



# Antelope Valley District Newsletter JULY 2009

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

**2009 POPCORN CAMPAIGN** - "Powered by Popcorn" your unit can fund your entire year of Scouting with a single fundraising 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 [gfortner@bsamail.org](mailto:gfortner@bsamail.org) and Robynn Roemer, Antelope Valley District Popcorn Chairperson, at [roemers5@verizon.net](mailto:roemers5@verizon.net) **with your unit type (pack, troop, team, crew or ship) and unit number, and your popcorn chairperson information.**

Please SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

**July 28** – AV district wide training 6:30pm at Palmdale Chimbole Center. Training will make YOUR UNIT successful. Come for the door prizes, leave with a plan of action.

**Aug 21** – Show and Sell orders due online

**Sep 12** – Show & Sell pick up 8am-11am

**Oct 24** – Unopened case return 8am-11am, show & sell money due, take orders due, prize orders due, \$1000 sellers names due

**Nov 14** – take order pick up 8am-11am

**Nov 24** – take order money due

Well funded programs have more kids having FUN!!!!

### **Fall Rallies: A Great Way to Strengthen Your Unit**

We are putting together the fall recruitment rallies and need YOUR unit's recruitment date(s), time(s) and location(s). Every unit should have a fall recruitment – including Troops. MORE boys for Troops and Packs can get you more families and adults willing to be involved. ALL UNITS NEED TO SCHEDULE THEIR RECRUITMENTS WITH EACH SCHOOL NOW SO THAT SUFFICIENT TIME IS ALLOWED FOR FLYERS TO BE APPROVED AND PRINTED. Please contact the AV Service Center to schedule your recruitment.

### **2009 AV William "Pete" Knight American Heroes Dinner.**

*July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009* 630pm. Palmdale Chimbole Cultural Center. For more information contact the AV Service Center. All proceeds are in support of the Antelope Valley District Boy Scouts of America.

**2009 Scout Family Nights with the Jethawks** - Scout Overnighter is *Jul 24*. Costs between \$11 and \$13. The order form is available on the district website.

**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](mailto: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 in the fall. For units wanting to host a unit training session at any point in the year please contact Barry.

*Training Available Online* –Check out the continually updated national website for available online courses at: <http://olc.scouting.org/>. Training is currently available for a multitude of courses. Additional courses will be added in the near future.

**2009 Boy Scout Summer Camp Applications** are still being accepted. All units can submit applications to be accepted at any of our WLACC summer camps. Online registration at [www.bsa-la.org](http://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>

**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 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARADES** – Please contact the AV Service Center to participate in the upcoming Antelope Valley Parades. Aug 22 – AV Fair Parade. Dec. 5 - Lancaster Holiday Parade. Dec. 12 - Palmdale Holiday Parade. Parade coordinator needed for each parade – please contact Glinda.

**2009 Southern CA Lutheran Camporee** for Webelos and Boy Scouts - *September 25-27<sup>th</sup>* at Prado Regional Park in Chino. \$16 per person for early registration by Sep 10. Regular registration \$20. Contact Al Reyna 714-538-3821 or alremyn@sbcglobal.net

**2009 Catholic Scout Retreat** - *Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>* at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sylmar. \$15 per scout for early registration by Sep 14. Regular registration \$20. Adult registration and additional information at: <http://ccsala.org/retreat.html> or contact Maureen Brown at 323-255-3824.

**Patrol Challenge:** *Oct. 16-18*, Patrol Challenge for all scouts. Addl. information at [www.patrolchallenge.com](http://www.patrolchallenge.com).

**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. Want a sneak peak about the excitement and fun? Visit [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org). Our council still has a few more slots available. Please visit our council website for further information at <http://bsa-la.org/index.php?page=national-jamboree>.

**Units should now process Online Advancement and Online Tour Permits at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) - visit our district website for further information on how to make this happen for your unit.**

**Internet Rechartering** - Internet rechartering is just around the corner for 2009!! Each unit needs to designate a single individual to do your units' rechartering. (and one for each LDS Ward) Email the AV Service Center by Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> with your unit's designee name. Training for new designees will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> at roundtable during the breakout sessions. (Please let us know in advance if you are attending the training.)

All **signed** recharter paperwork will be due before **Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**Friends of Scouting Presentations** –Friends of Scouting is an annual direct-solicitation campaign, reaching out to Scout families, service organizations and businesses. *It costs \$260 to provide one year of quality program for each Scout in the Western Los Angeles County Council.*

What does a Friends of Scouting Membership provide?

- Local programs and activities throughout the Council territory
- Camp scholarships, uniforms & registration fees for at-risk youths
- Service centers that coordinates Scouting activities and provides customer service to members
- Professional staff that counsel, guide & inspire volunteer leadership
- Camps and facilities available for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
- Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for making progress on goals they set and attain
- Literature and training material development and distribution
- Leadership training for young people who will become future community leaders

For additional information please contact the AV Service Center.

**AV Scout Shop** – New items are coming in on a regular basis. In stock Den Meetings in A Box before June 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.

WLACC Website: [www.bsa-la.org](http://www.bsa-la.org)

District Website: <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/>

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