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2013 North County Coastal Good Scout of the Year



Retired Congressman Ron Packard was recently named the 2013 North County Coastal Good Scout of the Year. Mr. Packard was recognized with this award for his extraordinary leadership to our community and for exemplifying the values of the Boy Scout organization. A dinner was held for Mr. Packard with many community members and scouters in attendance. Boy Scout Troop 712 did a tremendous job with the flag ceremony, wearing vintage Boy Scout uniforms. Congratulations again to Ron Packard!

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From the Eagle Board Chair

As 2013 closes, I wish to congratulate the year's 61 Eagles that call Santa Margarita home. These young men took the challenge to earn their Eagle rank by demonstrating true leadership skills, commitment, a love for scouting, and perseverance. Congrats to all!



I would also like to take this time to thank the many volunteers that help make "Team Eagle" so very successful. From our Eagle Counselors to Court of Honor Team Members to our Eagle Board Members – these are the greatest volunteers one could ever hope to work with. We couldn't have our program without all of their dedication to our scouting youth. A huge thank you to all of you.

Please help us celebrate our Eagle program by attending our first annual Eagle Dinner on February 27th. This event is for all Eagle Scouts and those in the district that support our Eagle program. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Scouting, Pam Dixon

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December's Roundtable



"There is no teaching to compare with example."

Lord Baden Powell

The District Commissioner Minute - Bob Dixon

A very Happy New Year to all of our Santa Margarita Scouters! I'd like to first say congratulations to the entire district for surviving a challenging 2013. Even though we needed to clear some unique hurdles, we also managed to make some significant progress. The stage is set for a banner year in 2014.

Your Commissioner Corps will be focused on four main objectives this year.

Supporting unit growth through the Journey to Excellence- The Journey to Excellence forms tend to look imposing if not overwhelming, especially to our new leaders. Your commissioners have volunteered to help identify and prioritize the things you'd like help with at your unit. Remember, we're here to serve.

Making units aware of the growing array of district resources- We have a great roster of district volunteers that can provide your unit with the help and/or info you want for your programs. Your input has been and will continue to be the best tool in developing district support!

Unit visits- Unit commissioner visits can be key in helping units thrive. Please take advantage of your UC to help meet your goals. If we haven't yet found a commissioner for your unit, please stay in touch with us through your Assistant District Commissioners and by attending Roundtables! (A list of Assistant District Commissioners is to the left- please join me in welcoming Jack Cater!)

Supporting the Charter Renewal Process- Aaagh- paperwork! We will definitely be seeking your input in 2014. What can the Commissioner's do to help in the process? Please share your needs and suggestions with the commissioner staff!

Of course if you have any other unit needs, please remember that the commissioners are here to serve. We have a great admiration for the district scouters that are serving our local youth.

Once again, Happy New Year and we're looking forward to a great 2014!

YIS,
Bob Dixon
Santa Margarita District Commissioner



The Key 3 with Santa
Bob Dixon, Jim Trageser and John Howells



There's always something for you at Roundtable!

Are you sending someone from your unit to our monthly Roundtable meetings? If not, why not? Roundtable is THE place to be each month to gain new skills led by experienced Scouters, a chance for you to network, and where you can receive the most up-to-date information to help you provide the best program to your youth. On top of that, we have fun! Check out the photos from our December Roundtable to see for yourself. Roundtable is always held the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7pm, at the LDS Stake Center, 451 W. Bobier Drive in Vista. All adults in our district are welcome and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. Stay Informed - Attend Roundtable!



Email Newsletter articles to K. Harris at:

kgraphics@att.net

District Planning Meeting

Please join us for the annual Santa Margarita District Planning Meeting
Saturday, January 11, 2014
9:00 AM
LDS- 451 W. Bobier Dr.
Vista, CA 92083

Assistant District Commissioners

Oceanside- Scott Ashton and Andrew Willis

Carlsbad- Jack Cater
Carlsbad Stake- Tyler Overall

Fallbrook- Jared Minard

Vista- Vacant
Vista Stake- Brent Nettles

Roundtable- Eric Gemmell

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Buena Vista Lagoon



On November 16, 2013, the Bear Den of Pack 752 visited the Buena Vista Lagoon. A lovely docent by the name of Mrs. Joan Fountain guided us through the museum.

We saw quite a few animal tracks and water spiders, a few turtles and birds as well. The boys really enjoyed it!



Catholic Religious Emblem

Catholic Cub Scout Parents! It is not too late to sign your son up to earn his Catholic Religious Emblem!

Eligibility:

Light of Christ – Registered 6 and 7 year old (Tiger or Wolf) of Catholic Faith.

Parvuli Dei – Registered 8-10 year old (Bear or Webelos) of Catholic Faith.

These programs are fun and rewarding for both the Cub Scout and his parents and are worked on at home with the family. A scout must enroll with an Emblems Counselor before he begins.

For a Registered Emblems Counselor at your parish, contact Pam Dixon at 760-757-4762 or at: northcountyegles@hotmail.com



Canoeing In December ?

Here's a tip from Carlsbad's Troop 748. December is a great time to earn the council's Salty Rat patch. No crowds, just a beautiful day of canoeing out of the San Diego Youth Aquatic Center.



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Troop 680 Blood Drive for Mark Mikulics, Jr.
January 18, 2014
Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church
17010 Pomerado Rd, San Diego, CA 92128

Troop 680 Scout Mark Mikulics, Jr. was diagnosed with leukemia in late November 2013 and we invite you to participate in a blood drive on Jan 18, 2014 at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church (RBCPC) to support him and others with similar needs.

Mark, a 17 year old Poway native, has been in Scouting since first grade at Painted Rock Elementary School. Currently at the rank of Life Scout, he has been working toward the rank of Eagle, which he has been expecting to achieve this winter. While leukemia has slowed him down, his drive has not waned. In addition to Scouts, Mark has been extremely active as a goalie on Poway High School's varsity water polo team.



Mark's goals include beating this illness quickly, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, attending his sister's wedding in April 2014, and graduating from Poway High. We ask for your support by taking a few minutes to donate a pint of blood at Troop 680's blood drive on Jan 18th. Leukemia patients typically go through 8 pints of blood per week during the course of treatment, so there is significant need by Mark and numerous other patients in the San Diego community. San Diego Blood Bank staff will be available to take donations between 9 am and 2:30 pm at RBCPC located at 17010 Pomerado Road, San Diego, CA 92128.



Please schedule an appointment on-line at <https://www.mysddb.org/mobile/opportunities/mobile-details.html?id=68804>

Troop 680 and the Mikulics family thank you for your support!



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Cub Scout and Boy Scout Nova workshops begin

Fleet Science Center in San Diego

March 1, 2014

Scouts now may begin earning the BSA Nova award in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) achievement in special workshops at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. The Fleet is now accepting direct unit-level registration for one-day Cub Scout, Webelos Scout, and Boy Scout workshop dates of unit choice. To register call 619-238-1233, x. 806 with your top-choice Saturday date (2 to 4 weeks in advance) and at least one backup date. Detailed information available from Steve Granata (steve@sgranata.net) and will be posted on SDIC website soon.



Cub Scout Tour of Mission

San Juan Capistrano

March 22, 2014

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
The tour fulfills one of the requirements for the SDIC El Camino Real High Adventure Award. Registration is available at the Den or Pack level. Registration form is available online for print-and-mail submission at the following address:
<http://www.ccsbsa.org/pdf/sanjuanapp.pdf>

Fun with Son at Mataguay Scout Ranch

March 28 - 30, 2014

For Cub Scouts and their parents (Scouts only no siblings)
Further info and registration forthcoming



Eagle's Camp at Camp Fiesta Island

Camp Fiesta Island

March 31 - April 5, 2014 and April 7 - 12, 2014

For Boy Scouts First Class and above
Scouts will be able to complete the majority of the Eagle Required Merit Badges with only minimal prerequisites. Scouts may register as individuals. 120 day advance meeting required.



Nature hike on new preservation boardwalk trails

Lake Calavera in Carlsbad

April 12, 2014
8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

For all levels of Scouting
Unit leaders contact Liz Ketabian at 760-434-2978 to verify event date and time, or check the city of Carlsbad website at www.carlsbadca.gov/trails



2014 DISTRICT CAMPOREE!

May 2-4, 2014

Santa Margarita District Camporee

Are You Tougher Than Your Scoutmaster?

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista

FUN FOR ALL!

Merit Badge Classes!

Trail to 1st Class

Earn Your Totin' Chip or Firem'n Chit!

Adult Trainings!

Are You Tougher Than Your Scoutmaster Games!

Life to Eagle Training!

Campfire Show with an Air Band Competition!

Order of the Arrow Call Out!

Webelos Scouts are Encouraged to Visit!



Maximum Camporee Capacity- 450 attendees.
(Last year attendees - 334!)
DON'T MISS OUT!
Reservation info will be coming soon!



Questions? Contact Marcus Sneed at 760.941.7530 or at: dreamcar1@earthlink.net

Soar with Santa Margarita! **SAVE THE DATE!**



District Eagle Dinner

Thursday, February 27, 2014

LDS Vista Stake Center

451 W. Bobier Drive, Vista

6:30 pm

To celebrate those that have earned their Eagle rank in our district & those that have supported our Eagle program!

Ticket info coming soon!