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2020 Popcorn Sale! *We're in this together!*

Right now, we have 22 Packs and Troops out in our community participating in this year's popcorn sale! Their sales are going very well! If you missed out on the sale but still need some additional funds to help fund your own unit program, it is not too late!

As you know Los Padres Council is here to help provide life changing programs, educational experiences, and unparalleled fun to the youth in our area. We salute you and the role that you play to that end as well! If your Unit has opted not to participate in this year's Council offered Popcorn Campaign, it is not too late, we can help your Scouts pay their way. We have a unique opportunity for you and your Scouts to participate that may change your opinion of what it takes to earn money for your Unit while also supporting your Council and other units who are members here with you.

We regularly get feedback as to why Units choose not to participate: not enough time, complexity of the sale, not enough volunteers to manage, we run other fundraisers, our Scouts don't want to be in public selling. I am asking you to consider an alternative way for your Scouts to participate, earn money for their program, help support our Council, and hopefully fund the best Scouting Experience possible! We have a sales program available for your Scouts that would enable them to simply contact friends and family anywhere in the US to ask for their support through the purchase of popcorn online.

Supporters pay for the product directly, your Unit and Scouts get credit for any sales, and our vendor partner handles delivery of the product without you having to touch anything! Additionally, Campmasters is offering FREE Shipping for online sales! You can't beat that. We hope you can agree that this is a great way for your Unit to earn substantial additional funds without affecting your ongoing activities. If you were to promote this approach to your Scouts and each were to reach out to just 10 potential supporters, each participating Scout could easily raise \$220 for your Unit and local Scouting (based on 2019 average of \$45 for each online sale supporter, and research indicating that 70% of those approached will provide support). Is there any better way for your Unit to potentially earn \$1,000 or more from the comfort of your members collective homes?

We know that scouting can be expensive, and we all want to give our scouts the best experience possible. We truly need your help and hope that you can participate together with us to generate the funding for your program while also supporting the services we provide to all. Should you need additional information please feel free to contact April Wright-Litchfield at (805) 478-9375 or at April.Wright@Scouting.org. We need your help and stand ready to help you have a great year in scouting!



Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts

The window for Eagle boards of review of the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts is from October 1, 2020, to February 8, 2021. As such, all Eagle Scout credentials will be dated February 8, 2021, so that we commemorate this milestone alongside the recognized “birthday” of the Boy Scouts of America.

This adjustment was implemented so that Scouts were not unfairly prohibited from being part of the Inaugural Class due to COVID-19; however, we recognize that the extended window means that participating Scouts could experience a delay in receiving their Eagle Scout credentials if we waited to process all of the applications as originally planned.

After receiving significant feedback confirming that concern, we have decided to administratively adapt the plan so that the national organization will process the credentials of the Inaugural Class in batches on a rolling basis starting in October as they are received. Due to reduced staffing and to ensure timely response to the Eagle application, only electronic applications will be accepted..

This update:

- Ensures Scouts can reference their Eagle Scout rank for academic, vocational, and military recognition, including scholarships and advanced enlistment grade,
- Enables Scouts earning the Eagle Scout rank to hold their Eagle Courts of Honor right away after getting their credentials so that they do not have to wait to celebrate the achievement until February 2021, and
- Allows the BSA to retain the collective completion date as planned as one Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts and to align with February 8th, the recognized “birthday” of the Boy Scouts of America.

To facilitate processing through the Eagle Form in ScoutNET PAS, certain modifications will be made. The constraints on being age 18 and over will be removed so that the Eagle Form can be initiated and processed, if over 18-years old. In addition, there will be a Default BOR Date entry of February 8, 2021, that must be selected for those in the Inaugural Eagle Class. There will also be a button to set the record as an Inaugural Eagle Class Member. These changes will be released over the next several weeks.

Additionally, the BSA will provide customizable press materials to councils prior to the October 1st window opening so that they are empowered to help Scouts celebrate and commemorate the milestone locally.

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Friends of Scouting

It has been months since COVID19 changed the way California works, lives, and interacts with others. Los Padres Council has made it a priority to make sure local Scouts and their families stay safe by practicing social distancing. We want to help to slow the spread of the virus, save lives, and avoid further overwhelming our local healthcare infrastructure. Unfortunately, this has come at a great cost to us. Fundraising makes up 35% of our income and is an essential part of Los Padres Council's lifeforce. Without it we are unable to provide quality programs and resources to our local youth. Any support you can afford our Scouts will allow us to continue to set the trail for others to follow and “Prepare” our future leaders. You can give online by clicking the button below or you can follow the instructions in the picture below for giving via text message.

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Santa Barbara Cruise Event

Hello Scouters,

Los Padres Council, BSA is happy to announce that we will be holding our annual celebration, *Scouting, A Celebration of Youth: Cruise Santa Barbara* on Thursday, **November 12th 2020**, virtually!

We are proud to announce this year's event will recognize Santa Barbara real property attorney Terry Bartlett of Reetz, Fox & Bartlett, LLP who will be honored with Los Padres Council's Legacy Award for her work to promote the values of Scouting and keep our local youth safe and thriving. Terry comes from a family of Scouters and her late father, Stanley Bartlett, was a former Los Padres Council President and recipient of the Silver Beaver and Golden Eagle Awards. As a child Terry regularly tagged along on her Dad's cub scout den excursions. Los Padres Council is proud to honor her and her family's legacy.



During the program you will have an opportunity to hear from our local scouts about why they choose scouting as well! Here are just a couple clips of what they have to say:



"The thing I like the most about Scouting is all the life skills I am learning. I am learning so many things that I normally wouldn't get a chance to learn in School or other situations." - Sam Schley, Life Scout



"There is no other program that compares to the amount of preparedness you are going to get for any situation. You will be able to survive in the outdoors as well as be prepared for that board meeting you have when you're and adult" Henri Benoit, Life Scout

Of the over 7,000 young people who participate annually in our local Scouting, Exploring, and The Outdoor School programs, some will become your neighbor, your employee, or maybe your employer, some will lead our country, and some will pass on the legacy of Scouting to the next generation; but all will make a positive impact on their communities.

On behalf of the Planning Committee we invite you to join us on Thursday, November 12, 2020 online to support local youth and celebrate the Bartlett Legacy and Terry's support and service to Boy Scouts and youth programs in our communities.

Please help us honor Terry and Boy Scouts. We look forward to your commitment. To sponsor and RSVP contact Erica at (805) 967-0105 or Erica.Mundell-McGilvray@Scouting.org.

Make sure to contact us soon as this event is fast approaching.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of Scouting!

Council Executive Message

Los Padres Council Scout Families and Supporters,

Scouting is more relevant today than ever before. Our motto “Be Prepared” assures that we can overcome any challenges placed in front of us and that together we can conquer anything. As we find ways to keep scouting during the pandemic, we have also found ways to bring Scouting to all, while improving our abilities to reach our goals. As we recommit ourselves to the Scout Oath and Law and make sure we “Do Our Good Turn Daily” we are not only improving ourselves, but the lives of everyone around us.

As we keep hiking our trail and keep sharing the positive impact Scouting makes on our youth, it is important to understand and celebrate our community. Scouting has always been about inclusion and respect for each other and during this time we have an opportunity to celebrate, not only some of our Scouting families, but a large portion of our overall community. We are in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) which runs through Oct. 15. During this time, we encourage you to celebrate families within your unit that are of Hispanic/Latino heritage and have them share their favorite traditions and recipes.

“Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.”

Cesar Chavez

Yours in Scouting,

Carlos Cortez

Scout Executive/CEO

Council President Views

Well, I must say this has been one of the strangest back to school times I hope to every experience for scouts and families. When does the new normal get to be good riddance and back to the old normal? I cannot say thank you enough to all the volunteers and staff who have worked so hard to make the scouting experience as “normal” and accessible as possible. We realize that it has been some heavy lifting for many, but you have continued to do a good turn daily in a cheerful and helpful way. Keep it going...

Speaking of trying to keep it normal, we kept the tradition of holding a celebration dinner event in the Cuesta District. Although we did not get to enjoy a great gathering and the Santa Margarita Ranch, we did a virtual event “Boots, Bling, and Bandanas!” Steve Von Dolan served as the Master of Ceremonies and did a great job introducing the various videos and auction items throughout the night. I was very proud of our staff who worked incredibly hard to make the event possible. Thank you, Erica and Ken, you did Scouting proud.

So, what’s next? All I can say is just keep scouting any way and anyhow. The youth of our community need scouting. They need the lessons, the skills, and the guidance our fantastic volunteers and scout leaders teach and provide. Let’s make this scouting thing as special and as normal as possible during these abnormal times.

Trey Pinner

Council President



Council Commissioner Update

Scouts and Scouters,

How are you and your Unit adapting to Scouting during this protracted COVID-19 time we are living in? I see Cub Packs doing things as a Den, in small groups following our current and ever-changing COVID guidelines and polices. We see Cub Pack and Troop awards being held on-line and in person by meeting in a parking lot and everyone staying in their vehicles. Scouts walk up and pick up their awards on foot and return to their cars. We see community service events being held with Scouts being assigned a specific time to show up and work for a while. Then they leave and another set of Scouts shows up, with leaders present, outdoors and distancing. You have all done amazing things to maintain activities as best as we can during this period of Scouting. On-line virtual campouts, several highly successful on-line merit badge events and so much more. If your Unit is struggling to remain active and engaging your youth, reach out to one of your nearby units to learn what they are doing to remain successful. We all love to share, and every Scout deserves fun and activities during this time of isolation. Look for several on-line tutorials and suggestions for Cub Packs and Troops to remain active and moving forward during COVID.

Commissioner Corps

Our Los Padres Council Commissioners are ready to help you as you begin and move through the 2021 re-charter process. Re-charter will be done on-line this year and now is the time to add new Scouts and leaders. As many of you know, it is much more difficult to add them at/during re-charter. When you read this, every Unit Key-3 in the Council will have received an email with all the information needed to begin and successfully navigate the 2021 Re-charter process. If you need help, reach out to your assigned Commissioner as we all stand ready to help you with any questions or issues. If we do not know the answers, we will find them for you and get back to you. Every one of you is making a difference in the lives of our youth in Scouting. We all must, especially now, work to ensure that our Scouting programs continue to engage our youth and deliver the promise of Scouting.

We have all been through a lot, however our youth and their parents are depending on all of us. I look forward to the day we can camp and assemble again as we continue our Scouting adventures!

I hope to see you on the beach or the trails, soon!

Bob Putney

Council Commissioner



Journey to Excellence Update

Scouting's Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the BSA's planning, performance and recognition program designed to encourage and reward the success of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

The BSA recognizes that given the extraordinary circumstances occurring in 2020, benchmarking 2019 to 2020 and 2021 to 2020 is not constructive, therefore, effective immediately, the Journey to Excellence recognition program for **Districts and Councils will be discontinued for 2020 and 2021**.

The Journey to Excellence **Unit** recognition program will continue.

The JTE data is valuable information, and to assist with membership data analysis in the future, a new membership reporting tool is under development. This tool will provide councils and districts with key membership data, including gender and ethnic diversity. Stay tuned for details about the rollout of the new tool.

- **Unit Recognition** Revised unit criteria, due to the pandemic, is available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/>. 2021 unit scorecards are available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>.
- **Council and District Recognition** Council and District dashboards will not be available after September 18. If a council would like any data from the dashboard, they should gather it prior to that date.

Training

Although all in-person training events have been cancelled or postponed, this is a wonderful time to get caught up on the wonderful online courses that have been provided by the National Council. You can see what courses are available by visiting: <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/>. On this site, you can register for courses and learn more about your position in Scouting and how Scouting works!





Merit Badge Pow-Wow

On September 14th Los Padres Council kicked off our very first online Merit Badge Pow-Wow. We have 110 Scouts signed up to take an assortment of 18 merit badges. Scouts and Merit Badge Counselors are having a good time in completing their badge work.



Parents have expressed their thanks in this opportunity for their Scouts to continue working towards their advancement goals.

Los Padres Council would like to express the sincerest of gratitude to Jeanne Gard for organizing and facilitating this opportunity for our Scouts. We would also like to thank and recognize our amazing merit badge counselors for their efforts as well towards the success of the event.



Photographs submitted for Photography Merit Badge - by Logan Gard.

Boots, Bling and Bandanas First Virtual Event

In September Los Padres Council hosted its first ever virtual fundraising event benefitting our Scouts and families in San Luis Obispo County. The recording of the event has been posted on Los Padres Council's facebook page so anyone who wishes to view can see it! Although we originally planned to celebrate in person, we were thankful that we could highlight some of the things our Scouts have accomplished during this challenging year.

The event could not have happened except for the expertise of AV Solutions in San Luis Obispo in helping us record videos and produce the event. Of course, we need to thank Steve Von Dolan for being our "western" master of ceremony. And thank you again to our event sponsors!

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Broadcasting from AV

During the broadcast, Los Padres Council announced that they are requesting council Eagles and their families to send pictures and a quick synopsis of what their Eagle projects that have been accomplished over the years. These projects will be showcased on our council website, <https://www.lpcbsa.org/eagle-scouts-community-service-projects/> and social media!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR SCOUT'S EAGLE PROJECT ON THE WEBSITE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO KEN MILES AT kenneth.miles@scouting.org.

Silver Beaver

Nominations Due December 4, 2020

The Boy Scouts of America relies on volunteers to plan, produce, and run many of the programs and events for our youth members. Some volunteers are extremely dedicated to making sure our youth members have the best program possible. They are the volunteers who dedicate many hours and days to the Day Camps, Camporees, Scout Expos, Scout-O-Ramas and the many other events produced by the Los Padres Council. Most of these volunteers do this without any expectation of recognition outside of the thank yous they may receive during the events.

Each year the Los Padres Council holds a recognition dinner to honor our volunteers. During this dinner we present a few of our most dedicated volunteers with the Silver Beaver Award. This is the highest adult volunteer award that can be given by the Council.

[Click here for the Nomination Form](#)



Cuesta District Highlights

The more things change, the more they stay the same. With the pandemic, I never know from week to week and day to day what will happen, or what news we may hear. The one thing I can count on is that the volunteers of this District will always be there to do what needs to be done – to continue the Scouting programs that are so desperately needed. I am ever so thankful for all our District's and Council's volunteers, and continue to be amazed at the desire out there to provide opportunities for all our Scouts to grow and develop into our community's next great leaders.

The Cuesta District is currently running an online Merit Badge PowWow. This six-week event continues to demonstrate the drive of Scouts to develop their skills and their desire to advance. I applaud everyone who is participating despite these less than ideal conditions, and serving 102 Scouts in the process.

Lastly, but not least, I want to thank Paul Bradley for the information and wisdom he imparted in his days with our District. We understand the Council was left with a difficult decision in how to address funding shortfalls, primarily due to the coronavirus; and unfortunately that meant Paul's position had to be eliminated. We appreciate the time he spent with us and wish him only the best. Thank you Paul.

And thank you to all the volunteers. Scouting does not happen without all that you do.

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chairman

Pacific Coast District Highlights

Scouting fills the Gaps

Recently at our Key3 meeting we were brainstorming about how to make Scouting relevant and fun in the age of COVID. Then we thought of all the things Scouts know that they did not learn in school.

To that end we want to show the community, families, and Scouts what a true value Scouting is to all the stakeholders.

When we listed what schools no longer teach it became very clear the gaps Scouting fills.

Schools no longer have class in Home Economics, but Scouting teaches cooking and personal management. Schools no longer teach civics, but Scouting provides this with Citizenship in the Nation and Citizenship in the Community. Schools have not taught flag etiquette for decades, but our Cub Scouts start to learn this from the first meeting. Schools no longer teach industrial arts of woodworking, electrical or mechanical trades but Scouts have a merit badge for most any interest or endeavor that will challenge and grow their expertise.

I know I am preaching to the choir, but this is a message that will resonate with those who are not aware of Scouting and what it offers as a well rounded youth program second to none.

We hope to catalogue the list of gaps we fulfill and left out of public schools. We can release these over a series of social media or memes from our current membership. If you would like to help with this marketing and outreach with creative visual and copy for social media let me know. This will be utilized within the Council and not just our District. Help us fill the gap with your help.

Yours in Scouting

David Brown

Pacific Coast District Chairman



Rancho Alegre Rebuild Update



Limited construction of buildings continues at Rancho Alegre. The three staff residences had more work completed with the three bedroom being 100% complete and the two bedrooms at 85% complete. A big thank you to Idler Home Furnishings for securing donated appliances (refrigeration and stoves) from Whirlpool for the houses. The four dorms all have the walls up with interior framing, and rough plumbing and electrical completed. In addition the board and batten fiber cement siding was installed on the last two dorms.

A new water tank and water filtration system has been built and will be in operation in October. The tank will hold 94,000 gallons of water for camp and The Outdoor School.

The Rancho Alegre Phoenix Committee have approved a proposal from Asteri Solar via Community Environmental Council for building a Solar Array in camp. In brief, Asteri Solar will pay the upfront project costs of \$299,615 and the Los Padres Council will pay back the costs to build over five years by paying our normal electrical bill back to Asteri Solar. The builder for the solar array is Solarponics Energy Management Systems of Atascadero.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the SAGE Trail Alliance and LPCBSA to develop bike trails at Rancho Alegre. SAGE has reached out to a donor to pay for the building of a Larsen Meadow Practice Loop currently under construction. SAGE is a nonprofit known for building sustainable bike trails, volunteer coordination and youth advocacy.

Electricity has been restored to the Pool Building and now urgently need volunteers to help clean up and restore the showers and bathrooms. If interested in helping out please contact Glen Goddard at (805) 967-0105

Order of the Arrow

Even during this pandemic, our Section Conclave could not be stopped. We had 10 Arrowmen from our lodge registered. While some of the events were limited since it was virtual this year, Chumash Lodge still won the best website and newsletter awards for the section. Section W-4N also elected its new officers:

- Shawn Goodner (Chief, Tuku'Ut)
- Nick Schiermeier (Vice, Malibu)
- Jone Higuchi (Secretary, Tuku'Ut)

Leading up to our Lodge Elections on October 3, we have new patches! We have two patches available, a large back patch, and a COVID-19 related two-piece lodge flap. Those who attended the elections received a first chance to order these new patches, and after those orders come in we will make them available to the rest of the Lodge.

The Lodge Executive Committee is meeting in early October and working with the Council to determine whether we will be able to hold the Ordeal as planned in early November, or if we need to move this date. Watch your emails and we will let you know as soon as we are able.

As a reminder, our announcements are typically emailed to members. If you haven't received emails, contact len.kamlet@chumashlodge90.net to figure out if it's a mistake in your email on file, or a dues records issue. And if you haven't paid 2020 dues there's still time.

Len Kamlet

Associate Lodge Adviser



Bible Basics RP3 Patch Series

Announcing "Bread of Life" for World Communion Sunday

Bread of Life - the newest patch in the Bible Basics RP3 Series - is available from P.R.A.Y. in time for World Communion Sunday, **October 4, 2020.**

World Communion Sunday is a time when churches across the globe observe Holy Communion and celebrate our oneness in Christ. P.R.A.Y. is pleased to release "Bread of Life" as churches and families will be breaking bread and recognizing Christ as the Head of the Church.

P.R.A.Y. is pleased to provide this free curriculum as part of our mission to "Build Faith in Youth" and bring children and families closer to Christ.

"BREAD OF LIFE"

We all need to eat. Bread meets this need and satisfies our hunger. Here are three stories in the Bible that show how God feeds us, sustains us, and provides the bread of life.

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God provides for us when we are in need.
- Story #2: Jesus Feeds the 5000
Jesus multiplies what is given, and all are satisfied.
- Story #3: The Last Supper
Jesus invites us to receive him and to remember him.

RP3 patches are for all ages – children, youth, and adults. [Request your free curriculum here.](#) Purchase the new "Bread of Life" patch in the [PRAY Webstore.](#)

