



Antelope Valley District Newsletter MAY 2008

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

2008 POPCORN CAMPAIGN - We need to identify units which are committed to participate in the 2008 campaign. Please email Robynn Roemer, Antelope Valley District Popcorn Chairperson, at roemers5@verizon.net your unit type (pack, troop, team, crew or ship) and unit number, and your popcorn chairperson.

Please record the following important dates:

May 20th & Jun 17th – council wide training for all districts & units – special kick-off kits only available at these 2 dates

Jul 29th – AV District Popcorn kick-off @ the Chimbole Ctr

These training will make YOUR UNIT successful!!!

AV would love to “Discover the Possibilities” & create more Scout Spirit in the Antelope Valley!!! Your unit can fund your entire year of Scouting with a single campaign!!! We are excited for every unit and we know this is attainable. Your commitment to join this campaign can make it happen!!!!

Spring Rallies: A Great Way to Strengthen Your PACK, TROOP, TEAM, CREW OR SHIP. We are putting together the spring recruitment rallies and need YOUR unit's recruitment date(s), time(s) and location(s). Every unit should have a spring recruitment. For every pack you can get a jumpstart on getting next year's Tiger den in place to go to Day Camp. MORE boys for Troops and Packs can get you more families and adults willing to be involved. Please give us 3 to 4 weeks notification before the recruitment rally date to order and get flyers printed.

MULLIGAN'S BSA Spring Recruitment Fair & Fun Day –
May 10th 930am-130pm. Unlimited use of 5 attractions for \$12.99 per person and \$2 more to include go-karts & the rock wall.

2008 Cub Scout Cup May 10, Valley Trails Ranch, Castaic. Additional information and online registration at www.cubscoutcup.org. Obstacle course, sports skills, teamwork, prizes, and lots more fun. Boy Scouts also wanted to help run the event. Sign up at www.cubscoutcup.org.

Training - Outdoor training is on May 10th and on May 15th & 22nd NLE & Cub Leader Specific. Please, encourage all adults to get trained. The success of a unit depends on trained leaders. If you have questions please contact our Training Chairman Barry Swenson at szonian82@peoplepc.com. Please go to our district training at <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/training.html> for specific times, locations and contacts.

Training Available Online –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.

2008 Antelope Valley American Heroes Dinner - Save the date June 26st 6:30pm for the Antelope Valley American Heroes Dinner at the John P. Eliopoulos-Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St. West, Lancaster. Addl info at www.avamericanheroes.org

2008 Boy Scout Summer National Youth Leadership Training Applications being accepted. 6-day course at Camp Josepho, put on by youth staff (supervised by adult volunteers), running from Sunday, July 6 (registration begins at 12 noon) through Friday, July 11 (closing ceremony ends at 7:30 p.m. Info & forms at the district website.

2008 Scout Family Nights with the Jethawks - Scout Overnighter is Jul 18. Costs between \$11 and \$13. The order form and additional information is available on our district website.

2008 Cub Scout Camping - Many upcoming opportunities for Cub Scouts to go camping, both overnight & day events. Save the following dates. Additional information & online registration at <http://www.bsa-la.org/program/cubs/cubs.html>
Cub/Parent Camp @ Josepho: Oct 17-19, Nov 7-9
AV Cub Day Camp @ McAdams Park: Jun 23-27
Family Camp @ Camp Whitsett: Aug 22-24
Webelos Resident Camp @ Camp Josepho:
Jun 29-Jul 2, Jul 16-19, Jul 27-29

2008 Boy Scout Summer Camp Applications being accepted. All units can submit applications to be accepted at any of our WLACC summer camps. Information at:
www.bsa-la.org/camping/Summer_Camp_Applications.htm

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 for the information.

Geology Day Trip - Oct 18 7am-7pm - Open to Cub Scout and Boy Scouts to work on Geology Merit Badges, Webelos Activity Badges, and Cub Scout Geology beltloop and pin. Open to the 1st 50 families registered with complete tour permit information. Cost: your time & fuel for driving. Additional questions contact Robert Shannon at 274-9515 or robert.shannon@lmco.com

2008 Cub Scout Camping at Emerald Bay - Oct 24-26 *Spook-o-ree* - We have a Cub specific programs at Emerald Bay!!! It features favorites such as BB guns, archery, canoeing, snorkeling, and the Marine Science Center where Cubs can pet a shark! (Think of all the fun the boys will have....) We will also offer guided hikes, games, arts and crafts, and campfires w/ s'mores. It is \$179 per person for tent camping and \$189 per person for cabins for WLACC packs. This cost does include the boat transportation to the island. If your pack can't make either of these weekends or the weekends sell out please contact the AV Service Center to see if we can schedule your pack on a different date.

2010 National Scout Jamboree. Our units can now pre-register youth and contingent leaders to attend the jamboree. The form is on our district website and available at the AV Service Center. You can register youth age 12 through 17 as of July 2010 (so there should be some current Webelos 2 and a few Webelos 1 that could actually attend.) Adults must be at least 21 years of age as of July 2010 for SM, 1st ASM, 2nd ASM, or contingent leader. For 3rd ASM they must be 18 through 20 years old as of July 2010. Forms available at on the district website. Want a sneak peak about the excitement and fun? Visit <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/2010>

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

AV Scout Shop – Come and see what is NEW!!! Every 3rd Wednesday is Wacky Wednesday where certain items are discounted between 20 to 60%. New items are coming in on a regular basis. PACKS – in stock Den Meetings in A Box before Apr 2008 are 50% off. While supplies last between now & May 15 buy-one-get-one-free Boy Scout Switchback pants. (exchange only – no returns)

Did you know? There were around 50 Cub Scouts that participated in the District Pinewood Derby. Please visit the district website to see who received recognitions and awards.



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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