



## **El Capitan District Newsletter**

**Please come and join us:**

**10212 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840-4828**

**7:30 P.M. February 12, 2015**

**We will be meeting in the front of the Church rather than the big room with the stage. The floor is being refinished where we normally meet.**

**February 12, 2015 is Roundtable at the LDS Church, 10212 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840-4828.**

- The Cub Scout breakout, presented by Jamie Finnsson, will concern the changes in the Cub Scout program, scheduled for implementation in June 2015 and Cub Day Camp. Darlene Wiertzema will discuss the WEBELOS transition camp. Then Ed Arnold will discuss the BSA Religions emblems program for Cub Scouts.
- The Boy Scout breakout, presented by Michael Mannix, will be Whitewater Rafting down the American River: Schedule, activities, cost, location, how to register for a trip.
- 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 contacted with fellow Scouters in our District, ask questions, bring news, post event about your Units or Community, post pictures, etc. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/136132549929894/> If you need help, email Debra Nguyen [tndctd@yahoo.com](mailto:tndctd@yahoo.com) for assistance.
- **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:gdubois@socal.rr.com) for an appointment.

**2015 Camporee** will be headed by Mr. Creg Reitzel 714-776-0426 [lahina\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:lahina_1@yahoo.com) on **April 24 – 26, 2015** at Firestone Scout Reservation. 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:**

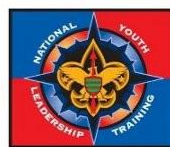
**Youth Protection Training (YPT)** – You may take it on-line at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) or call Todd Oishi 714-520-5265 [toishi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toishi@sbcglobal.net) for an appointment.

Most of the District’s Merit Badge Counselors have not completed D76 “Merit Badge Counselor Orientation” so we plan to have a Roundtable Breakout for Counselors in our March 12, 2015 meeting.

## **NYLT Participant Registration Now Open**



**National Youth Leadership Training**  
**Orange County Council**  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
<http://nylt.ocbsa.org>



The leadership skills participants gain during NYLT last a life time. The course fills up quickly and to serve our participants NYLT has a maximum capacity of 120 participants. Please sign up early to ensure your youth has a spot!

**Sign up here:** <http://nylt.ocbsa.org>. Payments are processed through the BSA Council using Camp Master.

**Key dates:** June 6<sup>th</sup> is our Mandatory Down Hill meeting to kick-off the leadership training. June 28<sup>th</sup> –July 3<sup>rd</sup> NYLT course located in Lost Valley. June 28<sup>th</sup> check in at 10 a.m. in Temecula; caravan to Lost Valley between 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, all parents and their families are invited to the graduation ceremony. Details are on the NYLT website.

**ATTENTION WOODBADGE GRADUATES! We are still seeking adult staff volunteers.** Call Jerry Clark our Adult Course Director who recruits our adult staff volunteers. This is the natural next step for our WOODBADGE graduates! Please call him at: 714-264-5335 or email at: [coates-clark@att.net](mailto:coates-clark@att.net). Since we announced this opportunity, we with have Woodbadge alumni participating. Come join your friends!

**A CHANCE FOR NYLT STAFF PARENTS:** Want to get a glimpse of NYLT in action and support the youth? We have many opportunities to serve. Please see our website for just some of the choices. Questions: contact Diane Jones at [dianejones1@ca.rr.com](mailto:dianejones1@ca.rr.com).

**NYLT SURVEY.** We are constantly looking to improve our program and find out about potential participants. Last year's survey resulted in a new automated website to make it easier to sign-up. This year we are looking at leadership. You are invited to complete our Survey Monkey so we may better serve you. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MXMHX2R>.

## Wood Badge Course - September 2015

MAKE GOOD ON THAT RESOLUTION!



Did you know that one of the best leadership training courses available is offered by the Boy Scouts of America? It's called Wood Badge, and for an astonishingly low cost, Scouters can receive instruction that rivals that of any corporate leadership training available today.

What resolutions did you make for the New Year? Whether your goals are in your personal, professional, or volunteer life, Wood Badge will help you develop your skills in problem-solving, project planning, and leadership, while spending more time outdoors and creating friendships that often last far beyond the course itself. Any registered adult who has completed basic training for their position is eligible to participate in this life-changing experience.

The Council is offering its next Wood Badge course W4-39-15-2 over two weekends in September 11-13, 2015. The first weekend goes from 7 am on September 11 to 5 pm on September 13, and the second weekend goes from 7 am on September 26 to 5 pm on September 28, 2015. Course Director is Colt Rhoads [bigguy1134@gmail.com](mailto:bigguy1134@gmail.com)

To find out more about this unique opportunity, please call the scout office at (714) 546-4990, or Tom Miller, Course Director for the fall course, at [occnslt@gmail.com](mailto:occnslt@gmail.com) or (714) 746-5235.

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 deSomocurcio 714-546-4990 x114 [JorgeR@ocbsa.org](mailto: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](mailto:grtietigam@socal.rr.com)

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

Districts goals: The Santa Ana South LDS Stake has become its own District, so it was removed from our District's data.

a) Friends Of Scouting (FOS):

Garden Grove LDS, Murray Smith: Goal \$6,500, Actual \$3,730 =57% of Goal

Family Presentations: Goal \$12,000, Actual \$580 = 4.83% of Goal

Community Campaign: Goal \$7,000, Actual \$0 = 0% of Goal

Leadership Campaign: Goal \$2,500 Actual \$2,275= 91% of Goal

Total FOS: Goal \$28,000, Actual \$6,385 = 22.80% of Goal

b) Scout-O-Rama (SOR): Goal \$16,000, Actual \$0= 0% of Goal

- c) Popcorn: Goal \$40,000, Actual \$0 = 0 % of Goal
- d) Number of Total Units: Goal 70, Actual 69, 98.57% of Goal
- f) Number of Total Youth: Goal 1415, Actual 1215 = 85.86% 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:** Patricia Ingle 440-503-3099, [ing4603@aol.com](mailto:ing4603@aol.com)

BSA National has developed a new website for Commissioners to record their Unit Visitation, [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) with tutorials available at log in. By the way, you may use [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) log in user name and pass word for the new website. This new website may be used by the Unit Key 3 to assess the training completed or needed by members of the PACK, TROOP, TEAM, or CREW.

We have established 9 Sectors within the El Capitan District. Each Sector is managed by an Assistant District Commissioner (ADC). The Sectors and Units are:

LDS Garden Grove: Dan Soloman 714-260-5155 [dan.solomaon@mcgladrey.com](mailto:dan.solomaon@mcgladrey.com);

Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews: 49,148,225,288,548

One Vietnamese: Hui Ly 714-952-8527 [onbuily901@yahoo.com](mailto:onbuily901@yahoo.com);

Packs, Troops 413, 680, 901, 1004, 1454 and Crew 1004

Two Vietnamese: Timothy Hanson 714-274-8016 [th4hdvn@yahoo.com](mailto:th4hdvn@yahoo.com);

Packs, Troops 299, 905, 997, 1003, 1930

North Anaheim: Judy Arnold 714-993-0007 [heyjudbsa@aol.com](mailto:heyjudbsa@aol.com);

Packs, Troops 526, 1149 and Pack 120, 909 and Troop 100

South Anaheim: Joe Kessler 714-776-2054 [jmkessler581@gmail.com](mailto:jmkessler581@gmail.com);

Packs, Troops 110, 1565, Troop 1561

North Garden Grove: Michael Mannix 714-366-8536 [mlmannix@hotmail.com](mailto:mlmannix@hotmail.com);

Packs 75,167,272 and Troops 75, 147, 167

West Garden Grove: Jamie Finnsson 714-663-1930 [missimpos@AOL.com](mailto:missimpos@AOL.com);

Packs 271, 916 and Troops 1103, 1999

South Garden Grove: Eileen Meade 714-624-6404 [esmeade54@hotmail.com](mailto:esmeade54@hotmail.com);

Packs 270,275 and Troops 111,117,270,275

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](mailto:mpjonnie@aol.com),  
RT Cub Scout Commissioner is Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394  
[missimpos@aol.com](mailto:missimpos@aol.com)  
RT Boy Scout Commissioner is Jerry Clark 714-264-5335 [coates-clark@att.net](mailto:coates-clark@att.net)  
RT Varsity Commissioner is Brian Cable 714-537-7875

**5) District Membership Chairman:** Darlene Wiertzema 714-750-6612  
[darlenewiertzema@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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) Assist in establishing the Districts financial goals in January each year.

**7) District Program Chairman:** Todd Oishi 714-520-5265 [toishi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toishi@sbcglobal.net)

**Activities Chair** Le Jonna Truoug 714-655-0925 [jtblondy@yahoo.com](mailto:jtblondy@yahoo.com)

- a) District Dinner: Linh Terry, 714-260-1866, [linhkterry@gmail.com](mailto:linhkterry@gmail.com), set for March 27, 2015 it's a Friday night. Location is the Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort at 616 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, just south of Katella off Harbor blvd. free

parking, Amazing Door Prizes, and a Silent auction for FOS. Cost is \$25 now or \$30 on 3/27/15.

- b) Scout-O-Rama: **OPEN** May 9, 2015
- c) WEBELOS Transition Camp Darlene Wiertzema 714-272-2249  
[darlenewiertzema@gmail.com](mailto:darlenewiertzema@gmail.com) is being scheduled for March 14-16, 2015 at Firestone Scout Reservation.
- d) Push Cart Derby: Mr. Le Truong 714-655-0925 [le.truong@hp.com](mailto:le.truong@hp.com) April 18, 2015. We have 56 boys signed up for this exciting event already. Get in on the fun.
- e) Camporee 2015: Creg Reitzel 714-776-0426 [lahina\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:lahina_1@yahoo.com) changed from April 24-26 to **April 17-19, 2015** at the Firestone Scout Reservation.
- f) Cub Day Camp: Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394, [missimpos@aol.com](mailto:missimpos@aol.com) with Orange Frontier: Director David Barton 714-369-5770 [occubdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:occubdaycamp@gmail.com) July 27 - 31, 2015, Twilight Camp 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 2014, St Hedwig Church 3591 Orangewood Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 92720, and Cost \$150.
- g) Scouting for Food: Kathy Fuiava 714-605-8773 [fuiava1973@aol.com](mailto:fuiava1973@aol.com) November 2015. 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.
- h) Scout-O-Rama: **OPEN** May 9, 2015
- i) Popcorn sales: Pamela Moseid 714-299-1677 [olive\\_eve@verizon.net](mailto:olive_eve@verizon.net)
- j) Cub Scout Program Chair: Savannah Ardoin 512-213-5780  
[scoutingmom4ever@yahoo.com](mailto:scoutingmom4ever@yahoo.com)

**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) Please report any anomalies to Robin Hoyle via email.
- b) Eagle Project Advisor: Marion Wilder 714-488-6713 [rwilder@socal.rr.com](mailto:rwilder@socal.rr.com)
- c) 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, 2014 = 58, 2015 = 3 complete and 5 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: Linh Terry 714-260-1866, [linhkterry@gmail.com](mailto:linhkterry@gmail.com) in to process awards.

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

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

a) Order of the Arrow (OA) Maga Taskozu Chapter Advisor Chapter Michael Jensen 714-523-4800 [jensen924@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jensen924@sbcglobal.net). Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, 10212 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840-4828. Unit election dates: January 1 through April 14 each year John LaBare fund: Interest only campership fund.

b) Summer time activities: Jamie Finnsson 714-329-5394, [missimpos@aol.com](mailto:missimpos@aol.com)

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

a) Charter Organization Representative Training,

b) Pack Committee Challenge,

c) Troop Committee Challenge,

d) Pack or Den Leader training,

e) 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)

**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, 19005 Tonner Canyon Road, Brea CA 92821.

**Boy Scout Leader Specific Training** August 11, 18, 25, 2015 at American Legion Hall 5860 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, CA 92683, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This is Part 1 of 2 part training.

**IOLS** (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) (Part 2 of 2 training) Monday August 24, 2015, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at REI 2962 Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782, then Friday through Sunday September 11-13, 2015, at Firestone Scout Reservation, 19005 Tonner Canyon Road, Brea CA 92821.

**BALOO** August 28, 2015 at American Legion Hall 5860 Westminster Blvd,  
Westminster, CA 92683, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Then August 29 at Mile Square Park,  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

**Communications:**

a) District Webmaster Spencer Cooley [www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org](http://www.ElCapitan.ocbsa.org)

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c) District Newsletter: Michael Mannix 714-366-8536  
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