

Coming in 2014!

In early 2014, the Long Beach Area Council will introduce our new "Launch An Eagle" Golden Circle—a special group of our most prized \$1000-and-up annual contributors. These loyal supporters will be recognized and honored with exclusive perks and rewards they've earned for being some of our most dedicated and dependable donors. Look for more information in upcoming *Generations* newsletters ... and you, too, can step up to the highest stakeholder level in 2014!



Dear Scouting Friends

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- 3) Financial Stability/Fund Development – Develop and implement a diversified, balanced funding process that assures sustainability of current programs, provides for future growth and achieves long-term financial stability.
- 4) Board and Staff Diversity – Recruit and train a pool of effective professional and volunteer leaders that is representative of our diverse service area, offers a broad range of talent and skills and will meet projected organizational needs.
- 5) Programming – Maintain and develop high-quality programs that are aligned with our mission and vision and foster membership growth. Programming will be based on a thorough evaluation of current activities, an assessment of community interests, innovative thinking, measurable outcomes and resource requirements.

Our strategic plan was developed with the understanding that successful implementation will require the continuing development and commitment of Board leadership, along with increased involvement and visibility in the Greater Long Beach area. The recent sale of Will J. Reid Scout Park has given us a good start along this strategic path. That, combined with the on-going support of our extraordinary donors, volunteers, and staff, will let us continue to positively impact every child in the communities we serve for generations to come.



*From the desk of
Scout Executive
John Fullerton*

Dear Scouting Friends

This past year has been one of tremendous growth and change for the Boy Scouts of America and our Long Beach Area Council. We have done much to expand our programs to reach more youth than ever, and we have grown our endowment fund through the sale of the Will J. Reid Scout Park in Long Beach. This will allow us to improve our facilities at Camp Tahquitz and Sea Base, and to expand our programming.

The coming year will see us continue to focus on the five priority areas as outlined in our 2013-2016 Strategic Plan: Membership Growth, Facility Improvements, Financial Stability/Fund Development, Board and Staff Diversity, and Programming.

- 1) Membership Growth – Recruit, retain and engage a net gain of new membership through targeted marketing and innovative programming supported by excellent customer service.
- 2) Facility Improvements – Provide sufficient resources to operate and maintain state-of-the-art facilities for Scouting program delivery and to accommodate non-scouting usage requests in order to optimize revenue opportunities.

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Annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner to Honor Police Chief Jim McDonnell and Fire Chief Mike DuRee

At the upcoming annual fundraising gala in March 2014, the Long Beach Area Council will honor two Distinguished Citizens: Long Beach Fire Chief Michael DuRee and Long Beach Police Chief Jim McDonnell.

"We are particularly pleased to recognize and acknowledge these two gentlemen who exemplify sacrifice and an unwavering commitment to their families and professions, while improving the quality of life in Long Beach," says Roland Spongberg, LBAC President. "Both Jim and Mike are role models for our youth, and are the absolute definition of what it means to be a Scout."

Michael (Mike) DuRee was appointed Fire Chief in July 2012. Born and raised in Long Beach, DuRee is a fifth generation employee with the City of Long Beach, and a fourth generation Long Beach firefighter. He has served the department since 1994 in various roles including Firefighter, Paramedic, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Assistant Chief. As a former Captain with the Marine Safety Division rescue boat program and public safety dive team member, he also has extensive knowledge of the maritime environment.



Fire Chief Mike DuRee

DuRee holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and is currently a candidate for a Master's degree in the same field, with an emphasis on communication and public relations. He also graduated from the fellowship program for senior executives in state and local government at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and is certified in California as a public information officer for large-scale events.

In his spare time, DuRee is a volunteer youth mentor and has taken on roles in community groups and with local non-profits with a focus on improving the quality of life in Long Beach. He and his wife, Aimee, and their daughter, Claire, have lived in Long Beach their entire lives.



Police Chief Jim McDonnell

Jim McDonnell was appointed Chief of Police in March 2010. Prior to that, he served with the Los Angeles Police Department for 29 years and held every rank in the department up to Chief of Staff. He has received numerous community and department awards, including the LAPD's highest award for bravery, the Medal of Valor.

McDonnell serves on numerous Boards of Directors that focus on furthering the interests of local youth and leadership in the policing profession on a local, state, and national level. He serves as a Commissioner and Chair of the California Commission on Peace Officers' Standards & Training and is the current president for the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association. He was appointed to the U.S. Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence and served in two U.S. Department of Justice National Executive Sessions. McDonnell has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He is also a graduate of the FBI's prestigious National Executive Institute, and has completed executive education programs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

For more information on the Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner, or to purchase tickets, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.

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Introducing New Los Fierros District Executive Tri Le

Minh-Tri "Tri" Le was recently appointed Los Fierros District Executive for the Long Beach Area Council. Tri (pronounced "tree") was born and raised in Long Beach, and was a member of Pack 78 (California Heights United Methodist Church) and Troop 29 (Bixby Knolls Christian Church). He earned his Eagle award in 2003 after completing his Eagle Scout Project, which involved trash and debris removal from the main watershed for Cucamonga County Water District. Tri graduated from Long Beach Poly High School in 2004 and subsequently received his Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Systems from the University of California, San Diego. After graduation, he worked in sales before being hired at the LBAC. In addition to being an avid basketball and football fan, Tri is also interested in the culinary arts.

Says Tri, "I am excited to be able to contribute my skills and experience to help build Scouting in Long Beach. My door is always open and I look forward to meeting and working with everyone."



Bandai Foundation Gift Supports ECLB After-School Program

The Bandai Foundation recently made a \$10,000 gift to the Long Beach Area Council in support of the Exploring Careers in Long Beach (ECLB) program, which is a collaborative effort with International Trade Education Programs, an organization that connects the international trade business community to the classroom in order to develop career-ready, college-prepared high school students.



ECLB Chairman Stacey Jones along with recent ECLB graduates.

ECLB is an after-school program at Cabrillo High School that offers hands-on career discovery for 10th and 11th graders who want to take control of their future and explore awesome careers in the Long Beach area. Students have the opportunity to explore and earn internship positions in the community. This program consists of after-school field trips to top local companies and organizations, while also building skills through leadership and personal development activities.

The Bandai Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1995 by Bandai America as a way to give back to the community. The organization has made a strong commitment to improving and enhancing the quality of life for families and children, and to inspire other civic leaders, businesses and individuals to do the same. Bandai America is a leader in the boys' and girls' toy and electronics product categories including, among many others, Power Rangers, Ben 10, and DragonBall. Bandai America is headquartered in Cypress, CA.

If you would like more information about Scouting and ECLB, or want to support this program, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.



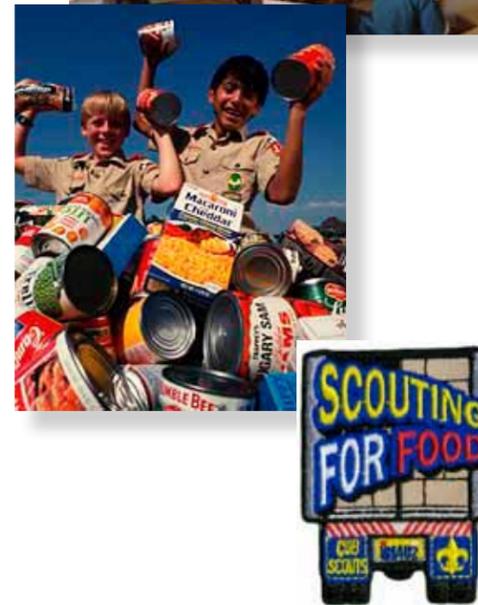
2013 Cub-BOO-Ree Held at Firestone Scout Reservation

More than 150 Scouts and 180 adults and family members attended our annual Cub-BOO-Ree this past October. Participants enjoyed gold panning, a bouldering wall, chess, archery, bb shooting, slingshots, miniature golf, pumpkin carving, a movie on a big screen, and a flag retirement ceremony!

Cub Scouts ages 6 through 10 and their families spent three days and two nights at Firestone Scout Reservation, a 3,000-acre facility located in Tonner Canyon in the City of Brea. Howling coyotes, native tarantulas, and a pre-dawn three-mile hike to catch the sunrise highlighted the weekend.

For the first time, our ScoutReach program was able to participate. Thirty elementary school aged boys, twelve parents, and five program leaders experienced outdoor camping and cooking – most sleeping in a tent and seeing the outdoors for the first time in their lives. This experience was made possible by a generous grant from the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation.

"Scouting really depends on the generosity of people who see the value of the Scouting philosophy," said Polaris District Executive Marc Bonner. "Events like Cub-BOO-Ree showcase and demonstrate what Scouting is all about: learning, team work, and fellowship ... with a big dose of fun thrown in for good measure!"



Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food is a project rooted in the very foundation of Scouting. From its inception, "Do a Good Turn Daily" has been a core Scouting value, and Scouting for Food is this principle put into action.

The Scouting for Food annual food drive is carried out by Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Cub Scouts who distribute food donation requests, return to collect the donated food, and then deliver the food to our partners, Project Shepherd and the Salvation Army, for distribution to needy families.

This year, Scouting for Food has collected more than 21 tons of food, which will help feed tens of thousands of needy residents in Long Beach and surrounding areas. We are humbled by the outpouring of community support and know that, in addition to providing help to local families, Scouting for Food teaches our young people to recognize the needs of others and take action accordingly.



Ten Commandments Hike Celebrates Religious Diversity

Scouts of all ages participated in the 7th Annual 10 Commandments Hike Nov. 29. Scouts hiked about four miles and visited a number of places of worship. At each stop, they heard about one of the 10 Commandments along with some history about the religion of the host congregation. Participating groups included Bay Shore Congregational Church, Chumash Tribe/Native American Traditionalist, Fifth Church of Christ-Scientist, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Koyasan Buddhist Temple, Long Beach Islamic Center, Long Beach Veterans Hospital Chaplain Services, Orange County Society of Friends, St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, and Shul by the Shore (Jewish).

The mission of the event is to combine an outdoor experience with a learning experience — celebrating the religious diversity of our community.

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