

Antelope Valley District Newsletter February 2010

Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

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. **For the 2010 campaign it is time to schedule your units presentation.** Presentations preferred between December and February. Contact Mary Carrino at mcarrino@sbcglobal.net

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.

2010 Antelope Valley District Camporee. It has been set for Apr 9-11 at Tejon Ranch. Plan now to attend. Details to follow.

District Award of Merit Nominations due NOW. 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 Scouters residing within that district. Candidates for this award must be nominated. Applications are available at our council service centers.

2010 Antelope Valley District Adult Leader Recognition Dinner Sat. Mar. 13th 6:30pm, tickets \$13 each. (Purchase before Mar 2nd and receive a \$3 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 soon on the district website and at the AV Service Center.

WWW.CUBSCOUTCUP.ORG. April 24th Valley Trails, Castaic. Here is a great fun event for Cub Scouts that you don't want to miss. Patch contest until Mar 1st. Be sure to register early, when registration becomes available. Last year they filled up before the registration deadline.

2010 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>. Also mark your calendar for AV Day Camp Jun 28 to Jul 2.

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 Leader Specific Smorgasbord of training is in the spring. 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.

Have you ever considered how important training is? Have you been trained? Do you like training others? **WE NEED TRAINERS TO JOIN OUR DISTRICT TRAINING STAFF.** Contact Barry for further information.

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.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT), Jun 27 – Jul 2 @ Camp Josepho, is a week-long outdoor experience for present and future youth troop leaders, designed to help Scouts in being better troop leaders and in maintaining a youth-run Scouting Program. The National Youth Leadership Training Program replaces the course previously known as Junior Leader Training Conference (JLTC). NYLT focuses on teaching advanced leadership skills in a team-building atmosphere based on the patrol method. Participants will be regularly challenged to accomplish activities and projects using the leadership skills taught in the course. More info at: <http://bsa-la.org/index.php?page=NYLT-2010>

2010 National Scout Jamboree. Youth can now pre-register to attend the jamboree - there are 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 can submit applications online at www.bsa-la.org

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

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 cleared them out in a while.

AV Scout Shop – New items are coming in on a regular basis. 75% off old style uniforms in stock. Many in stock items on sale.

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.

All Council Service Centers including **AV Service Center is closed on Monday, February 15th, 2010.** We will resume regular business hours on the next regular business day.

Check out the first digital edition of *Scouting* magazine! It's available on www.scoutingmagazine.org. Click on the image of the magazine cover to start reading. Digital *Scouting* is also available from MyScouting.org by clicking on same cover image. The digital edition is a work in progress designed to make Watch for improvements such as embedded video and links to forums, blogs, and podcasts.

HOW IS YOUR UNIT CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING?

There are plenty of opportunities to celebrate our birthday. Earn the year of celebration awards, nominate scouters to the Natl Hall of Leadership, reconnect with BSA Alumni, go through your generation connections, Get in the Game! With Geocaching, plant a 100th Anniversary tree, attend the Shining Light Across America on July 31st at 4pm to see the Jamboree show, attend our council Jamboree on Oct 15th-17th in Woodley Park in Van Nuys, attend a birthday party celebration at the AV Scout Shop Feb. 8th from noon until 5pm, write a letter to a veteran or soldier, collect the US postal scouting stamp, collect the US mint commemorative scouting coin, attend a Pitch for Scouting event at Major League baseball, go watch the BSA IZOD IndyCar #19, enter the BSA photo contest, help a scout work on the short term historical merit badges, and much more. More information about national events and opportunities at www.scouting.org/100years or contact your district executive for additional information.

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If you have additional questions please contact the AV Service Center.

We look forward to helping you serve our youth.

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