



Antelope Valley District Newsletter JUNE 2008

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

2008 POPCORN CAMPAIGN - "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!!!! 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:

Jun 17th - council wide training for all districts & units - special kick-off kits only available at this date

For those that wanting to carpool please meet at the Park and Ride on Ave S on the west side off Hwy. 14. We will leave punctually at 6:15pm.

Training will make YOUR UNIT successful!!!

Training - 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. Our next Smorgasbord of training is in the fall. Contact Barry to host a unit training session.

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 26th 6:30pm* for the Antelope Valley American Heroes Dinner at the John P. Eliopoulos-Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St. West, Lancaster. Please support our district by purchasing a ticket at \$99 each. 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 @ McAdam 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 still 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. Youth can now pre-register youth to attend the jamboree. Only around 30 more openings are available. 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.) Want a sneak peak about the excitement and fun? Visit www.bsajamboree.org

Paintball Is Prohibited in Scouting! Paintball poses a significant risk of injury, especially among children. In contrast to other Scouting activities involving firearms, the object of paintball is to fire a pellet—at a speed of at least 300 feet per second—at another human. A paintball that hits the body may produce a mere sting or welt, but a paintball that strikes an eyeball can cause severe injury to the eye and even blindness. The Consumer Product Safety Commission noted three deaths between 2002 and 2005 from paintball gun equipment. The Guide to Safe Scouting states, "The following activities have been declared unauthorized and restricted by the Boy Scouts of America . . . Pointing any type of firearm (including paintball, dye, or lasers) at any individual is unauthorized." A complete listing of the Unauthorized and Restricted Activities can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/healthandsafety/gss/gss09.aspx#e>

Boy's Life magazine has a 2 great contest!! The first ends on Jun 30th and you could win a free iPod and the 2nd ends on Jul 30th and you could win a Eureka Tetragon 9 Tent. Additional information at www.boyslife.com

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 May 2008 are 50% off.

SUMMER HOURS FOR SERVICE CENTER: In the months of June, July and August the Service Center will be open from 8:30AM to 3:00PM. The Scout Shop hours will not change.



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