Long Beach Sea Base gets a New Deck

2014 LBAC Membership Demographics

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Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 427-0911

1st Annual Family Camp at Tahquitz
Join us over Memorial Day for a camping experience at Camp Tahquitz.

Pinewood Derby Championships
On Saturday April 18, the top two cars from each Pack’s pinewood derby will compete for the title of Pinewood Derby Council Champion!

Scout-O-Rama save the date: June 6.
Huge youth fair including 50+ booths of fun, games, food, and hands-on activities for all ages.
Free of charge and open to the public.

Free Barbecue at Sea Base Feb 21st
Join us at the Sea Base at noon for a free barbecue. The barbecue is being sponsored by the Greater Long Beach Recycling Program. Enjoy the free food and learn how you and your unit can earn money by for your program by simply recycling.

For more information contact Marcia at (562) 546-3545.

SAVE THE DATE!
Cub Day Camp Patch Design Contest
Open to all cub scouts, no cost to enter, winning design gets a free week of day camp. Be creative and think up your best patch idea that best represents camp. You must have Long Beach Area Council, the year and a Fleur de lis.

Accomplishments in 2014

Camp Tahquitz
- New bathrooms completed
- Commissary remodeled
- Bridge installed over Hwy 38
- Record year for camping revenue
Long Beach Sea Base
- New Second Story Deck
- Developed STEM Programs
- Record summer aquatics camp attendance
Community Service
- Honored the LA Police and Fire Chiefs
- 35,000 hours of service by youth
- 28,000 pounds of food collected
- 1,200 trees planted in North Long Beach
Membership
- Two new Cub Scout packs
- Record retention rate, far above the area average Program
- 80 Eagle Scouts, fourth highest in council history
- Koch Cup hosting 80 youth from 10 countries around the world
Operations
- Record year for Scout Shop sales
- Redesigned website: longbeachbsa.org
- National President’s Award for Multi-Cultural Marketing Excellence

Scout Executive’s Message

While 2014 was a banner year in many ways for us, I’m even more excited for the 2015 year ahead.

Having installed a 100-foot bridge over Hwy 38 at Camp Tahquitz and repaired the deck at the Long Beach Sea Base, we are poised to bring more programs for our kids to enjoy – safely.

In 2015 we will continue implementing our five-point vision. It all starts with Cub Scouting. From top to bottom you will see a doubling down of resources to help leaders run fun meetings.

Second, we will continue to improve our properties with the goal of providing world-class facilities. Third, we must be financially sustainable. With your help we will secure the growth of our program. Fourth, our staff and board of directors will reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.

And finally, we will continue to provide top-quality programs. For starters, we will crown the first council pinewood derby champion in April. We also have a neat family camp opportunity, our Memorial Day Weekend in May.

I hope you visit our website, like us on Facebook, and sign up for our weekly emails on longbeachbsa.org. Thank you for continuing to make a positive impact on young lives. Here’s to a great 2015.

In Scouting,
John Fullerton
Scout Executive/CEO

Launch an Eagle

Our 2015 annual giving campaign is off and running! The newly named “Launch an Eagle” campaign raises funds for our local program from people just like you committed to seeing the Scouting program thrive. Parents, family, friends, and employers can make tax-deductible gifts to support youth in our community.

So how does this work? The Long Beach Area Council relies on charitable contributions to operate. When you pledge to give monthly or write a check, you are helping support year-round activities. Without your financial contributions, we couldn’t do what we do.

Haven’t I paid already? You might wonder why we’re talking about funding. You’ve already paid to join. But when you register, none of the fees paid supports the Long Beach Area Council – a local non-profit organization that supplies the things that your son or daughter enjoys most or depends on to be a successful Scout.

Your BSA fees are used for things like National high adventure camps, national marketing and program impact research. Your pack or troop also asks for dues to pay for equipment, camping fees, uniforms, books, badges, and outings.

Just so we are clear: the Long Beach Area Council receives no federal funding, no state funding, no national BSA funding, raises 100% of the dollars here in the Long Beach area, and all of the dollars raised goes back to support the youth in our community.

So here’s the thing: We’re asking you to consider a gift of at least $10 per month, $120 per year, or more if you can afford it.

How do I give? It’s super easy. Your pack or troop leader has pledge cards, but you can also give online at longbeachbsa.org/donate. New this year – TEXT to give. That’s right. 100% safe and secure. Just text LAUNCH to 41444 with a dollar amount and your name. Aren’t you curious to try?

See this sample:

Text a pledge of any amount!

To check our progress throughout the campaign, check us out online from your desktop, tablet, or mobile. You’ll also find helpful tips, a tracking thermometer and more FAQs to help you succeed.

Click longbeachbsa.org/support-scouting/launch-eagle
2014 - 15 OA Officers

Chief - Luke Higbee
Little Chief - Jesse Bosworth
Medical Man - Derek Delp
Mountain Man - Ben Stebbison
Keeper of the Tally - Kyle Frengmen

2014 - 15 VOA Officers

Chief - Justin Morehead
Vice-Chief - Jose Barra
Secretary - Nick Munoz
Treasurer - Austin Law

2014 Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council. Introduced in 1931, the Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

Recipients:
- Kenny Cruz
- Howard Itoo
- Dave Mitchell
- Roland Sponberg

2014 District Award of Merit Recipients

The District Award of Merit is awarded by a district to adult volunteers for outstanding service to youth in the district.

Polaris District Recipients:
- Janelyn Cozza
- Jonathan Kennedy
- Dennis Kunishima

Los Fierros District Recipients:
- Jerry Mackey
- Brian McColl
- Dorothy Ronick

Venturing Leadership Award

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adult leaders who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Venturing Oath.

Denise Cabral - Crew 134
Hannah Sandburg - Crew 101
Matthew Talag - Crew 134
Nicholas Benson - Crew 153

James E. West Donor

Joseph Sadler

Gone Home

Please take a moment to remember those members of our Scouter family who have "Gone Home" in 2014.

Chuck Modlin - January 28, 2014
William "But" Little - January 20, 2014
Shearon Lovedawsky - May 30, 2014
Steve Felix - July 27, 2014
William Walls - July 31, 2014
Ignacio "Leo" Najera - November 15, 2014

2014 Eagle Scouts for 2014

Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. Only five percent of all Boy Scouts will earn this honor. These young men progressed through seven ranks and earned at least 21 merit badges. Most of them did far more. Eagle Scouts are recognized worldwide as people of outstanding character by universities, their communities, and by industry leaders.

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2014 Journey to Excellence

Polaris District:
- Bronze: Troop 50
- Silver: Packs 81, 360
- Gold: Packs 66, 140
- Troops 65, 75, 134, 210, 212, 303, 371, 1776
- Crews 181, 228

Los Fierros District:
- Bronze: Troop 25, 248
- Silver: Packs 72, 248
- Team 248
- Crew 120
- Ships 237, 549
- Packs 007, 21, 32, 65, 120, 128, 148, 206, 267
- Troops 29, 74, 120, 126, 148, 224, 613
- Team 148
- Ship 564
- Crew 148

Council Commissioner Recognition

Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. They are a friend, a representative, a “doctor”, teacher and counselor as needed for a unit.

The Long Beach Area Council would like to recognize the following individuals who have dedicated themselves to continuing their Scouting Education by attending the College of Commissioner Service. The following individuals have completed the requirements for the respective degrees:

Recipients:
- Dave Mitchell - Bachelor of Commissioner Science - Polaris District Commissioner
- Dennis Kunishima - Bachelor of Commissioner Science - Polaris District Commissioner

A Salute to Scouting with Dr. Robert Gates

On Thursday, March 5, National BSA President, Former Secretary of Defense, and Former Director of CIA, Dr. Robert Gates is coming to Long Beach. By invite only, Dr. Gates will meet and greet 100 people in an intimate setting.

Annual Recognition Dinner

- February 19, 7pm recognizing the 80 Eagle Scouts and 4 Silver Beaver recipients from 2014.

As of October 2014, Bekah Havard assumed the position of Polaris district executive. In this role, Bekah will be responsible for providing direct service to the Polaris district including the district committee and unit commissioners. Bekah has nine years of experience with the Boy Scouts of America. Prior to coming to Long Beach, Bekah served districts in both Orange County and San Jose. Please join us in welcoming Bekah to the Long Beach Area Council as the Polaris district executive!