



Antelope Valley District Newsletter October 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!!!! It's not too late - please email gfortner@bsaia.org and Robynn Roemer, Antelope Valley District Popcorn Chairperson, at roemers5@verizon.net to join in. Please SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Oct 25 – Unopened case return 2-4pm, show & sell money due, take orders due, prize orders due, \$1000 sellers names due

Nov 14 – take order pick up 8am-11am, set up your pick up time

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 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARADES – Please contact the AV Service Center to participate in the upcoming A.V. Parades. Dec. 5 - Lancaster Holiday Parade. Dec. 12 - Palmdale Holiday Parade. Parade coordinator needed for each parade – please contact Glinda. **AV Scouts won't participate unless we have coordinators for each.**

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) Each designee will be able to pick up your recharter packet, starting Oct. 6th at the roundtable breakout training session. (Please let us know in advance if you are attending the training as a new representative.) All **signed** recharter paperwork will be due before **Nov 21st**. **Online tutorial training at:** <http://bsa-la.org/resources/internet-rechartering.html>

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 Cub Specific Smorgasbord of training is Sun., Oct. 18th. 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 Fast Start, Youth Protection, Troop Committee Challenge, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, District Committee Selection, Den Chief Fast Start, Hazardous Weather, Generational Diversity, "What is Scouting?", Trek Safely, Climb on Safely, and other Supplemental training. Additional courses will be added in the near future.

Please also consider getting additional networking and information at our council premier training – Pow Wow, University of Scouting and Commissioner College on January 30th. We only do this once a year and the amount of information will boost your program for you and your unit(s).

2009 Lockheed Martin Engineering Day. Nov. 7th 9am-3pm. In Lancaster/Palmdale area. For 6th grade to 18year old Scouts. Limited # of scouts. Email a request to gfortner@bsa-la.org to have the workbook/registration to be emailed to you. All additional information with the packet.

2009 Cub Scout Camping - Many upcoming opportunities for Cub Scouts to go camping, both overnight & day events at all of our camps: Day Camp, Cub Resident Camp, Family Camp, Cub/Parent Weekends. Additional information & online registration at <http://www.bsa-la.org/program/cubs/cubs.html>

2010 National Scout Jamboree. Youth can now pre-register to attend the jamboree - there is openings only in two of the five troops remaining. The form is available at the AV Service Center. Want a sneak peak about the excitement and fun? Visit www.bsajamboree.org. Please visit our council website for further information at <http://bsa-la.org/index.php?page=national-jamboree>.

2010 Boy Scout Summer Camp Applications being accepted.

All units will be able to submit applications online at www.bsa-la.org

Patrol Challenge: Oct. 16-18, Patrol Challenge for all scouts. Addl. information at www.patrolchallenge.com.

Save the Date for our **Council Recognition Dinner** on January 28, 2010 at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills! This will be our first major council event of 2010 -- the 100th Year of the Boy Scouts of America! At the dinner, we will recognize the accomplishments of several Silver Beaver Award recipients - individuals who have "rendered noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth" both in and outside of Scouting. Nominations for the award are due by Oct. 13th. Visit our council website for additional information.

Cub Scouts 2010. Starting in 2010, the Boy Scouts of America is presenting us with a new piloted and successful method of delivering the existing Cub Scout program. This program focuses on giving more youth advancement and having higher retention in the den and den activities. The materials will be available in May 2010 in Scout Shops, with a potential of early arrival in March or April 2010. The following website gives you more information about the program AND samples of some of the potential materials that will be available. For those that are using the Cub Scout Fast Tracks, this should look familiar. <http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts2010> In addition to this program, we now have a manual that can be used as a template for those smaller units that have only enough boys to populate a single den and currently combine their dens into one or two small dens of different grades/ages/ranks. You will need to combine some of the weekly lessons and add outings to ensure a complete program. http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/523-006_web.pdf

Units should now process Online Advancement and Online Tour Permits at www.myscouting.org - visit our district website for instructions on how to make this happen for your unit.

Great California Shake Out will take place Thurs. Oct 15th at 10:15am or you can schedule your own event. More information at www.shakeout.org.

2009 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.* Contact the AV Service Center with any questions.

Etrails Our council newsletter is available at www.bsa-la.org and click on email/newsletters

Have you started celebrating 100 years of Boy Scouts in America? The **Year of Celebration Award** is now available for you and your scouts to earn!!!! The link below will take you to the information about how to join in and make your celebration memorable. The website has a link to the award requirements as well. The web page also has the link for actually completing the scorecard for the award. Just a reminder that you can't purchase the ribbons for the award, without turning in the scorecard to the Scout Shop. For the first scout that comes in to the Service Center showing he has earned all the ribbons, he will receive a special prize. <http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/AYearOfCelebration.aspx>

Just a reminder: Please check your unit "box" in the file cabinet in the AV Service Center. We have some units that haven't taken cleaned them out in a while.

AV Scout Shop – New items are coming in on a regular basis. 75% off old style uniforms in stock. 2fer\$9.99 activity shirts. In stock Den Meetings in A Box before Aug. 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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