



Antelope Valley District Newsletter AUGUST 2007



Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

AV Service Center will be closed on September 3rd for the holiday.

2007 POPCORN CAMPAIGN – All show-and-sell orders due online before August 24th. Check the campaign booklet for additional dates and information. 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. We are almost there and your unit could be the one that will make it happen.

Fall Rallies have been set. Please review the flyer with all the units listing. - Please email Glinda at gfortner@bsa-la.org if you have any questions.

Centennial Quality Unit – All AV units have forms that are completed. Please set a time with your unit commissioner in September to see whether you qualify.

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

911 Memorial Community Picnic.

Sep 11 4pm-8pm at George Lane Park in Quartz Hill. Albert L. Ewing, Recreation leader for LA County Parks & Recreation is requesting scouting participation. Contact him at djalbaby@yahoo.com 661-733-8678

Orienteering Awareness & Merit Badge Seminar

for Boy Scouts, Venturers and Scout Leaders: Camp Three Falls, Frazier Park Recreation area of Los Padres National Forest . *Sep 7 7pm – Sep9 3pm*. For additional information and forms contact: Bill Thomas at thomasbk@earthlink.net or 818-566-6600

2007 AV Cub Scout Olympics – *Sep 22nd*

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.

2007 Catholic Scout Retreat - September 28-30, 2007 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sylmar . Additional information at: <http://ccsala.org/>

2007 Southern CA Lutheran Camporee - September 28-30, 2007 at Prado Regional Park. Additional information: Chairman Tom Avdeef 714-288-4194. Regis: Al Reyna 714-538-3821

MULLIGAN'S BSA Spring Recruitment Fair & Fun Day -October 13th 930am-130pm. Unlimited use of 5 attractions for \$12.99 per person and \$2 more to include go-karts & the rock wall.

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.

Wood Badge October 25th -27th & November 8th - 10th. It is the 21st Century is a leadership training course designed for all adult Scouters. The course incorporates the traditions of over 80 years of Wood Badge, while adding the management and leadership training necessary to become a successful leader in the 21st century. Wood Badge is more than a classroom, it is games and hands-on projects. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage, as well as a vision of the role you will play in its future, the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit at home. Participation in this course will also provide skills to help you achieve success in other aspects of your life...like at home, or in your career! The course is a 2-weekend, fun-filled, *practical training* period where the Scouter lives as a member of a team progressing through Scouting, and learning the skills of leadership. The *application* phase is completed at home, by implementing the skills learned in accomplishing a series of written goals called "Tickets." Contact: Course Director Linda O'Toole (661)274-1236 otoolezoo@adelphia.net OR go to: http://www.bsa-la.org/training/adults/2007_Wood_Badge.pdf

2007 Patrol Challenge - Nov 2 - 4, 2007. A fresh batch of incredible activities, locations, surprises, mysteries and challenges planned. Please visit <http://www.bsa-la.org/events/patrolchallenge/index.htm> or contact Paul Oliver pauloliver1@sbcglobal.net 818-845-0773 or Lee Waddell leewa96@aol.com.

Interpreter Strip -youth & adult members may wear this strip if they show their knowledge of a foreign language or the sign language for the hearing impaired by: 1. Carrying on a 5-minute conversation in this language. 2. Translating a 2-minute speech or address. 3. Writing a letter in the language (Does not apply for sign language) 4. Translating 200 words or more from the written word.

Cubcast is an audio podcast featuring a variety of how-to and information topics for Cub Scout leaders and parents. Go to: <http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast>

Did you know - that we are running a scouting program at the Challenger Youth Detention Center in West Lancaster and it is funded in part by the Boeing Employees Community Fund grant? Over 500 youth were able to experience scouting in 2006 and in 2007 there will even be more youth.

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