



## **El Capitan District Newsletter**

**Please come and join us:**

**10332 Bolsa Ave. Westminster, CA 92683**

**7:30 P.M. March 13, 2014**

**New Venturing District** has taking all the non-LDS OCBSA Districts Venturing Crews into one new Venturing District. El Capitan has lost 11 Units and 171 youth. This new Venturing District's DE is Laurel Berkheimer [laurel@ocbsa.org](mailto:laurel@ocbsa.org) 714-546-8558 x149

- 1) All the single Venturing youth have been transferred to the new District. If a youth is in a Troop and a Crew, they will be dual registered, primary in the Crew and secondary in the Troop.
- 2) The new Venturing District will have a full complement of staff: Key 3, Unit Commissioners, Program, Finance, and Membership Chairs. They will have their own Roundtable. This new Venturing District will not have an Eagle Scout Project Advisor or an Eagle Board of Review. All Merit Badge Counselors will be in the non-Venturing Districts.
- 3) If you are a Charter Organization Representative or a Committee member in a Pack, Troop, and Crew you will be dual registered, as you are today, with the Crew being the primary registration.
- 4) The Vietnamese Units use the world wide tradition of having all Scouts together for meetings and Courts of Honor. This change will have no effect on their method of having Pack, Troop, Crew, Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and Ventures meet and doing things together.
- 5) Only the LDS Venturing Units will have a Unit Commissioner from El Capitan. All other Venturing Units in El Capitan will have Unit Commissioners from the new Venturing District.

**Eagle Scout requirements change for 2014:** The National BSA has added Cooking as an Eagle required Merit Badge beginning January 1, 2014. That increased the Eagle required Merit Badges from 12 to 13 and reduced the elective Merit Badges from 9 to 8 for an

unchanged total of 21 Merit Badges to qualify for the Eagle Rank. A Cooking Merit Badge Day at the Anaheim Scout Shop is Saturday March 15, 2014. However, the classes are already filled. If you would like for them to have another Cooking Merit Badge day, just give them a call or stop by for a visit.

March 13 **Roundtable** will have David and Kat Oishi [Kf6qia@hotmail.com](mailto:Kf6qia@hotmail.com) Cub Scout Breakout. The Boy Scout Breakout will be with Lisa Merlotti 714-774-3270 [lisa.merlotti@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.merlotti@gmail.com).

**WEBELOS Transition Camp** is scheduled for March 14 to 17 at Firestone Scout Reservation. See Darlene Wiertzema 714-750-6612 [darlenewiertzema@gmail.com](mailto:darlenewiertzema@gmail.com) for Registration.

**Scout-O-Rama** kick off is at the University of Scouting on March 22, 7:30 A.M. at Santa Ana College. Please contact Rudy Zuniga at [r.zuniga203@yahoo.com](mailto:r.zuniga203@yahoo.com) to order your Tickets. With 5 tickets sold you earn a SOR Patch.

**El Capitan District Dinner** is March 28 at Knots Berry Farm Hotel; see Linh Terry, 714-260-1866, [linhterry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linhterry@sbcglobal.net) for reservations. It is from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**Camporee Packets** for April 25 to 27 will be handed out by Michael Jensen, 714-523-4800 [jensen924@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jensen924@sbcglobal.net)

#### **Training:**

**University of Scouting: March 22, 2014 at Santa Ana College**

**Youth Protection Training (YPT)** – You may take it on-line at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) or call Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 [gdubois@socal.rr.com](mailto:gdubois@socal.rr.com) for an appointment.

**Wood Badge** – Spring Course 2014 March 7-9 & 22-24, at OEC, Director is: Dinh Tran **HAT** (High Adventure Training) Part 1 & 2 March 7-9 and Part 3 later. Contact course director Jeff Bozanic at [jbozanic@hgonline.net](mailto:jbozanic@hgonline.net) or 714-747-2727 for more information.

**Wood Badge** – Fall Course 2014 September 5-7 & 20-22, at OEC, Director is: Rusty Carter **Boy Scout Leader Specific Training:**

**IOLS** (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) (Part 2 of 2 part training) Monday February 24, 2014, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at REI 2962 Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782, then Friday through Sunday March 21 – 23, 2014, Firestone Scout Reservation.

Websites you may find interesting and informative:

[HTTP://HATOCBSA.ORG](http://HATOCBSA.ORG) Barney Ruble is the Webmaster and Dennis Crockett is the HAT Chairman at [doctorscoutmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:doctorscoutmaster@yahoo.com) The order form for HAT patches is included in this web site.

[HTTP://usscouts.org/bbugle](http://usscouts.org/bbugle) for Cub Scout information on meetings, activities, advancement, and so much more.

[HTTP://insanescouter.org](http://insanescouter.org) is a great site for all kinds of Scouting related subjects, check it out and help your Unit experience some new things.

**1) El Capitan Sr. District Executive:** Jorge Ruiz de Somocurcio 714-546-4990 x115 [JorgeR@ocbsa.org](mailto:JorgeR@ocbsa.org). A new District has been created for all Venturing Crews in the Orange County Council. All Venturing Crews, except the ones in the LDS Units, have been transferred to the Council Venturing District. As a result, El Capitan District has been reduced from 100 Units to 89 Units and from 1588 youth to 1315 youth.

**2) District Nominating Committee Chairman: Open**

**3) District Chairman:** George Brietigam III 714-404-3829 [grtietigam@socal.rr.com](mailto:grtietigam@socal.rr.com)

**District Vice-Chairman:** Kris Beard [Beard4GG@gmail.com](mailto:Beard4GG@gmail.com)

Districts goals:

a) Friends Of Scouting (FOS):

Garden Grove LDS, Murray Smith: Goal \$8,500, Actual \$4,735 =56% of Goal

Santa Ana LDS: Goal \$3,125, Actual \$0 = 0% of Goal

Family Presentations: Goal \$12,000, Actual \$917 = 8% of Goal

Community Campaign: Goal \$8,000, Actual \$0 = 0% of Goal

Leadership Campaign: Goal \$3,000 Actual \$750= 25% of Goal

Total FOS: Goal \$26,500, Actual \$13,744 = 52% of Goal

b) Scout-O-Rama (SOR): Goal \$23,000, Actual \$= % of Goal

c) Popcorn: Goal \$, Actual \$= % of Goal

d) Number of Total Units: Goal 100, Actual 60, 60% of Goal

f) Number of Total Youth: Goal 1614, Actual 870 = 54% of Goal

h) Number of Unit Commissioners: Goal 30, Actual 26 = 84% of Goal

i) Number of Units visited by UC's: Goal 89, Actual 16 = 18% of Goal

j) Number of UC Visits to Units per Month: Goal 89, Actual 9 = 0.10% of Goal

k) Number of District Staff: Goal 43, Actual 30 = 70% of Goal

**4) District Commissioner:** Jerry Clark 714-543-5007 [coates-Clark@att.net](mailto:coates-Clark@att.net)

If you would like to become a Unit Commissioner, please give me a call or email and we can set you up for training at the Commissioner's College.

- a) Assistant District Commissioners and Unit commissioners responsible for monthly evaluating their Units for their health and JTE goal.
- b) Roundtable Commissioner: Jonathan Finnsson 714-943-3845  
[mpjonnie@aol.com](mailto:mpjonnie@aol.com),  
 RT Cub Scout Commissioners David and Kat Oishi 714-519-9180  
[dhoishi@gmail.com](mailto:dhoishi@gmail.com),  
 RT Boy Scout Commissioner Lisa Merlotti 714-774-3270  
[lisa.merlotti@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.merlotti@gmail.com)  
 RT Varsity Commissioner Brian Cable 714-537-7875

**5) District Membership Chairman:** Darlene Wiertzema 714-750-6612  
[darlenewiertzema@gmail.com](mailto:darlenewiertzema@gmail.com)

- a) Spring Recruitment is set for March 24 through 29, 2014.
- b) Elementary School back to school, open house, and walk through plan  
 Cub Scout Recruitment Chair: **OPEN**
- c) Junior High and High School back to school and open house display plan  
 Boy Scout Recruitment Chair: **OPEN**

**6) District Finance Chairman:** Phai Bui Phat@PhatBui.com

- a) Support: FOS LDS Murray Smith 714 891-4033 [murmatic@aol.com](mailto:murmatic@aol.com)  
 FOS Family **OPEN**  
 FOS community **OPEN**  
 Leadership Campaign **OPEN**  
 IC-5 Campaign **OPEN**
- b) Scout-O-Rama: Mr. Rudy Zuniga 949-338-1712 [r.zuniga203@yahoo.com](mailto:r.zuniga203@yahoo.com)  
 Kick-off is at the University of Scouting, March 22, 2014  
 We will be selling a \$10 discount card. The Unit receives \$3 per card, plus \$0.25 if no prizes, plus \$0.50 for having a Booth at SOR, plus an additional \$.50 if the average sales reaches 15 Cards per Scout in the Unit as of March 22, 2014. That brings the Units earning to \$4.25 per discount card.  
 Send your plan to [Elena@ocbsa.org](mailto:Elena@ocbsa.org) by April 11, 2014  
 To register for selling SOR Cards go to <http://ocbsa.kintera.org/SOR>  
<http://www.ocbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2014-SOR-Safety-Booth-Application-Form.pdf>
- c) Popcorn sales: Pamela Moseid 714-299-1677 [olive\\_eve@verizon.net](mailto:olive_eve@verizon.net)
- d) Push Cart Derby: Jerry Clark 714-543-5007 [coates-Clark@att.net](mailto:coates-Clark@att.net)
- e) Support Cub Day Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394, [missimpos@aol.com](mailto:missimpos@aol.com)
- f) Support WEBELOS Transition Camp Darlene Wiertzema 714-750-6612  
[darlene\\_wiertzema@yahoo.com](mailto:darlene_wiertzema@yahoo.com),

h) Support Camporee/Camporall Michael Jensen 714-523-4800

[jensen924@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jensen924@sbcglobal.net)

i) Support Training Chair: Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 [gdubois@socal.rr.com](mailto:gdubois@socal.rr.com)

j) Support District Dinner: Linh Terry, 714-260-1866, [linherry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linherry@sbcglobal.net)

k) Assist in establishing the Districts financial goals in January each year.

## **7) District Program Chairman: OPEN**

a) Camporee: Michael Jensen 714-523-4800 [jensen924@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jensen924@sbcglobal.net) April 25-27, 2014, Santa Fe Dam (605 and 210 freeways in Irwindale). Cost is estimated at \$10 per person, with an estimate of 360 Scouts attending. A flier will be handed out at Roundtable.

b) Cub Day Camp: Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394, [missimpos@aol.com](mailto:missimpos@aol.com) with Orange Frontier: Director David Barton [occubdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:occubdaycamp@gmail.com) July 28 to August 1, 2014, St Hedwig Church 3591 Oranewood Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 92720, and Cost \$150 with a deposit of \$50.

c) Training: Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 [gdubois@socal.rr.com](mailto:gdubois@socal.rr.com),

Charter Organization Representative Training, Pack Committee Challenge, Troop Committee Challenge, or any specific training requests, contact Greg Dubois to Schedule your training.

Additional training may be found in the Council/District Calendar

[www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org](http://www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org)

### **National Youth Leadership Training**

A 6 day course compressing a 5 week unit cycle of leadership council, unit meetings, utilizing communications, goal setting, teaching and leadership skills. They are reinforced with fun and challenging activities. Your youth go from followers to leaders. Participation is open to Boy Scouts, Ventures, Varsity and Sea Scouts. For information and applications please go to <http://nylt.ocbsa.org> or contact OCC NYLT Course Director Jerry Clark 714-543-5007 [coates-Clark@att.net](mailto:coates-Clark@att.net)

d) Advancement Chairman: Huong Do, [huong939@gmail.com](mailto:huong939@gmail.com), 714-319-0016 If you are submitting an Adult Application to become a Merit Badge Counselor, the original Application, Youth Protection Training Card, and the list of Merit Badges you wish to counsel are given to Huong Do or Jorge for their signature. Please allow two weeks for the Council to process your paperwork before you begin counseling Scouts. You may use the US Mail to deliver your application and data to Jorge at the Council Office or at Roundtable.

a) Merit Badge Counselors Chair: Robin Hoyle 562-346-4930

[legalez0412@yahoo.com](mailto:legalez0412@yahoo.com)

c) Eagle Project Advisor: Marion Wilder 714-488-6713 [rwilder@socal.rr.com](mailto:rwilder@socal.rr.com)

d) Eagle Board Chair: Bob Stoltz, cell 714 351-0166, [rbrt\\_stoltz@yahoo.com](mailto:rbrt_stoltz@yahoo.com)

2007 = 40, 2008 = 36, 2009 = 48, 2010 = 46, 2011 = 30, 2012 = 85, 2013 = 45.

e) Unit and Adult awards Chair: Quan Do [quanvdo@yahoo.com](mailto:quanvdo@yahoo.com)

f) WEBELOS Transition Camp Darlene Wiertzema 714-272-2249

[darlenewiertzema@gmail.com](mailto:darlenewiertzema@gmail.com) March 14 -15, 2014 at Firestone Scout Reservation.

g) Summer time activities: Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394,

[missimpos@aol.com](mailto:missimpos@aol.com)

h) Camping and Outdoor Activity Chair: Bruce Finnsson 714-633-1930

[eagle63267@aol.com](mailto:eagle63267@aol.com)

i) Order of the Arrow (OA) Maga Taskozu Chapter Advisor: Ed Maberry 714-225-6133, [Edward.maberry@gamil.com](mailto:Edward.maberry@gamil.com) Chapter meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month Room 15 at the Garden Grove United Methodist Church 12741 Main Street and Stanford Ave.

Unit election dates: January 1 through April 14 each year

John LaBare fund: Interest only campership fund

**8) District Vice-Chairman Administration:** Todd Oishi 714-470-2143 [toishi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toishi@sbcglobal.net)

a) District Dinner: Linh Terry, 714-260-1866, [linhterry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linhterry@sbcglobal.net), March 28, 2014 a Friday evening from 6 to 8 pm. Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. We have received 30 Extra Mile award applications out of a possible of 100 Units. We have an award for the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, and Crew Advisor of the year. Forms are available on our District Website: [www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org](http://www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org)

b) Scouting for Food: Kathy Fuiava 714-605-8773 [fuiava1973@aol.com](mailto:fuiava1973@aol.com)

c) Risk Management: Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 [gdubois@socal.rr.com](mailto:gdubois@socal.rr.com)

d) District Webmaster [www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org](http://www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org): Terry Morris 714-539-3018  
[airesearch@aol.com](mailto:airesearch@aol.com)

e) District Facebook Manager: Debra Nguyen 949-733-3013 [tnddcw@yahoo.com](mailto:tnddcw@yahoo.com)

f) District Newsletter: Michael Mannix 714-366-8536 [mlmannix@hotmail.com](mailto:mlmannix@hotmail.com)

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Mannix

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