tanita



Marcia Townsend



### Silver Antelope

The Silver Antelope Award is the regional distinguished service award and recognizes volunteers who have made a SIGNIFICANT contribution to the Scouting program at a

Regional or Area level.

At this years Annual National Dr. Glenn Ault will be among the recipients of this years Class of Silver Antelopes.



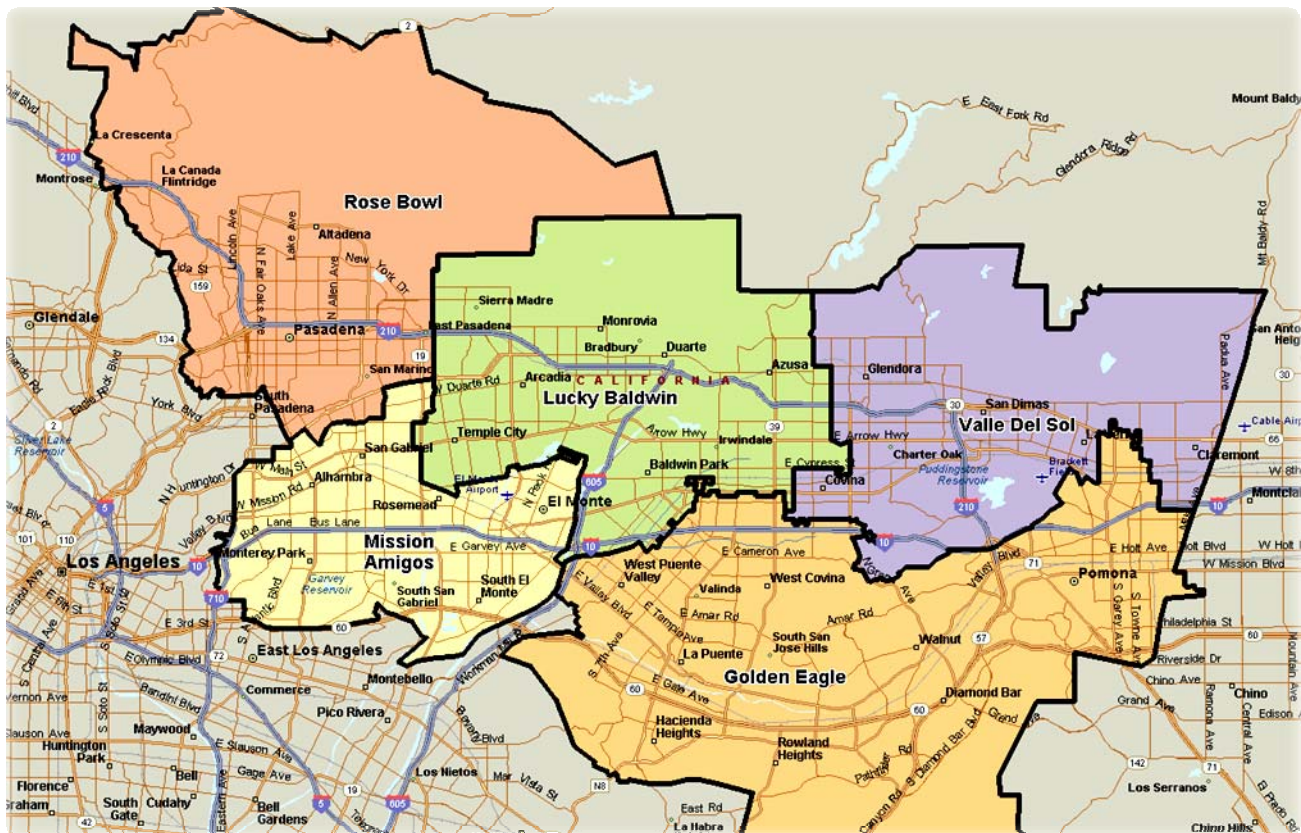
Dr. Glenn Ault

# THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL

The San Gabriel Valley Council is divided into administrative areas known as “districts” and “divisions.” Districts serve chartered organizations that have packs, troops, teams, and crews. To determine which district serves your unit, refer to the list below of communities within the Council. In some areas, the elementary school district rather than the community may determine your district. Divisions serve chartered organizations that have Explorer posts and Learning for Life groups. To determine which division serves your group, refer to the list below of communities within the Council.

## SERVICE AREAS

- **ROSE BOWL** serves Altadena, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, East Pasadena and San Marino
- **MISSION AMIGOS** serves Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South San Gabriel, Rosemead, El Monte, and South El Monte
- **LUCKY BALDWIN** serves Arcadia, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Temple City, Duarte, Bradbury, Azusa, Baldwin Park, and Irwindale
- **VALLE DEL SOL** serves Glendora, Covina, La Verne, San Dimas, Claremont, and Charter Oaks
- **GOLDEN EAGLE** serves Rowland Heights, West Covina, La Puente, Hacienda Heights, City of Industry, Diamond Bar, Pomona, Walnut and Valinda
- **LEARNING FOR LIFE** serves the entire San Gabriel Valley through Exploring career development, along with offering in school and other outreach programs.



## Council President



The San Gabriel Valley Council's Nominating Committee is pleased to introduce Bart Kessel as our new Council President. With your continued support and Bart's leadership, we are confident the San Gabriel Valley Council will continue to thrive as a premier youth character education program. Bart's experiences are as follows:

### Scouting History

· Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America, Elk River District

### **Bart Kessel**

· Law Explorer, Tullahoma Tennessee (1976-1978), President (1977-1978), Medalist, Regional Explorer Olympics, Ft. Campbell Kentucky (1977)  
 · Boy Scout Troop 319, Tullahoma, Tennessee (1971-1982), Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Member, Eagle Scout - Bronze Palm, Order of the Arrow, Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge No. 111, Senior Patrol Leader (1976-1977), Camper, Philmont Scout Ranch, Counselor, Boxwell Reservation, 50 Miler Award – Philmont Scout Ranch, 50 Miler Award, Appalachian Trail, 50 Miler Award – Hiawassee River, 50 Miler Award – Little Tennessee River, Elk River District Camping Award – 80 Moons, BSA Lifeguard, Mile Swim Award  
 · Cub Scout Pack 303, Tullahoma Tennessee (1969-1970)  
 · Cub Scout Pack 252, San Diego, CA (1967-1969)

### Education

· University of California, Davis. J.D. 1986

- Activities: Moot Court participant;
- Member U.C. Law Review
- Vanderbilt University. B.S. cum laude 1982
- Double major: Mathematics and Electrical Engineering
- Academic Honors: Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society
- Activities: Student Chair of Undergraduate Conduct Counsel; Member Undergraduate Honor Counsel; Member Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity

### Professional

Tucker Ellis & West (July 2003 – present)

- Managing Partner of Los Angeles office (July 2003 – present)

Arter & Hadden (September 1986 – July 2003)

- Managing Partner of Los Angeles office (January 2002 – July 2003)
- Partner (January 1994 – July 2003)  
Associate (September 1986 – December 1993)

### Personal

Married to Amy and have two daughters, Carlin Elizabeth and Chloe Catherine. Members of the San Marino Community Church, Member of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Country Club, former President of the Greater Los Angeles Vanderbilt Club, past member of the Webster Commission and was appointed by the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners to investigate the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

## Scout Executive



**Marcus Mack**

Dear Friends of Scouting:

What an awesome accomplishment... completing the first quarter of the second century of Scouting and the San Gabriel Valley Council's ninety-first year in the Scouting movement. Thanks to all of our friends and volunteers who have tirelessly supported our efforts and provided the necessary resources, along with the foundations of our forefathers—the San Gabriel Valley

Council continues to deliver a viable character education program that embellishes the good in our communities.

In addition, the San Gabriel Valley Council has maintained a strong, vibrant program during these uncertain economic times

because of the involvement of conscientious, talented, and visionary supporters. We had another stellar year in advancement with 293 Scouts achieving the rank of Eagle—this is a new record for the Council. Program service hours logged into the National system were over 16,000—keep up the great effort! Units please remember to log your hours, so that we have an accurate number for the National BSA's Journey to Excellence Progress Review.

In closing, please know that your efforts today in building a strong foundation for Scouting's next 100 years is a noteworthy opportunity that we all must embrace. Thousands of young people, including our future leaders are counting on us. Please help me, help our youth be prepared for life! For further information on how you can support Scouting in the San Gabriel Valley and Pomona Valleys, please visit our website at [www.sgvcbbsa.org](http://www.sgvcbbsa.org) or contact the Council Office at (626) 351-8815 for assistance.

# Spring Recruitment Membership Campaign

Scouting is learning by discovery and discovery by doing. Its fun, friends, and family where skills are learned, confidence is built, and stories are born. This is Scouting.

Building on the inspirational and values-based national campaigns of 2009 and 2010, this year's version continues to provide excellent resource tools for your staff and volunteers. The new materials are visually stunning, and highlight the activities that Scouting offers. Spring is the perfect time to recruit Tiger Cubs. While Tiger Cubs can't register until June your unit can start recruiting their parents as leaders to have them trained and ready to hit the ground running as soon as their Den is registered. Recruiting leaders early is the best way to make sure the boys will have fun and stay with Scouting.

It's never too late to recruit age appropriate youth. With summer coming up, families are looking for constructive fun things for their kids to be involved in. What better activity than Scouting.

The Boy Scout open house allows a Pack, Troop, or Crew to swing open its doors and roll out the red carpet to welcome guests. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities and your units accomplishments. It is an effective tool to reach youth who have never tried Scouting.

Hosting an open house is a six-step process that has been tried and proven in units throughout the nation. Each of the following five steps is vital to the event's success:

- Present a school rally to age appropriate youth.
- E-mail or mail the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the troop open house.
- Follow the invitation with a telephone call to the parents.
- Host the open house for youth and their parents.
- Organize a unit activity to involve new Scouts right away.
- Register your unit on BeAScout

Youth join Scouting for the fun and outdoor adventure. Parents want them to join for completely different reasons—character building and leadership training.

For recruiting material you can visit <http://www.scouting.org/wordstoliveby.aspx>

Also, reach out to your Unit Commissioner for flyers and other free material available at your local council and to get any help you need.

## Scouts Can Invite Friends Electronically

A new feature called the e-card is available to Scouts and leaders on the [www.thescoutzone.org](http://www.thescoutzone.org) Web site. This fun and easy activity will help a Scout complete the new First Class requirement that states he must invite a friend to a troop meeting or activity.

### Step 1

Go to [www.thescoutzone.org](http://www.thescoutzone.org).

### Step 2

Click on "Tell a Friend."

### Step 3

Enter your name and your friend's name and e-mail address in the boxes.

### Step 4

Select images of activities you think would be fun and interesting for your friend to do.

### Step 5

Chose the music and the message you would like to send.

### Step 6

Preview your e-card and send it to your friend.



# Planning For The Trail

Are you on your way to being an Eagle Scout?

First, carefully study the Eagle requirements as outlined in the most recent edition of the Boy Scout Handbook as review the supplemental material provided at <http://sgvcbsa.org/programs/advancementawards/life-to-eagle>. These resources will help you in the months ahead. Remember to build family and summer school vacations (particularly Scout Camp merit badge opportunities), periods of being especially busy (e.g. a school sports season, college application season) and other individual scheduling situations into your Eagle "game plan." The materials at the web site will also help prepare the application itself.

Second, discuss your plans with your Scoutmaster or unit committee's Eagle advisor and get advice on how to proceed. Find out what is expected of you in participation, Scout spirit, Troop leadership and personal growth. Each of these is a specific requirement for

advancement to Eagle, which must be accomplished to the satisfaction of your Unit's youth and adult leadership, and each shows something about your fitness for the Eagle award.

Third, plan and organize the merit badge work and your service project so that they will be done well before your 18th birthday. This means making sure the Merit Badge applications (those blue cards!) are completely signed and registered at the Scout office and the project report (including photos) is completed and reviewed by your District Advancement folks in plenty of time.

Your Scoutmaster can provide you with a list of your official merit badge records from the internet advancement web site. While the Board of Review may meet and the award may be presented at a Court of Honor after that 18th birthday, all requirements must be completed prior to that date.

Every leader remembers that at 16, 18 seems very far away. But sadly, every leader knows Scouts who waited just a week or two too long,

and didn't "make Eagle" even though they came extremely close. Please don't be one of those! Also, please don't be one of the guys who inconveniences everyone involved by needing "emergency" help right up until the night before his birthday. Another reason to be careful about timing is the possibility of having to re-do something. What if the Eagle Board finds that you're not quite qualified? This happens. If you allow yourself plenty of time, you can get the "loose ends" finished up in time, but, if you're nearly or already 18, you may not have that option. You can get a lot more out of the trail to Eagle if you plan the journey carefully than if you try to make it in a last-minute sprint!



Kjerstin "KJ" Williams  
SGVC Advancement Chair

## Come to Wood Badge

You may be a leader of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers, a manager at work, or a parent. If you find yourself in this position... you are a leader.

How do you handle the situation where someone comes to you with a conflict?

Do you know what leadership style to use when your team is just starting out, or when it is almost doing great?

Do you wonder sometimes why your projects don't always go as planned?

Do you know what the greatest leadership secret is?

Do you have any idea of the impact you have on the leaders of tomorrow?

Did you know that you can learn all this and more while being in a Scouting setting with other scout leaders who are as committed as you are?

These skills are so important that companies send their most promising executives to courses that teach these skills. And these courses cost thousands of dollars more than Wood Badge.

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course for adult leaders. It provides participants with practical tools to fulfill the aims and methods of the Scouting program. The quality of the scouting experience for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers depends on the skills, knowledge, and commitment of those adult leaders who have given their time and energy to the Scouting movement.

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.woodbadge2011.com](http://www.woodbadge2011.com)

The Date for this year's Tri-Council Wood Badge course is:

Aug 26 to 28 , and Sept 23 to 25

If you have any questions please contact Bob Law at [bob@lawvision.net](mailto:bob@lawvision.net).



# Valle del Sol District

## LEADERSHIP:

District Chair: Tony Kitt  
[tonyreakitt@aol.com](mailto:tonyreakitt@aol.com)

District Commissioner: Marcel Batoon  
[marcelbatoon@aol.com](mailto:marcelbatoon@aol.com)

District Program Chair: Kevin Garcia  
[kev\\_garcia@msn.com](mailto:kev_garcia@msn.com)

District Executive: Lorena Bernal  
 (626) 351-8815 ext. 224  
[lorena.bernal@scouting.org](mailto:lorena.bernal@scouting.org)

## THE VALLE DEL SOL

### COMMUNITIES:

Glendora, Covina, La Verne, San Dimas, and Claremont

## CALENDAR

**April 8-10**

Camporee\*\*

**April 14**

Roundtable 7:30 PM \*

**May 6-7**

Cub-O-Ree\*\*

**May 12**

Roundtable 7:30 PM \*

**June 9**

Roundtable 7:30 PM \*



Find more district and unit information and to register for activities go to:

[www.vdsscouts.org](http://www.vdsscouts.org)

\*Roundtable location: Elwood LDS Church, 251 South Elwood Ave., Glendora

\*\*Additional information visit the VDS website: [www.vdsscouts.org](http://www.vdsscouts.org)

## Friends of Scouting

As all of you know, the FOS campaign is a crucial element for the success of the Scouting Movement. You can donate online through the VDS district or if your unit needs a presentation please contact our FOS Chair: Mike Peralez at [misperalez@roadrunner.com](mailto:misperalez@roadrunner.com)

## Spring Recruitment

It's time for all packs to recruit the new tigers!! Take advantage of open houses. If you need custom flyers please contact your District Executive at [lorena.bernal@scouting.org](mailto:lorena.bernal@scouting.org).

## EXPO Ads

Here is another fundraising opportunity for all the units, go to your local businesses and ask them to support you and the scouts of the San Gabriel Valley by purchasing an Ad. You will receive a 25% commission, a great way to fundraise for Summer Camp. To download the brochure and get more information go to [www.vdsscouts.org](http://www.vdsscouts.org) under "FILES."

## Important Information

### Training/Online Training

April 9 Cub Scout Leader Specific

April 9 Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmaster Leader Specific.

Go to [www.sgvcbbsa.org](http://www.sgvcbbsa.org) for more training online and to register for the all courses.

### Tour Plan

Be advised that you need to submit tour plans at least 2 weeks in advance. Your request will be denied if these guidelines are not followed. This is a very important step to safeguard youth and adults in the program, please collaborate and plan accordingly.

### Valle del Sol Activities

#### **Camp-O-Ree**

"Scouting For Tomorrow"

The 2011 VDS Camp-O-Ree will be held at Marshall Canyon, April 8-10 2011.

**V D S C u b - O - R e e ! !**

May 6 - 7, 2011  
 LOCATION: SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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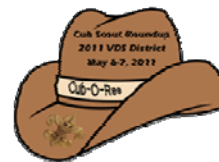
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 SMITH AT  
 (626)625-8220**



to register and for additional Information visit: [www.vdsscouts.org](http://www.vdsscouts.org).

# Golden Eagle District



## LEADERSHIP:

[matt.bear@scouting.org](mailto:matt.bear@scouting.org)

District Chair:

## DISTRICT WEBSITE:

[www.goldeneagledistrict.org](http://www.goldeneagledistrict.org)

District Commissioner: Steve Schmidt

[s\\_schmidt@verizon.net](mailto:s_schmidt@verizon.net)

## GOLDEN EAGLE COMMUNITIES:

Rowland Heights, West Covina, La Puente, Hacienda Heights, City of Industry, Diamond Bar, Pomona, Walnut and Valinda

District Program Chair:

Advancement Chair: Rick Kunzler

[lensking@aol.com](mailto:lensking@aol.com)

## CALENDAR

### **April 7th**

OA Meeting: St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Hacienda Heights 7:00 PM

### **April 14th**

District Roundtable: St. Matthews

Senior District Executive: Matt Bear

United Methodist Church, Hacienda Heights, 7:00 PM

### **April 29th—May 1st**

Camporee & Cuboree, Firestone Scout Reservation

### **May 5th**

OA Meeting: St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Hacienda Heights 7:00 PM

### **May 12th**

District Roundtable: St. Matthews

## ***Advancement Committee***

The Advancement team is making a push to update our merit badge list in the month of March. Emails have gone out to many individuals who we have not had contact with in a while. To date we have had a great response. We have counselors for 97 different merit badges throughout the district. Our goal is to find counselors for every merit badge that is offered. Additionally we continue to reach out to collect information and complete the list. We are also checking Youth Protection Training status to ensure we provide a safe experience for the youth.

The Golden Eagle Advancement committee is planning a training seminar later this spring. We intend to have a round table type format. The seminar will be a learning experience for all involved. The focus will be to hold structured discussion session about various topics like the Eagle Rank Advancement process, and troop level Board of Review conduct, to name a few. The idea is to spark conversation

and allow individual experiences and view points to be heard. The intent at this point is to invite each Troop within the district and to allow for 2 representatives from each troop. Keep your eyes open for an email, and be thinking about who your Troop delegates will be. Ideally we would like one Scoutmaster or assistant and someone from the Troop Committee, Ideally the Troop Advancement Chair. The seminar will be held on a Saturday morning and will be from 9am - noon. There will be no fee, refreshments will be provided.

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If you have any questions comments or concerns, please feel free to contact Rick Kunzler, GE Advancement Chair at [lensking@aol.com](mailto:lensking@aol.com)

## ***OA Kiowa Chapter***

Meeting Location Info for the Order of the Arrow. We meet on the First Thursday of each month at St. Matthews UMC in Hacienda Heights. Same place as roundtable. Fellowship starts at 7pm with the Program lasting from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

## ***Camporee Check In***

Check-in will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday April 29th. Upon arrival, Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader should report to administration with all necessary paperwork.

You're not checked in until ALL required paperwork is turned in (full roster by patrol, medical/permission, and receipt).

Campers with medical concerns should check in with Camporee medical staff upon arrival.

# Lucky Baldwin District



## LEADERSHIP:

District Chair: Sho Tay

District Commissioner: Debbie Schroyer

District Finance Chair: Clara Potes- Fel-low

District Program Chair: Elizabeth Renfrew

District Executive: Lucia Bernal

(626) 351-8815 ext. 236

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## THE LUCKY BALDWIN

### COMMUNITIES:

Arcadia, Azusa, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Temple City, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale

## CALENDAR

### *April 13*

District/Commissioners Meeting:  
Church of Good Shepherd, 6:30 PM

District Roundtable: Church of the Good Shepherd, 7:30 PM

### *April 29- May 1*

District Camporee: Firestone Scout Reservation Camp

### *May 11*

District/Commissioners Meeting:  
Church of Good Shepherd, 6:30 PM

District Roundtable: Church of the Good Shepherd, 7:30 PM

### *June 4*

Scout Expo

### *June 8*

District/Commissioners Meeting:  
Church of Good Shepherd, 6:30 PM

District Roundtable: Church of the Good Shepherd, 7:30 PM

**Happy Summer!!!**

## Camp-O-Ree

### **Lucky Baldwin District Camp-O-Ree**

#### **"Let the Good Times Roll"**

April 29, 30 & May 1, 2011

Firestone Reservation Camp

**SIGN UP AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW WHILE THERE'S STILL SPACE AVAILABLE. Deadline April 25th (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

#### Early Bird Registration

April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>st</sup> : \$15.00

#### Registration

April 8-15: \$18.00

#### Late Registration

April 16-25: \$20.00

#### Day Visitors

\$7.00

Registration fee includes the camping fee and a Camp-O-Ree event patch.

Online registration will be available April 1 – 25, Deadline to register is April 25, 2011. Please make sure to sign up and make your registration before deadline.

Register Online, click on the following link:

<http://doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=949931&OrgKey=2467>

Camp-O-Ree packet will be available April 1, 2011 at LB District page: <http://www.sgvcbasa.org/about-us/districts/lucky-baldwin>

### Spring Recruitment

Please continue to schedule boy talks with your local schools and youth organizations to recruit more boys for your Packs and Troops. I'll be happy to help do a walkthrough at schools.

We have new shipments of flyers available at the Smiser Scout Center. Please let me know if you are interested in having some personalized for your unit's recruitment drives.

### **COME JOIN THE CUB SCOUT FUN...with a Passport to Scouting**

The Lucky Baldwin Membership Committee in efforts to promote Scouting to our communities is

planning several open houses at key locations in the month of May. Flyers promoting the "Come Join the Cub Scout Fun" will be delivered at local schools and churches and we would like to ask the local Packs and Troops for help with our efforts. It will be a great recruitment opportunity too. A member of our Membership Committee will be contacting the Cubmasters and Scoutmasters to give more information and dates. If you are interested in being part of our committee please contact me.

**Thanks!**

Thanks to all of you for your tireless efforts to bring Scouting to the families of our communities. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or have suggestions to make our district stronger.

Sincerely,

Lucia Bernal

# Mission Amigos District



located at Shepherd of the Hills  
Methodist Church, Monterey Park

## LEADERSHIP:

District Chair: Mitchell Ing

District Commissioner: William Gin

District Program Chair: Sandra  
Tanaka

District Finance Chair: Carol  
Tanita

District Executive: April Zall (626)  
351-8815 ext. 262

[april.zall@scouting.org](mailto:april.zall@scouting.org)

## THE MISSION AMIGOS

### COMMUNITIES:

Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South San Gabriel, Rosemead, El Monte, and South El Monte

### CALENDAR

Roundtable is held at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month

## **Please join us April and May**

District Camporee will be April 29- May 1<sup>st</sup>

Will J. Reid

4747 Daisy Ave. Long Beach

For information contact Willie Kaufman at 626-297-3863

## **June**

Scout Expo on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Santa Anita Park

Come out and enjoy the day with all the council.

June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a Community/Scout Day at Barns Park in Monterey Park

Come and visit the different Scout units in the District "Be a Scout for a DAY".

## **Thank you Benjamin "Frank" Venti**

Mighty Mission Amigos would like to thank Monterey Park Councilmember, Benjamin "Frank" Venti for his generosity. Frank shared the proceeds from his retirement event on March 24, 2011 with the Mission Amigos District and the Mark Keppel High School Drama Department. The evening was a tremendous success with over 250 well wishers in attendance, at the Luminaries Restaurant in Monterey Park. Frank has been a great advocate for the youth in the area. The opening for the event was done by a local unit. The District awarded Frank with the "Distinguished Citizen Award." Thank you Frank and again we wish you well on your retirement.

## **Fireworks**

With the approach of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and units looking to find ways to raise money it is important for you to remember the following from the Guide to Safe Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the securing, use, and display of fireworks in conjunction with programs and activities except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert.

Local councils may not authorize any group or chartered unit activity for or on behalf of its members, units, or district to sell fireworks as a fund-raising or money-earning activity.

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# Rose Bowl District



## LEADERSHIP:

District Chair: Thomas Hartman

District Commissioner: Randy Ferman

District Finance Chair: Bernadette Herndry

District Program Chair: Dwight Equitz

District Executive: Melissa Bueno  
(626) 351-8815 ext. 247

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## THE ROSE BOWL COMMUNITIES:

Altadena, La Canada Flintridge,  
Pasadena, East Pasadena, and  
San Marino

## TRAINING

**WHEN:** This is Scouting, Scoutmaster and Asst Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training Sunday April 17, 2011. 1:00PM to 7:00PM

**WHERE:** Westminster Presbyterian Church: 1757 North Lake Avenue. Pasadena, CA 91104. Thomas Guide Page 536 A7

**COST:** This is Scouting/ Scoutmaster & Asst Scoutmaster Leader Specific \$10.00.

To register online go to via doubleknot at :  
<http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?orgkey=2467&activitykey=954287>

**CONTACTS:** Peter Lakatos ([palncal@gmail.com](mailto:palncal@gmail.com)), Glenn Ramos ([ramosglenn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ramosglenn@sbcglobal.net)), Melissa Bueno ([mbueno@bsamil.org](mailto:mbueno@bsamil.org)).

## CAMPOREE

Camporee weekend begins April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Camp

Trask. This is a great opportunity to show off Boy Scout Skills as a patrol. New Boy Scouts can also learn the skills by working with other fellow Scouts. Sign up flyers are available at the rounder in the Scout House. Space is limited so please sign up ASAP.

To register online go to via doubleknot at:

<http://doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=923481&OrgKey=2467>

## SCOUT EXPO AD SALES

Ad sales for the souvenir EXPO program booklet are a great way to make added money for your troop or pack. Additionally, this year's booklet will also include the Council's 18-month program calendar for 2011/2012 making a must for every Scout Leader. Sell a business card ad for \$100 and receive a commission of \$25, which will go back to the Unit. This is a fast and easy way to get a jump-start on planning for spring and summer activities. Detailed information is in the EXPO leader's program packet or call Melissa Bueno at (626) 351-8815 ext. 247.

## RECRUITMENT

Spring Cub Scout and Boy Scout recruitment is here! To give every boy the opportunity to be a Scout and to have a successful Spring Recruitment we need your assistance. We are requesting each unit leader to contact Melissa Bueno at (626) 351-8815, ext. 247 with information regarding your school's spring open house as to date, time and location. Hopefully, each unit would be able to provide at least two representatives to be at a recruitment table giving our Cub/Boy Scout information and having a display of your Pack or Troop activities. Above all, it is important that every Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop have a recruitment plan and that it is implemented. Membership information, posters, mini Boy's Life magazines, ect. are available and we will be very happy to get these supplies to you. It is always very important as you recruit new members that registration applications and membership fees are turned into the Scout Shop just as soon as possible.



# SGVC Camping and Programs



All of the San Gabriel Valley Council's programs are listed on our website at [www.sgvcbasa.org](http://www.sgvcbasa.org). Please visit each camps page to see all of the program events offered for 2011.

## CAMP TRASK

Visit [www.sgvcbasa.org/programs/camping/camp-trask](http://www.sgvcbasa.org/programs/camping/camp-trask)

### Cub Scout Programs

#### Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekend

May 13-15, 2011

Great for all Cub Scouts and their families.

Cost: \$70.00 per person (meals included)

#### Cub Day Camp

Session 1 - June 20-24

Session 2 - June 27-July 1

Session 3 - July 11-15

Have great fun and work on rank advancements.

Cost: \$100.00 per Cub Scout (1 adult per 5 Cubs)  
\$125.00 per Cub Scout if camp provides leadership

#### Webelos Day Camp

Session 1 - July 18-22

Session 2 - July 25-29

For 1st and 2nd year Webelos, fun and advancement!

Cost: \$100.00 per Webelos (1 adult per 5 Webelos)  
\$125.00 per Webelos if camp provides Leadership



### Boy Scout Programs

#### First Year Scout Weekend

June 10-12

Basic Boating

Basic Swimming

Basic Knots and Lashings

Rank Advancements

Cost: \$70.00 per Scout  
\$35.00 per Adult



### BSA Lifeguard Training

June 10-12 & June 17-19

Must attend both weekends for certification.

Must be 15 years old.

Proficiency in swimming is required.

Cost: \$140.00 per person



### Trail to Eagle

Week 1 June 20-24

Week 2 June 27-July 1

Week 3 July 11-15

Week 4 July 18-22

Week 5 July 25-29

Merit Badges taught at 5 pm, 6:30 pm and 8 pm

Citizenship in the Community

Citizenship in the Nation

Citizenship in the World

Communications

Emergency Preparedness

Environmental Science

First Aid

Taught only at 5 pm and 6:30 pm

Swimming

Lifesaving

Cost: \$45.00 per class



### Family Programs

#### Memorial Day Weekend

May 27-30

Fun for the whole family!

Cost: \$35.00 per person camp fee

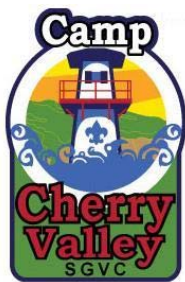
\$35.00 per person meal plan

### Open Camp Weekends

Open Weekends at Camp Trask are fun for your Scout unit, family, church group, clubs or events. Open weekends offer you the environment to run your own program. Your group may have the opportunity to shoot BB's and archery, hike, swim (from Memorial Day-the end of September), visit the Nature Center or Fort and explore the great outdoors. Visit the Trask page for available dates!

Cost: \$10.00 per person BSA

\$13.00 per person non BSA



## CAMP CHERRY VALLEY

Visit [www.sgvcbasa.org/programs/camping/camp-cherry-valley](http://www.sgvcbasa.org/programs/camping/camp-cherry-valley)

### Weekend Programs

Camp Cherry Valley is the premier oceanfront camp in California. Camp offers comfortable, large, two-person platform tents, hot showers, a dining hall known on the whole island for its great food, complete program opportunities, and a staff that is friendly and helpful. This and your transportation are all included in your camp fee.

All of this is in an awesome setting right on beautiful Cherry Cove. Camp Cherry Valley weekend programs are perfect for families, Packs, Troops, Crews, church groups, school groups and Girl Scout Troops. Book your reservations early as our weekend programs are very popular!

### Island Adventure

#### Are you ready for an adventure of a lifetime?

Come swim in the crystal clear coves, explore the underwater world, kayak the sparkling waters, hike the island and sleep under the stars!

The program is limited to 20 people per week. Participants must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America (Troop, Post, Crew Ship or Team). Minimum age is 14 years old on the day of your reservation. This program runs the same weeks as summer camp.

### 2011 Boy Scout Summer Resident Camp

There are still some openings for units to sign up for this summer's resident camp at Cherry Valley. All of the weeks listed below have space. Please contact the camping department to make a reservation. Please keep in mind that reservations are by unit; two deep leadership with a minimum of 8 scouts.

Cost: \$545.00 per SGVC person

\$595.00 per non SGVC person

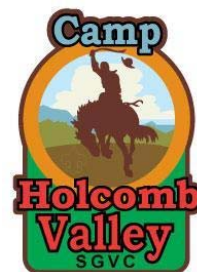
Cost includes transportation to and from the island, camp fees, meals and program materials. Please call Maggie at Ext. 237 or email at [Maggie.Gray@scouting.org](mailto:Maggie.Gray@scouting.org) to get more information.

Week 1 June 12-18  
Week 3 June 26-July 2  
Week 5 July 10-16  
Week 7 July 24-30  
Week 9 August 7-13

Week 2 June 19-25  
Week 4 July 3-9  
Week 6 July 17-23  
Week 8 July 3-August 6

## HOLCOMB VALLEY CAMP

Visit <http://www.sgvcbasa.org/programs/camping/holcomb-valley-scout-reservation>



There are still some openings for units to sign up for this summer's resident camp at Holcomb Valley. All of the weeks listed below have space except Week 6. Please contact the camping department to make a reservation. Please keep in mind that reservations are by unit; two deep leadership with a minimum of 8 scouts.

Cost: \$345.00 per SGVC person

\$385.00 per non SGVC person

Please call Maggie at Ext. 237 or email at [Maggie.Gray@scouting.org](mailto:Maggie.Gray@scouting.org) to get more information.

Week 1 June 26-July 2  
Week 3 July 10-16  
Week 5 July 24-30  
Week 7 August 7-13

Week 2 July 3-9  
Week 4 July 17-23  
Week 6 July 31-August 6

Come enjoy the great outdoors at Holcomb Valley Scout Camp! Holcomb has a variety of merit badges and activities to offer your Scouts.

We offer a wonderful ACE (Advanced Camper Experience) program that includes the following for Scouts 14 and older:

Horse back riding and the Horsemanship Merit Badge

Climbing and Repelling (in and out of camp)

Mountain Bikes





## Managing Risk

An injury that doesn't happen needs no treatment. An emergency that doesn't occur requires no response. An illness that doesn't develop demands no remedy. The best way to stay safe in the outdoors is to avoid getting into trouble in the first place. That requires planning, leadership, good judgment, and accepting responsibility-in short, risk management.

We manage risk in almost every aspect of our lives. There is risk involved in stepping out of our homes in the morning, but we go any way. There are risks in crossing a street, catching a bus, and taking part in sports, but we find ways to minimize our safety and well-being.

Risk management is so much a part of outdoor adventures that often we hardly notice we are doing it. When we fill bottles with water from streams and lakes, we deal with the risk of parasites by treating the water with a filter or chemicals, or by boiling it. When we share the outdoor's with bears, we protect them and ourselves by hanging our food out of their reach, eliminating orders from our sleeping areas, and keeping campsites spotless. When foul weather blows in, routes become uncomfortably exposed, streams swell, or snow loads make avalanches a possibility, we consider all the available information and then make decisions that keep risks at acceptable levels.

Perceived risk can energize outdoor activities by bringing to them immediacy that is sharper than what we normally experience. The actual risk on a well-managed ropes course, for example, is relatively low, but participants experiencing the events of the course might perceive that the risk is much higher than it actually is. The heightened awareness can take them beyond their usual comfort levels and encourage them to accept challenges that will stretch their abilities and build their confidence.

The only way to eliminate risk completely in the out-of-doors is to give up the pleasures, challenges, and satisfaction of taking part in an adventure. Rather than attempting to do away with it, group members and leaders can manage risk by identifying its sources, understanding its boundaries and tailoring their behavior to minimize exposure to danger.

This year as you all prepare to make your plans with your units please keep in mind the resources closest to you as you go about this. One of these is your Fieldbook in Chapter Six as to managing risk, the essential reference for outdoor activities.

Be safe and have fun.  
Good Scouting,

Russell Meals Jr.  
Chairman  
Risk Management Committee  
March 27, 2011





# SCOUT EXPO

## June 4, 2011



**Expo 2011: from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK INFIELD**

Scout Expo 2011 is an action-packed day where your pack, troop, team, crew or post will be able to feature its talents and skills, earn recognition and work on rank advancement. This packet contains valuable information and will assist your unit in its participation.

Every Scout and leader who participates will receive a Scout Expo 2011 participation patch.

Mark your calendar for June 4<sup>th</sup> and follow this link for additional information and to sign up

Follow this link <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=2354&id=92560>  
to download the complete leaders guide

[www.sgvcbbsa.org](http://www.sgvcbbsa.org)

# San Gabriel Valley Council Eagles

## GOLDEN EAGLE

*David Allen Rodgers*  
Troop 7

*Aleksander Bryan  
Wertz*  
Troop 433

*Daniel Richard Miles*  
Troop 442

*Adrian Paul  
Eleazar Bilaoen*  
Troop 624

*Quinten Sullivan  
Rodriguez*  
Troop 710

*Michael Young Lee*  
Troop 728

*Arthur Ray-Ter Pang*  
Troop 789

## LUCKY BALDWIN

*Edward Vernon Ryan*  
Troop 104

*Peter Kai-Wen Yang*  
Troop 104

*Kevin Kenneth Ho*  
Troop 126

*Alvin Parnell Yan*  
Troop 126

*Benjamin Hsueh*  
Troop 138

*Randy Chin Lee*  
Troop 138

*Steven Andrew Taylor*  
Troop 140

*Nathaniel Thomas  
Yenny*  
Troop 141

*Alessandro Charles  
DiPeppe*  
Troop 147

*Patrick Ernest Cowell*  
Troop 373

*Sean Robert Nesler*  
Troop 373

*Thomas Alan Sargent*  
Troop 373

## ROSE BOWL

*Jason Gerald Poplin*  
Troop 4



*Eric Jung-Terng Lin*  
Troop 358

*Kyle N. Ehlig*  
Troop 366

*Alexander MacWhorter  
Beebee*  
Troop 501

*Patrick Hoon Lee*  
Troop 507

*Phillip Vartanyan*  
Troop 507

*Ryan Elli Wallace*  
Troop 509

*Giovanni Sebastian  
Mosquera*  
Troop 555

*Lee Robert Sullivan*  
Troop 555

*Alexander Julian  
Backus*  
Crew 516

*McKay Spencer Hatch*  
Crew 516

## VALLE DEL SOL

*Steven Andrew Hicken*  
Troop 123

*Daniel Joseph Kessler*  
Troop 123

*Stephen M. Yeager*  
Troop 402

*Samuel Henry Piibe*  
Troop 403

*Matthew James  
Saunders*  
Troop 419

*Joseph Anthony Eggers*  
Troop 448

*Taylor Stanford Holt*  
Troop 489

*Kyle Jeffery Belleville*  
Troop 491

*Joshua Paul Wallace*  
Crew 405

*Bryan John Cisneros*  
Crew 485

*Joseph Alan Clarke*  
Crew 485

*Alan Tian Zhu*  
Troop 4

*Maxim Dean Foster*  
Troop 5

*Dominick Nelson Town-  
send*  
Troop 21

*Noubar Shahe  
Guiragossian*  
Troop 86

*Arman Seuylemezia*  
Troop 86

*Dallas Valton Adling*  
Troop 164

*Harrison Kenichiro  
Jung*  
Troop 355

*Mark Michael Lew*  
Troop 355

*Douglas Prentiss  
Mayberry*  
Troop 355

*Andrew Wheeler  
Tricker*  
Troop 355



We kindly request your support as a sponsor for our annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, which will be held on **Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the San Gabriel Country Club** in San Gabriel, California. This year promises to be yet another memorable affair with a distinguished guest speaker.

Every year the San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America recognizes those young men who have achieved Scouting's highest rank of *Eagle Scout* during the previous year. Please join us in supporting this recognition dinner by making a donation at one of the following levels:

**Silver Palm ..... \$2000**

*Principal display of Company Logo throughout the Banquet as well as the Sponsorship of an Eagle Scout*

**Gold Palm ..... \$1000**

*Large display of Company Logo throughout the Banquet as well as the Sponsorship of an Eagle Scout*

**Bronze Palm..... \$500**

*Display of Company Logo throughout the Banquet as well as the Sponsorship of an Eagle Scout*

**Eagle ..... \$150**

*Sponsorship of an Eagle Scout*

If you are familiar with the Scouting program, Eagle Scouts who continue to earn additional merit badges beyond those required for the Eagle rank are awarded Bronze, Gold and Silver palms in recognition of their added achievements. All levels of Palm Sponsors will have their company logo & name plus a link to the company web site on our SGVC Eagle Scout Association web site - [www.sgveagles.org/sponsors.php](http://www.sgveagles.org/sponsors.php). As a Palm Corporate Sponsor your company's Logo will be highlighted in the evening's program at your selected support level, and a poster will be displayed at the event with all of our corporate sponsor logos.

In order that we may continue to provide this deserved recognition for our Eagle Scouts, we would ask that you please complete the attached form and return it with your donation in the enclosed envelope. Help us continue this time honored tradition for the Eagle Scouts of the San Gabriel Valley Council. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support of Scouting and the Eagle Scouts of the San Gabriel Valley Council.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hartman, M.D.

SGVC Eagle Scout Association/2011 Eagle Banquet Chair

[thartman@socal.rr.com](mailto:thartman@socal.rr.com)

*The San Gabriel Valley Council*

*Boy Scouts of America*

*and*

*The Women of Eagle Scouts*

*Invite you to*

## *Wind Under Their Wings*

*A celebration honoring women of Eagle Scouts*

*Guest Speaker*

*Phillip L. Sanchez*

*Chief of Police*

*Pasadena Police Department*

*Chief Sanchez was an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable with the Boy Scouts of America, and participated in the 1974 Rose Parade carrying a banner that announced the float honored with the Queen's Trophy. He remains active in Boy Scouts and has presented the Eagle Scout Award to many young men.*

*Saturday, May 7, 2011*

*10:30 a.m. Reception*

*11:15 a.m. Brunch*

*The Langham Huntington, Pasadena*

*1401 South Oak Knoll Avenue*

*Pasadena, California*

## WHY MY CONTRIBUTION IS IMPORTANT

We truly respect and appreciate your choice to be a part of Scouting and all its vast opportunities. The benefits of this outstanding program as you will, or have undoubtedly seen are extraordinary. Each year, nearly 300 Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout (Scouting's peak achievement) and with that mark these young men are subsequently sought after by the best of Colleges, Universities, Business Leaders and Government Agencies alike.

Your participation in Scouting is vital now more than ever. Each year, the San Gabriel Valley Council's operating budget is nearly \$2.5 million and serves a traditional Scouting registration base of just under 15,000 youth. Why is it important to participate?

**Each year it costs our Council approximately \$250 to keep one child in Scouting!**

**Your annual \$15 per person registration fee and all re-charter fees go directly to our National office.**

**The National Council does not financially support the local Councils.**

**United Way no longer supports our Council.**

**Unlike other Council's the SGVC provides Eagle Scouts their recognition items at no cost (\$110.00 per award.)**

**To qualify for grants we need to a high % of member participation in our internal camping.**

In other words, without your financial support, we would not be able to sustain our operations, doors would close and your unit and Scouting in our community might cease to exist. This may sound extreme, but it is reality. Furthermore, by making your fully tax deductible contribution in the first part of the year rather than the latter half, our Council and its volunteer Board of Directors can properly project and support its budgetary needs in an efficient and timely manner.

Because of your time, talents and resources, we are able to take pride in our annual accomplishments and for this we are most grateful.

With your continued help and financial support, the San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America will instill core character

based values for the next 100 years. Once again, thank you for your involvement in Scouting, the community and most importantly, the future of your child.

**To participate log into our council or webpage or follow this link, <http://www.sgvcbasa.org/support-scouting/friends-of-scouting>**

### HOW DOES THE COUNCIL PARTNER WITH THE UNIT?

**To help the unit, the council maintains a service center to:**

1. Handle registrations, Boys' Life subscriptions, and special requests to the national office and other organizations.
2. Maintain a supply of literature, insignia, forms, certificates, etc., needed by the leader to carry out the units program.
3. Keep records of advancement, membership, training, etc., necessary for unit operation.
4. Produce quarterly newsletters to keep leaders informed of latest local and national Scouting events.
5. Produce notices, minutes, agendas, etc., for district and council committees that develop programs for leader and unit support.
6. Handle phone calls and visitors for information related to unit operation and Scouting procedures.
7. Provide forms, applications, scoreboards, certificates, and literature helpful in unit program.
8. Produce district and council calendars and schedules, programs, kits, and special aids to assist leaders and their committees.
9. Make reservations for videos, equipment, long-term camping, short-term camps, camporees, jamborees, high-adventure bases, training courses, meetings, Cub Scout leader pow-wows, Venturing activities, annual council and district meetings, and unit leader events.
10. Maintains a Website with up to date information regarding Council and National activities/resources.

**To assist leaders, the council employs a trained, full-time staff that counsels, guides, and inspires through:**

1. Informal training in unit operation.
2. Person-to-person counseling on unit relationships, administra-

tive, and operational problems.

3.Guidance of all committees, commissioners, roundtables, meetings, conferences, courses, and district and council activities in the development of programs that directly benefit leaders and units.

4.Contact with community resources (clubs, churches, government, etc.), securing help for all units that they alone could not obtain, such as the use of parks, recreational areas, buildings for special affairs, picnic areas, campsites, and swimming facilities.

**Providing the unit with district and council activities and service, the council:**

1.Plans and conducts various types of activities in which units participate, such as Scout Expo.

2.Organizes camporees, Cub Scout day camps, local jamborees, high-adventure trips, Venturing events, and absorbs overhead costs to keep participants' expense to a minimum.

3.Works with various community groups to arrange for Scout participation in civic affairs and Good Turn projects.

4.Recruits and trains a corps of commissioners for assisting with unit program and maintaining standards.

**In educational and relationships programs, the council provides the leader with:**

1.A library of audiovisual equipment for use in training and promotional programs.

2.Informal and formal training courses with most of the cost of literature and materials, etc., and all the staff time included in the council budget.

3.Monthly roundtables for the benefit of leaders, committee members, assistants, and den leaders, providing materials, staff, and other costs.

4.Scouters' Key, training awards, Den Leader's Training Award, Silver Beaver Award, and other Scouter recognitions and Eagle badges.

5.A merit badge counselor corps for more than 125 subjects.

**In the field of camping and outdoor activities, the council:**

1.Maintains reservations for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events. (Our Scout reservations serve as year-round activities, camping, and training centers.)

2.Offers units the use of equipment for short-term weekend, year

-round camping.

3.Covers costs of camp repairs, replacement, utilities, maintenance, taxes, insurance, and ranger (These and other charges are not paid for by youths' fees.)

4.Employs full-time rangers to protect the reservations and assist in the unit's use of facilities. (They keep these facilities available at all times.)

5.Provides campers' unit leader guidebooks, camp slides, folders, literature, and other aids to help units with their outdoor program.

6.Provides scholarships or "camperships" for Scouts who need help to have a summertime camp experience.

7.Offers units the high adventure of Philmont Scout Ranch, National Sea Base, Northern Tier, national jamborees, field days, camporees, and other special events. (These would not exist without a council giving leadership and coordination.)

**To help the leader develop the unit program, the council provides, without charge:**

1.Program planning charts, and a calendar of activities, meetings, and special events.

2.Awards such as ribbons, certificates, roundup awards.

3.Program, roundup, and camporee kits, posters, and other materials.

4.Sample song sheets, ceremonies, parents' night program outlines, training aids, etc.

5.Source materials and personnel.

6.Materials, books, pamphlets, folders, audiovisuals, and special helps from the national office and cooperating organizations.

**To protect the unit leader, the council:**

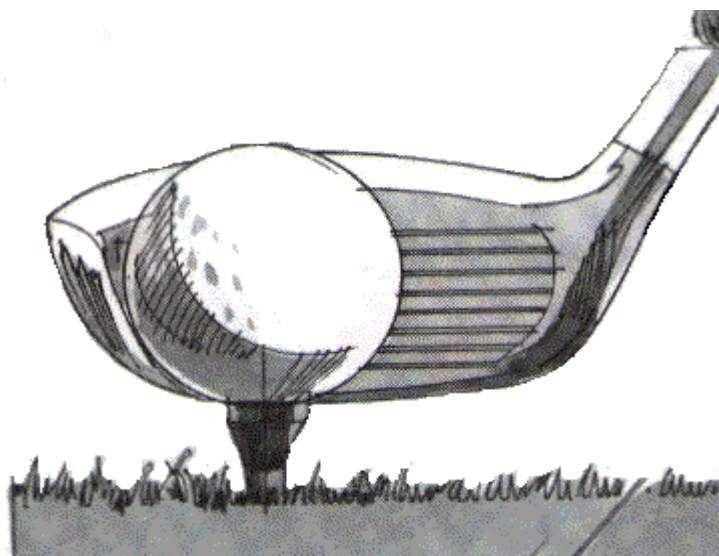
1.Screens requests for services, money-earning project proposals – guarding against improper use of Scouting commercialism and exploitation.

2.Maintains liability insurance for the protection of all members and chartered organizations.

3.Has staff members available to support and guide in any situation.

4.Conducts Youth Protection training for all adult leaders.

Conducts background checks on all prospective volunteer leaders ensuring the safest environment possible for your child.



## *Construction Industry and Mickey Giordano Golf Tournament*

Pacific Palms Conference Resort  
One Industry Hills Parkway  
City of Industry, CA 91744

9:00 a.m. Golf Registration ♦ 10:30 a.m. Shotgun Start ♦ Monday, April 25, 2011

*For additional information contact Annette Haslam at  
(626)351-8815 x255 or email [annettee.haslam@scouting.org](mailto:annettee.haslam@scouting.org)*



## JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

For the past four years, our council has been using the Centennial Quality Unit Award (CQUA) for units to set goals and priorities at the beginning of each year, and to assess a unit's achievements against those set goals. Commissioners have helped with that process by coaching, guiding, and continually providing their own observations and encouragement throughout the year to help units achieve or improve on their CQUA goals.

Starting in January 2011, a new quality program called Journey to Excellence (JTE) has become the new national performance assessment, communication, and recognition program for units, as well as for councils and districts.

By now, your district's commissioner staff should have introduced the new process through information distributed during rechartering, at roundtables, during unit visits by commissioners, and at several training events.

Our role as your commissioners is help you learn about and understand Journey to Excellence (JTE), including how it relates to your unit and ways to continuously make it better year after year! JTE will help good units get even better, and units that are just getting started or are reorganizing achieve a good program!

JTE helps you get there. It brings a structured approach with pre-determined, nationally established levels of performance and expectations for a unit (this is the main difference between CQUA and JTE).

As Chuck Keathley from the BSA National Council stated in the latest *Scouting* magazine, JTE uses a balanced approach and key performance indicators to measure outcomes versus process, with increased emphasis in quality programs. Chuck said, "We've always measured growth, but this looks at the kind of experience boys are having. Are they camping, are they advancing, are we retaining them and increasing our market share?"

JTE hopes to accomplish a number of tasks for you as leaders in your unit.

JTE is a **framework** for planning for your unit and for your adult and youth leaders (if you are a troop, crew, team, or post) to use.

JTE is a **method** for evaluating your unit.

JTE provides an **assessment** of how you're doing in the key areas found in great units.

JTE helps provide **guidance** in areas where you might do better in conjunction with advice and counsel from your commissioner.

JTE sets specific **guidelines and standards** of what the BSA considers good performance.

JTE gives an **early warning** of potential problem areas—as a commissioner, I can always help you get help, such as resources, training, expert assistance, etc.

JTE encourages **recognition** for your good performance.

JTE provides **benchmarking** to get ideas and tips from other good units in your district.

JTE gives you **national standards** that let you assess your performance in key areas, including:

- Advancement
- Camping
- Service projects
- Training
- Membership
- Retention
- Leadership
- Budget

Depending on whether your unit is a pack, troop, Varsity team, or Venture crew, these eight areas of performance are weighted and prioritized differently (e.g., advancement is much lower priority for a crew than for packs and troops.) Programs and participation in the unit are the most important factors. JTE areas that are early indicators of unit strength and health are identified and assessed. JTE is not just a process to measure good practices that are simply repeated year over year. Instead, the goal is continuous improvement over many years.

– Did your unit do measurably better in key areas compared to last year? OR

– Are you already performing at a high level in those areas?

Either way, you can qualify for an award based on the performance standards set by JTE. You receive points in each of the categories (gold, silver, or bronze—just like the Olympic medals).

Your points across every category are added to give your total score, which determines your final JTE achievement level. Requirements are weighted as they correlate most with success. No one requirement is mandatory.

For 2011, the minimum number of total points units must score is as follows: gold (“excellent” performance) is 1,600 or more points, silver (“effective” performance) is 1,000 points to 1,599 points, bronze (“satisfactory” performance) is 700 points to 999 points. Remember that all three levels are considered “quality.” Note that it is intentionally challenging to achieve the gold level—there is 600 points difference between gold and silver, versus 300 points difference between silver and bronze.

However, with each passing year, continuous improvement is expected of a unit. In 2012, the point totals to achieve a given level might be different and more challenging than in 2011. Guidance for 2012 levels of JTE performance will be established near the conclusion of 2011 and will be based on national trends in unit performance.

JTE assessment is to be made at the time of your rechartering month, but because this is a new system, commissioners are planning to meet with you before mid-February to ensure that you understand and are committed to JTE and will be ready for assessment during rechartering next year.

So expect to visit with your unit commissioner over the next few weeks, get more information on JTE, and look to achieve a great year of Scouting in your unit and with your Scouts through the Journey to Excellence program.

Now, how do you use and implement JTE in your unit? We'll start by discussing whether you think you can achieve gold, silver, or bronze at our next unit visit.

More information contact your Unit Commissioner. Also, information is available on the national JTE website at [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx)

Review the site occasionally to make sure that you are using the most current version of the scorecards. When errors or corrections are identified in the field, the national office will correct the scorecards on the national site so the errors don't continue throughout the year.

Also, in late March, spreadsheets will be available for units on the national website. Units can download these spreadsheets and enter their information, and their performance will automatically be calculated.

You can also “tune in” to prerecorded national JTE webinars designed for your unit. Go to the national JTE website and follow the links on the main page to access prerecorded webinar information.



JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

**THE STANDARD INSURANCE REQUEST MAY TAKE 3-5 WORKING DAYS.  
THE EXTRA INSURANCE REQUEST (2m POLICY) MAY TAKE UP TO 10 DAYS TO COMPLETE.**

**Requests are processed in the order in which they are received.**

## REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

(Please print legibly or type)

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO: Darla D. Duarte**  
**San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America**  
**3450 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107**  
**Phone: 626.351.8815 x 242 Fax: 626.351.5049**  
**Email: [darla.duarte@scouting.org](mailto:darla.duarte@scouting.org)**

Unit, district or Council Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Which unit / district? \_\_\_\_\_

Description of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of activity \_\_\_\_\_

If certificate is for use of facilities, describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

**For Cub Scout Day Camps:**

Attach a copy of lease agreement/contract, specifically the pages that include indemnity language and insurance requirements

Scout executive confirmation that the camp program will be conducted in accordance with established standards as set in National Standards for BSA Local Council Accreditation of Cub Scout/Webeles Scout Day Camps, No. 13-108, and that the day camp director and program director hold current training certification through the National Camping School- Scout Executive Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE COMPLETED CONTRACT, PERMIT OR APPLICATION FROM THE FACILITY, INDICATING THEIR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.  
IF THIS IS NOT INCLUDED, THE CERTIFICATE CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**

Certificate holder (Complete name and address):

\_\_\_\_\_

Has the certificate holder requested to be listed as additional insured? Yes No

Are any fees required for services, use of property, etc? Yes No

If so, how much is being charged? \_\_\_\_\_

If certificate is for a unit activity,  
is the certificate holder the chartered organization for the unit involved? Yes No

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Tour Plan FAQs

Q. Why should I complete a tour plan ?

A. The tour plan is a checklist for best practices to be prepared for safe and fun adventure. Completing the tour plan may not address all possible challenges but can help ensure that appropriate planning has been conducted, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure.

In addition, the plan helps to organize safe and appropriate transportation to and from an event, and defines driver qualifications and minimum limits of insurance coverage for drivers and vehicles used to transport participants.

Please complete and submit this plan at least 21 days in advance to ensure your council has enough time to review the plan and assist you in updating the plan if it is found defective. When the review is complete, the second half of the plan is returned to you to carry on your travels.

Q. When do I need to complete a tour plan ?

A. Times when a tour plan must be submitted for council review include:

► *For all trips*

- Trips outside of council borders not to a council-owned property
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting the following activities outside of council or district events:
  - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
  - Climbing and rappelling
  - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
  - Shooting sports
  - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
  - At a council's request (contact your local council for additional guidelines or regulations concerning tour plans)

Regardless, the tour plan is an excellent tool that should be included in preparation for all activities, even those not requiring it. It guides a tour leader through itineraries, travel arrangement, two-deep leadership, qualifications of supervision, and transportation.

Q. What is different on the tour plan vs. the tour permit?

A. Several items:

The council is the reviewer of all tour plans; no regional review is required.

The tour plan consists of a tour planning worksheet that is completed by the unit/contingent. After processing, the council retains the tour planning worksheet and returns the tour plan to the unit.

The plan can be printed on standard 8 ½-by-11-inch paper!

21- vs. 14-day advance notice requested for units to submit the plan for your review.

A single point of contact (not on the tour) for council use included.

Defined reasons/times when a tour plan must be submitted for council review.

Updated Pledge of Performance.

Q. My council is telling me my plan is defective; what does that mean?

A. It would be best to address that with the reviewer directly so that defects can be removed. In many cases, it may just be that part of your plan was incomplete.

Common reasons could include lack of two-deep leadership; training not completed, documented, or expired; excessive daily travel; and not including vehicles with the capacity to carry the tour.

Q. Is planning and preparing for Hazardous Weather Training required for all tours?

A. Yes, it has been required for all tours, including local and national, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing, since January 1, 2009. It should be repeated every two years and is appropriate for not only adults, but Boy Scout-aged youth as well. A CD is available for use at your unit, district, and council events where Internet access is not available. Search [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) for Item 610642 .

Q. What should we use for permission from parents?

A. The Activity Consent Form and Approval by Parents or Guardian is an appropriate resource.

Q. Do I need anything else if we are going on a discovery flight?

A. Yes, please complete the Flying Plan Application along with an Activity Consent Form and Approval by Parents or Guardian (for each participant).

## Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record

**Q. The Annual Health and Medical Record just went into effect January 1, 2010. Why are there changes being made already?**

A. This is a living record. Based on input from individual Scouters, local councils, health and safety and risk management committees, high-adventure bases, medical experts, and changes in health care, requirements updates must occur. The plan is to continually assess the record and update it annually as needed in order to protect the health and well-being of all participants.

**Q. Can I use last year's Annual Health and Medical Record with a physical conducted in August 2010 for summer camp in June 2011?**

A. Yes. 2011 will be a transition year. An Annual Health and Medical Record that contains a valid physical exam can be used to meet your council's resident camp standards in 2011. Please note that last year's record does not meet the requirements for the high-adventure bases, so you will need to execute the current version for your 2011 trek, if applicable. It is suggested that those individuals who do not have a physical exam requirement transition now to the updated format.

**Q. Can I use the Annual Health and Medical Record for participation at the high-adventure bases?**

A. Yes. There is only one health record for the BSA. However, it is imperative that you read Part D if you are attending one of our high-adventure bases. YOU are responsible to Be Prepared for your high-adventure trek and understand and follow all high-adventure base rules, procedures, and guidelines.

**Q. Where can I find the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

A. It is posted in a downloadable PDF format on Scouting Safely on Scouting.org.

**Q. The old Class 1, 2, and 3 forms were based on age. What about the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

A. There is no longer a difference in the exam interval (if required) based on age. The Annual Health and Medical Record is for everyone young or old.

**Q. There are four parts to the Annual Health and Medical Record, which part do I need to fill out?**

A. All participants should fill out Parts A and B for any event. This would include parents and siblings for events like a day or family camp. Part C (the physical examination) should be completed if you are participating in an event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, such as high adventure bases (Philmont, Northern Tier, and Florida Sea Base), jamborees, summer camps, and Wood Badge training courses. Part C also is required for participation in a resident camp setting or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding such as service projects and work weekends. It is important to note that the height-to-weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle-accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas. Please note that individual units, districts, or councils may have policies in place to exceed this standard based on their unique risks.

**Q. How often will I need to renew/update my Annual Health and Medical Record?**

A. The record will need to be updated at least annually, just as many schools or sporting leagues require an annual update. Many health changes can happen throughout a year, including changes in disease processes, medication, address, and insurance.

**Q. What is meant by "Annual" and "valid for 12 calendar months"?**

A. If you complete your record on March 9, 2010, it will be valid through March 31, 2011, but you must complete a new Annual Health and Medical Record by April 1, 2011. Please note that the next National Scout Jamboree in 2013 will have a specific window when the record must be submitted.

**Q. What does it mean by "ADULTS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE YOUTH TO AND FROM EVENTS"?**

A. For the majority of our participants, the parents or legal guardians will release and retrieve a youth at the start and end of a Scouting event. This information would be anticipated to change by adding to the parents or legal guardian someone who you authorize to pick up your child early from an event or if you are engaging someone to transport them to and from the Scouting program. It is not a list of specific drivers for a tour. Those are listed on the unit or contingent tour plan, not on an individual's Annual Health and Medical Record.

Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to review this information on a regular basis with Scout leaders to make sure they understand any out-of-the-ordinary requests or unusual circumstances such as who should not pick up a youth.

**Q. Does Wood Badge require Part C, the physical exam?**

A. Yes, the course is more than 72 hours in duration, even if split into multiple weekends. Contact your course director to see if the

course will be conducted in a backcountry location that will require adherence to the height/weight chart.

**Q. Do I really need to explain everything about myself or my child, such as learning disabilities or depression? I don't want myself or my child to be treated differently.**

**A.** As hard as it may be to share these aspects about yourself or your child, this information is needed to structure safe activities and is imperative when giving emergency care. Please be thorough and honest. Our experience also indicates that a Scouting activity is not the place to experiment with or stop medications, especially those that address these issues. Scout leaders are encouraged to be discreet and maintain all medical information in confidence.

**Q. Why do I need to put my child's or my own social security number on the record?**

**A.** It is your choice as to whether you fill in this number; however, in many states, medical care cannot be rendered without it.

**Q. What if I don't want to have my child immunized for tetanus or other immunizations due to philosophical, political or religious beliefs, do I have to sign a release?**

**A.** Yes, the recommendations of the immunization task force were accepted by the Health and Safety Support Committee in October 2008 and are listed on Scouting.org under Scouting Safely. If you choose not have your child immunized, the release form can also be found there. Declining or inadequate immunizations will require verification by a certified and licensed physician (MD, DO), NPs, or PAs that a communicable disease is not present. Inadequately immunized participants will be identified so that they can be located in case of a necessity for isolation or quarantine as per local public health official directives. Immunizations protect not only your child but other children as well.

**Q. Can I decline medical treatment?**

**A.** Yes, but a release must be signed. The release can be found under Scouting Safely on Scouting.org. This practice is highly discouraged because this choice can put the entire unit at risk, both mentally and physically. Declining medical treatment will require verification by a certified and licensed physician (MD or DO), NP, or PA that a communicable disease is not present.

**Q. Can I use another medical exam, such as a school sports exam, and attach it to the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

**A.** No. In an effort to maintain standards of preparedness and fitness for participation, and to make sure that the medical professional conducting the examination knows the various outdoor adventures than can occur in Scouting, the BSA requires completion of Part C. Part C also includes the height/weight chart for high adventure situations where emergency medical care is not readily available. If you do your part to help (by completing as much of the form as possible), your medical provider likely won't mind completing both.

**Q. Why is there a talent release on the Annual Health and Medical Record? It doesn't really have anything to do with health.**

**A.** In response to requests from several councils, to meet state requirements and eliminate paperwork, we have included the talent release, as well as those authorized to take and pick up youth, as part of the Annual Health and Medical Record. As this is an annual record, councils may establish additional requirements for specific events that will exceed the release language.

**Q. Our camp is at least 30 minutes from the local hospital by ambulance or EMS. Does this mean that we automatically have to meet the height/weight requirements for all activities at the camp?**

**A.** While response time for basic or advanced life support should be a consideration for a camp's emergency action plan, it is not the record's intent. If your travels by foot, bicycle, horseback, afloat, or whatever the mode of transportation take you more than 30 minutes off of an accessible roadway where in an emergency vehicle can reach you, you will be required to meet the height/weight requirements to make sure that a rescue can be made safely.

**Q. When does the height/weight chart apply? We have differing opinions in our unit/district.**

**A.** The height/weight chart will apply in the following known adventure activities:

When your travels take you more than 30 minutes off of an accessible roadway, fire lane, camp road, etc., where you float, walk, hike, bike, or otherwise go into the backcountry. Depending on the terrain and local conditions, this might be a few hundred yards or a few miles into the backcountry. Most BSA high-adventure camps that include a backcountry component (ask them about their requirements before you go). Philmont Scout Ranch has this standard in place as an example.

When your lodge, unit, district, or council requires it as part of a program.

The height/weight chart generally would not apply in the following situations (unless specific instructions are issued as an exception):

The majority of BSA resident camps, most local council Cub Scout/Boy Scout resident camps have drive-up campsites and don't require packing in or out.

Cub Scout programs. (Backcountry and high-adventure are not age-appropriate for Cub Scouting.)

Wood Badge courses in a typical resident camp setting, though courses held at a national high-adventure base like Philmont Scout Ranch will enforce the limit.

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree. (However, please review the Be Prepared link on the Jamboree website to review all medical risk factors, including excessive body weight.)

**Q. Is the height/weight chart mandatory for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree?**

A. No. However, if you review the risk factors on <http://www.bsajamboree.org/> under the Be Prepared tab, you can see that we recommend a body mass index (BMI) of less than 30 (obese) for adult staff positions requiring moderate to high physical exertion. We recommend that youth fall within the 5th and 85th percentiles. As with past jamborees, this jamboree promises that everyone will be walking at least 5 miles per day. Youth with BMIs over the 95th percentile and adults with BMIs over 40 (morbidly obese) should reconsider participation. Watch the jamboree newsletters and Web site for more information.

**Q. I believe my body fat percentage will prove that I am fit and able to participate in the events described in the Annual Health and Medical Record requiring the use of the height/weight chart. Can I obtain a body fat test from my physician and use those results?**

A. Yes, body fat percentage may be used if your weight is 295 pounds or less. However, please call the camp to determine if any specific type of testing is required. (Acceptable body fat percentage for women is 20 percent or less. Acceptable body fat

**Q. My child is underweight according to the chart on the Annual Health and Medical Record. Can he still participate in high-adventure activities?**

A. Yes, if he is cleared by his health-care provider as stated on the record. Based on our experience, excessive body weight is a much higher risk. See <http://www.bcm.edu/cnrc/bodycomp/bmiz2.html> for further information concerning underweight youth. If his high-adventure activity includes backpacking, make sure his pack weighs no more than 20 to 25 percent of his body weight as recommended by Philmont Scout Ranch and the Health Lodge Task Force.

**Q. What is the appropriate maximum weight for us to use as my child / I am under 60 inches tall?**

A. Subtract 6 pounds for every inch you are less than 60 inches to come up with a maximum acceptable weight for your height. Example - 58 inches - maximum would be 166 pounds - 2 (inches less than 60) X 6 pounds = 154 pounds.

**Q. Why is there privacy (HIPPA) information on the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

A. In response to requests from several councils, to meet state requirements, and assist in the understanding of privacy (HIPPA) laws, we have included the link and authorization for release of information to the adult leader in charge.

**Q. What do I do if the medications listed on the form change between the physical and the Scouting event?**

A. You should update the information and be sure that the prescribing physician verifies that the new medication does not alter the participant health status and ability to participate.

**Q. What should I do if the participant's health status changes significantly between the time he/she has the physical exam and the activity occurs?**

A. The health form is a snapshot of your health at the time of the physical. Don't put yourself and others at risk by failing to recognize and disclose changes in your health status. New medicals, surgery, illness, changes in disease process are all reasons to ask your provider to reassess the participant's health status and fitness to participate.

**Q. Why do these forms seek to exclude Scouts and Scouters from participating in Scouting activities?**

A. Standards are put in place to protect the health and well being of all participants. The participant that is not healthy enough to participate in a given activity puts himself/herself and others at risk. No one wants a Scout or Scouter to be placed in a situation that is risky or could lead to permanent disability or death. In many cases the initial Scout physical is the first time a health condition is discovered so treatment can begin and long term negative outcomes prevented.

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## Order of The Arrow

As an organization we are especially dedicated to doing cheerful service. You may have seen us helping clean up at Scout Expo, or helping run this past year's Council Centennial Jamboree. We also do many projects at our Council Camps. This year we put in the New Dining Deck at Cherry Valley, and in years past have helped build tent sites up at Trask. Besides all the service aspects of OA we also like to have a lot of fun, and have several events dedicated to having fun such as Fellowship, Conclave, and NOAC. Although we have events throughout the year we always remind our members that the Troop comes first. OA is not supposed to take the place of the troop.

In order to join OA you must first be elected by your troop in an OA election put on by your District's OA Election Team. OA is one of the few



honor societies where members are elected into it, by non-members. If you're a Scoutmaster in the coming months you should be getting a call from your Chapter's OA Vice-Chief of Membership to schedule an OA election, and a Camp Promotion presentation if you're interested. If you have not been contacted by the end of February you can contact either me personally, or Eric Chang the Lodge Vice-Chief of Membership

from the Lodge Website at [www.tatankalodge.org](http://www.tatankalodge.org)

On our website you can find out more information about what the OA is all about, our meetings, and subscribe to get emails about our upcoming events. You can also view our Where to Go Camping Guide, which has a list of local National Forest Campsites, and Council Camps. If you ever have any questions about the OA feel free to contact me from the Lodge Website.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Josiah Deveau

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