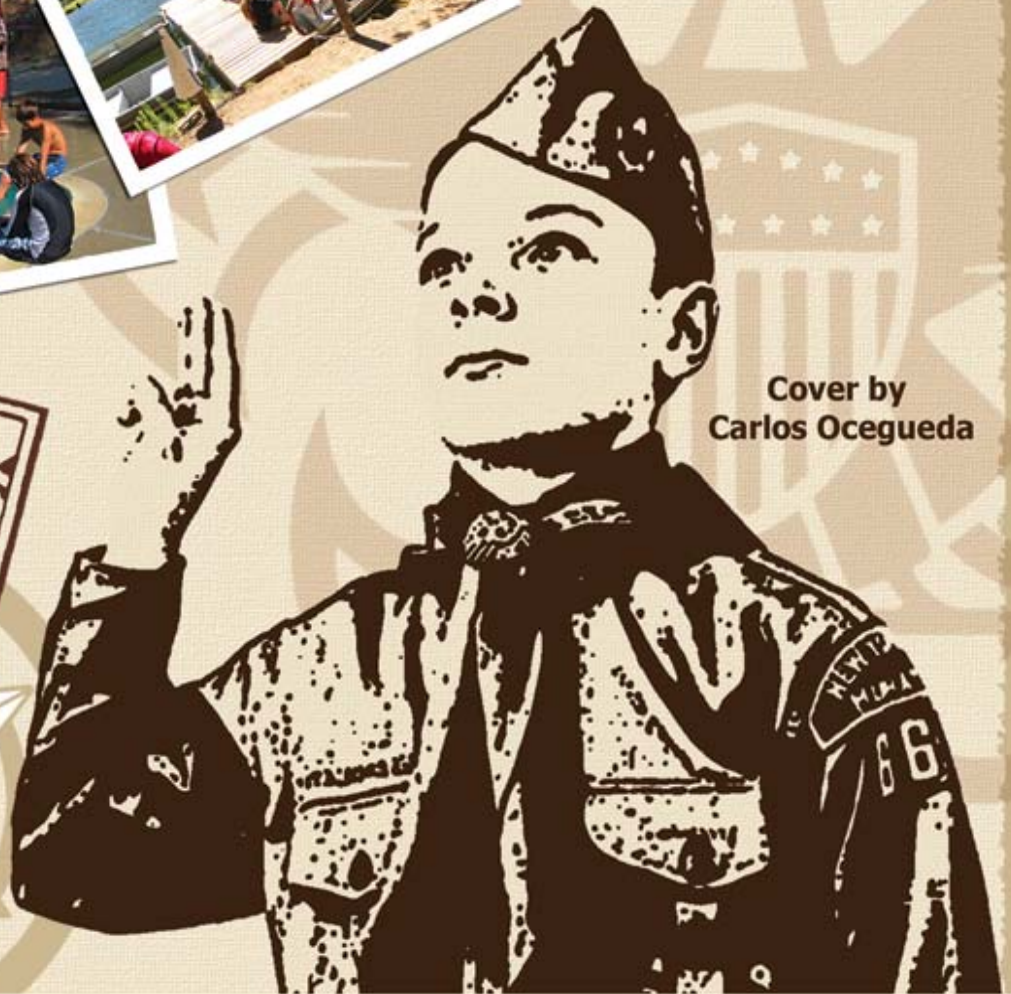


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# PROGRAM CALENDAR

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**July 19, 2011**

PAC District Roundtable - 7:30PM  
PAC O/A Chapter Meeting - 7:30PM

**July 20, 2011**

RH Roundtable - 7:00PM

**July 21, 2011**

TB District Roundtable

**July 27, 2011**

RH O/A Lodge - 7:30PM  
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 7:30PM

**August 1, 2011**

Cabrillo - Boy Scout Day Camp (8/1 – 8/5)

**August 4, 2011**

TB - Key 3

**August 8, 2011**

N.Y.L.T. Course Option 2 (8/8 – 8/13)  
Cabrillo - Boy Scout Day Camp (8/8 – 8/12)

**August 9, 2011**

NS District Meeting  
PAC District Committee Meeting – 7:00PM

**August 10, 2011**

TB Hopi Chapter Meeting

**August 11, 2011**

VOA Meeting  
TB District Meeting  
FR District Roundtable – 7:00PM

**August 16, 2011**

NS District Roundtable  
PAC District Roundtable – 7:00PM  
PAC O/A Chapter Meeting - 7:30PM

**August 18, 2011**

TB Roundtable

**August 20, 2011**

W4N Section Meeting

**August 27, 2011**

LEC/Conclave Planning Mtg

**August 30, 2011**

FR District Committee - 7:00PM

**September 6, 2011**

HAT Meeting - 7:30PM

**September 8, 2011**

TB District Meeting  
FR District Roundtable - 7:00PM  
HAT Meeting - 7:00PM

**September 10, 2011**

Trail Boss (Advanced)

**September 13, 2011**

NS District Meeting  
PAC District Committee Meeting - 7:00PM

**September 14, 2011**

TB Hopi Chapter Meeting  
RH Committee Mtg - 7:00PM

**September 15, 2011**

TB Roundtable Training

**September 16, 2011**

3rd Annual W4N Section Conclave (9/16 – 9/17)

**September 17, 2011**

Cub Scout Astronomy Camp (9/17 – 9/18)  
Dodger Egg Drop  
Desert Camping Seminar - 8:00AM

**September 20, 2011**

NS District Roundtable  
PAC District Roundtable - 7:30PM  
PAC O/A Chapter Meeting - 7:30PM

**September 21, 2011**

RH Roundtable - 7:00PM

**September 27, 2011**

FR District Committee - 7:00PM

**September 28, 2011**

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting  
RH O/A Lodge - 7:30PM

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# COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



**"Our Journey to  
Excellence..."**

**by  
Gary W. Jones  
Council Commissioner**

I recently attended the BSA National Meeting in San Diego and was very encouraged by what I heard and saw for Scouting's second century. For the first time I can remember, the emphasis from the National Council throughout the entire organization is focused on how and what the National organization can do to help local Councils and by extension our districts and units be successful.

How is this going to happen? In two key ways. First, a single voice has been developed with a strong brand recognition for Scouting. You may have noticed the tag line in many publications and information already distributed: Prepared. For Life. A national task force worked diligently over the past several years to develop a common, connected, and well meaning theme for Scouting that will be utilized by every Region and Council in the country. The Scouting brand is easily one of the most recognizable in the nation, but too often our communication tools, our publications, and our methodologies were varied and disjointed. The roll out of this new methodology occurred in San Diego and was well received by everyone in attendance. Clearly, the task force did an outstanding job and we're on the right path.

Second, we are beginning a "Journey to Excellence." Many of you remember Quality Unit/District/Council, and then Centennial Unit/District/Council. The names are gone, but the essence is still there to achieve quality status, but most importantly Scouting has recognized that quality is a journey and continuous improvement is something that we should strive for all the time. In other words, when we set targets and

achieve them, we should set new targets and work to achieve those. We never rest on our laurels but are always looking to do better and for better ways to do what we do. To that end, 17 categories of excellence have been developed in these five key areas: Finance, Membership, Program, Unit Service, and Leadership/Governance. Our Council and districts will be measured in each of these areas and a rating of silver, bronze, or gold can be achieved for each one. What's different about these measurements from the past is that we can gain recognition for improvement in these various areas and not just solely on the raw score. A "dashboard" has been developed for each local Council to be able to track and measure their progress. For those of you in business this should sound familiar. Many companies employ a similar approach as they strive to achieve excellence through a continuous improvement process. We're all becoming familiar with the Journey to Excellence now so we're ready for the official roll out in January 2012.

What is the value in these two key initiatives? Very simply, to ensure that the needs of our local units (Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Varsity Teams) are met with the right programs, resources, and tools to be successful. This is where the rubber meets the road and this is where Scouting is successful. Our Council began this process a couple of years ago and the benefits are paying off well this year. Membership and our FOS campaigns in each of our Districts are achieving great results, exceeding last year's outstanding achievements. Our retention rate at re-charter time was 75.3%, number one in Area 4 and near the top in the Western Region. In this critical area, we're at "gold" standard.

But, we have room for improvement in many areas and we will learn together what we need to do and how we need to do it in order to provide the best possible program and experiences for our youth on our continuous Journey to Excellence. Thank you for all you do for Scouting and the many kids we serve.

**-Gary W. Jones  
Council Commissioner**

# SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S CORNER



**"WE CAN'T HELP THEM IF  
THEY LEAVE"**  
*by*  
**Paul Moore**  
*Council Scout Executive*

To launch our second century of service to America's youth, the Boy Scouts of America has decided to utilize a new measurement system, entitled Journey to Excellence. It is applied on a unit, district, council, and national level, setting forth criteria for various levels of recognition. Presently your Los Angeles Area Council is at the bronze level, focused on achieving the silver level this year.

The real point of this measurement system is not what recognition level we achieve; it is what service level we achieve. If we as a council – if our districts – if our units – do a great job, boys and young men and women will stay in Scouting. And if they stay in Scouting, we will get to change their lives. We can't change the lives of those who are not among us, not under our influence.

Kids come to Scouting for many reasons, and with many different expectations. And if we let them down, they move on. Letting them down takes many forms: Maybe they came expecting outdoor adventures and we didn't give them anything but boring meetings. Maybe they expected to be led by knowledgeable, experienced people and they got leaders who didn't know their stuff. Maybe they just didn't find what they were looking for. But if they leave, we can't help them.

So we are committed to doing Scouting right, to making this program in this place the best that it can be, to recruiting and training quality leaders, to providing outstanding service and facilities. In other words, we say and mean it: On my honor, I'll do my best!

I thought you'd like to know that it's working. Our council's quality measurements are all up, and this translates into growth and retention. At the end of May, our membership was up 12% over the previous year. And our retention has increased to a new high level of 75.4%. That means that three-fourths of the kids who were Scouts a year ago are still Scouts, which is with about 12% of our membership aging out (turning 18) each year. These are among the best growth rates, and retention rates, in the USA – and in an urban council!



Well done, Scouters! You are keeping your promises and our youth are sticking around for more! Keep up the good work –

**Paul Moore**  
**- Council Scout Executive**

# LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL NEWS

## ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

First Class Scout Christian Covarrubias of Troop 919, chartered to Community Presbyterian of La Mirada in the Frontier District proudly wore his Boy Scout uniform on his 8<sup>th</sup> grade Heritage Trip to Washington D.C. in April.



Before the trip, the Los Coyotes Middle School teachers held interviews to select a student to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Christian informed the panel of instructors that if he were to receive the honor of placing the wreath, he would wear his full Boy Scout uniform and duly represent Los Coyotes Middle School, Troop 919, Community Presbyterian of La Mirada, Frontier District, and the Los Angeles Area Council. Because the panel was impressed by such an honorable and sincere young man, the honor was bestowed upon Christian.

On Saturday, April 23, 2011, at 6:15 p.m., Christian, wore his full uniform in front of his peers from Los Coyotes Middle School, laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, and executed the Boy Scout salute during taps, an honor generally reserved for servicemen in full uniform.

After the ceremony, the military escort shook Christian's hand and told him he has been a Boy Scout as a youth. The soldier smiled, put his sun glasses on, and marched away.

## EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

In August of 2010, Clay Van Nortwick completed his Eagle project by delivering 25 new leg splints to the National Ski Patrol at the Big Bear Mountain Resorts. The project was inspired by Troop 783's trip to Snow Summit to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. Scouts toured the Patrol Hut where they learned about the requirements to become a Ski Patrol Volunteer and the different equipment used in mountain rescues. Ian Burnet, Palos Verdes resident and Ski Patrol Member, showed the Scouts leg splints that had been built by different volunteers over the last 50 years. It was then that Clay saw the need for more splints and decided to continue the volunteer tradition and plan his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project around the Ski Patrol leg splints.

With over 40 hours of pre-planning and 127 hours of Troop and volunteer labor, the splints were completed over a two day period. Upon delivery, Patrol Director Terry McDonald expressed sincere gratitude, "It's perfect, we run a budget just like any department. This is a high-usage item that gets a lot of wear and tear." Clay was able to fund the project thru donations from Home Depot, his parents (avid skiers), and Nature's Best, an Organic Food Distributor and a contact of Mr. McDonald.



This worthy Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project will benefit the Ski Patrol and skiers for years to come. Clay's one wish is that the splints remain unused because he wants skiers to avoid injuries.

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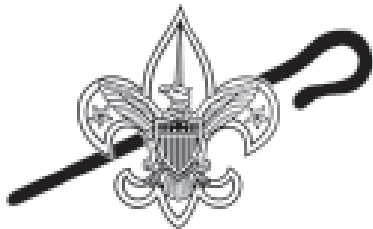
## CHAPLAIN AIDE

Scouting is a resource for many religious organizations, schools, and community and civic groups to use in their program for young people. Scouting is an educational program based on “duty to God”.

Chaplain aide is an approved youth leadership position for Boy Scouts. The responsibilities are to encourage spiritual awareness and growth in the lives of troop members and to assist the chaplain.

The Boy Scout seeking the position of chaplain aide should have earned or be in the process of completing his religious emblems study program.

It is recommended that the Boy Scout selected be at least a First Class Scout. The chaplain aide should be mature and sensitive, a Boy Scout who has earned the trust of his fellow Scouts.



## DOES YOUR TROOP HAVE A CHAPLAIN AIDE?

### Benefits:

- Chaplain Aide is an approved youth leadership position.
- Make the 12<sup>th</sup> Point of the Scout Law More Meaningful in Your Life
- Encourage Spiritual Growth and Awareness
- Promote Religious Opportunities
- All Faiths are encouraged to Participate

**Contact Pete Mascarenas for more information call 562-522-2929.**

## THANK YOU LAS ROTARY!

Los Angeles 5 Rotary Club President Gerry Turner was instrumental in securing funding for Urban Day Camp: Reach for the Stars! Gerry and his wife Cathy are members of the Los Angeles Area Council Board, but we see no conflict of interest and they have overwhelming interest in bringing a great event to the Cub Scouts and families of the Urban Emphasis Division. We are grateful for your dedication to Scouting and the youth of Los Angeles.



Another Board member, John Jaacks was tapped to be the liaison between the Rotary Clubs of Greater Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Area Council. John put in many hours recruiting Rotarians to help staff the event, and keep his fingers on the pulse of the committee planning the Urban Day Camp: Reach for the Stars! Thank you John for your advice, mentoring, and leadership.

Scoutmaster Leonard Robles and his wife, Venturing Crew Advisor Terry Robles, deserve special thanks for volunteering to bring the Boy Scouts and Venturers to staff the event. When they brought this project to their committees, they were met with overwhelming support to prepare the food that the Rotary Club was providing. Leonard deserves special thanks for having the parents make the Space Derby tracks and planning the meal.

And, thank you for all leaders who helped their Cub Scouts make their rockets. At this writing, units from South Los Angeles, Maywood, Lawndale, Watts, and East Los Angeles will bring their rockets to shoot for the stars.

# LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL NEWS

## #19 BSA INDY CAR

**D**id you know the Boy Scouts have a race car (#19 BSA Indy Car) that ran in the May 29, 2011 Indianapolis 500? Driver Alex Lloyd and the Dale Coyne racing team came it 19<sup>th</sup> place! Congratulations!

Also the Dale Coyne Racing owners on May 27<sup>th</sup> received the “Silver Buffalo” award, the Boy Scouts of America’s highest commendation, during the National Council Recognition Dinner in San Diego.

The No. 19 Boy Scouts of America car for Dale Coyne Racing has competed in the IZOD IndyCar Series the past two seasons with drivers Alex Lloyd and Sebastien Bourdais. Through the program that seeks to expand youngsters’ interest in the sciences, technology, engineering and math, thousands have experienced the inner-workings of the race car and personnel at IZOD IndyCar Series events.



“I cannot begin to state the impact that Gail and Dale Coyne’s IndyCar Series program has had on our nearly 4 million members,” Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca said. “We are thrilled to have their generous support, and I am honored to know them personally. I cannot think of more deserving winners of the Silver Buffalo Award for all they have done and continue to do for the Boy Scouts of America.”

National’s goal is to provide local councils the opportunity to increase their capacity in the areas of money, manpower, and marketing by facilitating strategically exclusive access to venues, drivers, and teams in the highly visible sport of IndyCar racing (sanctioned by the Indy Racing League).

Through this exposure, National’s goal is to increase youth interest in the concepts of engineering and math in ways that are fun and relevant to them.

## CUB SCOUT FAMILY BOOFEST RETURNS TO FIRESTONE

**F**un Cub family camping begins this fall at Firestone Scout Reservation with the return of BooFest! Family fall encampment chair Cathy Moreno and her staff stand ready to haunt and entertain Cub Scouts at Camp Spooky on the weekend of October 21 - 23, 2011.

Cost for BooFest is \$20 per person (early bat fee) and \$30 per person if paid after October 7.

Activities will include two age-appropriate Haunted Grove Mazes for young and older Cub Scouts, pumpkin decorating contest, costume parade, trick or treating, mask making, games, and the usual shooting sport offerings of archery, BB gun, and sling shot.

Packs provide their own camping equipment, treats, and food or the Pack may choose to purchase the meal plan option offered by Order of the Arrow. Staff will be available to assist in setting up campsites. Visit the council website at [www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org) to register online or contact the Camping Department at 213-413-4400, ext. 344. Space is available so register early. This event will sell out!!!

# EAGLE SCOUTS

District	First Name	Last Name	Eagle Date	Unit #	Scoutmaster
Frontier	Roland	Gomez	3/10/2011	Troop 693	Chad Hoang
Frontier	William	Luo	3/10/2011	Troop 72	Israel Villa
Frontier	Kyu Hwan	Lee	4/14/2011	Troop 72	Israel Villa
Frontier	Sean	Oh	4/14/2011	Troop 1005	Gregory Porter
Frontier	Keith	Banuelos	4/14/2011	Troop 693	Chad Hoang
Frontier	Nitin	Sadras	5/12/2011	Troop 693	Chad Hoang
Frontier	Matthew	Barger	5/12/2011	Troop 441	Jorge Somoano
Frontier	David	Collier	5/12/2011	Troop 2	Jack Gesner
Thunderbird	Malik	Brown	Gaines 2/25/2011	Troop 636	David Jones
Thunderbird	John	Woolson	4/25/2011	Troop 283	Richard Martin
Thunderbird	Osaiasi	Lauaki Jr.	4/29/2011	Troop 484	Uona Kaveinga
Thunderbird	Sione	Taione Jr.	4/29/2011	Troop 484	Uona Kaveinga
Thunderbird	Manoa	Manufekai Jr.	4/29/2011	Troop 484	Uona Kaveinga
Thunderbird	Siaanga	Moala	4/29/2011	Troop 484	Uona Kaveinga
Rio Hondo	Arthur	Franco	3/1/2011	Troop 432	Donald Grindle
Rio Hondo	Jonathon	Damore	3/1/2011	Troop 219	Robert Sera
Rio Hondo	Nathaniel	Perry	5/2/2011	Troop 872	William Diener
Northstar	Matthew	Lee	3/17/2011	Troop 145	Wilson Ing
Northstar	Anthony	Menendez	3/17/2011	Troop 385	Miguel Perez
Northstar	Sung	Chung	3/17/2011	Troop 145	Wilson Ing
Northstar	Bradford	Hirahara	3/17/2011	Troop 738	Bill Sato
Northstar	John	Kim	3/17/2011	Troop 145	Wilson Ing
Northstar	Cody	Sato	3/17/2011	Troop 738	Bill Sato
Northstar	Ted	Kim	4/21/2011	Troop 777	Joseph Shin
Northstar	Richard	Smith	4/21/2011	Crew 144	Richard Smith
Northstar	Nicholas	Goodreau	4/21/2011	Troop 20	Thomas Raffety
Northstar	Connor	Auld	4/21/2011	Troop 10	Thomas Fenady
Northstar	Terry	Kim	4/21/2011	Troop 777	Joseph Shin
Northstar	Daniel	Smith	4/25/2011	Crew 2002	Charlie Sheen



# EAGLE SCOUTS

District	First Name	Last Name	Eagle Date	Unit #	Scoutmaster
Northstar	Sean	Faust	5/19/2011	Troop 10	Thomas Fenady
Northstar	Nikolas	Dunkel	5/19/2011	Troop 333	Robert McClain
Northstar	Bennett	Kopperud	5/19/2011	Troop 7	Andrew Kopperud
Pacifica	Matthew	Ulizio	1/27/2011	Troop 191	John Fleming
Pacifica	Garrett	Moir	2/24/2011	Troop 788	Jeff Emdee
Pacifica	Anthony	Shannon	2/24/2011	Troop 267	Jean-Louis Boudreau
Pacifica	Masato	Terayama	2/24/2011	Troop 966	Patrick Donahue
Pacifica	Mitchell	Gruen	2/24/2011	Troop 128	Ralph Porter
Pacifica	Michael	Tetreault	2/24/2011	Troop 128	Ralph Porter
Pacifica	Sean	Harger	2/24/2011	Troop 849	David Rolandelli
Pacifica	Andrew	Hillsman	2/24/2011	Troop 658	Craig Whited
Pacifica	Ryan	de Freitas	2/27/2011	Troop 773	Carl Doby
Pacifica	Brian	Jung	2/27/2011	Troop 211	Gary Gunderson
Pacifica	Samuel	Glenn	2/27/2011	Troop 257	Russell Nishida
Pacifica	Christopher	Sue	3/24/2011	Troop 658	Craig Whited
Pacifica	Harrison	McGowan	3/24/2011	Troop 128	Ralph Porter
Pacifica	Austin	Edmonds	3/24/2011	Troop 849	David Rolandelli
Pacifica	Adam	Kennedy	3/24/2011	Troop 378	Paul McNamara
Pacifica	Franz	Anunciacion	3/24/2011	Troop 388	Edward Charles Gerlits
Pacifica	Keith	Willson	3/24/2011	Troop 595	David Kessler
Pacifica	Jeremy	Gold	3/24/2011	Troop 658	Craig Whited
Pacifica	Jeremiah	Trimper	3/24/2011	Troop 4673	Gregory Ross
Pacifica	Nathan	Oh	4/21/2011	Troop 128	Ralph Porter
Pacifica	Samuel	Park	4/21/2011	Troop 851	Ronald Tajii
Pacifica	Gregory	Schnuckel	4/21/2011	Troop 849	David Rolandelli
Pacifica	Luke	Walcher	4/21/2011	Troop 785	Aurelio Oliva
Pacifica	Clay	Van Nortwick	4/28/2011	Troop 783	Ree Ryan
Pacifica	Cote	Doiron	4/28/2011	Troop 411	Victor Leon
Pacifica	Andrew	Handlen	4/28/2011	Troop 128	Ralph Porter
Pacifica	Jordan	Christopher	4/28/2011	Troop 788	Jeff Emdee

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## CIRCLE X RANCH FOUNDATION GIVES IN A BIG WAY

With the simple goal of “Having fun, raising funds to support Scout Camping in the Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America,” The Circle X Ranch Foundation continues to give in a big way by giving more than \$430,000 in direct gifts that benefit Scouts by the thousands annually both directly and indirectly since its founding in 1949.

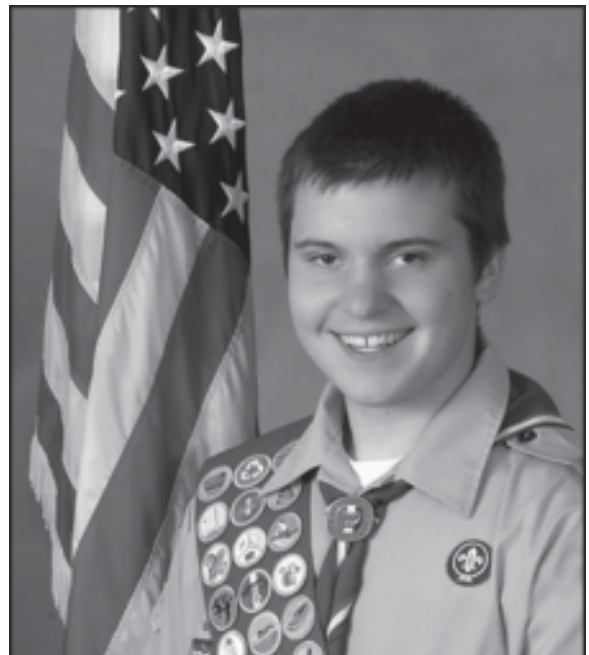
From summer camp supplies to camperships, the Circle X Ranch Foundation has made it possible to expand outdoor adventure and training by embracing the Boy Scout notion of “Do a Good Turn Daily.” Some of the more recent gifts made by The Circle X Ranch Foundation include a \$1,000 contribution towards Wood Badge scholarships, a \$100,000 capital gift toward the rebuilding of Forest Lawn Scout Reservation and the building of the new observatory, astronomy supplies for summer camp, saddles for the camp equestrian program, and a \$10,000 gift towards the Council’s Centennial Camporee.

Foundation President Gary Jones attributes the success of The Circle X Ranch Foundation’s giving history to its nearly 150 dedicated associate members and active Board of Directors. Annual fund raisers include the ever-popular Calcutta event held each November in the South Bay, and donor-appeal mail campaigns. Membership is easy and requires a passion for outdoor LAAC programs and annual dues of just \$25 per person.

To download an application to join, go to [www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org) and click on the “Programs” pulldown tab to find the Circle X Ranch link. The Los Angeles Area Council remains grateful to The Circle X Ranch Foundation for their ongoing support of camping and Scout leaders who make Scouting possible.

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF EAGLE SCOUTS

The Los Angeles Area Council wishes to congratulate parents on their son’s achievement on earning the rank of Eagle Scout! We appreciate all the hard work and dedication that it takes for a young man to reach this important milestone. Many Scouts will admit that the achievement to Eagle Scout was largely a family affair!



To help you capture this moment, Scouts awarded their Eagle Scout rank since December 2010 are invited to a free photo shoot resulting in a 8 X 10 portrait photo to be held on display at the Los Angeles Area Council Cushman-Watt Scout Service Center for a minimum of six months.

Eagle Scout Photo Nights will be held at the Scout Service Center every other month at 2333 Scout Way and on alternating months at the Cabrillo Youth Camp located on 3000 Shoshonean Road in San Pedro on the following dates:

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Cabrillo Youth Center	July	7
Scout Service Center	Aug	4
Cabrillo Youth Center	Sep	1
Scout Service Center	Oct	6
Cabrillo Youth Center	Nov	3
Scout Service Center	Dec	1

All photo shoots will start at 7:00 P.M. and end at 8:30 P.M. or when the last Eagle Scout has completed his sitting. No appointment is needed. Eagle Scouts need to show up in full uniform and smile for the camera.

Specially priced Eagle Family Portrait Packages begin at just \$15.00 and is payable at the time of the shooting. The Basic Family Package includes one 8 X 10 print, two 5 X 7's and four wallet-size photos. Other options are available following the sitting. For more information contact Ken Allen at 310-375-7970 or at [kallen141@verizon.net](mailto:kallen141@verizon.net).

## THE SILVER BEAVER ASSOCIATION

The Silver Beaver Association is a council fellowship of recipients of the Silver Beaver award with a variety of aims which may include social interaction among members, providing support for Scouting for Scouting activities, and otherwise Scouting programs.

Dues are \$25.00 annually for all memberships, regardless of when received, will apply January 1 through December 31.

Members will receive notification of Association events, projects and activities through Council newsletters. Network with fellow Silver Beavers at special events such as camp visitations and other activities. Wear the special Silver Beaver Association Council Patch. For more information contact Ken Allen at 310-375-7970 or at [kallen141@verizon.net](mailto:kallen141@verizon.net).

## CUB SCOUT LEADER ONLINE TRAINING

Required training courses for all Cub Scout Leaders are now available online at: [www.scouting.org/volunteer/training](http://www.scouting.org/volunteer/training).

### Courses include:

- "Cub Leader Position-Specific Training"
- "Youth Protection"
- "Fast Start"
- "This is Scouting"

The courses have been updated to support the new Cub Scout Method rolled out earlier this year. Now, den leaders and assistants, Cubmasters and assistants, pack trainers, and pack committee chairs, and members can now learn the how-to's of successfully conducting and engaging den and pack program and can become confident in the role each plays.

When entering [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org), click on the **E-Learning** link under the training header located on the left-side menu. Then click on the **Cub Scouts** tab and *voila!* all leader training is available for your convenience.

If you do not have a MyScouting account, there are simple instructions on the landing page that will help you create one.

In addition to the opportunity for online training, all four Cub Scout leader training courses are supported by a printed syllabus, some with a DVD, to assist council and district training teams in conducting instructor-led experiences. The catalog number for this resource is 34815.

For questions or concerns regarding My Scouting accounts, send an email to the National Service Desk at: [MyScouting@scouting.org](mailto:MyScouting@scouting.org). All issues will be addressed as soon as possible in order to get users online fully trained.

# LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL NEWS

## JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. Many times the hams will come to you by setting up at a Scout camporee.

Scouts from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts to Venturers may participate. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication can also take place, such as video communication, digital communication using typed words on the computer screen transmitted by radio, communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater), and many others. The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be other Scouts across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2010 JOTA had just over 700,000 Scout participants from nearly 6,000 amateur radio stations! A participant patch is available, as is a certificate/log sheet that can also be used to fulfill a Radio merit badge requirement.

The 54th Jamboree-on-the-Air is October 15–16, 2011. The official hours are from Saturday at 00:00 hours local time (midnight Friday) to Sunday 24:00 (midnight Sunday evening). So you've got the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts.

Scout leaders are encouraged contact a local ham radio operator or a local amateur radio club by going to: [www.arrl.org/find-a-club](http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club) This website is operated by the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio, which is cooperating

closely with the BSA on JOTA and many other activities. Your local club may be able to direct you to its planned JOTA activities. These can include ham stations set up at camporees or other events. Or, if there are no planned activities, you can either work with them to get something set up or arrange to visit a local radio operator's ham shack at a scheduled time to participate in JOTA.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS WITH L.A. SPARKS

Friday, August 26, 2011, the L.A. Sparks will host a clinic for Cub Scouts at the Staples Center. Cubs who complete the clinic will be eligible to complete requirements for their basketball belt loop.

After the clinic, the Scouts will head over to ESPN Zone, partake in their activities and then enjoy the Sparks game that evening.



Events will begin at 3:00 p.m. and ticket prices start at \$16.00. Have your Cubs meet outside the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance. For more information, contact Stephen Robbins at 213/929-1312 or [srobbins@la-sparks.com](mailto:srobbins@la-sparks.com).

# DISTRICT NEWS

## THUNDERBIRD

### DESERT DIVIDE BACKPACK

May 7-8 was the third backpacking trip as Troop 927 prepares for Philmont. Eleven Backpackers took a trek into San Bernardino National Forest where they experienced the thrill of “pines to palms” as they braved the Devil’s Slide Trail. The troop was able to keep track of our Backpackers using the SPOT messenger used on last year’s long term backpacking trip.

### FLAGS OUT AND ROCK CLIMB

The annual Memorial Day Flag Placement at the Los Angeles National Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, 2011, was followed by a great afternoon of Rock Climbing at Stoney Point. The group carpooled at Covenant at 6:30 a.m. for the flag placement. When they flag placers were returned to Covenant, the rock climbers gathered at 12:00 p.m. to carpool to Stoney Point. Whether you did flag placement, rock climbing, or both it was a great way to spend Memorial Day weekend.

### VENTURING CREW HAPPENINGS

Crew 927 is looking forward to a Harry Potter Marathon, viewing all 17+ hours of DVD’s in a row on Friday, May 27, 2011. The plan is to watch the movies, eat popcorn(Trail’s End, of course), and pizza, then crash on Friday. But wait, there’s more! After 17+ hours and whatever sleep time that left us, we planned to be at Covenant at 6:30 a.m. to carpool to the flag placement at the Los Angeles National Cemetery on Saturday the 28th, AND continue on to rock climbing with the troop in the afternoon. Iron Man Triathlon—eat your heart out!

### WESTCHESTER RACE FOR SUCCESS

The proceeds from the Race for Success benefit the local elementary, middle, and high schools in Westchester and Playa del Rey. Sign-up as a patrol and earn a service project toward the Honor Patrol Award. The Kraken Patrol of troop 927 is organizing our support.

### CHILDREN’S TUMOR FOUNDATION WALK

Five Scouts from the Troop 927 participated this year in support the annual Children’s Tumor Foundation Walk. The Children’s Tumor Foundation works to improving the health and well being of individuals and families affected by the neurofibromatoses (NE). Our Scouts help the foundation earn funds which are used to encourage and support research and the development of treatments and cures for neurofibromatosis types 1 and 2, schwannomatosis and related disorders. Thanks to all of our Scouts and their parents who helped on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Our service hours are adding up as we continue our Journey to Excellence.

### EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECTS

Life Scout Ronald Childers completed his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project during May. Over two Saturdays, May 7 and May 14, Ronald led a group of Scouts and adults to make improvements to a section of the Madrona Marsh. The irrigation system was improved and invasive weeds were removed to make way for drought resistant and native species plants. Congratulations to Ronald in the completion of his project.

### OA POTLATCH 2011

Six of the Troop 927 Order of the Arrow youth members and 3 adults attended the Siwinis Lodge Potlatch on May 13-15 at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation. The event this year included Rock Climbing (provided by instructors from 927) and shotgun shooting. New Vigil Honors were announced. The Vigil Honor is a national recognition of OA members for noteworthy service to others through the OA and Scouting. Scoutmaster Ed Lesnansky of Troop 927 was awarded the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow.

# DISTRICT NEWS

## RIO HONDO

### FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Despite the state of the economy, Rio Hondo was still able to have a successful campaign. We are proud to report that our Family Division FOS campaign almost doubled from last year's total, raising over \$20,000!! Thank you to all new and returning units that participated in giving this year and aim for 100% participation next year. Special thanks to Giovanni Fascio and his wonderful team of presenters for tirelessly leading our 2011 campaign!! We are so excited about next year's campaign and will continue to ask local businesses to contribute to the Friends of Scouting Campaign throughout the year.

### ROUNDTABLE

Mark your calendars to meet with us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. This is a time for all leaders to gather to receive information about what's new in Rio Hondo and the council. This is a personal invitation to ALL LEADERS to come out every month!!!! We meet at the First United Methodist Church located at 13222 E. Bailey St. between 7:00-9:00 p.m. SEE YOU THERE!!!! For more information please contact Roundtable Commissioner Drew Balandis at [tbalandis@charter.net](mailto:tbalandis@charter.net).

### POPCORN

Does your unit need extra funds? Popcorn is an excellent tool to bring money into your unit! Money from popcorn sales can help to fund Scouting events throughout the year. OR you can use it toward the purchase of new uniforms, materials, camping equipment, etc. Did you know that up to 40% of the commission can go back to your youth? Plus there are incentives for your Scouts who are top earners. This is an easy way to offer a quality product to your customers while helping to provide big earnings for your boys!! For more information, please contact Rio Hondo District Popcorn Chair Renee Infusino at [rinfusino@yahoo.com](mailto:rinfusino@yahoo.com).

### RIO HONDO CAMPOREE

We completed another great Camporee at the Joint Forces Training Center in Los Alamitos in April. The theme was "Survivor." Lots of fun and competition!! This turned out to be the biggest Camporee in many years with attendance in excess of 500 Scouts and Scouters.

Participants heard the story at campfire about a young man's experience in the Navy. My son was attending school to be on board a sub hunter in the Pacific Ocean. Everyone flying in these planes must have survival training. When he came home he told about the group being dropped in the wilderness of Georgia with a compass and knife and was given seven days to get back to camp. His Scout training was what got them all back to camp safely. Then he showed me the book they used for training. It was a bunch of copies stapled together. They were pages from the Boy Scout Handbook.

The Fall Camporee will be held on October 14-16 at Santa Fe Dam, Irwindale The Theme is "Gladiators" and do we have some activities lined up for you. In addition we are asking the Units to develop activities as well. Get all dressed up as a Gladiator, as we will be having a contest for the best costume.

If you remember, the Fall Camporee will have some type of strange cooking contest. Last fall we had a foil dinner contest, who knows what we will do this time? Keep looking at the Rio Hondo Website and watching your e-mail as time gets closer to Camporee. You can't go wrong attending a Rio Hondo Camporee!

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## FRONTIER

### ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the LDS Church, 10511 Paramount Blvd, Downey (between Florence and Firestone).

### BASIC TRAINING

Please join us with one or two of your parents for Basic Training. We will offer classes for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing adult leaders and interested parents. Attending will be fun and make your program stronger and easier to run. Contact Jesus Conde at (323) 583-6573 or email [hpscoutmaster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hpscoutmaster@sbcglobal.net).

### YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

We will offer YPT at 6:00 p.m. before each monthly ROUNDTABLE—Please come and bring other adults from your unit. Attendance will make your program stronger and your life easier. And with more people from your unit, the fun will multiply! If you have questions, please contact Jesus Conde at (323) 583-6573 or email [hpscoutmaster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hpscoutmaster@sbcglobal.net).

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP POSITION

The LAAC Religious Relations Committee will be offering Troop Chaplin Aides training for youth in the near future. Troop leaders should plan to send their youth Chaplains to the training and start utilizing this leadership position.

## PACIFICA

### WEBELOS WOODS

Webelos Woods is an outdoor activity program designed to aid in the Webelos-to- Scout Transition plan. The purpose of this outdoor experience is to create in all Webelos Scouts a genuine desire to know more about Boy Scouting, and through a fun-filled series of events to give them a preview of the thrills of Scout skills and camping. Again for 2011 we have a fun filled weekend planned. Pacifica District Webelos Woods will be held September 23-25 at Will J. Reid Scout Park in Long Beach for more information please contact Mindy Bostick at [webeloswoods@pacificabsa.org](mailto:webeloswoods@pacificabsa.org). You can download the application by going to the Pacifica District Website at [www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org) Pacifica District link.

### CUB SCOUT SOAP BOX DERBY

On Saturday, July 9, 2011, El Segundo Cub Scout Pack 968 will be hosting the annual Pacifica District Soap Box Derby. Last year we had more than 45 cars throughout the South Bay put their racing machines to the test. While the Scouts are racing, families will enjoy food, music, camaraderie and racing fun. The Soap Box Derby has run in El Segundo for more than 20 years and has grown in popularity due



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to the support it receives from residents, merchants, city officials, and the Pacifica District participants.

Families can watch the races from along Grand Avenue, enjoy food from the grill operated by Boy Scout Troop 267, purchase commemorative T-shirts, patches or learn about the Cub Scout program at our information table. We will also be displaying our original Pinewood Derby track, signed by Don Murphy, in our Scout House. Bring your pinewood derby car and say you raced it on a Don Murphy track!

## SUMMER CAMPING

Summer is upon us once again. 2011 is racing by and at midyear there are still many more adventures and camping experiences to look forward to. Events that have passed that provided some camping experiences such as Rocket Academy and the Spring Camporee were well appreciated. Cub Camps at Cabrillo Youth Center and the full schedule of camp opportunities at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation, Firestone Scout Reservation, Log Cabin, are posted on the website [www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org). There is still time and room for units to register for these camps. Provisional Units will be provided. Contact the camping department at 213-413-4400 Ext. 344.

Scouting is not only about earning merit badges or working on advancement. An important objective in providing the experiences that Scouting does is to help develop the whole person and his character. The "hands on" physical experience of actually being in the wilderness or on an adventure in the many parks and recreation areas is invaluable. This is where a great percentage of learning takes place not only through interaction with nature but with a peer group that share common interests as well. The real life experience of making decisions and working with others for a common goal is inherent even more during a camping outing. Leadership is certainly a characteristic that is nurtured during the camping and adventure experience and is a natural path to building self confidence and moral values. Camping experiences cannot be ignored and it needs to be a regular and frequent part of the Scouting unit's

program. In providing the very best program for the unit, the camping program has a paramount position with respect to the rest of a unit's program.

Adult leaders and parents are important catalysts to a successful Scouting and camping program. They provide the coaching and modeling and are the examples for the youth to follow. "Emulating the leader" is not just a saying. It is the natural consequence and part of the awesome responsibility that is entrusted to them. Be an active part of your unit and the camping experiences. Volunteer to be part of the Pacifica District camping committee. Have a great Summer!

## THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

Do you know of an adult Scouter whom you may want to honor who renders service of 'noteworthy' nature to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting or both at the district or community level? The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time. If you know of any individual that may fit this description please consider nominating him or her for the District Award of Merit. Applications for this award will be available at the Roundtable. For questions please contact Kirk Miya at [OLHowler@aol.com](mailto:OLHowler@aol.com) or contact Victor Zuniga at (213) 413-4400 ext. 321 or [victor.zuniga@boyscoutsla.org](mailto:victor.zuniga@boyscoutsla.org).

## REMEMBERING A GREAT SCOUTER FROM THE OLD HARBOR DISTRICT

Karl Kottke was with the Boy Scouts for 49 years. He loved Scouting just like he loved his family. He was a merit badge counselor for the First Aid Merit Badge. Whenever he received a phone call from troop 241 to come on a camp out to do first aid for the weekend, he was always there. He was well liked by all the leaders and the boys. He enjoyed the outdoors very much. Now he has gone home to be with the Lord. Karl passed on May 21, 2011.

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE EL SEGUNDO AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM

On April 16th 2011, The Pacifica District, Los Angeles Area Council Boy Scouts of America held its annual Championship Pinewood Derby. This year's event was a huge success and part of that success is because of the awesome location that hosted the derby and support we received from their staff.



We would like to thank Jeff Walker of the El Segundo Automobile Driving Museum for their outstanding support and allowing us to use their venue for our event. Jeff and the Museum are big supporters of both Cub Scouting & Boy Scouting and their undying love for our cause made this one of the best events ever.

From the more than 50 historic cars and memorabilia to the fun outdoor BBQ and play area for the non-racers, as well as an autographed Don Murphy track for siblings to race their cars down, there was something for everyone who attended. The Museum also donated some cool items for the racers goody bags and other give away items. We could not have asked for more.

From all the Scouts, siblings, parents and the Boy Scouts of America, we sincerely thank you for all that you do and your support for our cause. You have truly made our Championship Pine Wood Derby an event to remember.

## 52ND ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE

Scouts and Scouters from Troop 378 (South Bay) participated in the City of Torrance's 52nd Armed Forces Day Parade May 21, 2011. Their mission: to collect donations for Pacifica District's Annual Pay it Forward Project going on now through September 17. Funds collected will be used to purchase much needed items such as socks, t-shirts, and underwear for our wounded soldiers.

700 soldiers per month are taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, which is the largest American hospital outside of the US.

For more information on how to donate please contact Pacifica District Pay it Forward Chair, Liz Dye at [bsapayitforward@gmail.com](mailto:bsapayitforward@gmail.com)



In the photo left to right: Mason Roberts, Alex DeLoza, Michael Barefield, J. J. Millinder, Zachary Tanimoto, Kevin Kosidlak, Assistant Scoutmaster David Seo, Joey Lloyd, and Committee Chair Liz Dye

*In Memory of*  
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*from*  
Old Harbor District  
Troop 241

*In Memory of*  
**James Robert West**  
*from*  
D.W. Beacher

*In Memory of*  
**Glen M. Draggoo**  
*from*  
Robert Fletcher Sr  
Circle X Foundation

*In Memory of*  
**David Redding**  
*from*  
Gladys M. Kamrath

*In Memory of*  
**Arthur Culter**  
*from*  
Diane & William  
Tannahill

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# Scouts in Action

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**Special Gratitude to Gunther Schiff for the donation of  
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