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The District Executive Minute -Jim Trageser

The recent increase in annual membership fees by the National office is throwing a monkey wrench into the budgets and annual plans of many Scout units across the country. The Boy Scouts of America is no more immune to the increasing cost of conducting business than any other outfit - even if our "business" is molding boys into the next generation of leaders for our nation. Health care and benefits for the staff at the National office are under the same pressures every other business faces.

Still, no matter how necessary, this price increase - from \$15 per year for each youth and adult member to \$24 - is leading to both units and Councils having to make some difficult decisions on funding priorities.

At the Council level, the pain is palpable: We've had to cut the after-school gang-prevention ScoutReach program at all but a couple of schools in the county - including all the campuses in North County. The five schools in the Oceanside Unified School District that had ScoutReach programs will not have them this year. Council underwrites the entire cost of Scouting for the ScoutReach program, and the \$9 per boy increase, amplified by some 2,500 boys council wide, was more than our budget could bear.

Here in Santa Margarita District, we already had plans in place to have every single public elementary school and nearly every private school recruited by a Pack and a Troop. I thank our units for stepping up and recruiting elementary campuses that have, in many cases, not been recruited for some years.

From what I'm hearing, this year's popcorn campaign is going gangbusters. I know quite a few of our units are already out of product and trying to get more. Council is aware of the shortages and working with Trail's End to get more in ASAP. Hopefully, the campaign continues strongly and helps our units balance their books and absorb the increase in fees.

I'm grateful to all of you for your hard work and good cheer on behalf of our boys.

Jim Trageser

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Adult Leader Applications

Troop and Pack Leaders, we are running low on Adult Leader Applications and Council will not reprint Applications till next Year. Please only use the forms you need and use the electronic forms when possible. If anyone has a surplus of Adult Leader Applications, please bring them to Round Table on Thursday October 10 or turn them in to the District.

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The District Chair Minute - John Howells

Dear Scouters

One of the keys to every successful organization is recruiting new members, particularly one like Boy Scouts where our membership ages out of our programs. Now that schools are back in full swing our membership committees at the district and unit levels should be busy bringing in new members. I would like each of us to take on the challenge of adding a new boy to our units, think of the growth that would mean and what a difference scouting could make in so many boys lives. Parents and boys are in the best position to recruit friends to come to fun activities, camping etc. Most of the recruiting during my Scoutmaster days was boys inviting friends, so encourage your boys to reach out to their friends and parents to talk to the parents they associate with to invite their boys. In a world filled with technology and other distractions that keep us from getting to know our Creator and enjoying time with His creations, Scouting helps us take time to enjoy the beauty and listen to that inner voice that brings us peace not to mention all of the other negative draws that try to reel our boys in. Scouting teaches boys how to become responsible, contributing members of society. Let's all REACH ONE MORE.

Best Wishes,

John Howells
District Chair

CPR



Santa Margarita District is offering CPR training.

Please register on the Councils Website at
www.sdicbsa.org/Training/Schedule.php?prog=fa

November 16, 2013

9 AM-4 PM

LDS

451 W. Bobier Dr, Vista, CA 92083

Cost is \$30

Limited to the first 12 participants



The District Commissioner - Bob Dixon

Hi All,

Roundtable attendance is booming! Right off the bat I'd like to thank everyone for all of the supportive comments we've been receiving for the expanded breakout sessions at Roundtables. We're doing our best to inform our units on all of the resources we have here in the Santa Margarita District. The district staff is eager to get you the information you need to lead a successful scout unit! Please continue to let us know what you need. A big thanks goes out to all of the breakout leaders that have supported the program over the last few months. Remember to bring a friend to Roundtable!

Re-chartering packets should be ready for distribution in October. The commissioner staff has well over 100 of these packets to get out. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please do your very best to have someone from your unit at the October Roundtable. Reminders will come out about the packets again in a few weeks.

Finally, please join me in welcoming some new faces to the Santa Margarita Commission Corps. They've added another "hour a week" to their workload, so be sure to give them a hand when you can. Our New Commissioners are: Justin Hillier, Dirk Thayer, Ryan Thresher, Walter Christensen, Brent Nettles, Kevin Burg, Rob Greenwood, and Larry Juarez.

And let's thank Scott Ashton and Andrew Willis- they have both stepped into Assistant District Commissioner roles for Oceanside! Thanks to you both!

Until next month,

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Editor's Notes

Newsletter Submittal Deadlines

Please submit news and events regarding Scouts in the Santa Margarita District to K. Harris at kgraphics@att.net.

Friday November 22, 2013
Friday December 20, 2013

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

K. Harris

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"A boy on joining wants to begin Scouting right away."

Lord Baden Powell

National Public Lands Day

Service project in Carlsbad
September 28, 2013

Volunteers assisted with planting 300 native plants in a one-acre habitat restoration site and trail maintenance, restoration and other trail related projects.



Frontier Days Vista Day Camp



Vista Cub Scout Day Camp
Frontier Days



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our camp a success.



October 19 & 20, 2013

BSA Jamboree on the Air
and Jamboree on the Internet Virtual Scout Jamboree
For all levels of Scouting – Boy Scout, Venturer, and Cub Scout

Nova Awards eligible event; plan your unit JOTA/JOTI event!
Registration opens in early-October at <http://www.jotajoti2013.org>



October 18 to 20, 2013

Webelos Woods XXXI at Mataguay Scout Reserve

For Webelos and Boy Scouts
Info on SDIC website at:
<http://camping.sdicsa.org/CubCamping/WebelosWoods.php>
Registration opens soon



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Up Coming District Events



Trails End Popcorn Sales

Going on now! Great fund raising opportunities for all Scouts.

Haunted Trail hike

October 12 & 19, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Dos Picos County Park in Ramona

A service project for Boy Scouts and Venturers
Haunted Trail hike volunteer hosts and staff
Event and registration info available from Steve Granata
(email: steve@sgranata.net)



City of Oceanside SUN (Supporting Urban Neighborhoods) housing and neighborhood beautification project

October 26, 2013
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

For Boy Scouts and Venturers
Messenger of Peace Award eligible event
Info and registration available early-September on City of Oceanside website or contact Steve Granata
(steve@sgranata.net) for info registration forms

Cub Scout Self Guided 5 Mile Hike of Old Town and The Presidio

November 10, 2013
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM start-time:

Cub Scouts
This hike fulfils one requirement for the SDIC El Camino Real High
Adventure award

Pack pre-registration must be mailed-in by November 4, 2013
Event info and registration forms available from Steve Granata
(steve@sgranata.net)



Eagle Project

Local Boy Scout completes Eagle Service Project at Carlsbad High School

Local Scout Chase Heck, from Boy Scouts of America Troop 750 in Carlsbad, recently completed his Eagle Scout Service Project at Carlsbad High School. His project involved building and installing high visibility, permanent trash receptacles to reduce litter and improve the appearance of the new parking lot completed last year. This parking lot is used daily by Carlsbad High School students and is also used for many public events held at the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center.



Chase is a 2013 graduate of Carlsbad High School (CHS). While a student at CHS, he saw that the school renovations greatly improved its appearance and enhanced the neighborhood. However trash was discarded in the parking lot every day, making it less appealing and reflecting poorly on the student body. He observed that trash receptacles were not available in the parking lot itself, only inside the school gates, which might give the impression there was no place to discard trash. His solution was to place the receptacles directly in the parking lot and paint them in the CHS school colors, purple and white. They bear a personal message encouraging people to follow the scouting ideal of "Leave No Trace". This will be coordinated with a publicity campaign through the school newspaper.

An Eagle Scout Service Project is a major step in the completion of the Eagle rank, Scouting's highest award. The project is an opportunity for the scout to demonstrate his leadership skills while performing a service that will have lasting benefit to his community. The scout must make a proposal, create a plan, obtain permissions, raise money, organize and lead others in doing the actual project work. The National Eagle Scout Association estimates that Eagle service projects bring more than three million hours of volunteer work to US communities. Only about 4% of all boys who join the Boy Scouts of America complete all the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout.





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Congressman Ron Packard (ret.)

Member of Congress 1983-2001

2013 Coastal North County
Good Scout of the Year Dinner

To benefit local Boy Scout programs

6 p.m. Saturday, October 12, 2013
Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa
5480 Grand Pacific Drive, Carlsbad



Steering Committee

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Carlsbad Councilman Mark Packard
Former Vista Councilman Scott Packard
Bob McKinley
Don Polese
John Howells IV

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Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall
Oceanside Mayor Jim Wood
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