



El Capitan District Newsletter

Please come and join us:

10332 Bolsa Ave. Westminster, CA 92683

7:30 P.M. November 13, 2014

We did not have a District Staff meeting this month due to the kick-off of FOS (Friends of Scouting) for 2015. As a result I do not have updates on financials, membership, scouting for food, Eagle Board of Review, and several other items.

November 13 Roundtable:

- **Webelos Looky Loo** is this month. So Troops may bring a document on their Units location, meeting day and time, adult and youth leadership, and what the Troop does through the year. Packs will bring their Webelos Dens with their Den Leader to meet Troops in the District and complete part of the Arrow of Light requirements.
- **Unit Re-charter packets** Have been distributed to Units. You may begin the online recharter process and give your documents ready for the December Roundtable to process your recharter and Journey to Excellence. Every Unit in the Council prepares their Journey to excellence. This is how the Districts and Council receive their marks in their Journey to Excellence. If you need help with this process, there will be assistance at Roundtable to help you.
- By the way, if you still have not joined to the **Facebook El Capitan Networking**, please consider joining. It is the best way to be in contact with fellow Scouters in our District, ask questions, bring news, post event about your Units or Community, post pictures, etc, etc, etc

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/136132549929894/>

If you need help, email Debra Nguyen tndctd@yahoo.com for assistance.

- Packs and Troops, we are still in the recruitment phase so if you need help, please call Darlene Wiertzema 714-750-6612 darlenewiertzema@gmail.com with assistance from Robin Lange and Nicole Alvarez from Pack 272.
- **All new recruited** Scouts may attend the Council “Cub Country” at the Outdoor Education Center on November 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., inside the Irvine Regional Park. At the payment booth give them the Gate code 1111.
- As a **special award** for your effort in recruiting Cub Scouts, a Gold, Silver, and Bronze ribbon will be given to the top three Packs that recruited the most new Cub Scouts. This award will be presented at the annual District Dinner, March 27, 2015.
- **Scouting for Food**, the collections were dropped off at the Stanford LDS Church on November 8, 2014. Kathy Fuiava 714-605-8773 fuiava1973@aol.com
- **Silver Beaver nominations** are due at the Council office no later than 3:00 p.m. October 11, 2014. If you go to Google, type in Silver Beaver Nomination, you will have a fill able PDF from Scouting.org. You may save the file to your hard drive and complete small sections at a time, while you gather more information about the candidate.
- **Tour Plans** are required for every outing outside your normal meeting place. At one time the Council was overwhelmed with manual Tour Permits and declared that if you were having an activity outside of our normal meeting place, but still in “Orange County” you did not need to file a Tour Permit. Now with this process of approving a Tour Permit by the Council to the approval of a Tour Plan by the Charter Organization, the outside location is just anywhere other than your normal meeting place. The Unit is now responsible for insuring that the Leaders of the outing are qualified to take the Scouts on this outing. Now the process of filing a Tour Plan is all done online and www.myscouting.org with a step by step process walking the applicant through each phase and verifying that the training needed for this outing has been accomplished by one of the adults going on this outing.

Moreover, your requirements at re-charter time are dependent on the number of outings your Unit has done in order to receive a Bronze, Silver, or Gold status.

In past District Newsletters you may have noticed that the BSA is less expensive than many other youth programs. Nevertheless our Chapter of the Order of the Arrow (OA), Maga Taskozu, is starting a collection of used Scout Uniforms. We all know that our children grow so fast in their first 20 years, so before their cloths are worn out, they outgrow of them. So if you have old Uniforms, please donate them to the OA each month at Roundtable. As such, if you need a Uniform for your son, come to Roundtable and pick out what you need for a very small price. The funds collected will go to support the Order of the Arrow activities.

Scout Advancement reporting: You may have heard that the BSA is no longer accepting the paper Advancement Report. All Advancements must be done electronically. To submit Rank Advancement, Merit Badges, Belt Loops, Arrow Points, special awards, and other things do the following:

Go to www.myscouting.org, type in user name and password, (if you don't have an account, set one up on this page). Note, only one person in a Unit has access to the Internet Advancement. Go to Unit Tools and click on Internet Advancement. If you are a "First Time User" click on that icon. Returning User, click the other icon. You must enter the Unit ID, it is the same number used for Recharter, and the Unit Password, also the same one used for Recharter. Then click the "continue" icon. Then you may "Load Roster" from the National Database, this will have all the Scouts registered to your Unit, or "Upload Advancement File" if you have the selected software. You will see a listing of all your registered Scouts and the opportunity to update various achievements. If a Rank advancement is recorded, print 3 copies and take all 3 copies back to the members of the Board of Review and have them sign each copy. If additional achievements are recorded, record them on a separate running of the Internet Advancement Report. Remember that the date of advancing in rank is the date of the Board of Review. If you have questions or would like hands on training, please call Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 gdubois@socal.rr.com for an appointment.

Popcorn sales: Pamela Moseid 714-299-1677 olive_eve@verizon.net

November 13 Show-N-Sell and Show and Deliver money is due at Roundtable. Units keep the commission and turn in the difference. Late turn in will be assessed a 1% interest each week it is late.

November 15 Take order Popcorn Distribution by appointment with District Kernel.

December 11, Take Order Money Due at Roundtable. Units keep the commission and turn in the difference. Late turn in will be assessed a 1% interest each week it is late.

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. If you need ideas for an Eagle Project, go to Google to search “Eagle Scout Project Ideas” to view projects from around the USA.

Scout-O-Rama ticket sales turn-in to Rudy Zuniga at r.zuniga203@yahoo.com . You may sell the tickets for the remainder of the year. The card is good until December 31, 2014.

2015 Camporee will be headed by Mr. Creg Reitzel 714-776-0426 lahina_1@yahoo.com on April 24 – 26, 2014 at Santa Fe Dam area. We need Staff to run this event. If you would like to lend a hand, please call Creg. The excitement of doing our skills in the evening of Friday and the morning on Saturday then set up camp for a fun and easy Saturday afternoon. What a concept for our next Camporee/Camporall.

Training:

Youth Protection Training (YPT) – You may take it on-line at www.myscouting.org or call Todd Oishi 714-520-5265 toishi@sbcglobal.net for an appointment.

Wood Badge – Fall Course 2014 September 5-7 & 20-22, at OEC, Director is: Rusty Carter

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training: Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 gdubois@socal.rr.com for an appointment.

Boy Scout Leader Training January 13, 20, 27, 2015 at **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church** 12301 Magnolia Street, Garden Grove, CA 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This is Part 1 of 2 part training.

BALOO January 23, 2015 at **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church** 12301 Magnolia Street, Garden Grove, CA 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Then January 24 at Mile Square Park, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) (Part 2 of 2 training) Monday February 23, , 2015, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at REI 2962 Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782, then Friday through Sunday March 20 – 22, 2015, at 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 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 “To serve more youth in a Quality Program.” This is the Mission of the Orange County Council.

2) District Nominating Committee Chairman: Open

3) District Chairman: George Brietigam III 714-404-3829 grtietigam@socal.rr.com

District Vice-Chairman: Kris Beard Beard4GG@gmail.com

Districts goals:

a) Friends Of Scouting (FOS):

Garden Grove LDS, Murray Smith: Goal \$8,500, Actual \$4,760 =56% of Goal

Santa Ana LDS: Goal \$3,125, Actual \$100 = 3% of Goal

Family Presentations: Goal \$12,000, Actual \$16,807 = 140% of Goal

Community Campaign: Goal \$8,000, Actual \$4,725 = 59% of Goal

Leadership Campaign: Goal \$3,000 Actual \$1,960= 65% of Goal

Total FOS: Goal \$26,500, Actual \$28,352 = 106.98% of Goal

b) Scout-O-Rama (SOR): Goal \$20,000, Actual \$14,270= 71.4% of Goal

c) Popcorn: Goal \$43,500, Actual \$14,830 = 34 % of Goal

d) Number of Total Units: Goal 91, Actual 84, 92% of Goal

f) Number of Total Youth: Goal 1599, Actual 1306 = 82% of Goal

- h) Number of Unit Commissioners: Goal 30, Actual 15 = 50% of Goal
- i) Number of Units visited by UC's: Goal 91, Actual 36 = 35% of Goal
- j) Number of UC Visits to Units per Month: Goal 89, Actual 12 = 13% 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

The next scheduled Commissioner College is October 11, 2014, 7:00 am to Noon at the Council Office. They have a great program for new Commissioners.

We have established 10 Sectors within the El Capitan District. Each Sector is managed by an Assistant District Commissioner (ADC). The Sectors are:

LDS Garden Grove Dan Soloman 714-260-5155 dan.solomaon@mcgladrey.com;

LDS Santa Ana Elias Cruz 714-269-4105 elie_cruz11@yahoo.com;

One Vietnamese Hui Ly 714-952-8527 onbuily901@yahoo.com;

Two Vietnamese Timothy Hanson 714-274-8016 th4hdvn@yahoo.com;

North Anaheim Judy Arnold 714-993-0007 heyjudbsa@aol.com;

South Anaheim Joe Kessler 714-776-2054 jmkessler581@gmail.com;

North Garden Grove Michael Mannix 714-366-8536 mlmannix@hotmail.com;

West Garden Grove Jamie Finnsson 714-663-1930 missimpos@AOL.com;

South Garden Grove Eileen Meade 714-624-6404 esmeade54@hotmail.com;

The ADC's are responsible for recruiting and training Unit Commissioners (UC) for the Units in their Sector. The Commissioners meet once a month, the first Tuesday, 7:30 PM at the Stanford LDS Church. If you would like to become a Unit Commissioner, please join us at this meeting.

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,

RT Cub Scout Commissioners have Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394

missimpos@aol.com

RT Boy Scout Commissioner Lisa Merlotti 714-774-3270

lisa.merlotti@gmail.com

RT Varsity Commissioner Brian Cable 714-537-7875

5) District Membership Chairman: Darlene Wiertzema 714-750-6612

darlenewiertzema@gmail.com Fall Recruitment for 2014 begins in September. Please see

Darlene for a copy of the Garden Grove letter to all School Principals to allow Scouting on their school property.

- a) Elementary School back to school, open house, and walk through plan
Cub Scout Recruitment Chair: Robin Lange and Nicole Alvarez.
- b) 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
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 May 9, 2015
- c) Popcorn sales: Pamela Moseid 714-299-1677 olive_eve@verizon.net NOW!
- d) Push Cart Derby: Mr. Le Truong 714-655-0925 le.truong@hp.com April 18, 2015
- e) Support Cub Day Camp Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394, missimpos@aol.com July 27 – 31, 2015. The theme will be African Safari next year.
- f) Support WEBELOS Transition Camp Darlene Wiertzema 714-750-6612 darlenewiertzema@gmail.com, scheduled for March 13 – 15, 2015.
- h) Support Camporee/Camporall Creg Reitzel 714-776-0426 lahina_1@yahoo.com April 24 – 26, 2014 at Santa Fe Dam area
- i) Support Training Chair: Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 gdubois@socal.rr.com
- j) Support District Dinner: Linh Terry, 714-260-1866, linhkterry@gmail.com March 27, 2015. Location is TBD.
- k) Assist in establishing the Districts financial goals in January each year.

7) District Program Chairman: Todd Oishi 714-520-5265 toishi@sbcglobal.net

- a) Camporee 2015: Creg Reitzel 714-776-0426 lahina_1@yahoo.com April 24-26, 2015 at the Santa Fe Dam.
- b) Cub Day Camp: Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394, missimpos@aol.com with Orange Frontier: Director David Barton 714-369-5770 occubdaycamp@gmail.com July 27 - 31, 2015, Twilight Camp 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 2014, St Hedwig Church 3591 Oranewood Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 92720, and Cost \$150.

c) Training: Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 gdubois@socal.rr.com, Charter Organization Representative Training, Pack Committee Challenge, Troop Committee Challenge, Pack or Den Leader training, 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

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

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. The cost is \$225 and Camperships from the Silver Beaver Association is worth \$100. Participation is open to Boy Scouts, Ventures, Varsity and Sea Scouts, 13 years old and First Class 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

d) Advancement Chairman: Huong Do, 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 Please report any anomalies to Robin Hoyle via email.

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

d) Eagle Board Chair: Bob Stoltz, cell 714 351-0166, rbstoltz@yahoo.com

2007 = 40, 2008 =36, 2009 = 48, 2010 = 46, 2011 = 30, 2012 = 85, 2013 = 45, 2014 = 43 complete and 11 in work. If anyone would like to sit in or be a part of the Eagle Board of Review, please let Bob Stoltz know your Name, Phone No., and Email address.

e) Unit and Adult awards Chair: Until we have a replacement, Michael Mannix, 714-366-8536 mlmannix@hotmail.com will step in to process awards.

f) WEBELOS Transition Camp Darlene Wiertzema 714-272-2249 darlenewiertzema@gmail.com is being scheduled for March 14-16, 2015

g) Summer time activities: Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394, missimpos@aol.com

h) Camping and Outdoor Activity Chair: Bruce Finnsson 714-633-1930
eagle63267@aol.com

i) Order of the Arrow (OA) Maga Taskozu Chapter Advisor: Ed Maberry 714-225-6133, Edward.maberry@gamil.com Chapter meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month Room 15 at the Garden Grove United Methodist Church 12741 Main Street and Stanford Ave. In January 2015 Michael Jensen 714-523-4800 jensen924@sbcglobal.net will take over for Ed Maberry at the Chapter Advisor.

Unit election dates: January 1 through April 14 each year

John LaBare fund: Interest only campership fund

e) District Dinner: Linh Terry, 714-260-1866, linhkterry@gmail.com, set for March 27, 2015 it's a Friday night.

f) Scouting for Food: Kathy Fuiava 714-605-8773 fuiava1973@aol.com November 8, 2014. Each Unit selects the area they will go door to door and request non-perishable goods to be donated to help the hungry in Orange County.

g) Risk Management: Greg Dubois 714-393-7381 gdubois@socal.rr.com

h) District Webmaster www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org: Terry Morris 714-539-3018
airesearch@aol.com Beginning in January 2015 Spencer Cooley, Spencer@Cooleys.org will take over the District Webmaster responsibilities.

i) District Facebook Manager: Debra Nguyen 949-733-3013 tnddcw@yahoo.com

j) District Newsletter: Michael Mannix 714-366-8536 mlmannix@hotmail.com

Yours in Scouting,
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