

# Antelope Valley District Newsletter MAY 2007



Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

**2007 POPCORN CAMPAIGN** - We need to identify units which will be participating in the 2007 sale and must have an email contact for each unit in order to set up the system on line. Please email ctaylor@bsa-la.org: our district (AV), unit type (pack, troop, team, crew or ship) and unit number.

Please record the following important dates:

May 15 – Council wide training for all districts & units

Jun 28 – Council wide training for all districts & units

Aug 7 – AV Roundtable - unit Popcorn Chair Training

Additional information & dates are on the AV Website.

In addition we need to request the following:

\* **AV must get a delivery location set here in the AV or every unit will be required to drive to Van Nuys** to get their popcorn. Anyone here in the AV that knows a location that might work or your company has this capability of doing this please let me know the location and a contact. WE MUST SET LOCATION BEFORE MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>.

\* To make our district campaign more effective we need to fill two additional sub-positions #1 Popcorn Distribution & #2 Popcorn Technology.

\* AV would love to “Discover the Possibilities” & create more Scout Spirit in the Antelope Valley by having have 100% unit participation. Our goal is ambitious, exciting and attainable & your commitment to join this campaign can make this happen.

**Commissioners Needed** - AV has a critical shortage of commissioners at all levels. Being a unit commissioner, helping units operate at maximum efficiency & making regular contact with unit leaders, giving them direct access to the council & all its resources, is a very rewarding experience. Contact our District Commissioner Bob Stachnik at avcommissioner@sbcglobal.net or Glinda Fortner.

**Spring Rallies** - The season of Spring Rallies is upon us again! If your unit is in need of some more Scouts to fill in & 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. 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!

**MB Counselors Wanted** - Do you have a unique skill that you can teach to youth? AV District is looking for a qualified person to serve as merit badge counselors. For more info. contact Anthony Moreno afmoreno@sbcglobal.net 661-256-3380.

**Training** - Please, encourage your as yet untrained adults to get trained as soon as possible. The success of a unit depends on trained leaders. Please go to our district training at <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/training.html> for specific times, locations and contacts. Upcoming training: BALOO on May 5 9am-5pm see flyer or website information.

**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!

We need them for the following units:

Crew: 108 185 240 241 308 310 312 329 331 332 335 388 408 508 518 578 708 713 890

Pack: 41 86 108 146 159 185 239 240 241 264 270 308 310 312 329 331 332 335 342 388 392 408 508 518 541 614 641 686 687 688 692 693 708 713 734 735 737 741 757 767 890

Troop: 17 108 146 185 240 241 247 270 308 310 312 331 332 335 341 342 388 408 444 508 518 599 688 708 713 757 767 890

Team: 108 185 240 241 308 310 312 329 331 332 335 342 388 408 508 518 708 713 890

Ship: 11

**ATTN Boy Scout Troops and Webelos Den Leaders**  
Webelos Den Leaders please make sure that your boys complete the registration process with the troop that they have decided to join. If you need to know of troops in your area to visit, please contact the AV Service Center for information. For Boy Scout Troops please be sure that the registrations you have received are turned in immediately to the Service Center. For any troops that are interested in contacting Webelos in your area that haven't bridged into a troop, please contact Glinda to get a list of those Webelos that have not bridged.

**AV Scout Shop** - Come by and purchase your awards and patches for your unit, and see what's new. The new Cub pants available August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Service Hours

\* Day Camp needs cool ties sewn and water bottle holders. Please contact April Barr 661-538-9398

\* Most of the AV Service Center is now painted. We still have a few more walls to be done and furniture to move. Please contact Lisa at the AV Service Center.

## MULLIGAN'S BSA Spring Recruitment Fair & Fun Day – June 9th 930am-130pm.

Unlimited use of 5 attractions for \$12.99 per person and \$2 more to include go-karts & the rock wall. See the flyers on the website. Contact Glinda for additional information. For each scout that has a friend sign up between now & Jun 30<sup>th</sup> they will receive a recruiter patch & for the new scout he will receive a commemorative Jamboree pin.

**2007 The Cub Scout Cup - May 12.** 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. Contact Robert Bell [robertb@pack494.org](mailto:robertb@pack494.org) 661-212-3419.

## Scout Nights at Clear Channel Stadium

Sat. Jun 23 at 7pm – campout on the field night. FREE fun zone use from 5:30 to 6pm. 2 special edition patch. \$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 Cub Scout Camping

There are many upcoming opportunities for Cub Scouts to go camping, both overnight & day events. Please visit the Council website or contact AV Service Center for addl. info. 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

To Note of interest: According to the IRS instructions for Form 2441 Child and Dependent Care Expenses it says "You can include the cost of a day camp, even if it specializes in a particular activity, such as soccer. But do not include any expenses for sending your child to an overnight camp." BSA day camp qualifies as a tax exempt dependent provider. As a tax exempt provider they are not required to furnish their tax ID number and should list "TAX EXEMPT" in the provider's taxpayer identification number on Form W-10.

**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).

## 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 Boy Scout Camping -** WLACC is already accepting reservations for troop camping. 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 and Pardee Scout Sea Base in Marina Del Rey. You call also email [camping@bsa-la.org](mailto:camping@bsa-la.org). Please include your Name, Troop #, Contact # when emailing.

**Charles In Space Mission Patch** Visit [www.charlesinspace.com](http://www.charlesinspace.com). On this website Dr. Charles Simonyi, next civilian in space, is sharing the experience with kids. By clicking the Boy Scouts tab and taking an interactive quiz you could earn the official Simonyi mission space patch. Pass the quiz, print the coupon and bring it into the Antelope Valley Scout Shop to redeem. Only the first 50 scouts will receive the specialized patch. After that we will keep your coupon and see if we can receive any unused patches from other councils. There are only 27 remaining as of 4/30.

The **United States Heritage Awards** was designed to give youth recognition for learning about the heritage of USA and giving greater understanding and pride of our nation. A medal and a patch can be awarded to all that successfully complete the award requirements. Requirements can be done as a unit, group, family or individually. The silver award is for youth 6-10 years old. The gold award is for youth 11-18 years old and adults that help a youth complete either award. For further information please visit [www.nationstrails.com/awards/](http://www.nationstrails.com/awards/).

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) District Website: <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/>

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