



Antelope Valley District Newsletter FEBRUARY 2009

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

CONGRATS TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT. We have achieved the 2008 Centennial Quality District. It has been 6 years since we have achieved this award. We want to thank all scouts and scouters for all that you have done to help achieve this recognition.

Spring is in the air – even though snow is on the mountains - Spring Rallies: A Great Way to Strengthen Your Unit

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 – including Troops. 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. We need 3 to 4 weeks notification before the recruitment rally date to order and get flyers printed.

INTERNET RECHARTERING - Just a reminder that if your unit has not turned in your final 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 recharterers.

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 that have already set up their presentation.

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 szonian@yahoo.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/>. 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.

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.

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 was scheduled for *Apr 24-26*. We are unable to proceed due to insufficient volunteers stepping forward. Cahuenga district is having their camporee the same weekend at Tejon Ranch. Please consider attending their camporee. For any Troops that volunteered for an event please contact either of the co-chairs to assist. Further information at <http://cahuenga.bsa-la.org/camporee2009/index.html>

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 at all of our camps. Additional information & online registration at <http://www.bsa-la.org/program/cubs/cubs.html>

2009 Antelope Valley Cub Scout Day Camp – *Jun 29 – Jul 2 830am-530pm.(4 day) Jul 2 closing program 630-8pm.* Cub Scout camp right here in the Antelope Valley. Have fun, earn advancements and get to know your scouting friends. Additional information & online registration at <http://www.bsa-la.org/program/cubs/cubs.html>

Save these dates: *April 23rd, 2009*, for the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. *June 25th, 2009*, AV American Heroes Dinner. *Oct. 16-18*, Patrol Challenge for all scouts. Additional information will be at the AV Service Center and online soon.

2009 Triple Clays Fun Shoot. *Mar. 28 7am.* \$195 per person or 5 person team for \$975. Limited to 150 shooters. For more information contact Romy Longwell rlongwell@bsa-la.org 818-933-0103.

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.

2009 Scout Family Nights with the Jethawks - All Scout Sunday - *April 19.* Cost between \$5 and \$9. Scout Overnigher is *Jul 24.* Costs between \$11 and \$16. The order form and additional information will be available soon on the district website.

2010 National Scout Jamboree. Youth can now pre-register to attend the jamboree. The form is on our district website and available at the AV Service Center. Youth can register for the 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. Our council still have a few more slots available. Please visit our council website for further information.

New resource available for LDS units: Scouting and the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Go to: <http://www.ldsbsa.org/resources.html>

"Boy Scout Moment" videos. Go to www.billhardtdistrict.org to see an interview with Jim Rushton, our new Scout Executive. This series of 4 videos is a cooperative effort of Bill Hart District volunteers and SCVTV.

2009 Inauguration Patch Program. Complete one requirement to earn this patch. Go to www.patchworkdesigns.net/inauguration.htm for details.

Non-BSA Online Editable and Printable **free scouting certificates/awards.** <http://dyetub.com/certificates/scouting/>

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. Don't forget to get your Blue and PACKS – in stock Den Meetings in A Box before Jan. 2009 are 50% off.

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.

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