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Council Executive Message

Los Padres Council Scout Families and Supporters,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. The safety of all our Scouts, families, volunteers, and staff are our top priority. Both physical and mental health are parts envisioned in the Scout Oath.

As we maneuver through these unprecedented times, we at Los Padres Council want to be a resource for you and your Scouts. I want to share with you that while all of us are living under the Statewide stay-at-home mandate for the safety of all of us, our Scouts can complete their work and advancements. We encourage you to utilize the resources to meet online for scheduled Packs, Troops, Board of Reviews, and Den meetings. Be creative and work on merit badges and assignments with your Scouts, parents, and volunteers. Think of unique and different ways Scouts can do a good turn, like write a letter or make art for an elderly neighbor; host an online-session for Senior Living Centers where a Scout can have a concert, do a skit, or read to the elderly to help them cope with our current state. This will keep your Scouts entertained while doing something good for others. There are several resources in this article to help you keep Scouting while at home. Also, follow us on our Facebook

page @LPCBSA to see the latest information on everything program and some live streams of activities.

In order to provide you the best service possible while following local government direction we have closed our San Luis Obispo Service Center until further notice and have limited access to our Santa Barbara Service Center. Our Scout shop is available to fill orders. Please call 805-967-0105 to place your order.

We know these are challenging and confusing times, but we remind you we are your Scouting family and are here to support each other. Together we will get through this and keep Scouting alive and well throughout the Central California coast.

God bless us all

Carlos Cortez

Scout Executive/CEO

Council President Views



During these difficult and challenging times I feel we can look to the core of our scouting program, “The Scout Law”, and use it to address the many issues our country and community are facing.

Trustworthy: Know that each and every member of the scouting movement will be there for all those in need of assistance. **Loyal:** We promise to follow through on providing the best scouting program possible – now and in the future. **Helpful:** Reach out to your friends and neighbors and ask if they need assistance with anything. **Friendly:** Give someone a call to just check on how they are doing. **Courteous:** Although we are not gathered together in groups, make sure you are treating those that you do encounter with civility. **Kind:** Just remember this is a tough time for everyone, young and old, and have extra patience with one another. **Obedient:** Do what is asked of each of us and help slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus. **Cheerful:** Although these are stressful time keep a positive attitude. **Thrifty:** We will all be facing economic challenges during these periods of limited activity and we will need to be mindful of our resources. **Brave:** Stand tall and know that you are prepared to face these challenging times head on. **Clean:** This one is pretty clear, wash your hands again and again. **Reverent:** Lean into your faith and ask for guidance and wisdom.

I always tell the scouts that I work with, that during difficult times the skills you learn in scouting will make you the one others will turn to in times of trouble. Well, the world will be looking for leadership and our scouts and the council our prepared to lead.

Trey Pinner

Council President

Council Commissioner Update

Scouts and Scouters,

We are experiencing a new chapter in Scouting, with our shelter-in-place at home protective policy and distancing ourselves from others. This places a new twist on all our Scouting programs. Your Commissioner Corps is working to provide advice, ideas and resources so we can all continue to deliver the Scouting promise. Tele-Scouting is a great way to accomplish continuing meetings and providing some daily or weekly fun, adventure and contact between Scouts, their leaders and their families.

Scouting’s motto is Be Prepared!

Now is the time for us to work to ensure we continue to deliver a quality Scouting program, via various telecommunication platforms. Video, audio, audio and video, email, pictures, videos, on-line projects, tele-communicated advancement projects and even Boards of Review for Scouts. All of this can be accomplished via, what I am going to call- Tele-Scouting.

I cannot imagine any parent and or family who would not appreciate any effort that all of you put forward to keep our youth involved in Scouting activities during these difficult times. The resiliency of Scouting is alive and well in all of you. Your Commissioners stand ready to offer guidance, resources and assistance in your voyage to create your own Tele-Scouting program within your unit.

Please share your ideas, projects and success stories with your Commissioner and other Scouting Leaders. We are all looking forward to your innovative ideas on how to keep and expand Scouting during this period of social face to face interruption.

Commissioner Corps

On behalf of all 22 of our Los Padres Council Commissioners, I want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for everything that each of you has and continues to do to continue, expand, and provide new ways to deliver Scouting to our youth.

I look forward to our continuing tele- Scouting adventure!

Bob Putney

Council Commissioner



Properties Update



From VP of Properties: Laurie Tamura

The Phoenix Committee continues to meet every two week by conference call. This committee has been working now for over two years on the Rancho Alegre Rebuilding project.

February was an exciting time at the Ranch as the spring water line was installed and connected to the Camp. Helicopters were used to delivered spools of plastic pipe along the route and also left out the old iron pipe that needed to be removed. We need to thank “Blue Tomorrow Environmental Consultants” for their successful work with the US Forest Service in obtaining all of the permits to install this new water line along Tequepis Creek. Lapidus Construction worked very hard to get this line in before the nesting season. Great job to all.

The next big project is a new water tank as the old one was damaged in the fire. The new tank has been designed by Stantec Engineering and is in final plan check with the county. We had to get new soils test and that was completed by Mark Braun Soils Engineer. The goal is to install in the month of April.

Frank Schipper Construction continues work on the staff housing and the dorms. March had several heavy rain days that made work challenging.

The electrical lines were installed in the trenches and inspected by PG&E.

Many other things are happening at Camp. Glen Goddard continues to lead this effort and we really appreciate his leadership.

Rancho Alegre Camping Committee met in February reviewed building progress. Most of the meeting was focused on the scouting programs and camp site development for the next year. There has been some funds donated for campsite, program areas and shooting ranges. Once we get full funding and through the rainy season work in these scouting program area will begin.

In response to the COVID-19 statewide mandates the crew at RA has been reduced but work continues. Our services centers have been temporarily closed, but if you call 805-967-0105 we will take care of your needs and fill your order from the Scout Shop and ship or deliver to you.

Finally, all of this rebuilding costs money and the capital campaign continues to work on Fundraising. Please consider talking to those you know about donating to the Rancho Alegre project. There are naming opportunities based on the level of funds provided. Several scouting families are pooling their contributions so that their extended family together can sponsor an improvement at Rancho Alegre. Please contact carlos.cortez@scouting.org for help on this effort and visit our website www.lpcbsa.org or follow us on Facebook @LPCBSA to get the latest information and see the progress.

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2020 Los Padres Council Calendar Sponsorship Opportunity

We recognize that many of our units may be struggling with unit fundraising during our governor's orders to shelter at home. In an effort to help, Los Padres Council would like to extend the opportunity for units to sell sponsorships from home for our annual printed calendar. Sponsorships help Los Padres Council to continue to deliver the promise of the Scouting program to the youth in our community.

Los Padres Council Calendar will be distributed starting in May to Scouting Families, Volunteers and community members from all over SLO & SB counties.

The calendar will also be handed out at various Scout functions, which provides year-round exposure for advertisers.

Units that help secure one of the sponsorship levels listed on the order form will receive 50% commission for their efforts!

We hope that you consider this a worthwhile cause and plan to join us in seeking new sponsors for our 2020-2021 Council Calendar.

Please direct all sponsorship inquiries to our Program Executive, April Wright-Litchfield at April.Wright@Scouting.org or by phone at (805) 478-9375.

Yours in Scouting,

Los Padres Council Finance Team

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Pacific Coast District Highlights

Be Prepared

What does it mean to Be Prepared when so many forces are changing? Sometime the knowledge of not being prepared requires a no reply. Here is what happened for our District Dinner that was scheduled for March 14th. We planned on having the Dinner at Rancho Alegre dining hall with the meal prepared by the local Elks Club. However, due to potential rain and construction at the RA we were asked to move as the upper roads would not be passable. So plan B was to find a back up venue to hold the dinner. We were welcome to use the Oak Valley School multipurpose room in Buellton and their kitchen area. I filled out all the paperwork for the school and was approved for Saturday's event. This was completed the Thursday before. I had a conference call with the Len Kamlet the event chair and we were a go for the awards dinner. Later that day the Governor laid out mandates for gatherings and social distancing. Accordingly, just 5 hours later we talked again and cancelled the awards dinner as a Scout Leader reminded me that a Scout is Obedient and one of the Scout Laws. We were prepared and flexible as possible but could still not meet our objective. The point is that no matter how prepared you are or think you are there are still random events that can make for an undesired outcome. Scouting is resilient and leaders are doing virtual rank advancement along with merit badge skills. Scouting continues to be strong in the Community. My only regret is that we are not able to volunteer in the Community as before with blood or food drives. Although it is not Scouting as usual, it is Scouting that makes us push the envelope to become and do better.

Congratulations to all the Pacific Coast award winners. We hope to reschedule the awards dinner and have a formal presentation.

District Awards of Merit: *Ilona Brewer, Len Kamlet, and Andy Wulfestieg*

Jack Cantin Pacific Coast District Scout of the Year: *Ryan McLain, Troop 33*

Unit Awards of Merit: *Espiri Ferreira, Cubmaster Pack 93, and Ron Terry, Scoutmaster Troop 87*

Unit Spark Plug Awards: *Hani Abughazaleh Pack 122, Emily Bertsch Pack 102, Johnnie Bradshaw Pack 2103, Jyll Doubleday Troop 26, Jessica Ferreira Pack 93, Linda Houston Crew 154, Erinn Kohler Pack 122, Mark Luehrs Pack 93, Steve Nelson Pack 102, Chris Ograin Pack 36, Edward Quinonez Troop 87, Kimberlee Quinonez Troop 87, and Kris Soderman Troop 37*

Our next District Meeting looks like it may be a virtual meeting from your computer at home. Stand by and thanks for your efforts in making for an awesome Scouting experience.

Yours in Scouting,

David Brown

Pacific Coast District Chairman



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2020-2021 Calendar Advertising
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All Ads must be submitted by ***April 15, 2020** for publication into the calendar.

Please email your artwork using a **.JPEG** graphics file format to:

April.Wright@Scouting.org

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- *In addition, the calendar will be handed out at various Scout functions, which provides year-round exposure for advertisers.*
- *With your sponsorship of a full-page, half-page, quarter-page, business card ad, more youth will benefit from the aims and ideals of Scouting.*



Centamillenium Sponsor \$20,000

- Recognition on the Council Website, Social Media, & Marketing Materials
- Full-page Color Ad – Annual Calendar
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- Full-page Color Ad – Scouting Celebration Dinner Program
- Full-page Color Ad– September Major Member Dinner Program
- Color Ad in The Quarterly Los Padres Press Newsletter
- 12 month sponsor featured all year long!

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- 9 month sponsor featured all month long – *you chose the months! *subject to availability

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- Recognition on the Council Website, Social Media and Marketing Materials
- Full-page Color Ad – Annual Calendar
- 6 month sponsor featured all month long – *you chose the months! *subject to availability

Century Sponsor \$2,500

- Recognition on the Council Website, Social Media and Marketing Materials
- Full-page black & white Ad – Annual Calendar
- 3 month sponsor featured all month long – *you chose the months! *subject to availability

Decade Sponsor \$1,500

- Full-page Color Ad – Annual Calendar
- 1 month sponsor featured all month long – *you chose the month! *subject to availability

Full Page Ad \$1,000

- Full-page, black & white Ad – Annual Calendar
(Ad size 5.5" x 8.5")

Half-Page Ad \$500

- Half-page, black & white Ad – Annual Calendar
(Ad size 5.5" x 4.25")

Business Card Ad \$250

- Business Card size black & white Ad – Annual Calendar
(Ad size 2" x 3.50")

Note: Advertisements subject to availability.

Thank you for your support!

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Cuesta District Highlights

These are clearly trying times. Covid-19 has ground many of our lives to a halt, and people are impacted – having to work from home, out of a job, or as first responders, risking exposure full-time. My day to day job is necessary and important work – but we are finding ways to still keep things operating while doing most of us work from home. I believe that this will change how we work together going forward, even when the virus passes. Within our District Committee meetings, we have been striving to allow for virtual connections, but finding it difficult to put into place; now, we have no choice.

As we go about our daily lives, I am reminded of the Scout Law: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

- I ask you to have trust in your District Committee staff – we are also volunteers, and seek only to do what is best and what is right; not rashly, but calmly and with thoughtfulness. We are hoping to demonstrate our trustworthiness – help us by recognizing that the guidance on this pandemic is constantly changing, and in the early days of this virus, we were doing our best to keep up with it. Stay tuned.
- Be loyal to your commitment to do what is right during these trying times.
- Be helpful, friendly, courteous and kind. It is easy to lose faith or patience in others whom you perceive as not doing the right things. Feel free to speak up, but don't forget to be helpful, friendly, courteous or kind in your interaction.
- Be obedient - do those things that will give us the best chance of getting this virus past us; maintain safe distances, and keep yourself clean. And if possible, stay home.
- Be cheerful – all of this will be hard enough on everyone. Being cheerful will make it easier for us to get through this.
- Be thrifty – we do not know how long we will face this pandemic, so we must prepare for a longer stretch than normal.
- Be brave – know that we will get through this.
- Be clean – I struggled with finding how to make a 20-second handwashing standard. I have since learned that "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" more than does the trick!
- Be reverent – use your faith to provide the reassurance you need.

I have no doubt that this pandemic will forever change how we interact going forward, much like 9-11-2001 changed many aspects of our daily lives; but we will get through this, and we will have a new normal on the other side. As of right now, certain District events slated for April had not been cancelled. This has already gone on for longer than some originally anticipated and I suspect some difficult decisions will need to be made in the very near future. Be prepared, and stay tuned.

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chairman

Friends of Scouting 2020



Dear Scouting Family,
We thank you for your past investment in time and treasure to Los Padres Council and the children we serve. We strive to transform kids in Scouting as well as give children in the local community the opportunity to experience nature at Rancho Alegre through its Outdoor School. Because of your support, approximately 50,000 community service hours were provided by 3,000 scouts council-wide. In addition, 600 Boy Scouts and over 800 Cub Scout advancements occurred. In The Outdoor School's last full year of operation before the Whittier Fire approximately 4,000 children were able to attend. We are also happy to report that 100 scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2019.

Your 2020 FOS pledge and gifts are more crucial than ever in these changing times. The spread of the Coronavirus has temporarily limited our unit meetings and pledge presentations for 2020.

You can make your annual Friends of Scouting gift or pledge by going to www.lpcbsa.org and clicking "donate" in the top left corner.

Social Distancing in Scouting.

Scouts take social distancing to the extreme to deliver the program.

Despite the Covid 19 virus disrupting their lives, Scouts and Scout leaders find ways creative to be together while still being apart. In order to maintain the Scouting presence, Scout leaders are turning to Google Hangouts, Zoom, GoToMeeting and other social media outlets to continue to deliver the Scouting program.

Packs and Troops, Boards of Reviews can all occur online. Be creative and thoughtful and reach out to your unit leaders with ideas to keep Scouting alive and well, in your home. For those of you who are homeschooling your children, this approach to Scouting will allow you to readily incorporate your scouting into your son or daughters school hours.

To quote Telford Works,

Troop 33 had its first online meeting in its history, over Zoom. It went pretty well. We had a traditional opening as I shared a JPG of the American flag. Boys alternated leading the Pledge, Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code. We discussed preparedness and how to adjust our upcoming spring plans. Then in breakout rooms, ranking Scouts and adults checked off newer Scouts on Tenderfoot-to-First Class requirements. Finally, I asked the boys to set goals for their spring break weeks and we had our traditional closing. It was a meeting we'll remember.

For more information regarding creative scouting done at home please feel free to reach out to Myself, Paul Bradley, District Director, Cuesta District at paul.bradley@scouting.org or (916) 257-9728; or Johnnie Bradshaw District Executive, Pacific Coast District, at Johnnie.Bradshaw@scouting.org; O (805) 967-0105, M (805) 588-2046

Here are some ideas that might stimulate thought or give direction:

Bryan on Scouting Blog

Program at Home

At home time provides unique opportunities to pursue certain types of advancement, like parent-cub activities and merit badges that are well-suited to work at home. See the section on Merit Badges for information on this. Advancement isn't the only part of Scouting.

Online Patrol and Den Meetings

- <https://www.gimkit.com/>

Online gaming can help engage youth in social interactions in constructive, structured activities

- <http://join.me>
- <http://bluejeans.com>
- <http://gotomeeting.com>
- <https://zoom.us/>

Online Learning

- [Catalina Island Conservancy Learning at Home](#)

Personal Growth

- www.ted.com
- <https://ed.ted.com/>

List of Merit Badges for Social Distancing

American Business	Electronics	Model Design & Building	Scholarship
American Heritage	Energy	Moviemaking	Sculpture
Animation	Engineering	Music	Search & Rescue
Art	Environmental Science	Nuclear Science	Soil & Water Conservation
Basketry	Family Life	Oceanography	Space Exploration
Bird Study	Fingerprinting	Painting	Stamp Collecting
Chemistry	First Aid	Photography	Sustainability
Chess	Game Design	Plant Science	Textile
Citizenship in the World	Genealogy	Plumbing	Theater
Collections	Graphic Arts	Pottery	Weather
Composite Materials	Home Repairs	Programming	Wilderness Survival
Cooking	Leatherworking	Pulp & Paper	Woodcarving
Digital Technology	Mammal Study	Railroading	Woodwork
Drafting	Metalwork	Robotics	
Electricity	Mining in Society	Salesmanship	

Advancement Updates

Cub Scouts

Los Padres Council Cubmasters and Committee Chairs,

If you have not seen the recent guidance about Scouting Advancement, please find attached a document shared by BSA National, to share with your den leaders and families as you see fit. For Cub Scouting, this primarily reminds you that Cub Scouts may continue to advance for their current badge into the summer, so if your den leaders are stressed about trying to finish up all advancement during this school year, remind them that they can take advantage of the additional time.

For Webelos (and Webelos II/Arrow of Light) dens, the direction from National is that for the next few months, parents can sign off on a Scout's advancement, in the event this will be necessary. (Normally this is reserved for their den leaders.)

Please work with your den leaders to make sure that opportunities for your Scouts to advance are available to them. There are a number of online resources for safe, fun, and structured activities for Cub Scouts. They can earn their Cyber Chips and (with parents) explore some of these activities.

We are grateful that you are helping your Packs through this extraordinary time. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Scouts BSA

Los Padres Council Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs,

I'm sure you're dealing with our current health isolation with your charter organization and other unit leaders. If you haven't seen the recent guidance from BSA National regarding advancement issues, I've attached a copy for you. The key takeaways:

Scouts working on advancement, specifically the requirements for months being active in the Troop and months for positions of responsibility for Star, Life, and Eagle, should not be penalized for the extraordinary circumstances we are all facing. Instead, you are invited to work with those Scouts and help plan a new set of expectations for what it means to serve in those positions of responsibility or be active. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to try and help.

For Life Scouts approaching their 18th birthday, there has always been a process where extra time can be requested for extraordinary circumstance (refer to the Guide to Advancement). These requests have always been judged at the National level, and granting the extension is rare. With the direction in the attached document, the local council has the authority – for a limited time – to grant time extensions for Life Scouts who need the extra time related specifically to the coronavirus issues. The time extension request must come from the unit (preferably the Scout) and spell out the reasons and the items for advancement that cannot be completed (and why). This would most likely be Merit Badges or Eagle Projects.

If you have any Scouts who are in this situation, please contact me directly and I can help you help your Scouts. I'm already aware of two Scouts in our Pacific Coast District, and there may be more.

Where possible, consider on-line options for continued advancement and activity of your units. This also includes Scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review. We've run two Eagle Boards of Review using video conferences, and I would be happy to advise on lessons learned if you are interested. There are a number of online Merit Badges popping up, in or out of our Council. Scoutmasters, remember that you still have the role to direct Scouts to Merit Badge Counselors as appropriate, so you should look at these opportunities and evaluate them before recommending them to your Scouts.

If you have any questions about the items I've highlighted above, or any other questions, I'll do my best to answer them.

Yours in Scouting,

Len Kamlet

Los Pacific Council Advancement Chair

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Questions and Answers Regarding Advancement

Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The following questions regarding advancement have arisen as we deal with closures, cancellations, or other issues caused by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Although there are difficulties and constraints, advancement can continue. Youth, parents, and leaders should work together to implement creative, common sense ways to facilitate advancement while adhering to the Guide to Safe Scouting and following the rules of Youth Protection training.

Please follow this link to the [Guide to Advancement \(GTA\)](#), which remains the primary source for information related to Scouts BSA advancement. It is referenced throughout the answers provided here.

Please send additional questions to advancement.team@scouting.org

All Scouting Programs

Q: How can advancement be tracked remotely?

A: Scouting units should use ScoutBook to record and track advancement.

To track advancement remotely, parents should:

- 1) *Connect with their child's member profile via an invitation that the unit leader sends within ScoutBook.*
- 2) *Once a connection is made, the parent should use the Scouting app, found in both the App Store and Google Play, to stay connected with their unit.*
- 3) *The Scouting app provides parents the ability to report any advancement that was completed at home.*

Go to <https://help.scoutbook.com> to learn more about how to start using ScoutBook and how to connect parents to their Scouts.

Cub Scouts

Q: May parents sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements?

A: Yes. Through July 31, 2020, parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family, may sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements. We strongly encourage that parents use the Scouting App or ScoutBook to record completion of their child's requirements.

Q: If my den is behind in advancement due to COVID-19, can my Cub Scout continue to work on advancement through the summer?

A: Yes. Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020. This is to provide any additional time a Cub Scout needs to complete their badge of rank; if they earn their badge of rank prior to July 31, 2020, they may advance to the next rank.

Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts

Q: May merit badge requirements or rank requirements be modified?

A: No. All requirements must be completed as written. If meetings or activities are canceled or limited, youth should continue to work on requirements as far as possible. By employing common sense and creative solutions, many requirements—even Scoutmaster conferences—can be fulfilled through videoconferencing or telephone calls.

Q: Can merit badge counseling or Nova/Supernova counseling be done using digital technologies like Zoom or WebEx?

A: Yes, registered merit badge counselors or Nova counselors/Supernova mentors may work with youth using digital platforms, ensuring that all youth protection measures noted in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) and [social media guidelines](#) are in place. In addition to youth protection, the advancement guidelines in GTA Section 7 are required.

Q: May time missed due to canceled unit meetings count toward active participation requirements?

A: Yes. If youth are registered and in good standing, a disruption from COVID-19 virus can be the “noteworthy circumstance” that prevents participation. This policy has been in place for many years and is explained in GTA Topic 4.2.3.1.

Q: May time missed due to canceled unit meetings count toward position of responsibility requirements?

A: Yes. If youth are registered and unable to meet the expectations of their positions because of COVID-19 disruptions, then units may need to waive or rethink the expectations. Just as youth must not be held to *unestablished* expectations, they must not be held to expectations that are impossible to fulfill. See GTA Topic 4.2.3.4, “Positions of Responsibility,” with its six subtopics.

Q: Does the National Council grant extensions of time to complete rank requirements beyond the 18th birthday for the Eagle or 21st birthday for Summit or Quartermaster?

A: Yes, but only for the Eagle Scout rank as described in GTA Topic 9.0.4.0 or for Venturing Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster as described in GTA Topic 4.3.3.0. Unit leadership must become familiar with the five tests under 9.0.4.0. The tests were designed to accommodate such obstacles as those presented by COVID-19 disruptions.

Q: May local councils grant extensions?

A: Normally, that is not allowed. However, due to the current situation—effective immediately and through September 30, 2020—council Scout executives may grant extensions, or delegate authority to the Council Advancement Committee to grant extensions under the following limitations:

- 1) *It can be established that COVID-19 disruptions were the only circumstances that delayed work on Eagle Scout/Summit/Quartermaster advancement requirements, such as the service project or merit badges. If any other causes were involved, the extension request must go to the National Council following the process outlined in the GTA.*
- 2) *Extensions shall only be granted to youth in Scouts BSA who have already achieved Life rank.*
- 3) *When the council receives a COVID-19-related request for a time extension, the council reviews the request and approves it if appropriate. A written response stating the outcome of the extension request must go to the youth. If approved, the notification must be attached to the youth's Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster rank application. For Eagle, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 18th birthday; for Summit/Quartermaster, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 21st birthday.*
- 4) *Upon turning 18, the Scout must submit a completed adult application and successfully complete YPT; their participant code will now be UP for SBSA or VP for Venturing and Sea Scouting.*
- 5) *Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth's 18th/21st birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the GTA.*

Note: A “month” in BSA advancement is defined as a day from one month to the next. For example, March 5 to April 5.

The authority for councils to grant extensions is temporary, lasting only through Sept. 30, 2020

Q: If youth have already received an extension, can they request additional time due to COVID-19?

A: Yes. Council Scout executives may grant extensions, or delegate authority to the Council Advancement Committee to grant extensions under the limitations listed above.

Q: What should be done while an extension request is being considered?

A: Youth should continue to work on advancement in so far as they are able—e.g., independently, or over the phone or videoconference—and at Scouting activities once they resume.

Q: Are extensions required when an Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster board of review must be delayed?

A: No. Councils may grant Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster boards of review up to six months after the youth's 18th/21st birthday. See GTA Topic 8.0.3.1, “Eagle Scout Board of Review Beyond the 18th Birthday.”

See also, GTA Topic 8.0.1.6, “Boards of Review Through Videoconferencing.”

Q: Will youth who are not yet Life Scouts be allowed to apply for an extension to earn the Eagle Scout rank

A: Extensions are considered only for Scouts who are Life rank. If, once a Scout achieves Life rank, it turns out that COVID-19 disruptions along the way have left them with insufficient time to complete Eagle requirements, then this may be cited when the time comes to submit an extension request.

Q: Are electronic or digital signatures acceptable for rank advancement or for the Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster packets/applications?

A: Yes. Electronic or digital signatures will be accepted through September 30, 2020.

Q: How can a youth continue to work on advancement requirements if they don't have internet or high-speed internet for videoconferencing?

A: Youth may take a picture of their completed activity/requirement and share the work with unit leaders. In keeping with Youth Protection Training policies, all communications from youth should be sent to at least two adults. Parents or guardians may send advancement work on behalf of their child.

Status of Council Events

Dear Scouting Family,

As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is our top priority. We know there are questions and concerns about how COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus, could affect local Scouting programs in Los Padres Council. Please know that we are monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 both locally with our Council Health Supervisor (*Note: please engage your CHS if you have not*) and through the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

The following information regarding events and prevention measures is based on the latest available guidance. As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change. We will continue to update you on relevant developments, and we appreciate your understanding of any necessary adjustments in the interest of health and safety.

District & Council Meetings – Committee, Board, & Roundtable

All Committee & Board meetings are being held via video conference. Roundtables have been put on hold until further notice.

San Luis Obispo Service Center – Grand Opening & Operation

Postponed. We look forward to celebrating with you once the COVID-19 threat is behind us. Also, please note that due to the San Luis Obispo County Shelter in Place order, the San Luis Obispo Service Center will remain closed until the COVID-19 virus threat has passed and the county resumes normal operation.

Merit Badge Pow-Wows – Cuesta & Pacific Coast

The Merit Badge Pow-Wow Chairpersons have postponed the Merit Badge Pow-Wows during the governor's orders to shelter at home. They will reevaluate alternate course dates after the COVID-19 threat has been mitigated.

Cuesta & Pacific Coast Camporees

With a heavy heart, both Camporee Chairs in each district made the difficult decision to postpone the annual Camporees. They will evaluate the rescheduling of the event once they have more information on how long we can expect the governor's order to shelter at home to remain in effect.

2021 National Jamboree Informational Meeting

We will be cancelled the in-person meeting scheduled for Friday, March 20 at 7:00 PM to be held at the Lompoc Elks Lodge. Instead we hosted a video conference on Google Hangouts from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday March 20th.

*Please note that we are still looking for adult volunteers who wish to serve on the national jamboree planning committee! Please let me know if you're interested!

2020 Camp Cards

After much consideration we have decided to postpone the start of the Camp Card Sale for the safety of our Scouts and our community health as a whole. We are hopeful that we will still have time to coordinate sales once the coronavirus threat is behind us. We hope to share more information as soon as it is available.

Wilderness First Aid

Our Council Risk Management Chairman, George Brown announced that the Wilderness First Aid course scheduled for APRIL 2020 here in the Los Padres Council (LPC) has been postponed indefinitely. This was done in accordance with current recommendations regarding COVID 19 and in abundance of caution, as well as a high level of uncertainty regarding facility availability. If and when the class is rescheduled, we will advise you immediately.

OA Chumash Lodge 90

Your Lodge Leadership Team have been closely monitoring the latest COVID-19 updates and we have come to the determination that they will be **suspending all Lodge and Chapter events for at least the next 8 weeks**, in response to the new CDC guidelines on public gatherings. We are still tentatively holding our May Ordeal on May 1st-3rd, but that plan will be re-evaluated around mid-April. There will be more updates sent out if any changes appear in the future. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused and hope you all are staying safe!

2020 Summer Programs – NYLT & Cub Scout Day Camps

In light of several Scouting events being canceled or postponed, your camp directors are hopeful that the COVID-19 virus will have run its course by the beginning of June when we start our summer programming like NYLT, Cub Scout Day Camp and Adventure Day and that we should be safe to proceed with the events as planned. At this time, we are still going to proceed forward with the expectation that will be the case. Since this is a rapidly developing situation, we may end up having to cancel these events.

Please look for any event updates on our website at www.lpcbsa.org.

Unit Meetings

With safety in mind and based on guidance from national health officials,

the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is strongly advising that in-person meetings, activities, events and gatherings of 10 or more people be suspended through the end of March. Please also follow any restrictions outlined by your state and local health department or other state and local authorities. This applies to youth and adults out of an abundance of caution.

In accordance with national guidelines, please focus on the following through the end of March:

- Avoid in-person gatherings; instead, utilize available digital and online resources, such as video conferencing, to continue Scouting meetings, projects and advancement, adhering to the current youth protection guidelines already in place for digital communications.
 - ◊ If you must meet, limit participants to fewer than 10 people and remain at least six feet apart.
 - ◊ Follow BSA blogs and social channels, as well as #ScoutingAtHome, for great examples and ideas of how to continue Scouting.
- If you or any member of your family feel sick, DO NOT go into the office or attend any gatherings. Contact your health professional to get care and notify your supervisor so they can take the appropriate measures while you focus on recuperating.

We will continue to evaluate the ongoing situation and prioritize the safety of everyone involved in Scouting – youth, families, volunteers, employees and our communities – is our number one priority. We realize these decisions are not without their challenges, and we thank you for helping meet the needs of our communities in difficult times. The steps we are taking reinforce the many ways – big and small – that Scouting empowers character and leadership today and for generations to come.

BSA Policies to Prevent the Spread of Illness

The Boy Scouts of America continues to have policies and procedures in place that help protect participants from contracting an illness at large Scouting event. These include the [Annual Health and Medical Record](#) and the [Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#).

Order of the Arrow



Everyday Preventive Measures

Even with those important policies in place, it is critical that we all take these everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- **Stay home when you feel sick.**
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and wash your hands before and after doing so.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve/elbow, not your hands.**
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Do not share personal items such as cups, water bottles, eating utensils, etc.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.** If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

If you have a fever, cough, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19, or if you believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, you should isolate and not attend any Scouting events. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

Should you have any questions or concerns about a specific upcoming event or activity, please reach out to your local district executive. We will do everything we can to answer your question using the information available to us.

Yours in Scouting,

Lynn Johnson

Vice President of Program

Like all parts of the Council and California, the Order of the Arrow is adjusting to the safety measures in place to limit social interaction through this pandemic. Our March Fellowship was cancelled, and our Lodge Executive Committee meeting was held online. Among the decisions made at that meeting was to postpone our Spring Ordeal (Induction) weekend, originally scheduled for May 1-3. It will now be held November 6-8, and our Lodge Banquet and Lodge Leadership Development will be moved up to coincide with that same weekend. At least for now we are still planning for the Summer Ordeal for the originally scheduled dates, August 21-23. Those who wish to convert their Ordeal membership to Brotherhood will be able to at either of these Ordeal weekends.

Elections for the Order of the Arrow were held for many but not all of our Troops in the Council. If your unit has not held its election, then once meetings are allowed to resume please contact your local Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser, or email elections@chumashlodge90.net.

With the uncertainty in camporees, Chumash Lodge will be adapting our callout plans for those who have been elected by their units. Know that if you were elected this year (or will be), you will be notified and eligible to attend one of the two induction/Ordeal weekends and have the opportunity to join us.

For those members who have not yet paid your OA dues for 2020, please go to www.chumashlodge90.net and follow the links. Our membership cards and dues patches should be going into the mail shortly.

When we return to in-person meetings we look forward to seeing you. In the meantime, please remember and live by our OA Admonition.

[submitted by Len Kamlet, Associate Lodge Adviser]

BSA National Jamboree

Los Padres Council Jamboree Contingent July 14-31, 2021



This is an opportunity for eligible Scouts in Los Padres Council to participate in the National Jamboree, July 2021, at Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia and a one-week tour of historical sites before the Jamboree.

In a Nutshell:

- Four adult leaders and 36 Scouts will represent the Council at Jamboree.
- The Scouts will be formed into 4 patrols (including a female patrol with female leadership). The unit will elect their PLC. The unit will design a special Council shoulder patch, hat, t-shirt, banner and flag to represent Los Padres Council.
- The Council Contingent will tour Philadelphia, Washington DC and other nearby historic sites before arrival at Jamboree.
- Jamboree is July 21-30, 2021; travel and tour begin July 14; participants return July 31, 2021.
- Registration and Council approval are required to ensure participation.

What is Jamboree?

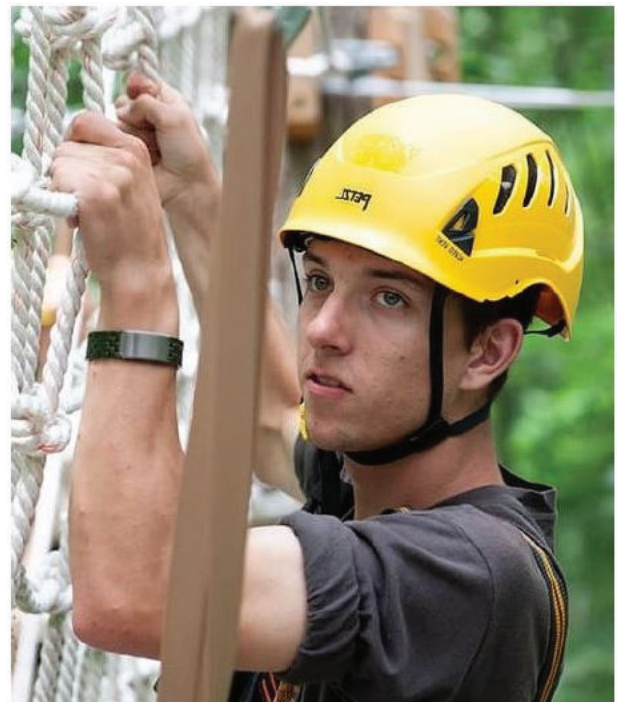
- The National Jamboree is held every four years at Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia. Tens of thousands of U.S. and international Scouts attend.
- The theme for 2021 Jamboree is “**Face the Challenge.**” It is a call to action — sparking an energy that Scouts will take back to their troops, schools and communities, to transform the world for the better.
- The Reserve provides room (tents) and board for the participants.
- A participant’s Jamboree schedule is filled with outdoor activities, educational sessions, and evening meetings and entertainment. Options include whitewater rafting, biking, hiking, zipline, and much more.
- All participants are required to participate in a service project during Jamboree.
- More info: jamboree.scouting.org

Which Scouts are Eligible?

- MUST have a current BSA membership.
- MUST be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and the Council.
- MUST have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.)
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training with the unit.
- Submitted BSA Annual Health & Medical Record using the on-line Jamboree submission process. The AHMR must be dated on or after July 1, 2020.
- Submit all registration fees per the Council’s payment schedule.

Transportation and Tour

- Participants will fly from California to Philadelphia July 14.
- The pre-Jamboree Tour will include Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, many museums and sites in [over] Washington DC, the Pentagon, Monticello, U. of Virginia and Williamsburg.
- Return flight July 31 will be from Richmond VA to California.
- The tour arrangements and professional guides are provided by a highly rated travel company that works with Scout organizations.



Financial Commitment

- The Council has paid the deposit to reserve our participation in the trip.
- The balance of the costs (Jamboree registration plus transportation and tour) will be approximately \$4000 per participant. (We will know exact cost once we can secure our airfare.) Expect additional costs for extra uniform clothing and spending money for the trip.
- The participant's cost will be paid in installments:
 - ◊ \$175 deposit on acceptance.
 - ◊ Payment plan is still being determined and will be distributed once the final costs are calculated.
- Scholarships may be available. Applications for BSA Jamboree scholarships close April 30, 2020; there may be other scholarships available from other sources.
- We believe any Scout, regardless of means, will be able to fund his or her cost through extra jobs, donations from friends and families, and similar sources – which can be an education and growth experience.
- Fundraising opportunities will be provided.

Unit Activities

Once our participants are identified, we will begin unit meetings and activities, to develop a team bond, appoint or elect Scout leaders, prepare for a rigorous week of adventure, design and create our own unit insignia, develop a gear and packing checklist, and engage in fundraising.

Are there other Opportunities?

Yes, there are various staff opportunities for adults who wish to work at Jamboree. More information is available at jamboree.scouting.org.

REQUIRED ACTION:

Register at jamboree.scouting.org. You will be notified if your registration is approved and will receive information about Unit meetings and activities.

For More Information:

April Wright-Litchfield , Council Program Executive	(805) 478-9375	april.wright@scouting.org
Bob Murray , Jamboree Unit Scoutmaster	(805) 717-9150	robert.murray38@verizon.net
Mike Schley , Jamboree Unit Asst. Scoutmaster	(805) 689-9818	mschley@slgl-law.com
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The Merits of At-Home Scouting

Councils Get Creative as Scouts are Required to Stay Home

Across the nation, councils are finding ways to help keep their youth members engaged and Scouting. These out-of-the-box, in-home activities are centered around providing advancement-related content to help keep kids safe, engaged and to help them make the best of home time. Here are just a few examples of what councils are doing:

30-Day Challenge

Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

As communities are practicing caution and social distancing, the Hawkeye Area Council developed a 30-Day Challenge for each Cub Scout rank. Use this at home to help keep Scout's skills sharp.

<https://hawkeyebsa.org/30-day-challenge/>

Advancement Academy

Cascade Pacific Council, Portland, Oregon

Can't get together as a group? Visit the Advancement Academy for a digital den meeting or merit badge class. Digital den meetings are offered through Zoom and promoted through Facebook. Participants are asked to sign up in advance. There is also great content for Scouts BSA, including sessions on How to Run Successful Digital Scout Meetings as well as online Merit badge sessions on Coin Collecting, Personal Fitness and more. The site also includes Facebook groups that anyone in the country can join: Cub Scout and Scouts BSA.

<https://www.cpcbsa.org/advancement-academy>

Scouting at Home

Atlanta Area Council, Atlanta, Georgia

If you're looking for a comprehensive list of things that Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA can do to Scout at home, this is it. The page features content directly from Scoutbook and includes ideas of other activities Scouts can do. Plus, suggestions for video platforms – and of course, reminders about the importance of following youth protection standards.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/scoutingathome>

ScoutShare

Seneca Waterways Council, Brighton, New York

Seneca Waterways Council has set up a site to share ideas on how to do Scouting remotely, plus suggestions on how to work on documents together, and how to hold meetings together if you're not in the same room.

<http://scoutshare.org/Resources/Articles/category/remote-scouting>

At Home Scouting Activities

Spirit of Adventure Council Boston, Massachusetts

This web site features an entire selection of content designed to let Scouts have adventures without leaving home. The site includes links for youth of all ages, from live cams at zoos, to a range of support resources and videos to help Scouts work on merit badges.

<https://www.scoutspirit.org/at-home/>

AmazonSmile Reminder

First and foremost, we hope your family, friends, relatives and co-workers are all healthy and safe. We recognize that some families have been hit hard by the COVID-19 Virus with Social Distancing and the work stoppages that may have resulted. In today's quickly changing times, we understand that all of us are making a lot of changes. Since everyone is doing what they can to stay home, there are many who choose to order their supplies online. If you have not already, consider joining AmazonSmile and turning your Amazon purchases into a force of good for Los Padres Council. With every eligible purchase, AmazonSmile donates 0.5% to the charity of your choice. This includes all Charity List purchases as well as millions of everyday items at smile.amazon.com.



Looking for other free resources for youth? Here are just a few:

[Boys' Life magazine](#)

Find projects you can create from home and stories that will take young readers' minds on adventures all over the world. In addition to the website, an entire year's worth of issues is free in the BL apps. Download from the [iOS/Apple](#) or [Google Play](#) stores to read it all.

[Khan Academy](#)

Especially good for math and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system, but it's mostly common material.

[Futurelearn](#)

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (accounts require users to be at least 14, but younger learners can use with a parent).

[Openlearn](#)

Free taster courses aimed at those considering Open University, but everyone can access it. Developed primarily for adults, but some courses, e.g., nature and environment, could well be of interest to young people.

[Blockly](#)

Learn computer programming skills – fun and free.

[Scratch](#)

Creative computer programming

[Ted Ed](#)

All sorts of engaging educational videos

[National Geographic Kids](#)

Activities and quizzes for younger kids

[Duolingo](#)

Learn languages for free

[Mystery Science](#)

Free science lessons

[The Kids Should See This](#)

Wide range of cool educational videos

[Crash Course](#)

YouTube videos on many subjects

[Crash Course Kids](#)

As above for a younger audience

[Crest Awards](#)

Science awards you can complete from home

[Tinkercad](#)

All kinds of making

[Prodigy Math](#)

Good for elementary school ages

[Big History Project](#)

Aimed at Secondary age, multi-disciplinary activities

[Geography Games](#)

Geography gaming!

[STEM Simulators](#)

[Learn Computer Science](#)

[The Artful Parent](#)

Good, free art activities linked to from this Facebook page

[Red Ted Art](#)

Easy arts and crafts for little ones

[The Imagination](#)

Tree Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest

[Toy Theater](#)

Educational online games

[Amazing Educational Resources](#)

List of Education companies offering free subscriptions due to COVID

[WeAreTeachers.com](#)

Online education resources

Los Padres Council Staff

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

