



Antelope Valley District Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2007



Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

2007 POPCORN CAMPAIGN – Check the campaign booklet for additional dates and information. For all units doing take-order please let Glinda know if you haven't received your 2007 login. 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 have been set. WE NEED BOY TALKS (SCHOOL WALK THRU) SCHEDULED 2-3 DAYS BEFORE THE RALLY NIGHT. DO YOU HAVE A CONTACT WITHIN YOUR SCHOOL? Please schedule & contact Glinda with the info. And if you have any questions.

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

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.bsala.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 - For Cub Scouts there are upcoming opportunities to go camping overnight. Please visit the WLACC website or contact AV Service Center for info. about the Cub/Parent Camping @ Josepho: Oct 19-22, Nov 2-4

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 – Sep 9 3pm. For additional information and forms contact: Bill Thomas at thomasbk@earthlink.net or 818-566-6600

Merit Badge Clinic – hosted by Troop 513 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall - 7:30pm. located at 23233 Lyons Avenue, Newhall. For more info or questions, please contact JOCELYN REYES at 661-297-YEAH or email jreyes98@aol.com
Sep 24 – camping #1, citizenship in the community #1, pets #1
Oct 8 – camping #2, citizenship in the community #2, pets #2
Oct 22 – camping #3, citizenship in the nation #1
Nov 12 – Emergency preparedness #1, citizenship in the nation #2
Nov 26 – Emergency preparedness #2, citizenship in the nation #3

2007 Scout Night at Dodgers Stadium with the 6th Annual Egg Drop Contest. Sep 15th 2007. \$5/\$11/\$15 tickets. Registration form and egg drop rules available from the AV service center offices in printed form or via email.

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 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

Basic Backpack Awareness Course.

Indoor Oct 6 730-5pm. Outdoor Nov 16 & 18. \$30 early Regis before Sep 6 and \$40 regular Regis until Sep 30th. For forms and additional information contact Vern Fagin 818-766-4486 vernfagin@roadrunner or Tamber Johnson 818- 343-6578.

MULLIGAN'S BSA Fall 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. **Volunteers needed** to man our booth. Contact Glinda Fortner for info.

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 80 years of Wood Badge traditions, while adding the management & leadership training to become a successful leader in the 21st century. It is more than a classroom, it is games & hands-on projects. You come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage, & a vision of the role you will play in its future, the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit. Participation will also provide skills to help you achieve success in other aspects of your life – both home & 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, & 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

AV District One World, One Promise

Breakfast – Nov 1, 7am – Larry Chimbole Cultural Center in Palmdale. Tickets are available from Bill Norris, Linda O'Toole or the Scout Service Center.

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. On Friday Nov 2, the AV Service Center will serve as a check in from 5-8pm.

2007 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARADES

We are currently looking for units that want to participate (and receive a patch) in the Veteran's Day Parade, the Lancaster Holiday Parade, and the Palmdale Holiday Parade. Please sign up at the AV service center. Additional information will follow.

2008 Boy Scout Summer Camp

Application being accepted. On Sep 28th all WLACC unit can submit applications to be accepted at any of our WLACC summer camps – Emerald Bay, Whitsett, Wolverton, and all their High Adventure camps. Sign up early to guarantee you spot. Camps fill quickly and the preferred weeks sellout quickly. For forms and additional information please go to: www.bsa-la.org/camping/Summer_Camp_Applications.htm

BOY SCOUTS AT THE MAGIC CASTLE

The Magic Castle is currently testing a new concept where small groups are invited for Saturday Brunch and program. Castle, a private club, is home to the Academy of Magical Arts, Inc., with 5500 members worldwide. It is a Smithsonian type museum of magic. Additional information at www.magiccastle.com then contact Eliot Brown (T-126) @ (818) 708-8551. The program includes: brunch, tour, show, a souvenir from the Magic Castle, Meeting & talking with Magician. The requirements for the group are: Minimum of 20/maximum of 50; Scouts must be in class "A" uniform & all others in "California Casual" attire, no denim, no shorts, no t-shirts, no flip-flops & everyone must be respectful of the surrounds. The cost is \$50 per person & the valet parking is \$8.00 per car.

National Logo Contest - We are calling on all Scouts to help create a memorable logo that captures the true spirit of Scouting in honor of BSA's 100th Anniversary. Every registered Scout is eligible. Every participant will receive a patch a certificate. Entries are due by Nov. 30, 2007. Winners will be chosen in several categories. The overall winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to San Francisco, CA to work hand-in-hand with Kit Hinrichs to finalize the 100th Anniversary Celebration logo design. Additional information at www.scouting.org/100years

AV Unit Websites & Emails – Do you have a unit website? Please let us know. If you aren't receiving a weekly district email please let us know with your updated email address.

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

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

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