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Eagle Recognition Dinner

Santa Margarita was well represented with both Eagle Scouts and Eagle Sponsors at this year's San Diego-Imperial Council Eagle Recognition Dinner. The dinner was held at Admiral Kidd Club in Pt. Loma where we gathered to congratulate the scouts that earned their Eagle rank in 2012. Thanks to all our district sponsors- your support of the event was greatly appreciated! See you next year!



Newsletter submittals

Please submit news and events regarding Scouts in the Santa Margarita District to K. Harris at kgraphics@att.net. We look forward to sharing your news with the District at large.

Please send in photos and a short caption explaining the event.

K. Harris

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The District Executive Minute -Jim Trageser

People will often ask any of us who donate seemingly inexplicable amounts of time to Scouting the simple question of “Why”?

From the point of view of those of us who gladly give of our time, the answer “For the boys” contains much that is profound - because when we say that simple phrase we are seeing all our memories from campouts and hikes and meetings and late-night sessions working on advancement.

But those who don’t walk in our shoes may not be able to see beyond the seeming cliché of the answer and think we are not giving them an honest answer.

In years to come, when asked why I still volunteer as a Cubmaster even after taking a full-time job with the Scouts, I think I will point to Nathan.

Nathan joined our Pack the year before my step-son and I. Last month, when we bridged five boys to a local troop in Escondido, only two of those Webelos had been there since they were Tigers. And one of the two, Nathan, was actually the sixth Webelo - as he had decided not to bridge to Boy Scouts.

Boys today have far more demands on their time than what my generation faced in the 1960s and ’70s. Little League then was five, six weeks out of the year. Today, with travel teams and tournaments, many kids play baseball year-round. The same goes for basketball, soccer and football.

So Nathan was what we jokingly refer to as a “six-month” Scout: Our Pack got him six months out of the year, baseball and track keeping him from advancing much in Cubs. In fact, when he earned his Webelos badge earlier this year, that was the first advancement he’d managed since his Bobcat his Tiger year.

But he did join us for summer camp several years, and in January went winter camping with us at Camp Emerson in Idylwild.

So when Nathan’s mom said he wouldn’t be going into a Troop, I was disappointed but supportive. At our bridging, we bridged Nathan back to his family - who had first given him to us as a Tiger five years earlier.

A few minutes after we closed our ceremony and were socializing over cake and punch, I felt a tug on my sleeve as I chatted with one of my parents.

“Mr. Cubmaster, is it too late for me to join Boy Scouts?”

After I introduced him to Scoutmaster Luis, Nathan’s mom came up and said he couldn’t stand the thought of ending his Scouting career so soon. He had decided, she said, that skipping track practice on Mondays to attend Troop meetings was a

pretty good compromise.

Watching Nathan run off with the other boys to meet their new Troop reminded me what “For the boys” means: It means spending our free time creating an environment where our sons can grow up into the kind of men we want them to be - free time we could be spending pursuing our own hobbies or interests. This visible sacrifices we make as adults to allow that environment to happen in our communities are what prompts the question of “Why” that “For the boys” answers.

And for most of us who have been involved in Scouting as adult leaders for any length of time, we have a few of these Nathan stories to remind us daily why we so gladly make those sacrifices.

Yours in Scouting,

Jim Trageser
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The District Chair Minute - John Howells

We just finished a highly successful camporee that was held at the steam engine museum in Vista. Those of you who brought your boys and had a great scouting experience are to be commended and I’m sure from the reports I received will be back next year. I encourage you that didn’t come to plan on it next year. What a great event! There were over 330 registered at the camp and we had merit badges completed, rank advancement and the boys had fun. The staff and committee was dedicated and spent countless hours in preparation as well as teaching the boys. The evening events proved to be a blast for all of who attended. Our hats are off to the entire camporee committee lead by Marcus Sneed, the best organized chairman, with much of the programming coordinated by Eric Gemmel, who I think had some fun in the evening entertainment and made sure everyone else did too. They were supported by many others and we appreciate their hours of preparation, planning and execution that went into this very successful event. We are hopeful that as the summer begins all of you have registered for your summer camps and day camps and that you’ll have a wonderful experience and help the boys advance. If you are having any challenges or difficulties, you would like the districts’ help with, please feel free to e-mail me if you have any suggestions or would like to help at the district level, we would love your involvement. It’s all about the boys,

John Howell

District Chair

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“The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct.”

Lord Baden Powell



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Scout Fair 2013



Belt Loop Alley

Qualcomm Stadium
Saturday April 20



2013 Camporee

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum April 26-28



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Pinewood Derby



Santa Margarita District-Pinewood Derby District Finals were held during Scout Fair at Qualcomm Stadium April 20.
First Place : Pack # 740 Wyatt T.
Second Place : Pack # 752 Edmond S.
Third Place : Pack # 750 Noah N.
Finalist, pictured with District Executive Jim Tragerser



Santa Margarita District-Pinewood Derby District Finalist 21 Cars Raced



International Catholic Awareness Day

Santa Margarita District recently held the first International Catholic Awareness Day and it was a huge success! Over 150 scouts and scouters from around the county made their way to Mission San Luis Rey for a day filled with fun, service, and learning about scouting in other countries. Special thanks to Father David Gaa and the staff of Mission San Luis Rey for supporting this event!



709

In March 2013, Venturing Crew 709 traveled to the Colorado River for a three-day canoeing trek. 12 adults and youth made the trek from Hoover Dam south with camping and side hiking along the way. Hot springs, great camping spots, an epic canoe race...it was a great trip!

COLORADO RIVER



SANTA MARGARITA DISTRICT



2013 Annual Business & Awards Dinner

May 16th

In Retrospect-
It's a Seventies Thing!

Come cheer
on the Award
of Merit and
Driving Force
Recipients!



Information:

Dinner will be held at
the LDS Church, 451
W. Bobier Drive,
Vista 92083



Thursday, May 16th

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction & Reception

7:00 p.m.

Dinner



A celebration for all of the adult volunteers
in the Santa Margarita District!

Food by: Pacific Trails Catering

Cost is \$19.00

No walk-ins!

Register **NOW** online
at smscouting.org.

For more information,
contact Pam Dixon
northcountyegles@hotmail.com
760-757-4762

Dress: Scout uniforms or
business casual

Come meet our newest
District Members at
Large!



Oceanside Neighborhood Services Department & Oceanside Public Library
Friends of Oceanside Parks & Friends of Oceanside Library
Chamber of Commerce, Visit Oceanside & Main Street Oceanside

OCEANSIDE'S 125TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CEREMONY



Wednesday, July 3, 2013

11:00am

Civic Center Plaza

300 North Coast Highway

Oceanside, CA 92054



- Presentation of the Colors •
- Proclamations & Presentations •
- Entertainment & Refreshments •

To volunteer, please call (760) 435-5041 or (760) 435-5600.



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Want to volunteer or donate? Contact the "Friends of Oceanside Parks" at OPARC@ci.oceanside.ca.us.

**Santa Margarita District
Vista Cub Scout Day Camp
Presents...**

Santa Margarita District

Frontier Days

Aug. 5th-Aug. 9th

COST: \$100 per Scout

**LOCATION:
Antique Gas and Steam
Engine Museum**

**APPLICATIONS
DEADLINE: JUNE 7TH**



- * **BB Guns**
- * **Archery**
- * **Leather Tooling**
- * **Woodworking**
- * **Crafts**
- * **Beltloops & Pins**
- * **Sibling Care**

Parent Volunteer Discounts Available

Go to www.smscouting.org for registration packets