

# LOS PADRES PRESS

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Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo Counties



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## A Thanks to Our Editor

Los Padres Council would like to extend a thank you to our long time editor, Brad Ross. In 2014, Brad volunteered to take on the Los Padres Press newsletter and turned it in to the success that it is today. After four years he has retired. Brad, thank you for your dedication. Happy retirement!

## Council Executive Message

Summer is a special time for our Scouts. Camps cross the country will be filled with Cubs and Scouts and it will be a place to make new friends, take on a challenge, learn a new skill, and grow as a leader. As I look forward to opening Rancho Alegre to our Scouts soon I can't help to think of the memories I will be building at camp with my own 3 boys. Memories that we will all carry for the rest of our lives and will impact my sons character at they grow into adulthood and the next generation of leaders, husbands and one day fathers themselves making their own memories with their children. Scouting has lent my family



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an avenue to strengthen our bonds and helped Martha and I teach our boys to be kind, trustworthy and reverent. It has taught our boys to think be on themselves and do a good turn daily, not for recognition but because it's the right thing to do. As we move Scouting forward in our community I want to give every family the opportunity t build on the bond with each other and help our youth become the next generation of leaders. Thank you for all the support you have afforded our kids and I invite to take advantage of the opportunity to have an impact in our youth by supporting our efforts.

Thank you and God bless,

Carlos Cortez

Cub Scout Leader | Scout Executive/CEO

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## Council President Views



This past March I was honored to be selected to serve as President for Los Padres Council. Before sharing some of my vision and hopes for the Council, I would like to thank and acknowledge John Brinker for his steadfast work as the past Council President. John served with great distinction while handling some very significant challenges, most notably the July 8, 2017 Whittier Fire that destroyed the majority of Rancho Alegre. Our Council benefitted from John's leadership as we have started the rebuild of the property with the grading portion of the reconstruction starting this past April.

In addition, during the final six months of John's term, leadership developed a multi-year council strategic plan which led to the consolidation of districts to the new Cuesta and Pacific Coast Districts. We have already begun to see the benefit of these new districts as our district boards become full and vibrant. We also saw two consolidated Camporees in April with fantastic involvement and Scout spirit.

For those of you that I have not met, I earned my Eagle Rank in September 1977 as a member of Troop 358 in San Marino, California which is in the San Gabriel Council (now merged with Los Angeles Council). I served as scoutmaster and an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 26 in Santa Barbara for the past 14 years and served as District Chairperson of the South Coast District for 4 years.

As I begin my two-year term as Council President, I look forward to some great Scouting adventures. We are now in full swing with the family Scouting initiative in Cubs Scouts and the Scouts BSA programs. This is very exciting, and I look forward to more youth benefiting from great Scouting programs. Please make sure you use your council resources as you learn more about these new programs.

A continuing challenge will be the rebuilding of Rancho Alegre and The Outdoor School program. We still have significant fundraising goals to ensure that we provide the best camp property possible for our Council. We need everyone's best efforts to make this a reality. We also need to continue to keep Friends of Scouting strong to ensure proper funding of our Council.

I enjoyed my visit with many packs, troops, and volunteers of the Council at the Scout-o-Rama event on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's event was held at the parade field next to the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. I wish to thank all of the folks responsible for the success of this annual event. I especially enjoyed the rain gutter regattas with the strong afternoon winds.

As we celebrate 100 years of Scouting on the Central Coast, join with me in making this year a special one, and a year of accomplishment and growth that we will look back on with pride.

Yours in Scouting,

Trey Pinner

## Say Hello to Ken Miles

Ken comes to Los Padres Council as the new Development Director. He has many nonprofit experiences including Camp Fire Central Coast, Family Care Network, Inc. in San Luis Obispo, American Red Cross in San Diego, CA, and Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Home in Virginia. Ken's nonprofit experiences include providing youth services, donor and fund development, event management, volunteerism, community relations, strategic planning, marketing and business development within the nonprofits sector. Ken is a nonprofit specialist certified through CFRE, International and is a Certified Nonprofit Executive (CNE) and is an instructor for SPOKES, a local nonprofit support center. After working many years with at-risk and foster youth, Ken is excited to provide youth prevention programming and youth development for the children, youth and their families on the Central Coast.



*Kenneth D. Miles*

# Make Scouting a Career! *NOW HIRING!*

## Become a District Executive in Santa Barbara

Since 1910, Scouting has helped mold the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes and understands that helping youth puts us on a path towards a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Today's professional Scouters are a diverse group of men and women sharing a dynamic career offering independence, achievement, and stability. This is work that makes a difference, work that calls one to continual learning and challenge, work that offers solid compensation, benefits and advancement.

### **The District Executive selected will:**

- Work with a volunteer board of directors and other community and business leaders to identify, recruit, train, guide, and inspire them to become involved in youth programs.
- Achieve progress towards specific goals and objectives which include: program development through collaborative relationships, volunteer recruitment and training, fundraising, membership recruitment and retention.
- Be responsible for extending programs to religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and other community-based organizations through volunteers.
- Secure adequate financial support for programs in assigned area. Achieve net income and participation objectives for assigned camps and activities.
- Recruit leadership for finance campaign efforts to meet the financial needs of the organization.
- Ensure that all program sites are served through volunteers, regular leader meetings, training events and activities.
- Collaborate with adult volunteers and oversee achievement of training for their respective role.
- Be a good role model and recognize the importance of working relationships with other professionals and volunteers. The executive must have communication skills and be able to explain the program's goals and objectives to the public.
- Provide quality service through timely communication, regular meetings, training events and activities.
- Have a willingness and ability to devote long and irregular hours to achieve council and district objectives.

### **Desired Skills:**

- Strong marketing, fund-raising and program development background is highly desired.
- Non-profit, fundraising or sales experience is a plus.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and interacting with diverse audiences. Excellent people skills, enthusiastic, punctual, responsible and creative.
- Self-motivated individual with solid time management skills and strong organizational skills in management, budgeting, and planning.
- Committed to personal and professional productivity, while maintaining high ethical and professional working standards.
- Bilingual, fluent in Spanish and English

## Requirements:

- Must subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (transcript with the date degree conferred stated is required for employment).
- Attained 21 years of age or older unless prohibited by any applicable law.
- Ability to work varied hours when necessary, evening activities and weekend and evening work is frequently required to achieve positive objectives.
- Ability to travel for training at least once a year for one to two weeks.
- A Scouting background is helpful but not required for employment.
- Ability to effectively communicate in Spanish.
- Valid CA drivers license.
- Offers for employment are subject to criminal, reference and motor vehicle background checks.

## Compensation:

All councils are equal opportunity employers. In addition to offering a competitive salary, Professional Scouting offers benefits to include major medical, prescription coverage, dental, vision, life-insurance, long-term disability, accidental death, a defined benefit retirement plan, plus compensation for authorized and approved business related expenses to include phone and mileage reimbursement. We also offer generous vacation policy and ten holiday observances.

### How to apply:

Qualified candidates must submit cover letter and resume with to [carlos.cortez@scouting.org](mailto:carlos.cortez@scouting.org)

**Additional information on a career as a District Executive can be found at this links:** <http://www.scouting.org/Careers/WorkingWithUs/EssentialSkills.aspx>

<http://www.scouting.org/jobs/dayinthelife.aspx>



## Los Padres Council Centennial— 100 Years of Scouting on the Central Coast

Thank you to every single one of our Scouting families for making 100 years on the central coast a possibility! Of the 7,000 young people who participate in our programs annually, some will grow up to be teachers, parents, soldiers, workers, and leaders of our country; but we are confident that all of them will have made a positive impact on their communities. Thank you for the role you've played in the life of our Scouts.

## Rancho Alegre Update

Progress for the Rancho Alegre rebuild is moving at a good pace. Peter Lapidus, General Engineering Contractor and his crew have completed 13 building pads in advance of the building contractor. Upon approval of permits by Santa Barbara County a new sewage system will be installed (part of the new infrastructure) as a next step.

Stantec Engineering has submitted the sewage plant designs to the county and is working thru the process for approval. Building Construction is pending as we wait to issue the building permits. The plans are about 95% complete as of this writing.

Frank Shipper Construction is ready to begin constructing the foundations as soon as the permits are issued.



The Spring Water line along Tequepis Creek is being prepared for replacement. The Los Padres Council, BSA has contracted Blue-Tomorrow Environmental Collaborative Solutions to help us in filing for the necessary permits and to prepare a NEPA study. We plan to begin repair and replace of the water line in late summer early fall.

Our partners from the Center for Employment Training, Santa Maria Center continue to help us cleanup after the fire with removal of dead trees, shrubs and help in fire protection around camp. Thanks to CET for helping us to restore Rancho Alegre!

*-Glen Goddard, Program Director*

## SAVE THE DATE

When: *Thursday, October 17th*

Where: *17th Santa Barbara Club*

*Come join us for an evening celebration of 100 years of Scouting on the Central Coast!*

*Details on [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) coming soon.*

## A Unique Asset to Our Community

For over 50 years RA has been a resource for our Scouts and The Outdoor School. As we look towards the future we want to extend the opportunity to take advantage of our asset to all of our community families and friends. We look to open up RA to our communities' families whether in Scouting or not. We plan to help families have a unique experience at RA and provide their kids an impactful experience incomparable to any other. We invite you to leave a legacy and support our youth as we not only rebuild, but reimagine RA for them for Santa Barbara County. Call Ken Miles at (805) 835-9456 for more information.

*- Carlos Cortez, Scout Executive*

**Phoenix Campaign Goal 69%  
Achieved!**

"I wanted to put my kids into an organization that focuses on leadership, life experiences, and adventure. Scouting is that program"

-Cubmaster, Pack 322

"The advancement opportunities in Scouting provide fundamental skills for life advancement. If my children derive half the pleasure from it that I did, than it's a worthwhile investment for me."

Cubmaster, Pack 31

"I had an amazing experience as a youth in the program, so much so that I pushed to earn the rank of Eagle. I wanted a similar experience for my kids."

-Committee Chair, Pack 6

## Three-quarters of children spend less time outdoors than prison inmates

### *Be a Friend of Scouting*

A couple of years ago Time Magazine published a study entitled, *Three-quarters of UK children spend less time outdoors than prison inmates*. According to the report, kids in the United Kingdom are spending less time outside than prisoners.

A survey of 2,000 parents in United Kingdom found that nearly three quarters of children are spending less than one hour outside every day. About 20% are not going outside at all on a regular basis. U.N. guidelines mandate that prisoners receive "at least one hour of suitable exercise in the open air daily."

"The truth is we are enclosing our children," Mark Sears, an advocate for "wild play," told the paper. "We are stifling their ability to be free, to be at their best as children and it is having significant impacts."

For over 100 years Boy Scouts of America has helped youth dig deep inside and discover their "sparks," their personally defined nuggets of potential. Whether it is camping or a unit meeting, we listen, we encourage, and we provide the opportunity to uncover each young person's unique interests. We help youth become the exceptional people they are destined to be, buoyant with potential to do anything they dream of

doing.

Scouting encourages children to set down their electronic devices and discover the wonder of the outdoors. So far this year an approximated 300 Scouters attended Camporee in both Cuesta and Pacific Coast District. Scouts spend many hours throughout the year outside. "I believe the outdoors is the best classroom for children and families." states Ken Miles, Los Padres Council's new Development Director. "What better place is there to learn about the environment and oneself."

Helping a young person become who they want to be takes time and encouragement. It takes paying attention to what sparks a passion. Camping or just taking a hike can open the door of self-discovery.

Portland State University studies show children who have extensive outdoor experiences, especially English learning students, are more likely to show up to school, and afterward, are more confident at public speaking, more interested in volunteer opportunities, develop critical thinking skills and more likely to use conflict mediation skills with their peers.



- Pacific Coast Camporee

Friends of Scouting understand the power and awe of being outdoors. Last year over \$270,000 was donated to provide program for our local children and youth. THANK YOU!

You truly have made a difference in the lives of children and youth on the Central Coast. Please consider a Friends of Scouting donation that will continue providing our Scouts the chance to enjoy the outdoors, learn about their environment and discover their personal passions. You can easily give online at [www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org) or through your local District Executive. Your gift will make a difference in the life of a Scout!

## Be The Purpose of Popcorn "May the Corn be with You!"

Sign up today to explore the wonderful world of popcorn in a galaxy far, far away! Okay, maybe it isn't that far away... In a mere three months Scouts all across the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties will be selling popcorn to help pay their way to camp and help their parents offset the cost of their Scouts to participate in Scouting throughout the year.

One of the most common reasons why Packs and Troops don't sell popcorn is because they think that the products are too expensive, and they worry that consumers won't pay that much for a bag of popcorn. That fear couldn't be farther from the truth! Campmasters has a long history of data that shows that people are willing to support Scouting.

- In 2018 the average sale price was \$17.33. That's over a \$12 donation to Scouting
- With over 70% going back to local Scouting, over two-thirds of people asked will support scouting with a purchase of popcorn

The mid-level to high dollar items (\$15 to \$50) make up over 80% of the total sale  
Still not convinced? Take a look at this example using another popular fundraiser - Candy Bars:

- A unit buys candy bars and sells them for \$1 each, keeping 50 cents. The 50% commission seems like a great deal, until you do the math.

If the unit asks 100 people to buy candy bars and assuming EVERYONE says yes, they will make \$50. If the unit sells popcorn, they will have a variety of products to offer. The average sale price is \$17.33. Your minimum commission will be 35%. Most units receive on average 40% commission plus prizes for the Scouts!

If the unit asks 100 people to buy popcorn, and only

70% of the people say yes, they will make \$424.59 (70 people x \$17.33 average price x 35% commission)

If only 50% say yes, a very unlikely and low percentage, then the unit would make \$303.28 (50 people x 17.33 x 35% commission)

Even if you only get 50% of the people saying "yes" you will make 6 times the amount of profit! Not to mention that once you buy the candy bars you own them. With Popcorn the sale is no-risk and we will take back unsold products. We don't bill until the sale is over. We offer a local team to provide support and guidance. We offer online and mobile selling options, and more!

Once you get down to it, the Popcorn sale is just more economical and makes more sense!

### Where does the Money go?

Units keep their commission to help fund their unit's program and how the money is entirely up to them. Some units use it to raise funds for a big trip, summer camp, new gear, or just regular operating expenses. Many units pay for their entire year's program with this one fundraiser

The Council's portion of the sale helps fund things like camperships, improvements at Rancho Alegre, and to pay for the cost of administering the sale. All of the money gets directly re-invested in local Scouting.

- April Wright-Litchfield | District Executive



Pack 51

## **2019 Popcorn Sales Dates**

District Kick-off Dates: TBD

### **Show & Sell**

Show & Sell Orders Due to Council: 8/27/19

Show & Sell Order Pick-up: 9/14/19

Show & Sell Invoice Due & Super Saturday Return Day: 10/12/19

### **Take Order**

Take Orders Due to Council: 10/15/19

Take Orders Pick-up & Final Invoice Due: 11/9/19

Prize Orders Due: No Later Than 12/2/19.

**To register your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post, please return the form below.**

(To receive 2% bonus commission please return this form by July 1, 2019)

**Email to: [April.Wright@Scouting.org](mailto:April.Wright@Scouting.org)**



*LOS PADRES COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA*

*2019 CAMPMASTERS POPCORN SALE*

*UNIT COMMITMENT FORM*

PACK/TROOP/CREW #: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT KERNEL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

# Camp Cards for a Cause

## Help a Scout Earn Their Way to Summer Camp

### Scouters;

If you are like me, money always seems to be in short supply to pay for extra activities and I must make some hard choices about how I will spend my money. Well, Los Padres Council has brought back a proven winner that can help provide your scouts with an opportunity to raise money to pay for their summer activities, lessen the demand on your wallet and learn some valuable life lessons. Yes, Camp Cards are back for your Scouts to earn their way to camp.

### Earning their way to Camp

The Camp Card sale initiative is designed to help Scouts earn their way to summer resident camp, high adventure or Cub Scout Day Camp or summer activities. Units or individual Scouts participating in this sale, will earn 50% commission (\$2.50) for each \$5.00 Camp Card they sell. Camp Cards can be signed out by units for many scouts or for one scout to sell.

### The program is RISK FREE.

The program works on a consignment basis where the Pack, Troop or Post simply signs out the cards they want to sell and then returns any unsold cards.

### Community Partners

Local businesses have offered generous one-time discounts that make the sale of this card a no brainer. Several more partners, right in your own community, have offered discounts that are multi-use all year round. Take advantage of these partnership to help your Scouts get to camp.

Parents and unit leaders should become an expert on:

### Camp

- Encourage all your Scouts to select a day camp or resident that fits their summer schedule, needs and wants.
- Understand and explain to parents the importance of the “outing in Scouting!”
- Set a goal for the percentage of Scouts attending camp and achieve it!

### Camp Card

- Communicate the purpose of the Camp Card sale and time line to your Scouts and parents.
- Inspect, coach, and praise your Scouts.
- Submit the names of each Scout who sells 25 cards for the weekly prize drawing.
- Collect all money and turn in the amount due to the Council on time.

### Camp Card Value to you and your Scout

The Camp Card represents opportunities to Scouts and value to the community. At 50% commission here is the value!

- Cub Day Camp (Avg. of \$150.00) —————  
60 Camp Cards
- Scout Resident Camp (Approx. \$400.00) —————  
160 Camp Cards

# Scout Shop Promotions

Need some supplies for your next Hiking Trip? Stop by any of our three service centers in Atascadero, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara for all your Scouting needs!



- Philmont or other National High Adventure Bases (Approximate \$1,800.00) —————  
720 Camp Cards
- Teaching the value of “earning your own way” has never been easier.

Your District Executive is available to each of you for any questions you might have.

-Paul Bradley, District Director



\*offers included on front and back of card

## Service Project Opportunity

Is your Troop or Crew looking for a unique service project?

Then you are in luck because the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden has a laundry list of projects – including the Garden sink – that will benefit the community for years to come. This is a beautiful, growing community Garden that is changing lives in the Community and provides tourist with a snap shot of San Luis Obispo. If you are interested in having a lasting impact on the community, please contact:

Chenda Lor

Executive Director

3450 Dairy Creek Road

San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

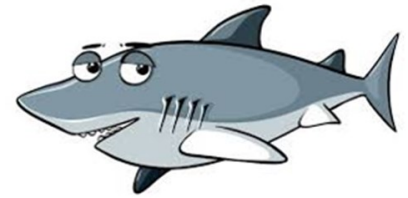
(805) 541-1400 x300



## 2019 Day Camp! Ocean Discovery



Cub Scout Day Camp is truly the best week of a Cub Scout's Summer! Day Camp is a week-long day-camp adventure where Cub Scouts and parents experience a bigger part of Scouting. Each camp offers a variety of activities, often including arts and crafts, games, shooting sports, STEM, cooking and Scout Skills. Activities at this year's day camp are centered around the theme of "Ocean Discovery".



Cub Scout Day Camp is open to all registered Cub Scouts — Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos. New Tiger Cubs (entering first grade in fall 2019) must be accompanied by an adult partner. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun by serving as a den leader at camp. Day Camp offers one free T-Shirt per Cub Scout and volunteer.



Scouts BSA Den Chiefs may also support the day camp program by assisting the Cub Scouts throughout the camp.

Your Day Camp Directors have returned from National Camp School and are looking forward to sharing their newfound expertise with your Scouts at Camp! This year we have 3 confirmed day camp opportunities for your Scouts. **Day camps will be held in Atascadero from June 17 to June 21. Also, in Los Osos from June 24 to June 28. Another in Santa Maria from July 8 to 12. We are in the planning stages for a Santa Barbara camp from July 22 to July 26.** The exact location has yet to be finalized.

In addition to the four day camp opportunities we will be offering a Cub Scouts Adventure Day again at Rancho Alegre where Scouts will have an opportunity to experience all three shooting sports disciplines, BB guns, archery, and sling shots! There will also be crafts and STEM related activities included! The exact date is to be determined and will be shared soon.

Please contact your district executive for more details. Paul Bradley for the Cuesta District can be reached at [Paul.Bradley@scouting](mailto:Paul.Bradley@scouting) April Wright-Litchfield can be reached at [April.Wright@scouting.org](mailto:April.Wright@scouting.org).

We look forward to seeing you at camp!

## Pacific Coast District Highlights

### 2019 Pacific Coast Volunteer Recognition Dinner

On Saturday, May 11 the Pacific Coast District held its annual volunteer recognition dinner. The dinner was catered by Country Catering in Goleta. The owner, Steve is an Eagle Scout himself. Dinner was delicious, and everyone left happy and with full bellies.

This year our district advancement chairman, Len Kamlet served as our master of ceremonies and event chairman. Len implemented the first annual unit spark plug award in order to recognize volunteers who give outstanding service to the units that they serve. We were honored to recognize 9 outstanding volunteers who have contributed greatly to their unit's success. He also implemented the first annual "Jack Cantin Memorial Scout of the Year Award." We honored Eagle Scout, Eddie Aguiniga from Troop 103 in Lompoc for overcoming great personal obstacles to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

We were fortunate to honor 3 District Award of Merit recipients. Clark Cashmore with the former Live Oak District was recognized for his outstanding work as a district commissioner in 2018. John DeLeon Jr. was recognized for his dedication to the council High Adventure Team on behalf of the former Cachuma District. Richard Block was recognized for his incredible service to the former South Coast District for his work on the 2018 Scout-O-Rama and his willingness to allow the district to hold its Day Camp at the Zoo.

Scouts BSA Troop for Girls 007 in Buellton was recognized as being the first Scouts BSA Troop for Girls in the District. They were also recognized for their achievements at Camporee and their willingness to include the other Scouts BSA Lone Scout Girls in their Troop to participate in Camporee.

## Cuesta District Highlights

### Michael Britton | Cuesta District Chair | Scout-o-Rama Chair, 2019



Michael was a Boy Scout in San Diego, achieving the rank of Life Scout. Michael recently returns to us after many years away from the program, joining the Camino Real District Committee in 2016 as Finance Chair, and District Vice Chair in 2018. He was recruited to be the first District Chair for the Cuesta District in January 2019. Michael is also involved in Kiwanis – he is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pismo Beach, and is the immediate past Lt. Governor of Division 29 in the Cal-Nev-Ha District. He has also served as the acolyte leader at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in SLO, and has been Senior Warden at both St. Stephen's, and at St. Barnabas in Arroyo Grande.

Despite his time away from Scouting, he has always remembered the positive impacts Scouting has had on his life, and it is this impact that drives him. Having a tough childhood, he knows what kinds of support can be so valuable to children. Michael seeks to do what he can to assure that the programs that he benefitted from as a child remain to serve those children who need it today.

Michael is a licensed Civil Engineer working for the County of SLO, and is currently the Transportation Planning and Traffic Operations Supervisor. He lives in Arroyo Grande with his wife Rebecca who serves as the Director of Programs and Services at the Boys and Girls Club of South SLO County in Oceano. You could say that, between the two of them, they do their part to improve the lives of all children throughout our community.

## The following volunteers were recognized at the dinner.

### Veterans Awards

Joseph Bauer – 40 Years  
Vickie Sorensen – 35 Years  
Chuck Sorensen – 30 Years  
Alan Munch – 25 Years  
Martin Sanchez Jr. – 5 Years  
Trevor Anderson – 5 Years

### Training Awards

Christopher Bird  
Leonard Kamlet  
Joe Wierenga  
Scouter's Keys  
Travis Bower  
David Watkins  
Leonard Kamlet

### Unit Leader Award of Merit

Leonard Kamlet

### Commissioner Awards

Aaron Houston  
Robert Wasserman

### Spark Plug Awards

Martha Cortez – Pack 93  
Espiri Ferreira – Pack 93  
ustin Tolliver – Pack 102  
Trevor Anderson – Pack 36  
Brian & Susan Hersh – Pack 36  
Aaron Houston – Crew 154  
Lana Gundrey – Troop 007  
Greg Hammel – Troop 2  
Laura Mitchell – Troop 37

### Scout of the Year

Eddie Aguiniga

### District Award of Merit

John DeLeon Jr.  
Clark Cashmore  
Richard Block

## Troop 1602 *Girls in Scouting* -By Hailey McKinley-Radder

Being fifteen, I often hear that 'there isn't anything to do around here.' I am told that has been said about many towns throughout the ages. I haven't the years of experience my parents and grandparents have to know if this is true, but let's say it is. Then what have teenagers done during the pioneering days, or depression, or the fifties to now? Looking back, some have sought out others their same age to spend time with. Some have done things worthwhile, and others not so much. In looking around here in my own town, I have found a small group of kids my own age doing something completely different and new.

I am a photographer by nature, and I am always trying to focus on things that are developing and bettering my community. One thing caught in my focus; a group of girls doing something no one has done before.

They are known as Troop 1602 Scouting BSA. Since the Boy Scouts of America has opened its arms



to young women and girls to join up, this pioneering bunch decided to do the same. It is said that opposites attract, and this group is definitely eclectic in a good way. Starting this past February with the daughter of now Scoutmaster of Troop 1602, Bailey Von Dohlen, a junior at Paso Robles High School, is the Patrol Leader, the first member, and pied-piper of the unit. Word of mouth amongst girls is how this troop has gained its founding members. It is not often that youth find themselves part of history, but that is indeed the case with this new troop. It is the first all young women troop in San Luis Obispo County, and first in the Cuesta District of the Los Padres Council, BSA. Why did Bailey want to be part of Scouting? *"Having been involved with Scouting through my brothers and father my whole life and not being*

*able to be directly involved makes this experience, now being*

*able to, so much more worthwhile."* Some might say, it's about time girls and young women were allowed to be part of Scouting. But being a private organization, it took a while for the idea to be implemented and the young



ladies of Troop 1602 are definitely 'going for it!'

I have taken the time to trail Troop 1602 and watch them grow over just the past few months. They started with four members and now are a strong fourteen. The second in charge who has the position of Assistant Patrol Leader is Cassidy Gard, an eighth grader attending Lewis Middle School. She is also a good member in standing of a Girl Scout Troop. Cassidy joined at the same time as Bailey.



Together, they are molding the troop and encouraging their friends and others to join up. She attended her very first Camporee in April and found herself in charge of the patrol. *"This was definitely a learning and bonding experience for all of us to become better friends. Joining scouts was probably one of the best decisions I have ever made because it has taught me so many new things and meeting new people,"* says Cassidy. They competed in skills around the tried and true Scouting feats of knot tying, lashing, fire building and team building exercises. This was made difficult since some of the troop members had just joined the week before and needed to learn the skills prior to the event in order to compete against long

*"..Joining scouts was probably one of the best decisions I have ever made because it has taught me so many new things and meeting new people,"*

standing all boy troops. It takes true grit to compete in normal circumstances for any teen, but doing it against 190 other youth, all young men with years' experience, pronounc-

es these young women and pioneers by all definitions.

So what are they doing about the 'there's nothing to do in this town' mentality. For starters, they are learning the Scout Law, which states, 'A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.' The Scout Oath is 'On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help

other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.' These are the basis for the activities they have decided to do.

Among their up and coming outdoor activities of hikes, Dutch

oven cooking, attending Camp Oljeto this summer, they have service opportunities to better our community as well. The young ladies have signed up with Woods Humane Society to volunteer to assist in the day to day



operations where they can and have plans for several other service projects monterey county the community.

What makes them so different? Their enthusiasm is infectious. They are so excited just to be in their weekly Scout meetings and all ideas are open and welcome. It isn't easy for youth, who don't know each other, to get together and plan adventures as well as learn skills to help them develop as strong young women and great citizens of the United States of America.

- Hailey McKinley-Radder, 15

# Program Proclamations & Reflections

*From Lynn Johnson*

We get to talk again about all the good things that happen in Scouting on the Central Coast. We are so lucky to have a good program, and that there are several volunteers that are working to make things go well for our young people. Thanks to the for all they do. Let's spend a minute and talk about what has happened and what is coming up over the next three months.

Recently, I was able to attend two very good Camporees. Both districts did a wonderful job of putting on a great event for the Scout BSA members of the LPC. I was very grateful to see that I didn't just talk about the boys of the Council. We had young ladies as well and young gentlemen that were doing their best to demonstrate their Scout skills and represent their programs. I look forward to seeing more positive things like this happening.

We also had our annual Scout-O-Rama. This year the Cuesta District hosted this. They held it in San Luis Obispo. IT's been a long time since we had a Council Scouting event in SLO. The Madonna Inn pasture was a great place for this event. I look forward to what Pacific Coast is going to do in 2020. We'll hold meetings later in June to discuss the lessons we learned from the 2019 Scout-O-Rama, these meetings will start at District Operations on June 27.

At both Camporee and Scout-O-Rama, the Honor Society of Scouts BSA was there. **The Order of the Arrow** is a great way to have some fun too. They have just completed their Spring Ordeal. There were service projects for our wonderful camp completed. Things there are progressing. If you are eligible to join but didn't attend the Spring Ordeal, I hope you'll be able to take advantage of the Summer one coming in August.

Looking forward to good things coming in the near future as **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is coming**. This year the course will be on 2 weekends. Please refer to the Council online calendar to find registration material. If you know boys that you would like to have experience NYLT it's not quite too late for this year, but you need to get busy now to make this work for them.

Also, **if you haven't been to Wood Badge, that's a great opportunity to learn how to be a more effective leader**. While our Council isn't hosting a course this year, there are Councils close to us that would welcome you on course. If you have been to Wood Badge, and would like to learn more, there are ways for you to be on Staff of a course. You know what they say about learning skills, you don't really know the skill until you have taught the skill. There are ways for you to

be on Wood Badge Staffs. Please just let me know if you are interested in doing that.

**This summer is a great event, it's time for the World Jam-boree. It will be held in the USA!** The location will be at the Summit in West Virginia. Scouts from around the world will be attending. We have some adults that are going to help our boys from Southern California. We also have adults that are going to be on Staff for this event. It will be a real highlight for those involved.

Also this summer, your units should be getting ready for camp. IF anyone isn't going to go camping, **please let me know how I can help you get to a camp**. It's a real shot in the arm to get to live the Scouting model. There are limited spaces around, and I would be happy to try and help you find a place for your young people to go. This is not just an older Scout experience. **Our Cub Scout Day camps are happening all over the Council**. If you don't know about Day Camp, please talk to your unit commissioner. If you don't know who that is, please let me know, I'll help you get in touch with those in your District that are doing Day Camps.

One more thing, **when you return from Camp, please let us know**. One of the areas that National helps us figure out if we're doing an adequate job in leading the Council is The Journey to Excellence program. One of the markers we track closely is how many Scouts attend either Day Camp or Summer Camp. The numbers we get make us wonder if you as leaders are not reporting what you've been doing. We'd like to ensure that you get credit for what you do. Hope this makes sense to you. All you need to do is tell your unit commissioner where you went for your summer activity. My Troop is preparing to head up to a camp near Truckee, the picture we saw from earlier in the month still have snow in them. I think this is going to be an interesting summer.

Just so you know, we will have the **University of Scouting again this fall**. The date will be on October 26. We don't have registration open yet, we don't even have all our instructors yet. We know it will be in Orcutt, in exactly the same place it's been previously, and we know a date. If you want to be involved, please let me know.

Thank you for all you do. Thank you for making Scouting work for the young people of Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo Counties. If you have matters you wish to discuss, please just let me know. Hope to see you down the Scouting Trail,

*-Lynn Johnson*

Council VP - Program & District Ops

# NYLT

## *National Youth Leadership Training Set for June 29 to July 1 and July 5 to 7, 2019*

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids,

which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

The Los Padres Council, BSA is pleased to offer the NYLT course at Rancho Alegre over two weekends. June 29 to July 1 and July 5 to 7. For more information contact: Aaron Houston, Course Director, aaronh@wildwooddoorfactory.com



## Safety Moment

### Pre-Event Medical Screening

Preparing for a campout or other event takes a lot of planning. One way to make sure everyone has fun and stays healthy while participating is to use the Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist before getting in those vehicles. Helping to prevent the spread of communicable diseases should be included as part of your preparation.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Why should you add one more thing to your to-do list? Checking to make sure everyone is well enough to attend before heading to the event makes sense. The Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist can help you do just that very quickly and easily. It is a tool to find

out if someone is ill before you hit the road. Use it for everyone attending the event—adults and youth alike.

Before leaving, you should do a quick health check for every participant. This includes:

- Reviewing each participant's Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) with them. Make sure all sections are completed and identify any potential medical issues.
- Checking to make sure participants have enough medication for the entire length of the trip including all emergency medications, such as asthma rescue inhalers and EpiPens, if needed.

Determining if everyone is healthy enough to travel and attend the event. Use the Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist as a fast way to do a medical check. Eight quick questions can help to stop the spread of common communicable diseases to others in attendance. If someone responds "yes" to a question, the checklist provides guidance on what to do.

If you are traveling long distances, it may be a good idea to use the checklist upon arrival at the event too. Symptoms can pop up on the way, and by identifying an illness early you can potentially help prevent transmission to others in your group as well as to the others in attendance.

The Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist is not meant to be printed and saved. Do not keep it as a part of the AHMR. In fact, you can use just one copy or an electronic version during your health check before leaving. No need to fill it out. Just ask each person the questions. That's all there is to it!

*From www.Scouting.org*

## Order of the Arrow

### *Chumash Lodge 90 Order of the Arrow Summer Ordeal*

The Summer Ordeal for new members elected in last winter's elections will be at Rancho Alegre on August 23-25. This is the last chance that those individuals will have to become OA members without having to requalify in next winter's election cycle. Registration is online at the Council's website. The Lodge will be performing several service projects to help prepare the camp for the various construction projects that will begin this fall. The Lodge is committed to the rebuilding of the camp following the July 2017 Whittier Fire that destroyed 95% of the camp. Also, the August Ordeal is also the annual business meeting of the Lodge in which new officers for the upcoming year are elected.

So, are you qualified to be a Brotherhood Member? Become a Brotherhood member at the Summer Ordeal! Brotherhood is the second honor in the Order of the Arrow.

Eligibility for Brotherhood: (1) 2019 dues must be paid; (2) It has been at least 10 months since your Ordeal; (3) a letter must be sent to the Lodge Secretary detailing how you wish to continue serving Scouting and the

Lodge; and (4) Attend an Ordeal weekend and go on a meditative walk with a guide and other Brotherhood candidates.

## New Editor Needed

### *Are you the next Los Padres Press Editor?*

The Council is looking for our next Los Padres Press News editor! We are looking for someone with an eye for detail and great editing skills. Not only is this an amazing volunteer opportunity that would do the Council a great service, but the Newsletters look GREAT in a personal portfolio!

If you think you could be the next editor, reach out to Erica.Mundell-McGilvray@Scouting.org!

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*From all of us at Los Padres Council,  
Thanks for reading and for all of  
your support!*

