



Messenger

Volume 4, Issue 4

February 2014

In This Issue

Cover

Journey to Excellence

Silver Beaver Award

District Chair Minute and
Membership Chair Minute 2

Order of the Arrow, 2013
Chapter of the Year and Vigil
Honor 3

Arrow of Light projects 4

2014 Santa Margarita District
Camporee 5

Upcoming Events 6-7

Camping Corner 8

District Eagle Dinner 9

San Juan Capistrano Mission
10

Santa Margarita District
Dinner 11

Vista Summer Day Camp 12

Journey to Excellence Silver Award

The Santa Margarita District was recognized at the San Diego-Imperial Council Annual Dinner for achieving the Journey to Excellence Silver Award. Earning the Silver Award shows that our units and our district have undergone incredible improvements in just the last year. Thanks to everyone in our district for your continued commitment to our Scouting program! Receiving the award on behalf of our district were District Chair John Howells, District Executive Jim Trageser, and District Commissioner Bob Dixon



2013 Silver Beaver Award



At the recent council dinner, our very own Tony Kyamko-Yap was presented the 2013 Silver Beaver Award for his distinguished service to youth. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor a Boy Scout council can bestow upon a volunteer and is given only to those persons who have given continued, unselfish, and effective service to the scouting program and their community. Congratulations and thank you Tony!





Santa Margarita District

The District Chair Minute - John Howells

How do you measure success in scouting? Those of us who have served in scouting for many years recognize that the rewards of our efforts don't fully show until we see these boys grow into men and become contributing members to society. As scout leaders, we need some measurable way to determine if we are running our programs in a way that applies best practices that has shown for over 100 years to have success and to give the boys the best possible scouting experience. We don't do this to benefit ourselves, this is truly selfless service helping our sons and other boys prepare themselves to be all that they can possibly become. At our Council dinner, the outgoing Council president quoted President James Garfield "I never meet a ragged boy in the street without feeling that I may owe him a salute, for I know not what possibilities may be buttoned up under his coat."

As we reflect on his words I hope that we recognize that we don't know what these boys can become yet we are charged with helping them to excel by learning good morals and learning the meaning of the scout oath and the scout law.

We are now almost a month and a half into the new year and I hope just as we look set goals for ourselves to become better people, to improve in physical, spiritual, financial, or otherwise, I hope in your scouting roles, you have set goals and you have looked at what you can do to help your units in achieving journey to excellence. This is the measure that scouting uses to measure our immediate success. Thank you for your service to scouting and especially for all of the time that you put in to help the boys have a great scouting experience.

Best wishes for a successful 2014,

John Howells

District Chair

The Membership Chairman's Minute - Ozzie Nelson

A troop open house can be an effective way to recruit new Scouts into a troop, especially in the spring when outdoor activities are on the horizon. It provides a forum to show off Scouting activities, the troop's accomplishments, and an explanation of future troop events. For more information contact Ozzie Nelson, Membership Chairman.

Order of the Arrow

2013 Chapter of the Year

If you were at the recent Tiwahe Lodge annual banquet, you know the exciting news! Santa Margarita's Bitani Chapter was chosen the Tiwahe Lodge 2013 Chapter of the Year! This is a huge accomplishment and shows what a great chapter we have here in Santa Margarita! Members of Bitani should all be congratulated on a job well done!



Vigil Honor

Recently four members of Santa Margarita's Bitani Chapter of the Order of the Arrow were selected as Vigil Honor candidates. The Vigil Honor is to recognize those Arrowmen who have distinguished themselves in their lodge and council through exceptional service. Congratulations to Jacob Coppes, Jared Minard, Andrew Willis, and Wes Scarbrough for their continued service to our Scouting program.



"Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise."

Lord Baden Powell

Email Newsletter articles to K. Harris at:

kgraphics@att.net



Arrow of Light Ceremony

751



Lamps built by the Webelos IIs of Pack 751 are displayed at the Jan. 27 Pack Show and Arrow of Light ceremony.



Arrow of Light Display



An Arrow of Light display at Pack 722's Blue and Gold banquet at St. Francis Parish in Vista on Feb. 8.

2014 Santa Margarita Camporee

CAMPOREE

ARE
YOU
TOUGHER
THAN YOUR
SCOUTMASTER?



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SANTA MARGARITA UNITS!

SIGN UP NOW!

<http://sdicbsa.doubleknot.com/event/santa-margarita-camporee-2014/1489380>

2014 Camporee Info You Need!

May 2-4, 2014

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista

Merit Badge Classes! Trail to 1st Class! Campfire Show with an Air Band Competition!
Life to Eagle Training! Adults vs. Scouts Skill Competitions! Order of the Arrow Call Out!
Earn the Totin' Chip or Firem'N Chit! Adult Training!

Cost is only \$16.00 per person!

A non-refundable deposit of \$5.00 per person is needed to reserve a spot and must be paid within two weeks of your registration. If payment is not received by this time, unit will be dropped. The final payment is due by March 31.

Units outside of Santa Margarita District can register to attend beginning March 1st, so sign up early! Maximum Number of Participants is 450.

Up Coming District Events

Scouting For Food

March 1 to March 31, 2014

Plan your unit food donation collection day(s) and dropoffs with our community partner – the Salvation Army Oceanside Corps



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

Cub Scout workshop information available on the SDIC website at <http://www.sdicbsa.org/ACS/Docs/FleetCubNovaWorkshops.pdf>



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> (See form on page 10)

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 on SDIC website



Spring 2014

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



Santa Margarita District Camporee

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista

May 2 to 4, 2014

For Boy Scouts (full weekend) and Webelos (Saturday day camp)

See the flyer on page 5

International Camporee

Mataguay Scout Ranch

May 16 to 18, 2014

For Boy Scouts and Venturers

Join in a weekend of shared community and competition with members of the Asociación de Scouts de México (Scouts of Mexico) at Mataguay Scout Ranch.

Further info and registration forthcoming on SDIC website



Camping Corner

Is your unit looking for a great outing? Have you discovered a great outing location? Wondering if a location is approved for your pack? Maybe you need an idea for a high adventure trip?

We are going to feature some of the best outing ideas that your units have experienced. Please send your great camping experience in to us and we will feature it in an upcoming "Camping Corner".

Include the location, cost and reservation information so we can pass it along. We are looking for trips and outings for packs, troops and crews... from day trips to high adventure.

Email submissions to Jeff Boyer at jaymarsigns@sbcglobal.net with a subject line: "Camping Corner"



**Camp Balboa
San Diego, CA**



Soar with Santa Margarita! District Eagle Recognition Dinner

Thursday, February 27, 2014



Reception: 5:30-6:30pm

Eagle Group Photos: 6:45pm

Dinner & Program begins
promptly at 7:00pm

LDS Stake Center
451 W. Bobier Drive, Vista 92083
\$15.00 per person
Attire: Business Casual or Scout uniform

This event is open to all Santa Margarita Eagle Scouts & their parents/guardians or spouse, all adult leaders, Eagle Board members, and community & district members that have supported our Eagle program!

To register and for more info, go to:
<http://sdicbsa.doubleknot.com/event/santa-margarita-eagle-dinner-2014/1483160>

San Juan Capistrano Mission



THE CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING TOUR OF THE SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO MISSION



Who: Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Their Families
 When: **Saturday, March 22, 2014**
 Check In: 10:00 A.M.
 Tour Starts: 10:30 A.M.
 Cost:
 Adults \$9.00
 Seniors (60+) \$8.00
 Children (4-11) \$6.00
 Children 3 and Under Free
 Souvenir: Patch
 Reservations: **Make checks payable to CCS**
 Mail To: **CCS Cub Mission Tour**
 3350 E Street
 San Diego, CA 92102-3332

Amtrak (Pacific Surfliner) arrives in San Juan Capistrano at 9:57 A.M. The station is within walking distance of the Mission for those who would like to ride the train.

This is a self-guided tour.

Special Event: Swallows Parade Day with Mariachis at the Mission SJC between 2 & 4 P.M.

March is when the swallows return to the Mission and the coming of Spring - a time of renewal and rebirth.

The Mission requires at least one adult per ten children.
 You are responsible for **BSA Tour Permit and Permission Slips**.
 This Mission Tour fulfills one of the requirements for the San Diego and Imperial Council's El Camino Real Cub Scout High Adventure patch.

For information call Sandy Devlin at 760-231-8008 or CCS Office 619-446-2116.
RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

(Detach and Mail In)

CUB TOUR OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO MISSION ON MARCH 22, 2014

Pack # _____ Den # _____ Leader's Name _____

Phone # _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number of Adults _____ x \$9.00 = _____
 Number of Seniors (60+) _____ x \$8.00 = _____
 Number of Cubs (6-11) _____ x \$6.00 = _____
 Number of others (4-11) _____ x \$6.00 = _____
 Number of others 3 and under _____ x Free = _____
 Number of Cub Souvenirs _____ x \$3.00 = _____
TOTAL = _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCS AND MAIL TO:
CUB MISSION TOUR
3350 E STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92102-3332

RESERVATION DEADLINE MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

By signing this application and or participating in this event, I grant permission to San Diego Catholic Committee on Scouting to publish photographs taken on this event in all publications/media that SDCCS submits photos and articles. No compensation for published photos will be made.

Leader's Signature _____ Date _____



SAVE THE DATE! Santa Margarita District Dinner "Blue Ribbon Memories!"

Good Old-Fashioned Country Fun!
Games & Prizes!
Pie Judging Contest!
Awards & Recognitions!
and much more!



**Come celebrate the 2013 Award of Merit
& Driving Force Recipients!**



2013 DINNER INFO

Registration opening soon!
 All district adults are invited!

DATE: Thursday, May 8th
 tickets \$20 per person

WHERE: LDS Stake Center
 451 W. Bobier, Vista

TIME: Reception & Pie Judging: 6pm
 Dinner & Program: 7pm

Santa Margarita District
Cub Scout Day Camp presents

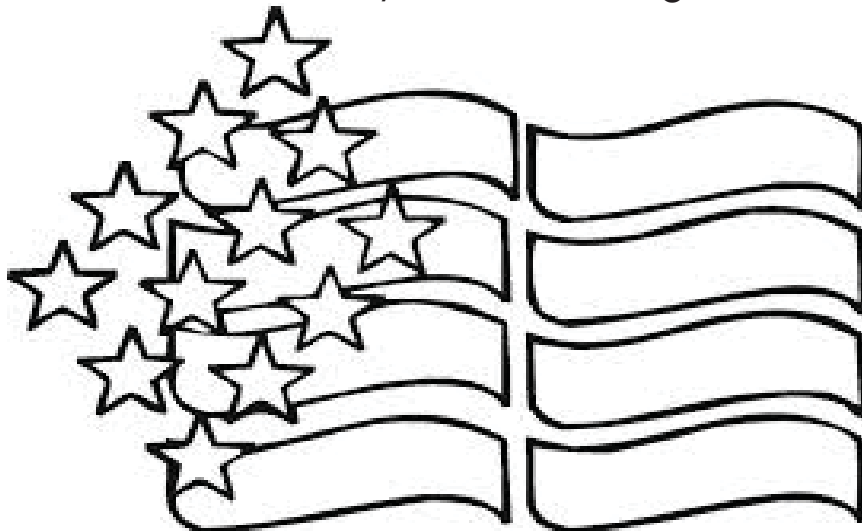
Love Your Country Live With Pride

When: July 7th-11th 2014

Where: Vista Gas and Steam Engine
Museum

Registration will begin in March. Registration forms will be available at Roundtable meetings at the Bobier building in Vista.

Questions please call Wendy McDonald 760 505-3482 or email wendysmcdonald@gmail.com.



Vista Summer Day Camp