



Antelope Valley District Newsletter AUGUST 2008

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

Fall Rallies Training- August 26th 7pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church. 502 Ave. K. Please email Glinda at gfortner@bsaemail.org with dates, times and for each individual school for your Fall Recruitment Rally. Each school needs its own individual recruitment.

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. Show and Sell orders are due by August 19th. Show and Sell orders pick up on September 6th.

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 District Smorgasbord of training is September 27th. 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, District Committee Selection, Den Chief Fast Start, Hazardous Weather, Generational Diversity and other Supplemental training. Additional courses will be added in the near future.

CHIVAS USA vs LA Galaxy. At the Home Depot Center in Carson. Thurs. Aug 14, 2008 @ 8:00pm \$14.00 a ticket w/ a free Chivas USA hat. Only a limited number of tickets are available before August 7th. Contact Liz Hernandez at 818-785-8700 x 128 or lhernandez@bsa-la.org

2008 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARADES - Please contact Cynthia Brehm or April Barr 733-3712 to participate in the upcoming Antelope Valley Parades. Aug 23 - AV Fair Parade. Dec. 6 - Lancaster Holiday Parade. Dec. 13 - Palmdale Holiday Parade.

2008 Scout Night at Dodgers Stadium with the 6th Annual Egg Drop Contest. LA Dodger vs. Diamond Backs Sep 6th, 2008. \$5.50 left pavilion/\$8 reserve/\$10 lower reserve/\$22.50 all you can eat right pavilion tickets. Registration form and egg drop rules available from the AV service center offices in printed form or via email. For additional information call 323-224-1450 or email nathant@ladodgers.com

2008 Catholic Scout Retreat - September 26-28, 2008 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sylmar. \$15 per scout for early registration by Sep 8. Regular registration \$20. Adult registration and additional information at: <http://ccsala.org> or contact Maureen Brown at 323-255-3824.

2008 Southern CA Lutheran Camporee for Webelos and Boy Scouts - September 26-28, 2008 at Prado Regional Park in Chino. \$16 per person for early registration by Sep 6. Regular registration \$18. Additional information at <http://las.ocbsa.org> or contact Al Reyna 714-538-3821 or alremyn@sbcglobal.net

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

2008 Palmdale Fall Festival - October 11 - 12, 2008. Marie Kerr Park. Come and volunteer at our Boy Scout Booth and get into the Festival for free. Contact Glinda Fortner for additional information.

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
Family Camp @ Camp Whitsett: Aug 22-24
Webelos Resident Camp @ Josepho: Jul 16-19, Jul 27-29

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.

Internet Rechartering - Internet rechartering is coming for 2008!! Each unit needs to designate a single individual willing to attend recharter training in September. Email the AV Service Center by August 5th, 2008. All signed recharter paperwork will be due before Nov 22nd. We are excited about the convenience of online recharter for your unit!!!!

2010 National Scout Jamboree. Youth can now pre-register youth to attend the jamboree. Less than 10 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

New Adult and Youth Applications Boy Scouts of America now has new updated adult and youth applications. Please visit: <http://www.scouting.org/Media/forms.aspx> and refer to the applications. The adult applications have an additional form called a disclosure/authorization form, requiring the adult applicant signature. This form gives greater details about the background checks being performed and will be required on all adult applications being turned in, beginning immediately. The youth applications now include a ScoutParent commitment in the parent/guardian section of the youth application. For an adult making the commitment to be a ScoutParent on the youth application there is no-fee. For an adult registering as a ScoutParent Unit Coordinators, they will be required to fill out an adult application pay the registration fee and will go through a background check as authorized with the disclosure/authorization form. For more information about ScoutParents visit the website <http://www.scoutparents.org/>.

Local Tour Permits - There is a new tour permit. Starting Jan 1, 2009 any older permits can't be accepted. Tour permit need to be turned in a minimum 2 weeks before the event. Both tour leader and assistant tour leader must be registered with Boy Scouts of America AND they both must be Youth Protection trained. The records that we have in the district offices must reflect that OR copies of the current youth protection training card must be attached. Youth protection training is only good for 2 years and must be renewed to qualify. Starting January 1, 2009:

- For any event – Planning & Preparing for Hazardous Weather training is required
- For swimming or boating events – Safe Swim Defense and/or Safety Afloat AND CPR are required
- For climbing events – Climb on Safely & CPR are required
- For a shoot sports event – NRA instructor and/or RSO.
- For any Cub Scout pack overnighter – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is required

For Hazardous Weather, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, and BALOO training records in the district offices must reflect the training OR copies of the current training card must be attached. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training is only good for 2 years and must be renewed to qualify. All other training is requested to be done every 2 years. (unless the training card states a given term)

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 – 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 Jul 2008 are 50% off. **NEW BSA UNIFORMS COMING IN AUGUST.** For information go to www.bsouniforms.org **MERIT BADGE PAMPHLETS HAVE A NEW LOOK** starting Aug. - all the pamphlets will be available in color throughout.

AV Service Center will be closed on Sep. 1st for the holiday. Between Aug 18th and Aug 22nd the Service Center will have limited staffing due to staff training. Please call in advance if you are needing specific assistance to ensure that you will be helped.



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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