More Scout Shop Hours

Early birds, rejoice!
Our Long Beach Scout Shop has new earlier hours! Come in Tuesday – Friday at 9:30am. Closing time is still 6pm for those getting off work in the afternoon. Saturday hours are 9am-3pm and the shop (not the office) is closed Sunday and Monday. The main office is open Monday - Friday 9-5. Stop by the Scout Shop to get your new program materials for the 2015-2016 school year!

IMPORTANT DATES

Don't forget these dates!

- **October 30 – Silver Beaver Nominations due**
- **November 1 – Popcorn orders due**
- **November 10 – Charter Renewals due**
- **November 30 – District Award Nominations due**

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Local Scouts Fly to Michigan State University

Order of the Arrow celebrated its 100th Anniversary in style at the National Order of the Arrow Conference held in East Lansing, Michigan. Eight local scouts and four adult leaders participated in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Order of the Arrow August 3-8, 2015.

Big Shot Sporting Clays Tournament

The Long Beach Area Council is hosting our 2nd annual Big Shot Tournament. This is a super-fun charity event. All proceeds will support programs for Scouts right here in our community. (This is what helps pay for camp equipment, new programs, and year-round activities.)

We are asking you to help us meet our goals. Spread the word to other parents in your den, pack, patrol, and troop. In fact, your business partners, friends, church members, clients, or neighbors might be interested in a fun day shooting at the range!

Please let us know who is interested in participating by ***Friday, September 18.*** Our contacts are listed below. Teams of four are encouraged for more fun.

Check us out online.
You'll find more details and event info at www.longbeachbsa.org/bigshot

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POPCORN SALES RETURN!

We hope you're ready for a treat. Yummy chocolate goodness. White cheddar cheese, kettlecorn, caramel, butter toffee, and more. What's the deal?

Sell popcorn, earn money for year-round expenses like campouts, activities, advancements, and special celebrations. This one fundraiser can fund your entire year. Say goodbye to candy bars and recycling. Put the lawn mower away. No more need for car washes (drought!) and monthly eat-out nights for a measly 15%.

Let popcorn sales give you 21-39% returns. Prizes, scholarships, and other incentives for your Scouts are included. Where else can you get that deal?

Many ways to sell:
Online - send emails and links to anyone
Store Front - set up displays at popular stores
Order forms - use order forms and deliver later
Show & Deliver - door-to-door with popcorn in tow

Popcorn sales are open now.

For more information, dates, and helpful tracking forms, check our webpage at longbeachbsa.org/popcorn. By phone, contact Rebekah Havard at (562) 427-0911 x241.

NEWS FLASH: Outstanding Scouts in Long Beach!

This summer, a Long Beach Scout and his pinewood derby car was named Fastest Webelos in the World! After winning our local derby race, Owen D. from Pack 206/Troop 120 traveled to Times Square in New York City with his dad to participate in the Pinewood Derby World Championships. Check out that trophy… Congrats, Owen!

We congratulate Eagle Scout Matthew Guillory from Troop 65 on his earning a scholarship from the National Eagle Scout Association. Matthew will be studying Engineering at the prestigious Harvey Mudd College in Claremont.

SCOUTS AT CAMP TAHQUITZ

Hiking through the great outdoors, setting up camp in the wilderness, building lasting friendships and honing in on survival skills are experiences no Scouts should have to miss out on. So when Long Beach residents discovered some kids needed a helping hand to make those adventures possible, they jumped at the chance in a big way.

Press Telegram readers made it possible for Long Beach Area Council Scouts to see the sun rise over a mountain, set up a tent, cook outdoors and form meaningful relationships with adults and peers for the first time in their lives.

New experiences and challenges beckoned the Scouts from every corner of the campgrounds. From scaling the heights of the camp tower to hitting the bullseye at the archery training area, Scouts explored the depths of the 6,500 foot elevation site and gazed over picturesque views of the mountains and sky-high ponderosa pines.

These Scouting experiences "shape a boy into a young man of skill and leadership abilities," Camping Director Glen Goddard said. And he thanked Press-Telegram readers for their generosity in making this life-changing experience happen attesting, "they will be forever grateful."

Activities at camp include:
- Riding horses
- Shotgun shooting
- 45-foot climbing tower
- C.O.P.E Course
- Outpost camping
- Campfires
- Water carnival
- Lake and pool
- Nature and craft lodges

Interested in joining the fun? Reserve your place at Camp Tahquitz 2016. Contact Cindy Spalding at 562-427-0911 x 211 or by email at cindy.spalding@scouting.org

Program Calendars: Available in print. Stop by the Service Center/Scout Shop to pick up your copy. Stay on top of events for 2015-2016.

The Scouter's Key 2.0

Long Beach Area Council

Fall 2015

Happenings

Recruiting Season

New things are coming this back-to-school season… Unit "JOIN NIGHTS" are the wave of the future. A great way to get more parents and youth involved in your scout programs. Save the date: ***Tues. Sept 8 at 7pm.*** Note: no school night for scouting this year. Come learn tips from other scout leaders on boosting your successful back to school season.

Cub BOO Ree

An annual favorite is here! October 23-25. Costume contest, pumpkin chunking, trunk or treat, campfire and more. This is the premiere camping event for all Cub Scouts. A perfect campout experience for first-timers and new families just joining. Every year, we invite all Cub Scouts – Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos – to bring their families out to Firestone Reservation in Brea. A quick drive from the Long Beach area, this weekend event spans two nights and packs in a lot of fun. We provide the activities; you bring your tent, camping supplies and food!

Visit us online at longbeachbsa.org/cubbooree

Scouting for Food

Bag distribution starts Saturday, November 7. Food collection will be the following Saturday, November 14. Locations are specific to each district. Please contact your District Executive at the Scout office to confirm your coverage area. Our collective effort during Scouting for Food contributes more than 30,000 pounds of food to our local food banks. All proceeds stay local. These organizations remind us that without Scouts' help, they would be short on supplies.

Check the website at longbeachbsa.org/sff

Freeze O Ree

A variation on the usual Fall Camporee. This time, a bit colder weather.

Save the Date: December 4-6 at Camp Tahquitz.

Sea Scout Rendezvous

A gathering of hundreds of Sea Scouts from around the area. Fellowship and competition in Sea Scout skills.

Save the Date: November 28.

Fall Training Classes

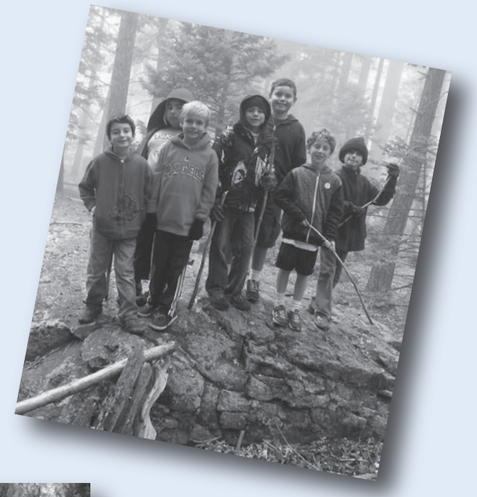
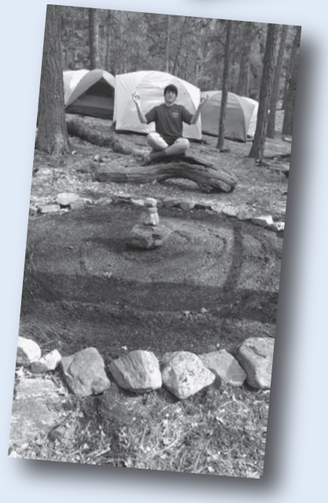
Training classes are here! For starters we have Path to Eagle, Leader Specific Training for new leaders, Den Chief Training for youth, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Get more details online at ***longbeachbsa.org/train.***

OA Ordeal

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Order of the Arrow. Puvunga Lodge will be conducting its Fall Ordeal on the weekend of **Sept 25-27** at Camp Tahquitz. Puvunga Lodge members are encouraged to attend and help the Lodge celebrate our Centennial.

Ten Commandments Hike

The Ten Commandment's Hike takes place annually on Friday after Thanksgiving. Participants include Scouts of all ages, parents, siblings, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire USA, and people from all faiths. The hike celebrates religious diversity in our community. We seek to understand and live together in peace.

Save the date! Friday, November 27.

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