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Editor's Thoughts...

By Pam Dixon

A couple weeks ago our district held a Fireside Chat. This was a time for us to come together and discuss issues of importance to us in our local scouting program. Scout Executive Terry Trout, Council Commissioner Caren Tamkin, and Council President Bob Witt were all in attendance and gave us a wonderful report on what is happening with our council and what we have to look forward to in the upcoming year. Thanks to all that took time to come out to this very informative meeting.

If you are a member of the Order of the Arrow or just someone interested in learning more about what they do check out their new and improved website at: <http://oa.sdicbsa.org/>. Our very own District Director, Vic Enchelmayer, is highlighted on the home page.



A Note from the District Chair

By Dr. Kevin Chalk

As I attended the meeting for all the district chairman in the San Diego - Imperial Council, the major discussion was how to grow Scouting.

As we discussed this issue it dawned on me that we are too often not using our largest and best asset, that being our scouts.

I have seen many troops and packs grow abundantly by just having the boys ask a friend to come with them to the meetings. We grew a scout troop from just 18 boys to 31 by using this method.

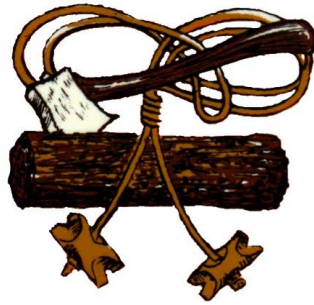
Not every boy will join that attends, but it amazed me that most did. This also brought in parents who were new and excited about the program. We added two wonderful Assistant Scoutmasters through this recruiter program.

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Scouters Earn Their Beads!



Congratulations go out this month to Bruce Behymer and Robert Snow for completing their Wood Badge tickets. Both Bruce and Robert are from the Units of 788, where Bruce is the Advancement Coordinator and Robert is the Institutional Representative.

**Shown in photo: (l-r) Dr. Kevin Chalk, Bruce Behymer,
Robert Snow and Bob Dixon**

For more information on the next Wood Badge Course, go to: <http://www.we6-49-11.com/>



The District Director's Minute

By Vic Enchelmayer

Hello Scouters!

It is October and this is an exciting time of year! Beautiful outdoor weather, campouts and outings, new scouts joining through roundups and open houses! I love the autumn season!

Be sure to offer each boy in your scout unit the chance to earn the RECRUITER BADGE. Let me know how many badges you need for the number of scouts who have invited and seen a boy join your unit as a new scout. We have some great looking centennial recruiter badges ready to present. No better way to get new scouts in your unit, than for a scout to invite a friend to join. If you need help in scheduling additional roundups, or printing flyers, I will be glad to assist.

It is recharter time and we appreciate your efforts to complete and submit the paperwork and centennial goal sheets by the end of November/early December. Be sure each adult has signed the consent form for background check and that they are current in youth protection, with current certificate/course date attached.

Have a great autumn, as we finish out the centennial year of scouting!

Vic Enchelmayer, District Director

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The District "Thumbs Up" Award

This month Walt Treadwell, District Membership Chair, gets a special thank you from our district members. Walt's job is to help increase our membership by recruiting new youth members and adult leaders, to track our membership growth objectives and to help organize new units. Way to go, Walt!

Fun Facts about Boy Scouting!

"Since our founding in the U.S. in 1910, over 110 million Americans have been members of the Boy Scouts of America. Everybody knows a Scout!"

From scouting.org

A note from the District Chair continued

Give it some thought and don't forget the program is about, for, and because of our young scouts. They are our best promoters because they are the most excited. Let's grow our District through growing our units.

YIS,

Dr. Kevin Chalk
760-470-1076



Words of Wisdom from Lord Baden-Powell

"The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it."



Calling All Units! We want to hear from you!

Do you have unit news to share? How about having your troop scribe send something in about your unit? The deadline to submit articles is the third Friday of each month. Send your news to: northcountyeagles@hotmail.com



October District Scouting Events

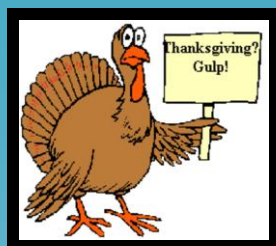
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LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista

14 District Commissioners' Meeting – 6pm
LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista

14 Roundtable – 7pm
LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista

21 Order of the Arrow Meeting – 7pm
Holiday Park, Carlsbad

28 Eagle Boards of Review
LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista



November District Scouting Events

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LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista

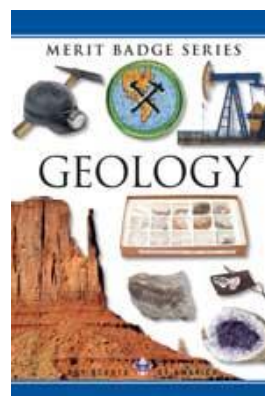
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Upcoming Scouting Events



Geology Workshop **Saturday, October 23, 9am-2:30**

10051 Black Mountain Road, San Diego 92126

\$5.00 admission

Complete requirements for belt loops,
activity badges & Geology Merit Badge

http://sdcbsa.org/MiscDocs/Vulcan_ScoutEvent_10_R5.pdf



Cub Leader Pow Wow 2010

Saturday, November 13th
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

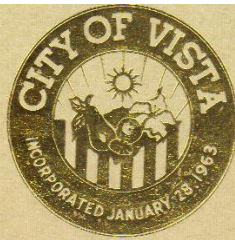
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Proclamations

At our district dinner in May both the City of Oceanside and the City of Vista presented our members with proclamations congratulating BSA for their 100 years. Here is a copy of each for you to have. Our District Director, Vic Enchelmayer has the originals in his office. Please stop by and check them out sometime.





Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has been at the forefront of instilling timeless values in youth since its founding in 1910; and

WHEREAS, this national youth movement has made its mission serving others through its values-based program; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is committed to helping millions of youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live a happy and fulfilling life; and

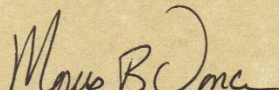
WHEREAS, the San Diego-Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America and its 800 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews are celebrating Scouting's 100th anniversary with the theme "Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey;" and

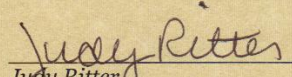
WHEREAS, there are more than 450 community organizations that make Scouting available for over 21,000 youth participants in the council as a means of character building, citizenship training, and personal fitness; and

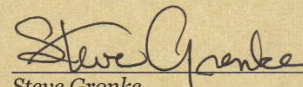
WHEREAS, May 6, 2010 has been selected as the day our local leaders will be "Celebrating the Decades" of the Boy Scouts of America.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and members of the Vista City Council designate May 6, 2010 as the Day of Recognition of the 100th year of Scouting for the Santa Margarita District and express the appreciation of our citizens to the San Diego-Imperial Council and the Boy Scouts of America for their interest in and dedication to America's youth.

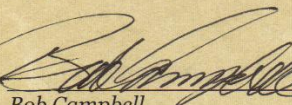
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and affixed the seal this 6th day
of May 2010

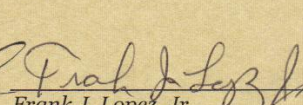

Morris B. Vance
Mayor


Judy Ritter
Mayor Pro Tempore


Steve Gronke
Councilmember




Bob Campbell
Councilmember


Frank J. Lopez, Jr.
Councilmember

Ask A Leader

What is the one “must take” item you always have in your backpack? Why?



Michael Flood
Scoutmaster Troop 739

Above all items, I always take my first aid kit. Thankfully I haven't had to use my first aid kit often, but when I have it was very useful. My personal kit is larger than most. Since I'm often out camping with my Troop, I always carry enough supplies to service about 7 to 10 people. We still have a Troop first aid kit, but I like the additional insurance. Further, if we happen to be out on a High Adventure trek, professional medical aid might be some distance away. Should there be an incident where a Scout or myself becomes injured, some help is right at hand.



Jim Frederick
Committee Chair for the 788 Units

My “Must Take Item” is a smoke shifter. It is ecologically safe and doesn't weigh much. It is a matter of courtesy for other campers that you control the direction of the smoke around the campfire and avoid the discomfort to human and animal life in the area as well as the control of air quality. It comes in several muted pastel colors. It fits nicely in my backpack next to my first aid kit. It is not required for a tour permit, but who knows about the future.



Bill Donovan
Scoutmaster Troop 748

I always remember to pack my rain gear. Even though we live in sunny Southern California, you never know when it might start raining and it will come in handy.

Thanks To All That Attended The Fireside Chat!

A big thank you to the Chalk family for opening up their home to all of us for this very important gathering.



Terry Trout, Bob Witt, Caren Tamkin, Kevin Chalk, Vic Enchelmayer



**Every Scout deserves
a trained leader!**



The Training Trail

By Marcus Sneed

Revisions to the training schedule:
The Santa Margarita District Training team will be hosting an "Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Course on Nov 12-13, 2010 vice October 20-30, 2010. The registration flyer can be found on the district and council websites.

The Santa Margarita District Training Team will be hosting a Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Course (BALOO) for Cub Scout leaders on November 6, 2010. The course will take place at the Bobier LDS Church from 9 am -5 pm. The registration flyer can be found on the district and council websites.

The District Training Team hosted a Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (CLST) Course on September 25, 2010. There were 39 participants. Congratulations to all participants.

In case you are not able to attend a CLST course, the program is now available on-line. Cub Scouts leaders can go to Myscouting.org to take the course. Once completed, the leader will be considered a trained leader.



Effective June 1, 2010, the BSA implemented mandatory Youth Protection training for all registered volunteers. In order to assist councils and to ensure that these policies are fully implemented, we are making significant changes to the ScoutNET > PAS, MyScouting, and Internet Rechartering software. Some of the changes include:

- *Adding the Youth Protection training indicator to the Charter Renewal and Unit Rosters.

- *Creating a system validation to ensure that all newly registered leaders have taken YPT within the last two years and that this training is recorded on the person profile.

- *New functionality so registrars can easily update training from Additional Enrollments and Charter Renewal, or send an e-mail with the click of a button directly from Additional Enrollments and Charter Renewal to leaders that have not completed YPT and have an e-mail address entered in their person profile.

- *Automatic notification from MyScouting to adult volunteers prior to Youth Protection training expiring.

- *Final Internet Rechartering paperwork for unit renewal processors will include a list of leaders that require that proof of Youth Protection training be submitted to the local council with the signed renewal paperwork.

*Software changes will soon begin, starting with ScoutNET > PAS. Updates to MyBSA, MyScouting, and Internet Rechartering will follow.

To smooth the progress of the new YPT requirements and unit charter renewal process, and to ensure that no unit's chance to recharter is jeopardized this year, we will begin validating for current Youth Protection training for all direct contact leaders during the charter renewal process.

One-Day HALTT Retraining

Saturday, November 6

8:00am to 1:00pm

This one-day refresher course allows a High Adventure Leader to keep their certification up-to-date. This course must be taken every four years. The course reviews basic concepts and presents any new ideas in the area of High Adventure Leadership.

http://highadventure.sdicsa.org/train_recert.htm

District Life to Eagle Training



For Life Scouts, Parents and
Unit Leaders

Last one of the year!
Thursday, November 11th
6:30 pm

**All trainings are held at the
Bobier LDS Stake, 451 West
Bobier Drive, Vista, Ca 92083.
To ensure receiving training
materials, you must RSVP to:**
northcountyeagles@hotmail.com



Congratulations to Our Newest Eagle Scouts!

2010 Santa Margarita Eagles as of September 23rd: 41!



Adam Holzer, Troop 725

Unit Leader – Patrick McDonald

Eagle Project: Raised planter beds for the Fallbrook Community Garden.



Nirav Mehta, Troop 750

Unit Leader – Steve Smith

Eagle Project: Xeriscape educational garden project at Dove Library in Carlsbad.



John Fellios, Troop 755

Unit Leader – Peter Fellios

Eagle Project: Landscaping project at REINS Therapeutic Riding Program in Fallbrook.



Michael Smith – Team 716

Unit Leader – Paul Jacinto

Eagle Project: Mural of the United States for Hope Elementary School in Carlsbad.



Alexander Morris, Crew 729

Unit Leader – Walter Brown

Eagle Project: Lighting project and refurbish the admissions booth at Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum.



Daniel Wille - Troop 789

Unit Leader – Kirk Wille

Eagle Project: Fencing Project for Brother Benno's in Oceanside.



Eric Reed, Crew 706

Unit Leader – Russ Miller

Eagle Project: Restoration of picnic tables for Hope Elementary School in Carlsbad.