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Troop 789's newest Eagles from L to R: Danny W., Cullin L., Jerry G., George M., Kevin B., and Jackson O.

## TROOP 789 HOLD EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Troop 789 recently held an Eagle Court of Honor for not just one, but six Boy Scouts. The ceremony took place 18 May on the beach at sunset at Camp Del Mar on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The Scouts all earned their Eagle Ranks throughout the past 18 months and requested to wait and have a group ceremony vice individual events.



President of Venture Crew 709 accepts award from Jared Minard on behalf of the unit.

# 709

Venture Crew Honor Unit awarded to Unit 709



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# Santa Margarita District

Welcome to our District Jim Trageser, our new District Executive!



## Arrow of the Light



*(above) Frank Kebelman presents the Leadership Training Award to Lance Fisher and (below) The Arrowhead Honor presented to Jared Minard.*



*Scott Shimmin accepting the Arrow of Light Award and the Commissioner Key*

## The District Executive Minute-Jim Trageser

Hello Santa Margarita District Scouting families!

I am excited to be the new District Executive for Santa Margarita District. I am a lifelong Scout and Scouter (Arrow of Light in Cubs, Second Class in Scouts), and in addition to my new staff position with the Boy Scouts of America I continue to serve as Cubmaster for Pack 640 in Escondido and as a Merit Badge Counselor for seven merit badges. My father and late father-in-law (Eagle Scout!) were Scouts before me, and my son and step-son have and are following in our footsteps. In addition, my wife, Barb, is Pack 640's Webelos I Den Leader.

As you can see, like many of you, we are a Scouting family!

I see some tremendous opportunities for us to carry Scouting's program and values to the youth of our District – and I am here to assist the volunteer leaders in any way I can. My mission is to make your roles easier. I am available by cell phone (760-522-0265) and e-mail ([jim.trageser@scouting.org](mailto:jim.trageser@scouting.org)), and please do not hesitate to call with questions, suggestions or other feedback.

In the months to come, I will be visiting Pack, Troop and Crew meetings, and attending your dinners and ceremonies as I start learning about this great District. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and learning how I can best assist you.

Yours in Scouting,

Jim Trageser  
District Executive



*(l to r) Jim Trageser- District Executive, Amanda Rigby- District Commissioner, John Howells- District Chair, The Key Three.*



## The District Chair Minute- John Howells

Many of your sons have enjoyed summer camp and summer day camps as you see from the pictures in our newsletter. We are grateful to Karmen Harris for her efforts in getting this newsletter out to keep us posted on the activities and progress of the boys. We had some of our most successful District Day Camps and would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Linda Matthias and Amanda Rigby and all of their volunteers for their efforts and countless hours in making this a great memory for the boys.

Please keep your eye on the new Eagle Scouts which is hopefully the goal for all of our boys and make sure your Life Scouts get to Pam Dixon's Life to Eagle class to help them achieve their goal of eagle. We have heard nothing but great feedback from her courses.

Best wishes to all as you help the boys learn life skills that will help them become men, and develop traits that will make them better husbands, fathers and responsible citizens of this great country.

John

## Santa Margarita District History

Santa Margarita District is named in part for the Santa Margarita River that flows through the northern end of the district and also for the historic Rancho Santa Margarita on who's land the present site of Camp Pendleton Marine Base resides. Our district serves the communities of Bonsall, Fallbrook, Camp Pendleton, Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista and is in the scenic North San Diego County. This area of the county has a rich tradition of Scouting in San Diego, first being the Palomar District, then reforming as the San Luis Rey District and then reforming again into the Coastal Mountain District. In 1993, what was then known as the San Diego County Council combined with the Desert Trails Council to form the Desert Pacific Council. At that time the district structure of both councils was realigned. In 2004 Our Council again underwent changes, as Desert Pacific Council combined with Imperial County Council to form San Diego Imperial County Council.

District Santa Margarita was formed in 1994 and included 4 more communities (Escondido, San Marcos and Valley Center). To better handle the growing numbers of Scout units in all of these communities, two separate districts were formed in 1996. As painful as it was to see our friends to the east depart from our family, they are right next door and doing well.

The patch of the Santa Margarita District indicates the heritage of the Luiseño and other indigenous Native American peoples of the Santa Margarita River Valley. The feather circle indicating their influence and strength all around us. The heritage of the Rancho Santa Margarita is shown through the brand of the Rancho in the center of the patch. The Scout emblem in the opening of the brand indicates our small influence in this historic area.



"Scouting is a man's job, cut down to a boy's size"

Lord Baden Powell

## Editor's Notes

Thank you to Pam Dixon for serving the Santa Margarita District as Editor of the Messenger for the past 2 years. Pam has done an excellent job providing members with all the upcoming news for both the Imperial Council and Santa Margaita District. Pam remains active in the Boy Scouts as editor of the Eagle Scout News. Thank you to Pam for all her efforts and keeping us all informed.

K. Harris

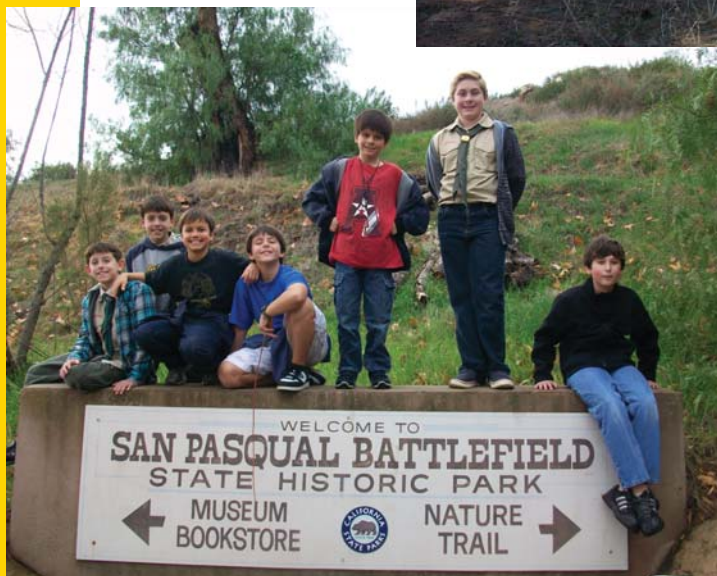




Cub Scout Pack 721 started the scouting year off with a fun-filled pack meeting honoring hometown heroes. Guests for the meeting included Oceanside Police Officer Trabelsi and his dog Maximus, both local heros. Pack and committee leaders were also honored for the time and dedication they give to the scouting program. Kudos to Pack 721 for a great start to the new scouting year!



Troop 799 camped at Tahquitz (Big Bear) in the snow to learn about Dog Sledding.



Webelos earned their Geology Badge at San Pasqual Archaeology Days, plus went hiking.



# Hurkey Creek



Elgonda Family on morning hike.



Tommy F, Olivier J, and Carson F presenting colors.



Mr. Fritcher at campfire playing Eagles songs.



Troop 709 of Vista held Family Camp this August at Hurkey Creek.





## Grand Canyon

The High Adventure crew from Boy Scout Troop 748 just completed a rim to rim crossing of the Grand Canyon. This trip was geared for the troop's older scouts to test the outdoor skills they have learned through Scouting.

(l-r front row) Chris G., Dante C., Christopher T., Tommy D.  
(l-r back row) Chris T., Bryan Gunner, Frank T., Mike Downie

## Last Training of the Year! Life to Eagle Training

Thursday, November 8th at 6:30pm  
LDS Church, 451 W. Bobier, Vista 92083

This training is for Life Scouts, Parents and Unit Leaders.

You must RSVP, please no walk-ins.

For more information or to sign up, go to our  
District Eagle website at:

[northcountyeagles.org](http://northcountyeagles.org)



## 2012-2013 Catholic Committee on Scouting Schedule:



November 11, 2012 at 9:30 AM Scout  
5 Mile Hike of Old Town

1st Monday of December 2012 Ad Altare Dei  
Registration Forms Due

1st Monday of January 2013 Pope Pius XII  
Registration Forms Due

January 5, 2013 CCS Meeting at 9:30AM.

January 25-27, 2013 BSA Catholic Committee on  
Scouting Annual Retreat

February 3rd , 2013 Boy Scout Sunday

March 9, 2013 Prince of Peace Abbey Visit for  
Boy Scouts

April 20, 2013 Scout Fair

May 5, 2013 CCS meeting at 10:00 AM and AAD and  
PPX Religious Emblem Board of Review at 12:15 PM

June 2013 at 7:00 PM pending Bishop's schedule



**Catholic Committee on Scouting** Religious Emblem Counselors  
Training September 8, 2012 with Father Joe Carroll. Six people  
from Santa Margarita District attended the training. They were  
Pam Dixon, Andrew Oven, Maria Granata, Doreen Minard,  
Christine Winicki and Tony Kyamko-Yap.



# POP CORN



**Thank you** to all of our scouts for their efforts in fund-raising during the 2012 Pop Corn Sales Event. The Santa Margarita District was well represented at several retail locations throughout North County, San Diego. Thank you also to our scout leaders and parents for their support.

## Newsletter submittals

Please submit news and events regarding scouts in the Santa Margarita District to K. Harris at [kgraphics@att.net](mailto:kgraphics@att.net). We look forward to sharing your news with the District at large.

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

