

# Antelope Valley District Newsletter APRIL 2007



Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

## Centennial Quality Unit

A huge thanks to everyone that has turned in their Centennial Quality Unit commitments.

It is not too late to get your units in if you have not done so! Please see Bob Stachnik or Glinda Fortner to complete one for your unit tonight!

## Commissioners Needed

*A Great Way to Strengthen Your District*

No major league baseball team has ever had a winning season with only eight players on the ball diamond. Nine players are a must. They must have a complete team. When Lord Baden-Powell founded of Boy Scouts he created the position of Scoutmaster to run scouting units and he also immediately created the position of Commissioner to help. Commissioners have been with Scouting from the very beginning. AV has a critical shortage of commissioners at all levels – Cubs, Troops, Crews and Teams. Being a unit commissioner, helping units operate at maximum efficiency and making regular contact with unit leaders giving them direct access to the council and all its resources, is a very rewarding experience. Contact District Commissioner Bob Stachnik at [avcommissioner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:avcommissioner@sbcglobal.net) or Glinda Fortner.

## Training

Please, encourage your as yet untrained adults to get trained as soon as possible. The success of a unit depends on trained leaders. A unit cannot earn the “Quality Unit” award without their leaders being trained & our District cannot be a “Quality District” without quality units. Please go to our district training at <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/training.html> for specific times, locations and contacts. Upcoming training: BALOO on Apr 14 9am-5pm & COR training on Apr 28, see flyer or website information.

## Composite Materials MB Counselors Wanted

AV District is looking for a qualified person to serve for this NEW merit badge. Please pick up an application at the office or online from National at <http://www.scouting.org/forms/34405.pdf>. Requirement for this badge are at <http://www.meritbadge.com/mb/137.htm> . For more information contact Anthony Moreno [afmoreno@sbcglobal.net](mailto:afmoreno@sbcglobal.net) 661-256-3380.

## Spring Rallies

*A Great Way to Strengthen Your Unit*

The season of Spring Rallies is upon us again! If your unit is in need of some more Scouts to fill in and help your unit strengthen, or if you are in a Cub Scout Pack and would like to get a jumpstart on getting next year’s Tiger den in place to go to Day Camp. Rallies just aren’t for Cub Scouts – they can also be done for Troops. Please contact Glinda Fortner to help setup a Spring Rally for your unit!

## Soccer and Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America has launched its Soccer and Scouting program as an outreach to Hispanic youth and families. Soccer and Scouting will teach soccer skills and provide exciting competition, and at the same time boys will be Cub Scouts and learn the life-long values taught in the Scouting program. All of the materials will be published in English and Spanish. If you would be interesting in assisting helping start a program here in the AV please contact Glinda Fortner. Additional information at [www.soccerandscouting.org](http://www.soccerandscouting.org).

## Antelope Valley District Camporee

The annual Antelope Valley District Camporee will take place on *April 20 thru 22* at Pelona Vista Park. Boy Scouts, Webelos, and Venture Crews are welcome to attend and participate in this district event. Each Participant will be governed by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. All registrations must be turned in by 4 p.m. on April 7, 2007 at the AV District Service Center so sign up tonight if you can. For additional information please go to our district website or contact the AV District Office.

## Scout Nights at Clear Channel Stadium

*Sat. Apr 21 at 5pm.* FREE fun zone use when gates open. \$2 special edition patch. \$7 dugout box seating, \$6 box seating, \$5 reserved seating. *Sat. Jun 23 at 7pm* – campout on the field night. FREE fun zone use from 5:30 to 6pm. \$13 dugout box seating, \$12 box seating, \$11 reserved seating. Contact: Melanie Hahn 661-726-5400 ext 107 or email [Melanie@jethawks.com](mailto:Melanie@jethawks.com)

## 2007 The Cub Scout Cup

May 12, 2007. Jul 9-13, 2007, William S. Hart Park. Additional information & online registration at [www.cubscoutcup.org](http://www.cubscoutcup.org). Obstacle course, sports skills, teamwork, prizes, & lots more fun. Boy Scouts also wanted to help run the event. Patch design contest entries due by Apr 1. Contact Robert Bell [robertb@pack494.org](mailto:robertb@pack494.org) 661-212-3419.

## 2007 Cub Scout Camping



There are many upcoming opportunities for Cub Scouts to go camping, both overnight and day events. Please visit the Council website or contact AV Service Center for additional information about the following dates:

2007 Cub/Parent Camping @ Josepho: May 4-6, Oct 19-22, Nov 2-4

2007 Family Camp @ Camp Whitsett: Aug 24-26

2007 Webelos Resident Camp @ Camp Josepho: Jul 18-21, Jul 22-25, Jul 25-28

2007 AV Day Camp @ McAdam Park: Jun 25-29 830am-330pm

2007 AV Twilight Camp @ TBA: Aug 6-10 400pm-830pm

## WLACC National Leadership Training

Jul 9-13, 2007, at Camp Josepho. The course will only be opened to approximately 40 scouts. If interested please contact Jeff Feldman [jfbf@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfbf@ix.netcom.com) or 818-883-4720. It will be a youth run program. Staff requirements: 13yrs old, served as a junior leader, Star Scout or above, preference of JLT/TLT training, present the entire week and 2-3 staff development weekends between Apr & Jun.

## 2007 Sierra Expeditions

This High Adventure camp has been steadily growing & improving with more programs & opportunities for units to enjoy the Sequoia National Forest. The Order of the Arrow Ranger Program offers a monumental experience. Visit [www.sierraexpeditions.org](http://www.sierraexpeditions.org). Contact Eddie Naeger Program Director 473-883-6348 [eddie@sierraexpeditions.org](mailto:eddie@sierraexpeditions.org)

## 2007 Patrol Challenge

Nov 2 - 4, 2007. A fresh batch of incredible activities, locations, surprises, mysteries and challenges planned. Please visit [patrolchallenge.homestead.com](http://patrolchallenge.homestead.com) or contact Paul Oliver [pauloliver1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pauloliver1@sbcglobal.net) 818-845-0773 or Lee Waddell [leewa96@aol.com](mailto:leewa96@aol.com).

## 2007 Boy Scout Camping

WLACC is already accepting reservations for troop camping. Please visit <http://www.bsa-la.org/camping/camping.html> for information on the individual camps: Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, Camp Whitsett in the Sequoia National Forest, Camp Wolverton, Camp Josepho in Pacific Palisades Sierra Expeditions (mentioned below) and Pardee Scout Sea Base in Marina Del Rey. You can also email [camping@bsa-la.org](mailto:camping@bsa-la.org). Please include your Name, Troop #, Contact # when emailing.

## Scouts Can Invite Friends Electronically

Go to [www.thescoutzone.org](http://www.thescoutzone.org). Click on "Tell a Friend." Follow the prompts. This fun and easy activity can help a Scout complete the new First Class requirement that states he must invite a friend to a meeting or activity.

## BSA Boy Scout Requirement Videos

A series of videos that demonstrates how to fulfill every requirement for the first three ranks of Boy Scouting (Tenderfoot, First Class Scout, and Second Class Scout) is available online. <http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/rankvideo/>

The **BSA Family Award** program offers activities to help strengthen all families – for any Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturer family. Every family may participate on its own if their unit does not promote the award. The *BSA Family Activity Book* (available at the Scout Shop) gives all the requirements as well as step-by-step instructions for earning the Award. To earn the award, a family must complete two outlined topics in each of the following categories for a total of 10 activities: Learning Through Fun & Adventure, Strengthening Family Relationships, Developing Personal Strengths, Teaching Responsibility and Handling Difficult Situations.

**AV Scout Shop** - Come by and purchase your awards and patches for your unit, and see what's new.

If you have additional questions please contact the AV Service Center or Glinda Fortner. We look forward to helping you serve our youth.

WLACC Website: [www.bsa-la.org](http://www.bsa-la.org)

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