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LPC President Remarks

Greeting my fellow LPC Family,

Wow just one month before we say goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022.

Like you, we just finished our Thanksgiving meal and now coming out of the annual food coma. Better yet, it allows us to reflect on our gratitude for those who have been there for us in thick and thin. Accordingly, I want to publicly acknowledge and express my heartfelt gratitude to all Scout Leaders and Volunteers. From the new Den Leader, the Unit Committee Chair and team, Charter Representative and council, Scout Masters, Assistant Scout Masters, Pack Leaders, Venture Guides and Explorer Guides, LPC District leaders, all Commissioners, Board members and our amazing Staff, THANK YOU! It is your dedication, passion and persistence that keeps our Scouting Movement going forward to provide the best youth program on the Central Coast.

Recent accomplishments at Rancho Alegre is the new paved road from the camp entrance to the dining hall. With the spike in inflation and shortages in the supply chain there is still much to do to complete the camp and sign off the construction process. Our completion is dependent on more capital gifts to Rancho Alegre. Our Phoenix committee is seeking some new participants to join and help with this effort. If you know of a possible donor or wish to help and be added to our Phoenix Committee for the Rancho Alegre capital campaign, please let me or your unit leader know. This is now a most urgent if we are going to welcome guest starting in 2022.

Your LPC board is also working on your strategic plan for 2022 through 2025. At our annual retreat earlier this month we had the best engagement and discussions for our future I have ever witnessed. If you have any questions or suggestions that you think would be helpful, please reach out to myself or Bob Putney our LPC Council Commissioner and head of our Strategic Planning. While we are Santa, we do want to know what is on your Scouting wish list.

Remember to join our Face Book page with a like and follow for up-to-date activities and Scouting endeavors throughout the Council. Also feel free to add your own announcements and success to the page at <https://www.facebook.com/LPCBSA/> Invite others to like the page as well. Our social presence, membership and communications will all benefit.

If you would like me or any other board member to visit your unit or be part of a Court of Honor, Blue and Gold, or recognize one of your leaders, feel free to reach out and ask. Don't let the grey hair fool you, I still work full time and not retired, but I will try to schedule your event or send a personal video message. My Scout email is, PresidentLPCBSA@gmail.com.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas to you and yours. May this season bring the blessings of health, love, peace and success to you and your family.

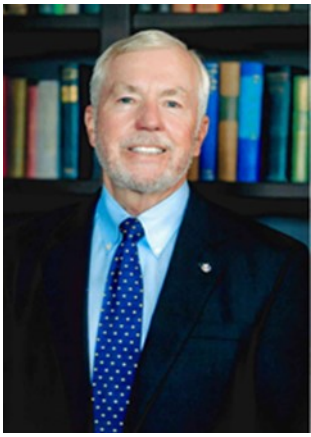
Yours in Scouting,

David Brown
Council President

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Salute to Scouting

On October 28th, Los Padres Council hosted a fundraising event honoring John Brinker with the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award and Lani Meanley Collins with Los Padres Council's Legacy Award at the Santa Barbara Club. This fundraiser also benefitted our Scouts and families in Santa Barbara County. We were thankful that we could highlight some of the things our Scouts have accomplished during this challenging year and recognize very deserving members of our community and dedicated volunteers like John and Lani.



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Camp Rancho Alegre Update



Construction continues at Rancho Alegre. Our three two-bedroom staff houses, adjacent to the Frank Lodge, now have the walls, windows, doors and roof constructed. The first of the two six-bedroom staff buildings now also have its' walls, windows, doors and roof constructed and a safety railing has been installed. The interiors are pending funding. Grading and paving of the Camp Road were begun in September. Peter Lapidus Construction began the upper portion of the road beginning above Frank Lodge down to in front of the parking area. Having completed this portion is important as winter weather tends to damage this portion when exposed. Paving this portion of the road was made possible by the generous contribution from the Cantin Family. The rest of the roadway to highway 154 is pending contributions for completion.

A grant was received from LA-84 Foundation to go towards the Camp Swimming Pool renovation. The LA84 Foundation makes grants to non-profit youth sports organizations throughout Southern California, educates coaches, convenes local and national thought leaders and uses its voice to advance sports as an essential element in transforming the lives of youth. A matching gift was also received for renovating the Camp Swimming Pool. Repairs and Renovations will begin on the Swimming Pool early in 2022.

The Chumash Lodge of the Order of the Arrow conducted a Fall Ordeal at Camp in October. Among the service completed was the setting in place Storm Water Protection measures to prevent soil erosion and reroute of rainwater to limit destruction of roads and graded bare areas. Thank you, Order of the Arrow!

The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) has been in Santa Barbara County conducting research on Sundowner Wind Storms. Camp Rancho Alegre has been selected to set up a temporary weather research equipment in Larsen's Meadow. This equipment is known as an Integrated Sounding System (ISS) which consists of a radar to measure winds aloft, weather balloons, a lidar to measure clouds and aerosols, and a 30-foot meteorological tower. NCAR is working in conjunction with University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) on this study. The ability to forecast Sundowner wind storms can be crucial for wildfire events. Anticipated time of study will be March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022.



Join us in Rebuilding the future of Rancho Alegre! Your contribution is a gift to future generations of youth to experience the great outdoors. [Donate Now to Rebuild Rancho Alegre](#)

Los Padres Council is proud to congratulate the following Scouts in achieving the highest rank in Scouting, The Eagle Rank. These young people committed to becoming the best versions of themselves and strive to be examples to others as they lead the path forward. In achieving this rank, they have just begun their journey of leading progress that will improve the life of many and change our world for the better.

Gregory Hider – Troop 51

Vincent Fahy – Troop 51

Nikhil Ograin – Troop 37

Peter Moschitto – Troop 1

Chase Morgan – Troop 105

Daphne Maskrey – Lone Scout

Finn Anderson – Troop 60



Order of the Arrow



Our Chumash Lodge is once again strong.

- October 22-24 we held our second Ordeal (Induction) weekend, and welcomed 28 new Ordeal level members. At that Ordeal we held Lodge elections and elected a new set of officers, who will be sworn into their positions at our annual banquet in December.
- Our merged chapter now has a name! The former chapters of Mashkipohking and Tequepis are now Eleye'wun, serving the Santa Ynez, Lompoc, and Orcutt/Santa Maria areas.
- Our Lodge Leadership Development Training and banquet are coming up **December 18** at Rancho Alegre. We sent a reminder to all members, and you can go to the **Los Padres Council calendar to register.**
- Watch your emails for information about your 2022 Dues (coming soon!).

Also as we look forward to resuming in-person activities, we are looking to fill positions of leadership in the Lodge and in local chapters. Contact your local leaders, or your Lodge Chief Joey M or Lodge Adviser Brian Hascall for information.

We look forward to seeing your continued participation, and thanks for your continued involvement in Chumash Lodge.

Len Kamlet

Associate Lodge Adviser

Friends of Scouting

Dear Scouters,

On behalf of Los Padres Council, thank you for your continued support of our mission to serve more youth.

Los Padres Council has prepared young men and women for a prosperous and productive life for over 100 years. Scouting has provided these young men and women the essential life skills necessary to take on the many challenges that life's journey has presented them.

Los Padres Council continues to deliver the Scouting Program during the crisis of COVID-19. Scouting is stronger and is safer for our youth than ever before in Los Padres Council.

Scouting continues to be one of the safest youth organizations that focuses on character development and outdoor education. These objectives are achieved through state-of-the-art training and education and team building. We recognize and welcome the additional responsibility and support our community needs while we navigate through this pandemic together.

Cuesta District Highlights

A Scout is Kind.

The 6th of the Scout laws, says that a Scout is kind. According to the online dictionary, kind means “having or showing a friendly, generous, and considerate nature.”

Kindness is more than just being nice – one can be nice, but not necessarily sincere. Kindness is intentional and is often not the easiest thing.

But how do we teach kindness? I’m not sure that we can teach kindness – we can talk about it and discuss what it means. But by modeling kindness we can teach others. When we are kind to others, those around us can observe what it is to be kind.

And kindness may not always be easy – so it is more important to be kind, especially when it may be difficult to do. When kindness is exercised, it becomes easier and easier to do.

It is also important to acknowledge kindness when observed. When truly exhibited, kindness is not done for recognition. But, in order to reinforce kindness, we must say thank you when it is observed – this provides the positive reinforcement to others, especially our Scouts, that kindness is appreciated.

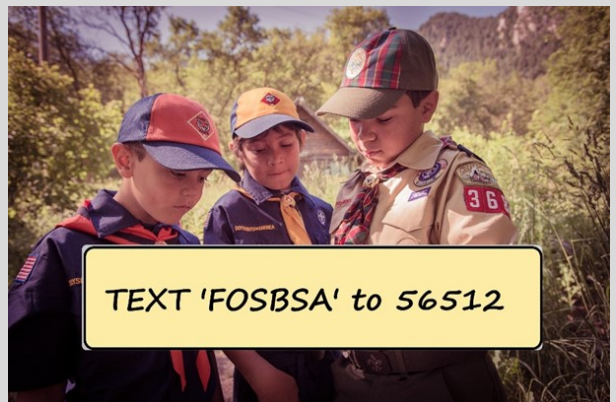
As I have gotten older, I have gained a growing appreciation for kindness. And a nostalgic appreciation for “Be Kind, Rewind.” Those of a certain age will likely appreciate what I mean, and the simplicity of such a simple action.

In advance, I wish to say thank you for all that you do as volunteers, and for teaching and modeling the behaviors that will help Scouts develop into the leaders of tomorrow.

Michael Britton

Cuesta District Chairman

We need your help to continue our mission of having Scouts believe they can and will achieve their dreams. We need your help today to Prepare more young men & women For Life. Please find it in your hearts today and make a donation that is meaningful to you. With your donation today, you can help us continue to Prepare even more Scouts For Life. To donate now, just text FOSBSA to 56512 or go to www.lpcbsa.org and click “donate”. this link: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/053/appeal/4942>



Pacific Coast District Highlights

I hope everyone had a joyous and bountiful Thanksgiving celebration. My wife, Karen, and I certainly did here in Colorado where we are visiting daughter Julie for the holiday. With snow-capped mountains jutting up from the horizon as seen from a large picture window, I'm sitting here relaxing after yesterday's traditional holiday feast and reading "The Hero Code" (2021, Grand Central Publ.) written by one of my personal heroes, retired USN Admiral William H. McRaven. As you may recall, four-star Admiral McRaven was the commander of all U.S. Special Forces during much of the war in Afghanistan. His heroic Special Forces warriors had many remarkable battlefield successes, including those resulting from locating and confronting Osama bin Ladin.

In his book, McRaven recounts many stories of average men and women rising to heroic levels as they fulfill their day-to-day military responsibilities – and not all were on the battlefield. Each story contributes to his descriptions of the ten attributes of heroism – notably punctuated by quotes from his own personal heroes such as Anne Frank: *"How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."* Each one bears some relationship to the principles and values embodied in the Scouting movement and the heroes found within it.

Among that group of heroes are the Scout leaders who have bravely persevered throughout the COVID crisis to find ways to heroically keep their units active in delivering Scouting to the youth we serve in Los Padres Council and its two districts. Perseverance in the face of challenges is one of the Admiral's listed traits in The Hero Code: *"I will never give up on matters that are important to me, my family, my country, or my faith. I will persevere."*

Yet another heroic trait for which the McRaven's Special Forces are well known, with some of their exploits described in The Hero Code: *"I will always strive to be courageous; to take one step forward as I confront my fears."* (A Scout is Brave!) Our Scout Leaders take those one-steps forward in every Scout meeting or activity!

Another heroism trait is seen in the individual who is always kind and compassionate to at least one person every single day and expect nothing in return. (A Scout is Courteous and Kind, and does a Good Turn Daily.) Scout leaders heroically practice and teach this trait to their Scouts every day!

Yet one more trait McRaven lists in The Hero Code is *"Whatever job I am given, whatever duty I am bound by, I will do it to the best of my ability."* (On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country...) You as Scout leaders not only teach this trait to your Scouts, but you also keep it in the forefront of all that you do for, and with, your Scouts. Your heroism in this regard is clearly evident on a daily basis.

And the Admiral's list of heroic traits goes on and on. Regrettably, they are too numerous to list in this one writing but are succinctly described in the Admiral's book. As Scout leaders, all of you have exhibited, most, if not all, of the traits of heroism in leading your units and helping your Scouts become the leaders and heroes of tomorrow.

As the District Chair of Pacific Coast District, and as a member of the Los Padres Council Executive Board, I wholeheartedly applaud each of you for all of your efforts to keep Scouting alive and well this past year. Despite the many challenges you have faced, and the ones the District and the Council still face as we move forward into 2022, you have succeeded! You are heroes!

On behalf of all of the members of our Pacific Coast District leadership team, I thank you and urge you to keep practicing those heroic traits described by Admiral McRaven. Our Scouts will continue to benefit greatly from your heroic efforts, as will our programs, our communities, and our country. Who knows, perhaps one of your Scouts will be a U.S. Navy Admiral someday, and you will have had a hand in making that happen!!

Tom Parker

Pacific Coast District Chairman

Program Updates

TRAINING:

November 12 & 13 we held BALOO (for Cub Scout leaders) and IOLS (for Scouts BSA leaders) trainings at Santa Maria in Pioneer Park. If your unit does not currently have any leaders trained in BALOO (Cub Scouting) or IOLS (Scouts BSA), contact me at lkamlet@gmail.com so that we can make sure your units can have support before our next training dates, which we hope will be in the March or April timeframe. If you're a trained leader and would like to help with the training, also contact me! A big thank you to our training teams for both courses, especially to the Caterpillar, Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, and all of the other visitors from Wonderland.

We are also looking to hold in-person unit leader specific trainings (Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, Scoutmasters, etc.). Watch for more information, and if you'd like to help lead these trainings also contact me.

CAMPING:

Larsen Meadow is available to rent for your units; contact Glen Goddard (glen.goddard@scouting.org) for more information.

AWARDS:

If you have celebrated a multiple of 5 years of membership in Scouting (5, 10, 15, ...) you are eligible to receive a Veteran Award. Download and complete the form at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-701.pdf>, and submit it to the Council office or your local council staff member and we can recognize you for this accomplishment.

Now is a great time to work on earning a Religious Emblem for your faith. With Scout Sabbath/Scout Shabbat coming up in February, earning a religious emblem that could be awarded at that time is an opportunity for you to celebrate the overlap of Scouting values with the teachings of your faith.

ADVANCEMENT:

For Scouts BSA Scouts, as mentioned in the last Los Padres Press, the Medicine Merit Badge has been discontinued and replaced by the "Health Care Professions" merit badge. The patch will be the same. The Health Care Professions MB is now released; a Scout can start work on the Medicine merit badge only through December 31. Those who have already started working on the Medicine MB can continue to work on it and earn that MB.

The new Citizenship in Society Merit Badge was released November 1. This merit badge, focused on the importance of embracing the diversity within our society, will be required for the rank of Eagle for any Scout who does not complete all of the requirements for Eagle Scout (other than Board of Review) by June 30, 2021. Scouts currently working on Star or Life ranks who earn the Citizenship in Society MB can apply it as one of the Eagle-required merit badges needed for those ranks.

SERVICE:

I want to take another moment to thank all of our leaders and volunteers for your service to our youth, our units, and our community.

Yours in Scouting,

Len Kamlet
Council VP, Program



Help Wanted!

The SLO store is waiting to reopen, but we need your help to make that happen. If you have experience in sales, please contact Judie Stowe to apply.

Judie Stowe

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Inventory Announcement!

Due to significant overseas shipping delays, our supply of Youth and Men's pants are limited until early 2022. Affected sizes are Men's 28, Men's 30, Boy's 12, Boy's 14, Boy's 16, Boy's 18, Boy's 20, and Cub Scout Boy's 06/07.

Additionally, National is discontinuing the Den Leader Guides. Once inventory is sold they will be gone. Leaders can go to "<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/>" to download alternate resources.

NESA Scholarship Application Portal Is Now Open. Notify Eagle Scouts.

The National Eagle Scout Association is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships. See the site below for information, and encourage your Eagle Scouts to apply.

<https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/scholarships/>



THANK YOU!

Thanks to you, Los Padres Council keeps having a positive impact in youth and families in our communities.

As we keep adapting to the continued changes we face together, our scouts keep doing good turns. Together we have faced many challenges and together we will conquer the ones to come. While some seem insurmountable, together we will conquer them and keep scouting. We are now better prepared to face any challenge as we learned to adapt, regroup, and keep on the trail ahead of us.

With the holiday season here, it is a great time to reflect on what our scouts keep accomplishing. With your help our scouts have provided over 5,000 service hours by collecting thousands of pounds of food to local food banks, cleaning thousands of pounds of trash in the outdoors, and with over 60 Eagle projects in 2021. The best is that they are still not done, several scouts and units have some projects planned in December to wrap up the year right.

We also have a lot to be excited about in the coming year. As more female Scout earn the rank of Eagle, Scouts have their summer camp planned, cub scouts are getting ready for pinewood derby races, and webelos are preparing to join scouts in troops we are ready to support them. Rancho Alegre is open to our Scouts and families for day use or overnight camping with its new state of the art mountain bike trail.

As we prepare to bring in 2022 will keep providing cheerful service, we'll keep working on being more diverse, equal, and inclusive, and we will keep molding positive leaders out of young people.

I am thankful for our scouts, leaders, and families as together we take on opportunities to assure all youth can be the best versions of themselves. I wish all of you a joyful holiday season and look forward to hiking the trail ahead of us with you.

Yours in Scouting,

Carlos Cortez

Scout Leader/Scout Executive