



Antelope Valley District Newsletter NOVEMBER 2007



Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

RECHARTER DUE NOV 30TH.

For all non-LDS units the packets are available to pick up in the service center. Please leave around 20 minutes to have an orientation on how the recharter is to be done. For those that have done recharterers before it will take around 5-10 minutes to go over the changes. On Wednesday, **November 28th** all units will have special opportunities to turn in their recharter packet. The Antelope Valley Service Center will remain open an extra hour until 6pm. Then there will also be a turn in available at the LDS Lancaster Stake located at 3140 West Ave K in Lancaster from 7pm until 830pm.

For Lancaster East Stake units that have not received your recharter paperwork – please contact Jeff Donohoo at jsdonoho@lasd.org. For Lancaster Stake units – your packets are available in the AV service center. - We will have a special training for the LDS Palmdale Stake on Nov 17th at 9am at the Stake Center and turn in will be Dec. 8.

Training - Please, encourage your as yet untrained adults to get trained as soon as possible. The success of a unit depends on trained leaders. 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. The registration forms are at <http://cahuenga.bsa-la.org/training/index.html>. Our next big AV Training Day will be Nov. 17th. Please save the upcoming date: Jan. 26, 2008 for University of Scouting/ Pow Wow training.

Training Available Online – Please check out the continually updated national website for available online courses at: <http://olc.scouting.org/> 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.

FIRESIDE CHAT – *Tuesday, Nov 13, 7pm at Lutheran Church of the Master, Education Building.* The address 725 E Ave J, Lancaster. The Education Building is behind the church and the entrance is in the rear parking lot. Leaders, parents, and interested community members are invited to a Fireside Chat. Key leaders including Ivan Rosenberg, WLACC Council President, will facilitate the evening. Please RSVP your attendance to avservice@bsa-la.org or call 661-942-0582 before Nov 9.

POPCORN Sales – Congratulations to Pack 145 for having the highest sales in the Antelope Valley District. Congratulations to Pack 86 for having the highest increase over 2006 – 426%. Other units that had a 100% or greater increase over 2006: Pack 737, Troop 146, Troop 243 and Troop 444. And last but not least: congratulations to Cameron P from Pack 145 for being the top salesman in the Antelope Valley District with sales over \$3000!!!! **Our district outsold last year and grossed over \$100,000 in sales!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** There will be many boys who will get more quality program because of your commitment. Thanks to all 35 units that participated.

AV Service Center closed on Nov 22-23 – All Council Service Centers will be closed to the public on Thurs. and Friday November 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

2008 FOS presentation sign up will be at the December Roundtable. – Please be prepared to sign up at that time with a specific date and time in the January, February or March timeframe.

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PARADES - We are currently looking for units that want to participate and receive a patch to participate in this year's holiday parades. The Lancaster Holiday Parade theme is "Holiday Cheer of Yesteryear". To participate in the AV District walking group please arrive before 830am on Dec 1st, in uniform or theme appropriate at Lancaster Boulevard and 10th Street West.

The Palmdale William J. "Pete" Knight Christmas Parade theme is "A Red, White and Blue". To participate in the District walking group, please arrive before 9am on Dec 8th, in uniform or theme appropriate, the location will be announce once we receive the information.

Patches will be available for the first 50 youth that participate at each parade. Contact the district office if you plan on attending. Don't forget to file your tour permit.

JANUARY ROUNDTABLE IS JANUARY 8TH DUE TO JANUARY 1ST BEING A HOLIDAY. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

2008 Boy Scout Summer Camp Application being accepted. All WLACC unit can submit applications to be accepted at any of our WLACC summer camps. Sign up early to guarantee you spot. Forms and additional information at:

www.bsa-la.org/camping/Summer_Camp_Applications.htm

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. Additional information at www.scouting.org/100years

Character Perspectives: The Role of Character in Our Society.

A Conference on Character at the Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. Jan 21, 2008. Contact David Karp at 818-781-1458 or david@karpmediation.com. Additional details at <http://conferenceoncharacter.com>. David is our Relationships Chairman for the WLACC.

Save these dates: *January 31, 2008* Council Recognition Dinner at the Odyssey Restaurant. \$60 per person. Reservation forms at the service center and soon available online. *April 10, 2008* for the Antelope Valley American Heroes Dinner. *April 17, 2008* for the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. Additional information at the AV Service Center

WLACC is looking for 2010 National Jamboree Contingent Scoutmasters.

Additional information at the AV Service Center.

The BSA Insignia Guide, the official reference for Scouting uniforms and awards, is now available online to help promote the wearing of the correct and complete uniform on all suitable occasions. Please visit: www.scouting.org/pubs/33066/

Merit Badges Requirements and Resources

are available on the Merit Badge requirements page. You'll find lists of publications, organizations, websites, and more listed with requirements for each badge. www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/mb/index.html#req

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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