



Antelope Valley District Newsletter JULY 2007



Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

AV Service Center will be closed on July 4th for the holiday.

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.

If you haven't attended the 2007 popcorn training to get a qualified additional 2% your last date available here in the AV is: Aug 7 at AV Roundtable

In addition we need to request the following:

* 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.

Fall Rallies - Please email Glinda at gfortner@bsa-la.org with dates, times and locations of your Fall Rally for your unit!

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!

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. UPDATE: There will be new formats used for Cub Scouting starting this fall – if you are interested in teaching please let either Larry Cork or Glinda Fortner know. Please go to our district training at <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/training.html> for specific times, locations and contacts. Our next big AV Training Day will be September 29th. And the one after that is Nov. 17th. Please watch for additional week day trainings TBA.

Additional Training Available Online – Please check out the continually updated national website for available online courses at: <http://olc.scouting.org/index.html> Currently training is available for Fast Start, Youth Protection, Troop Committee Challenge, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and District Committee Selection. Additional courses will be added in the near future.

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:

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

Family Camp @ Camp Whitsett: Aug 24-26

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

AV Twilight Camp @ Willow Spring Raceway: Aug 6-10 400pm-830pm

2007 Boy Scout 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 can also email camping@bsa-la.org. Please include your Name, Troop #, Contact # when emailing. The last week of Boy Scout camp at Emerald Bay has 100 spaces available. This is week 11 for August 26th to September 1st. Additionally the camp has monies for Scouts who would not have the normal ability to visit camp.

Camperships Available. There are monies available for any Scout who would not normally have the ability to attend camp. Please contact the AV Service Center or our Council offices.

2007 AV Cub Scout Olympics – Sep 15th 9am-2pm. Location to be announced. For additional information please contact Chris Hair at cmhair@hotmail.com or 661-965-1285 with questions or if you would like to help. Please watch for updates to be made on the AV website.

MULLIGAN'S BSA Spring Recruitment Fair & Fun Day –October Saturday date TBA 930am-130pm. Unlimited use of 5 attractions for \$12.99 per person and \$2 more to include go-karts & the rock wall. More information to follow in August.

2007 Palmdale Fall Festival -October 13 – 14, 2007. *Marie Kerr Park.* Come and volunteer at our Boy Scout Booth and get into the Festival for free. Contact Glinda Fortner for additional information.

2007 Patrol Challenge - Nov 2 – 4, 2007. A fresh batch of incredible activities, locations, surprises, mysteries and challenges planned. Please visit patrolchallenge.homestead.com or contact Paul Oliver pauloliver1@sbcglobal.net 818-845-0773 or Lee Waddell leewa96@aol.com.

Emergency Preparedness Award - "Emergency preparedness" means being ready for all kinds of emergencies. It means you're ready and able to help in times of trouble to save lives and property and to help a community—or even a nation—get back to normal after a disaster happens. To encourage Scouts of all ages to be prepared for emergencies, the BSA has approved an Emergency Preparedness Award program for members of all ages. To learn more about the award requirements and to download an application form, visit the Emergency Preparedness Award page at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/emergency/award.html>

The **Centennial Recruiter Patch** can be earned this fall by Boy Scouts by recruiting a boy into their troop. Patches will be available at the service center office at no additional cost.



Did you know – there were over 165 kids at the Cub Scout Day Camp at McAdams Park from Jun 25th to the 29th?

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 1st.

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

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