



Antelope Valley District Newsletter JANUARY 2009

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

INTERNET RECHARTERING - Just a reminder that if your unit has not turned in your recharter we will not be able to process: advancements, leader awards, tour permits, Eagle applications, etc. Please contact the AV Service Center to let us know when we will receive your recharters.

2009 Friends of Scouting Presentations – For non-LDS units if you have not set up your FOS presentation – please contact Mary Carrino to get it scheduled. We would like to have all presentations scheduled by the end of February. Contact her at 661-285-5205 or mcarrino@sbcglobal.net. Thank you to the following units for setting up their presentation: Pack 164, Pack 661, Pack 695, Troop 145, Troop 599, Troop/Crew 283, Pack 86, Pack 159, Pack 614, and Pack 641.

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.

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.htm> 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/>. Training is currently 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.

New Leader Essential training will be offered at the February 3rd Roundtable. This training required for all leaders. The new version of this should be available online in February. It will be called “What Is Scouting?”

Congratulations to Ken Broda and Joe Pizzo for being the WLACC Silver Beaver recipients from the AV: Come and join us on *January 31, 2008* at the Council Recognition Dinner at the Odyssey Restaurant. \$65 per person. Reservation forms at the service center.

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 contest now underway – due by Mar 1st, 2009.

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

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 is available on the district website and at the AV Service Center.

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

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

Save these dates: *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.

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.

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.

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.

New Annual Health and Medical Record for Boy Scouts of America. This form replaces the Class 1, 2, and 3 forms and should be used starting now! If you have the old forms you may use them until January 1st, 2010, but we highly suggest that you use the new form. After January 1st, 2010 only the NEW Annual Health and Medical Record will be allowed. THIS FORM IS ONLY GOOD FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR. The form is for both youth and adults. For more information you need to go to <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety.aspx> then scroll down the page to near the bottom to the Forms section. You can download the new medical form and you can review the FAQ's. Be sure to look at this now before your unit has its summer camp and passes out the physical forms.

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 Dec. 2008 are 50% off.

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

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