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Editor's Thoughts...

By Pam Dixon

September is here! With that it is a time to start fresh – a new school year, planning new and exciting events for our scouts and a time to look around and see where you are most needed in the Scouting program. Sometimes, you find that it is time for you to change direction and sometimes you need to step away from something you love. That is where I am. I love this newsletter. I love sharing what our scouts and Scouters are doing - the fun, the excitement, and everything good about our program! With that being said, December will be my last issue. At that point, I will have been the editor for two years. It is time for someone else to take the reins. If you are interested in serving as the Editor, please contact Kevin or Erica. It is a wonderful job and I promise you will have fun!



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A Note from the District Chair

By Dr. Kevin Chalk

The Boy Scouts of America has lost a valued and respected leader, trainer, educator and friend in the passing of Al DeWeese. He was one of those scoutmasters that we all strived to be like. His influence has and forever will reach innumerable scouts, both young and old.

I remember 24 years ago, after arriving in Vista and attending one of my first round tables. Sitting in awe at the lessons he presented each and every month. As a new assistant scoutmaster, I absorbed as much of his teaching as I could. He made attending round table something I looked forward to each and every month. All I wanted to do was be what he was for the youth of my unit.

He will be greatly missed for all the knowledge he carried with him, and never forgotten. As a tribute to Al I will be re-evaluating my efforts, the time I apply to the bettering of the scouting program in the Santa Margarita District.

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City of Oceanside, Neighborhood Services

Friends of Oceanside Parks

Oceanside Remembers



Sunday, September 11, 2011



OCEANSIDE BAND SHELL

200 SOUTH THE STRAND, OCEANSIDE 92054

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 2PM

CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL CHORUS: KEVIN DODDS & 3MC

TRIBUTE SPEAKERS

JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE BAND:

JIMMIE RAY & BLACK TRAIN WITH CYNDI CANTRELL AS JUNE CARTER



Parks and Recreation

Call us! (760) 435-5041 Fax us! (760) 435-9628

Visit us on the web! www.ci.oceanside.ca.us

**Parks
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Better!**



HELP WANTED

District Newsletter Editor Wanted!

We are looking for
someone to take over
the editor
responsibilities of the
Santa Margarita
Messenger beginning
in January 2012.

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HELP WANTED



Scoutmaster's Minute

Trick or Treat

A young university student was walking along with one of his professors when they came across a pair of shoes that belonged to an old man working in a field nearby. Our young friend suggested hiding the old man's shoes, but the professor objected. "We must never amuse ourselves at the expense of others," he said. "Why not put a dollar in each shoe and see what he will do?"

Together they did this, then hid themselves behind a bush. Soon the old man returned for his shoes. He put one foot into a shoe, then quickly removed it to see what was causing the discomfort. Finding the dollar, he examined it closely, then looked about to see who might have put it in his shoe. There was no one around, so he started to put on his other shoe and, to his amazement, found a dollar in it, too. Overwhelmed, he looked up toward Heaven and thanked God aloud for meeting the need of his distressed family.

The student was deeply moved by what he had witnessed. "Now," said the professor, "is not the treat better than the trick?"

From: Scouting.org

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I will be doubling my efforts to help make each unit better for the youth it serves. I have looked again at the Journey to excellence and tried to find little things I can do better and hope that if you were affected by the great life of AI that you would do the same.

Summer is over and School has started again. Hope your unit had a successful time.

Yours in Scouting,

Dr. Kevin Chalk
District Chairman

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Words of Wisdom from Lord Baden-Powell

"The code of the knight
is still the code of the
Gentleman today."

"We do not want to
make Scout training too
soft."

"Scoutmasters need the
capacity to enjoy the
out-of-doors."

From: Scouting.org



The District Executive's Minute

By Erica Audette

As the month of August comes to a close, I reflect back on all the activities that have gone on over the summer: adventures all round San Diego and even the World. This year I had the unique opportunity to participate as an advisor for the Western Region Venturing Crew that attended the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. The one impression that I carried away was the common bond of Scouting shared by Scouts and Scouters from around the world and the love of scouting that was shared by all. The language barriers melted away, as Scouts shared a meal together and with it, a piece of their home country's culture. I walked away with a different view of the world, one in which peace is possible when we take a moment to realize how very much alike we all are. But you don't have to go to Sweden or the World Jamboree to experience this: it can be experienced right here in San Diego and our District. There are many activities being planned for our scouts here at home to participate in and enjoy the brotherhood of Scouting.

We have so many exciting things happening right now – Round Ups, Popcorn Sales, MSR and Camp Balboa Family Camps, MSR and

Camp Balboa Fun with Sons, Training opportunities, POW WOW, OA Lodge Ordeal, just to name a few. I know many units have already held their yearly planning meetings, but don't forget to check out the District and Council Website for new activities and trainings as they are announced and posted.

While August was an exciting month for many Scouters in our community, the hand of sorrow touched us as well. One of our esteemed Scouters, Al DeWeese, passed away this last week. The leadership, guidance and love of Scouting that Al and his wife Gail shared with the Scouts and Scouters of Santa Margarita has helped to build our District into what it is today. The loss of the DeWeese family is one shared by us all. Please take a moment to remember Gail and her family in their time of need.

Yours in Scouting,

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Now you can follow what is happening at Philmont with the new "PhilCast" on youtube. A new episode airs every Monday!

Go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/philmo ntscoutranch>



From National –

“As an aid in the continuing effort to protect participants in Scout activity, the BSA National Health & Safety Committee and the Council Services Division of the BSA National Council have developed the "Sweet Sixteen" of BSA safety procedures for physical activity. These 16 points, which embody good judgement and common sense, are applicable to all activities.”

To read the specifics, go to:

<http://scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Resources/sweet16.aspx>



The Chess Merit Badge makes its debut on September 8th at the grand opening of the new Chess Hall of Fame in Saint Louis. If you are interested in becoming a merit badge counselor for this merit badge contact Traci Wagner at traci.wagner@scouting.org

Goodbye, Dear Friend! Al De Weese

Longtime Scouter, Friend, Eagle Scout



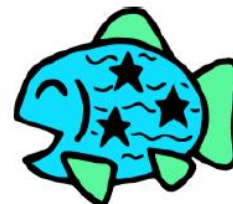
A heart of gold stopped beating,
A smiling face at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.



FUN WITH SON FALL CAMPOUT at Camp Balboa



"Dive into Fun!"
September 23-25, 2011



CUB SCOUTS AND PARENTS ARE INVITED TO
THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT

ACTIVITIES: BB and archery ranges, hikes, games, geocacheing, crafts, outdoor movie, campfire with skits, swimming, silk screening and fun with your son.

COST: \$25 per person, all meals included

REGISTRATION: Online at www.SDICBSA.org

Registration is now open and camp is limited to 300 people!

INFORMATION: Additional details of activities, schedule and meals are available online next to the registration link.

QUESTIONS: Contact Tania Miller at taniavg@yahoo.com , 619-992-6753

NOTES: Due to limited space, this camp out is for Cub Scouts and their parents/guardians only. All Pack members will be placed in the same campsite. Fun and smiles guaranteed!

FWS Balboa, Fall 2011~Acct #1-6801-851-20



Come Pile on the Fun

Mataguay Scout Ranch

Fun with Son

September 30 - October 2, 2011

Cub Scouts and their Parents are invited to
this fun-filled weekend!



ACTIVITIES: Boating, Swimming, BB Guns, Archery, Nature Hikes, Fishing (Bring Gear), Crafts and MORE!

COST: \$27.50 per person (includes all meals on Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast. NO MEALS will be provided on Friday night.)



REGISTRATION: available online at www.sdicbsa.org by September 23, 2011. Pre-registration is required and registration is limited to 250 attendees for the weekend! (No siblings or family camping). Participants are responsible for their own camping gear. No weapons, pets, alcohol beverages and electronics are allowed.

Check in: starts at 4pm on Friday.

Check out: by 11 am on Sunday.



CONTACT: Erica Audette 619-298-6121 x250

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NO WALK-INS OR LATE REGISTRATIONS!!!



2011 Varsity Scout Blackfoot Fort Mountain Man Rendezvous

September 16-17, 2011

Rendezvous! The great gathering of the Varsity Scout Mountain Men. The place to go to swap stories, compete, camp, eat, make new friends, and have as good a time as they did in the early 1800's

A trapper's camp full of mountain men will show your young men what it was like to work and live in the mountains. There will be campfire skits, demonstrations, Rocky Mountain Woofums, a great breakfast, competition, running, shooting and throwing. Skills will be taught, with competition for teams, individual scouts and also the leaders. Make this part of your yearly program, and start preparing your team to become mountain men! Make mountain man clothes and equipment and come to the Rendezvous looking and camping as Mountain Men!

Events:

Black Powder Shooting, Knife & Tomahawk Throwing, Caber & Cannonball Tossing, Flint & Steel Fire Starting, Racing, Archery, Canoeing, some surprise events and the infamous Colter Run.

Unit Awards:

- Colter Run 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Booshway Award for Top Mountain Man Unit
- The Bridger Award for the Unit with the most competition Points.

Individual Awards for Adults and Scouts:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place: Archery, Black Powder Shooting, Hawk and Knife Throwing, Cannonball & Caber Tossing, Best Looking Mountain Man Outfits.

For more information or to schedule a visit to your Unit by an ol' Trapper, call the Booshway: Lon Atkinson 619-818-5903 or email him at:

Booshway@VarsityRendezvous.com

Also visit the Official Rendezvous Website for information and photos and instructions on how to look and camp like a mountain man.

www.VarsityRendezvous.com

This activity is for registered Scouts ages 14-17



SAN DIEGO PADRES PRESENT 2011 SCOUT NIGHT



FRIDAY, JULY 15 vs SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
POST-GAME CAMPOUT

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 vs ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS
PRE-GAME EGG DROP



SCOUT NIGHT TICKETS

| TICKET CATEGORIES | SCOUT NIGHT PRICING | GATE PRICING |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| FIELD RESERVED | \$17.50 | \$35.00 |
| FIELD PAVILION | \$12.00 | \$24.50 |
| UPPER RESERVED | \$8.00 | \$13.50 |
| CAMPOUT* | \$20.00 | N/A |



ALL SCOUTS
RECEIVE A
COMMEMORATIVE
PATCH.

THE LARGEST GROUP FROM EACH NIGHT WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM THE COLOR GUARD CEREMONY.

| DATE | FIELD RESERVED SEATS | FIELD PAVILION SEATS | UPPER RESERVED SEATS | CAMPOUT TICKET* | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| JULY 15 | ____ TICKETS AT \$17.50 | ____ TICKETS AT \$12.00 | ____ TICKETS AT \$8.00 | ____ TICKETS AT \$20.00 | \$ |
| SEPT. 17 | ____ TICKETS AT \$17.50 | ____ TICKETS AT \$12.00 | ____ TICKETS AT \$8.00 | N/A | \$ |
| MAIL THIS FLYER WITH PAYMENT TO: (PLEASE ONLY SEND ONE CHECK FOR YOUR ENTIRE GROUP) | | | | PROCESSING/ SHIPPING FEE** | \$ 15.00 |
| SAN DIEGO PADRES C/O LOGAN WASHBURN 100 PARK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 | | | | TOTAL AMOUNT | \$ |
| PACK/TROOP (CIRCLE ONE) # _____ | | | PHONE _____ | | |
| CONTACT NAME _____ | | | EMAIL _____ | | |
| ADDRESS _____ | | | CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ | | |
| PAYMENT METHOD (CIRCLE ONE): CHECK (PAYABLE TO SAN DIEGO PADRES) VISA MASTERCARD AMEX DISCOVER | | | | | |
| CARD # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____ | | | | | |


*For July 15 only. **Tickets will be sent via UPS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
CONTACT LOGAN WASHBURN AT (619) 795-5137
OR AT LWASHBURN@PADRES.COM.

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September 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Scout Surge 9.11 Family Camp at Mataguay | Labor Day  Scout Surge 9.11 Scout Office Closed | Scout Surge 9.11 | Scout Surge 9.11 | District Commissioners' Meeting – 6pm Roundtable Venturing Forum 7pm LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista Scout Surge 9.11 | Scout Surge 9.11 Island Adventure Rendezvous Lodge Ordeal at Mataguay | Scout Surge 9.11 Island Adventure Rendezvous Lodge Ordeal at Mataguay Catholic Religious Training |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
|  Lodge Ordeal at Mataguay Island Adventure Rendezvous | | | | Order of the Arrow Meeting End of Summer Bitani Fellowship – Oside Pier 7pm Eagle Boards LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista | Mountain Man Rendezvous | Padres Scout Night Mountain Man Rendezvous |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | | | | | Fun with Son at Balboa | Fun with Son at Balboa |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| Fun with Son at Balboa | | | | | Fun with Son at Mataguay OA W4S Conclave MCAS Miramar Air Show | |



October 2011



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Fun with Son at Mataguay OA W4S Conclave MCAS Miramar Air Show | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 District Meeting 7pm LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista | 7 | 8 Cub Leader Specific Training Santa Margarita |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 District Commissioners' Meeting-6pm Roundtable 7pm LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista | 14 | 15 |
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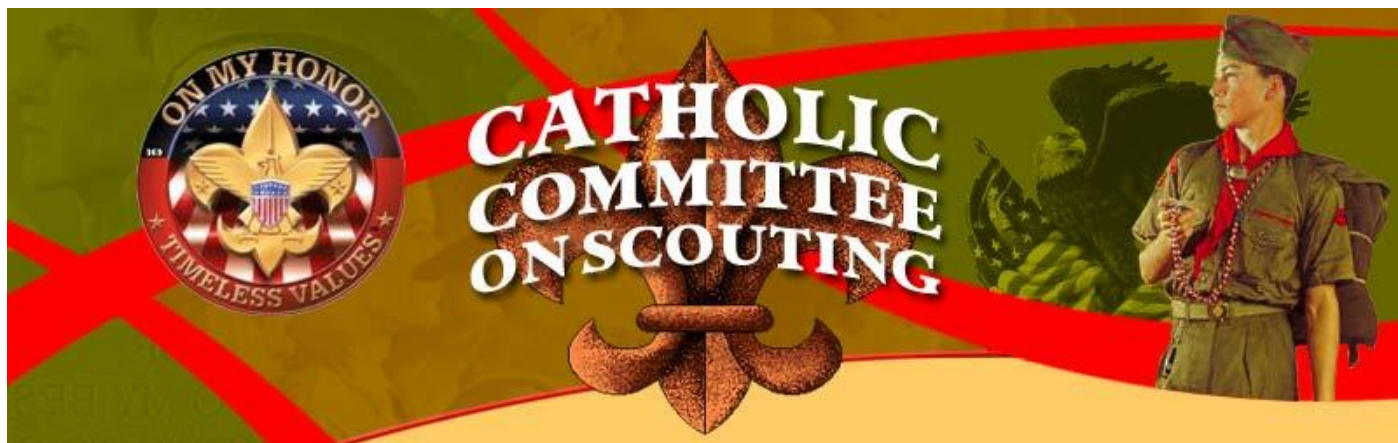
Jason Hansen Named a “40 Under 40” Recipient!



Carlsbad businessman, Jason D. Hansen, 38, has been selected as a recipient of the 12th Annual San Diego Metropolitan Magazine's 40 Under 40 award. Award recipients are selected from a panel of judges from San Diego County residents under the age of 40 who have accomplished significant achievements in business, philanthropy, civic and charitable endeavors throughout the county. Recipients of this year's award will be honored in a spirited luncheon at the San Diego Convention Center on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

Jason is active in the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation, the membership chair of the Community Advisory Board at Scripps Memorial Hospital in Encinitas, and the local Scouting program. In our district, Jason is active as an Eagle Board of Review Member, earned his Wood Badge Beads, and is currently active as the Advancement Chair for Troop 732.

Congratulations Jason, and thanks for what you do!



SAN DIEGO CATHOLIC BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS EMBLEM COUNSELOR & COORDINATOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 10

8:00 am Youth Protection Guidelines

9:30 am Diocese of San Diego Safe Environment Training

**10:00 am Ad Altare Dei Training
Pope Pius XII Training
Parvuli Dei and Light of Christ Training**

**St. Vincent de Paul Village offices
3350 E Street, San Diego, CA 92102**

RSVP to 619-446-2116

For more information go to: <http://www.ccsbsa.org/>

Island AdVENTURE

Camp Fiesta Island Youth Aquatics Center

September 9-11, 2011



Amazing Race, Unit Volleyball tournament, Slip & Slide, Boating,
Fun, Prizes, and More

Sign up online at www.sdicbsa.org

Open to all Venture Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Varsity Teams

COST: \$20 per person. This includes your t-shirt, Friday night activities, camping/facility use fees, and the Saturday Night Luau potluck.

THERE WILL BE NO LATE REGISTRATION FEE- THOSE WHO SIGN UP AFTER August 19th WILL NOT RECEIVE A SHIRT, BUT ARE STILL REQUIRED TO PAY THE \$20 FEE. All registrations must be turned into Council HQ by August 19th to be included in the shirt order. No exceptions.

There will be a POTLUCK Luau and hideous Hawaiian shirt contest on Saturday evening. Each Crew/Ship is asked to prepare a main dish *and* a side dish. Plan and prepare enough food for your crew plus 2 others (or a minimum of 12) to make sure there is enough to go around. The Rendezvous Committee will provide salad, dessert, and drinks. **All other meals and camping gear need to be provided by the individual Crew/Ship.**



For more information contact:

Youth Chair: Danny Palma at boyscoutdan2010@yahoo.com

Adult Chair: Rich Woolever at rswoolever@gmail.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)/ **Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT)**

Hey, Scout leaders, are you trained yet? Well, it's still not too late!! Come join the Santa Margarita District Training Team for a fun-filled, overnight training campout. Learn useful skills, meet new friends, & enjoy great Scouting fellowship. All registered Scouters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WHEN: 11 & 12 November 2011, Friday, 6:00 pm, to Saturday, 4:00 pm.

WHERE: Location will be announced at a later date.

WHY: This course is required for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to earn their "Trained" certification. Webelos Leaders need the training to take their dens camping.

HOW: You must register by 4 November. The cost is \$25.00. **NOTE: Please register early. This course will not be held if there are less than ten registered participants on 4 November!!!!**

WHAT TO DO: Participants should arrive not later than 6:00 pm, Friday, 11 November. Wear your "complete" Scouter uniform including neckerchief and slide.

WHAT TO BRING: Use the equipment checklists found in Chapters 8 & 9 of the BSA Scout Handbook including flashlight, tent & sleeping bag. Bring your BSA and Leader (S/M or Cub) handbooks. Bring a Scout (Silva-style) basic compass if you have one. And for your comfort, bring a folding chair.

MEALS: All meals will be provided by the training staff with the cheerful assistance of the course participants.

POINT OF CONTACT: Frank Kebelman, Training Chair, Santa Margarita District, SDIC. Email: Kebelman@gmail.com. Cell phone: 760.519.1139.

Santa Margarita District Training: IOLS Course, 11 & 12 November 2011.

Name: _____

Address: _____

District: _____ Unit: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: BSA, San Diego-Imperial Council (Acct: 1-6801-333-20)

Credit Card #: _____ CCV # (3 digit #) _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiration date: _____

Special medical or dietary needs: _____

Mail reservation to: San Diego-Imperial Council (Attn: Santa Margarita District Training), 1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103. All participants should also contact Frank Kebelman directly at Kebelman@gmail.com (760-519-1139) to confirm course details/receive current updates.

Meet Some of Our District Staff



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Santa Margarita District

(North County)

Venturing Forum



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(Venturing Forum will be held the 2nd Thursday of Every Odd Month)

Who: All Adult Venturing Leaders and Youth Crew Officers
(Other youth members are welcome to attend)

When: **September 8th 2011 (Thursday), 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

Where: Vista LDS Stake Center, 451 W. Bobier Dr. Vista, CA 92083

What: **Venturing Award Recognition Overview**

Come joins us as we discuss Youth Venturing Awards. We will cover some of the basic requirements for each of the awards as well as provide some tips to help your youth earn these awards.

There will also be a brief How-To Session and Activity:

How-To Session: "How to Conduct a Crew Review"

Activity Session: "Mouse Trap Game"

Please share this flyer with all Adult and Youth leaders involved with Venturing.

For more information please contact the Venturing Forum (Roundtable) staff:

Eric Gemmell (760-598-1788) *Email:* reccos35@yahoo.com

Or

Dave Hendron (760-716-0511) *Email:* david.hendron@mac.com

SECTION W4S CONCLAVE

September 30 to October 2, 2011



Arrowmen,
Our Section Conclave is just around the corner! Conclave is a opportunity for arrowmen to come together for fellowship while enjoying training classes, competition, games, PowWow dancing, patch trading, patch auctions, and much more.

DATE: Sep. 30, 2011 - Oct. 2, 2011

COST: \$35 / After Sep. 23 cost is \$40

(Fee is paid to local Lodge)

LOCATION: Saint Theresa's Catholic School
2800 East Ramon Road, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Registration

To register for Conclave, go to www.W4S.org. Once registered you must send your payment to your local lodge to complete the process.

Weld Tightly Every Link...



Scouts are encouraged to serve in their communities September 1–10, 2011, using the suggested service projects and posting them to web and social media channels. In addition, these activities should be recorded in the **Journey to Excellence** service program. On September 11, Scouts are encouraged to gather as groups and invite non-Scout friends to watch the movie, *New York Says Thank You*, which tells the story of the first responders to the New York City terrorist attacks and which features Scouts from the Little Sioux tornado tragedy.

Unleash
the
POWER
of our
Scouts!

Things to do:

- Select, plan, and schedule your service project between September 1 and September 10.
- Use Twitter, texting, email, and Facebook to spread the word.
- Post your service project ideas and event pictures on www.scoutsurge911.org, your council's Facebook page, or other social media.
- Use the Scout Surge graphics available on www.scoutsurge911.org.
- Gather as a group on September 11 (invite non-Scout friends) to watch the movie, *New York Says Thank You*.
- Purchase the Scout Surge 911 patch.

Ideas for the event:

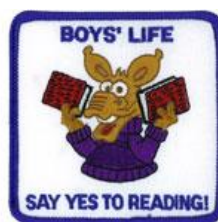
- Hold a ceremony to properly retire an American flag.
- Visit a local fire, police, or EMT facility and present them with a Flag of Honor or another appropriate expression of thanks.
- Conduct a service project in honor of or memory of 9/11/01 first responders.

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To learn more, visit [**www.scoutsurge911.org**](http://www.scoutsurge911.org)

Fallbrook Troop 731 at Camp Mataguay!

San Diego – Imperial Council
For camp info: <http://camping.sdicsa.org/MSR/>



2011 Boys' Life Reading Contest

Scouts can enter a one-page (500 words or less) report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" to the Boys Life Magazine. All that enter receive a patch. Prizes are awarded at different age levels with winners receiving a gift certificate good for merchandise in the Boy Scout official retail catalog. Entries must be received by 12/31/2011.

For more info go to:

<http://boyslife.org/home/1053/enter-the-boys-life-reading-contest/>

Eagle Scout Connor Stotts –Hero!



(l-r) Scoutmaster Marcus Sneed and Connor Stotts

On July 31, 2011 Eagle Scout Connor Stotts of Oceanside and five of his friends were swimming in the ocean near the Oceanside Pier. Moving further from the shore, the six friends were unaware that they were being methodically pulled out to sea by the rip-tide current until the water was suddenly over their heads.

Realizing that they could no longer touch the bottom, the six friends began to try desperately to swim back to the shore. With the group making no headway, Connor Stotts realized that they were caught in a rip tide current. Having attended the Oceanside City Junior Lifeguard Program two years in a row, and having completed the Boy Scouts of America Lifeguard certification, Connor understood the implications of what was happening to the group. He quickly instructed his fellow swimmers in the dynamics of the current they were caught in, and explained the best way for them to ride it out in order to return to shore safely. Unfortunately, fatigue was setting in on his fellow swimmers, and when one of the girls began to go under from exhaustion, Connor began the first of three rescues.

After getting the first two victims close enough to shore to touch bottom, Connor returned to find the rest of the group had drifted even further out, with one so exhausted that she was only semi-conscious by the time he made it to shore. As he carried her onto the beach, adults realizing that there was an emergency notified Emergency Services. The victims were treated for shock and eventually released to their parents' care.

The three swimmers credit Connor's courageous actions with saving their lives. Congratulations Connor- We're proud of you!

Mission Bells Are Ringing!

Pack 721 Is Forming!

It has been a long time since the Mission San Luis Rey sponsored Boy Scouting, but the wait is over—new units are being organized! Recently, a Roundup was held and a Cub Scout Pack was formed. A Boy Scout Troop will be starting in the near future. Many people stepped up to help in leadership positions, but there is still room for you to help! There is also still time for you and your son to join! If you are interested or have any questions, contact Frank Kebelman at Kebelman@gmail.com or at 760.519.1139. Thanks to Father Chuck Talley, the staff of Mission San Luis Rey, and both the Council and District Staff that have helped make these new units possible!



Mission San Luis Rey



Cubmaster Stephen Cerruti



Committee Chair Frank Brophy



Scoutmaster Ben Russell



Filling out new applications to join Scouts.



Frank Brophy signing applications as his first Pack duty.



Stephen Cerruti accepts Cubmaster patch from Frank Kebelman.



District Membership Chair Walt Treadwell



Council Membership Chair Tedd Theodore

National Outdoor Awards!



Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards—you can earn them only by demonstrating both knowledge and experience in the outdoors. So, if you are a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, and run the rivers or lakes, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you!

National Outdoor Badges for Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and Adventure

Now when a Scout excels in outdoor participation, there are new awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the National Camping Task Force of the BSA®, includes a series of five badges designed to recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities.

The award consists of five emblem segments positioned around the perimeter of a beautiful center emblem. All are embroidered in full color. The segments represent five areas of emphasis: Riding, Hiking, Camping, Aquatics, and Adventure, with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. The center emblem features an outdoor scene with fleur-de-lis and the words "National Outdoor Awards".

For requirements and application for awards go to:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/Youth/Awards/NOA.aspx>

Congratulations to Our Newest Eagle Scouts!

August 18th, 2011



Maxwell Higgins, Troop 722
Unit Leader: Ron Anderson
Eagle Project: Renovations and Built cabinet for Rancho Buena Vista High School band room.



Jerry Gambrell, Troop 789
Unit Leader: Kirk Wille
Eagle Project: Rebuilt the cross-ties for REINS in Fallbrook.



Scotty Beauchamp, Troop 748
Unit Leader: Bill Donovan
Eagle Project: Built a storage unit for the Carlsbad High School Track & Field Team.



Jacob Siasosi, Crew 732
Unit Leader: Paul Vassau
Eagle Project: Built a kennel for Carlsbad State Beach Campground.



Conrad Kreutzer, Troop 709
Unit Leader: Ron Miller
Eagle Project: Renovation at
San Diego Firehouse Museum.

District Life to Eagle Training

LAST TRAINING OF 2011!

For Life Scouts, Parents, and Unit Leaders

Thursday, November 10, 2011, 7:00 pm

All trainings are held at the Bobier LDS Stake Center, 451 West Bobier Drive, Vista, Ca 92083.

To ensure receiving training materials, you must RSVP to: northcountyeagles@hotmail.com

Learn how to: Locate an Eagle Project Counselor, successfully complete the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook and Eagle application, choose an appropriate project, and more!



Eagle Candidate Good Idea of the Month

Writing your letter of goals and ambitions (requirement #6 on the application) is something you should really take the time to do. This is usually the first thing board members read when sitting down to look over your workbook. Tell us about your current accomplishments and what your plans are for the future. Tell us about sports you are involved in, church activities, clubs and awards. This letter should be about one page long.



Mark Your Calendar!

2012 Eagle Dinner
Tuesday-April 17, 2012
For the Eagle Class of 2011

More details coming in early 2012. All Eagle Scouts that earned their Eagle Rank in 2011 are invited.