



Antelope Valley District Newsletter DECEMBER 2008

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

INTERNET RECHARTERING - The following units have missed the turn-in due date for recharterers. They need to turn in their signed recharterers with payment: Ship 11, Pack/Troop 17, Troop 39, Pack/Troop 41, Pack 86, Troop 145, Pack/Troop 146, Pack 159, Pack 164, Pack 243, Pack 248, Pack/Troop 264, Troop/Crew 285, Troop 382, Pack/Troop 391, Troop 586, Pack 641, Pack 661, Pack 687, Pack 688, Pack 693, Pack 695, Pack/Troop 757, Pack 9657, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 241, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 342, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 388, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 518, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 713, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 890, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 108, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 185, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 270, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 308, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 240, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 310, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 329, Troop/Team/Crew 331, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 335, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 578.

The following units have turned in signed recharterers but they are needing additional items (ie. applications, payment, or signature): Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 408, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 508, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 708, Pack/Troop/Team/Crew 332, Pack 331, Troop 444, Troop 599, Troop 759.

If you are one of the above units and have not contacted the AV Service Center to when we will receive your recharterers, please do so.

2009 Friends of Scouting Presentations – please sign up tonight for when you want your presentation done. We want to be done by the end of February. We are very willing to do your presentation in 2008.

2008 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARADES – Please contact Cynthia Brehm sewandso@earthlink.net or April Barr 733-3712 to participate in the upcoming Antelope Valley Parades. Dec. 6 - Lancaster Holiday Parade & Rosamond Holiday Parade. Dec. 13 - Palmdale Holiday Parade.

CHILDREN'S GIFT DRIVE: two children's gift drive going on that our district is support for those that want to participate. The first is being done by our district Order of the Arrow for kids in the Pediatric Ward at the Antelope Valley Hospital and the 2nd is Children's Bureau 21st Annual Holiday Toy Shop. Gifts can be brought to the AV Service Center until noon, Friday, Dec. 19th. Additional information is on our district website.

ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY. Please join us from 2-5pm on Monday, December 22nd for cookies, coffee and cider. Drop in briefly, or join us for all 3 hours. We want to personally thank you for what you do for our district.

Climb on Safely training will be offered at the January 6th roundtable during the Boy Scout breakout session. For any troop that plans to do any climbing it is required for the tour permit. (See additional info on tour permit – next page.)

District Award of Merit Nominations due Jan. 16th. The District Award of Merit is awarded for outstanding service to youth within a district or for outstanding longtime service to youth by a registered Scouter residing within that district. Candidates for this award must be nominated. Applications are available at our council service centers.

Save these dates: *January 29, 2009*, Council Recognition Dinner. *April 23rd, 2009*, for the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. *May 14th, 2009*, AV American Heroes Dinner. Additional information will be at the AV Service Center and online soon.

Pow Wow/University of Scouting/College of Commissioner Science Training - *Jan. 31st, 8am-4pm*. Pinecrest School in Woodland Hills. SAVE THE DATE!! \$15 per person includes lunch. This is a great opportunity to learn some new scouting skills and information. [Online registration](#) at our council website.

4th Annual 2009 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. Patch contact now underway – due by Mar 1st, 2009.

Do you want to hula? 2009 Antelope Valley District Adult Leader Recognition Dinner and Luau. Sat. Mar 7th 6:30pm, tickets \$12 each. (Purchase before Mar 1 and receive a \$2 per person discount) No tickets will be sold at the door. **ALL** Antelope Valley Scouters and families are welcome for an evening of food, door prizes, and fun. We look forward to seeing you there. The order form will be available on the district website and at the AV Service Center soon.

All Council Service Centers, including the AV Service Center are **closed on Wed., Dec 24 through Fri. Dec 26th, and Thurs., Jan. 1st**. We will resume regular business hours on the next business day.

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 *March 14th, 2009*. For units wanting to host a unit training session please contact Barry. Trainer Development Conference will be Feb 21st for any individual that is training their leaders within their unit, within our district and/or within our council.

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.

Scoutmaster Fundamentals – we have had some interest in a 2 or 3 part class during the week. If you are interested please contact Barry to see if we are able to get a schedule set.

2009 Antelope Valley District Camporee. It has been set for Apr 24-26. Plan now to attend. More details to follow later. If your Troop is willing to host an event please contact Jim Crandall at 661-947-9310 or jcran28@yahoo.com.

2009 Boy Scout Summer Camp Applications being accepted. All units can submit applications to be accepted at any of our WLACC summer camps. Sign up early to guarantee you spot. Online registration at www.bsa-la.org

2008 and 2009 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>

2009 Resident Camp @ Camp Josepho:

Jul 8-11, 12-15, 17-20, 24-27, 29-Aug 1, Aug 2-5

2010 National Scout Jamboree. Youth can now pre-register youth 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.) Want a sneak peak about the excitement and fun? Visit www.bsajamboree.org.

2008 POPCORN CAMPAIGN - Our popcorn campaign for 2008 was a complete success. If your unit didn't have the opportunity to support this campaign and would like to work on some

additional fundraising, we have a limited amount of popcorn available for both unit and individual youth commission.

Wood Badge 2 sessions: Jul 19-24, 2009 OR October 8-10 & 22-24. 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 one week OR 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." Registration forms are on the district website or in the AV Service Center.

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 Nov. 2008 are 50% off. Holiday closure schedule: Dec 25th, and Jan. 1-3rd.

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.

What is a ScoutParent? A Scoutparent is a parent or adult mentor of a Scout who enthusiastically participates with their Scout and also helps other volunteers to provide the best quality program experience to all youth in every unit.

A ScoutParent:

- Leads their family in obtaining the values, benefits, experiences and rewards from their family's Scouting participation, and in sharing these with others;
- Enjoys participating with his or her Scout and inspires their child to persevere in Scouting with their tenure, activity participation and achievement;
- Helps enhance youth and parent-mentor recruitment, retention, enthusiasm, commitment and participation in the passionate GREAT Family FUN of Scouting!; and
- Helps Make It SO!

Additional information about a ScoutParent or a ScoutParent Coordinator, please go to www.scoutparents.org

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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