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CUB DAY CAMP 2016

District day camps are back! Three weeks of day camp available for cub scouts: July 18-22, July 25-29, and August 1-5. Sign up for one week or all three. A safe, trusted, and fun camp specifically for Cub Scouts run by parent volunteers very knowledgeable about Cub Scouting. Locations vary by district. For more info, go to **longbeachbsa.org/daycamp**

WEBELOS WEEKEND

August 19-21 at Camp Tahquitz. All incoming Webelos I and II, 4th and 5th graders, are invited to this awesome experience. Sells out every year! Join us for nonstop fun riding horses, practicing archery, and climbing a 50-foot wall. Earn belt loops and various awards. Webelos Weekend is a safe and fun experience. One dad praised: "We thoroughly enjoyed Webelos Weekend. My son is still talking about the sunrise hike on Sunday and the Naturalist pin section on Saturday. He says the pool staff are awesome." More info at

longbeachbsa.org/ww

AQUATICS DAY CAMP

Seven weeks of aquatics camp for Boy Scouts! We offer 40+ merit badges. Earn up to 4 merit badges per week. An annual favorite for Boy Scouts. Stay cool at the beach, earn a few merit badges, and hang out with friends! BONUS Week for Webelos and Cub Scouts. Current schedule, merit badges, and registration online at **longbeachbsa.org/seabase**

KOCH CUP RETURNS TO LONG BEACH

The William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup returns to Long Beach this summer. Last here two years ago in 2014, the 2016 competition will once again be co-hosted by the Long Beach Area Council and the Long Beach Yacht Club. Over 80 top young Sea Scouts from across the country and around the world are scheduled to arrive in town July 30 with a closing ceremony on August 4. Online at **seascoutcup.org**

NEWSFLASH

Congratulations to Troop 140, best overall at Scout-O-Rama, and to winners: Pack 134, Pack 117, Troop 134, Troop 705, Crew 247 and Ship 550. **See more online at longbeachbsa.org/sor**

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The Long Beach Sea Base has several Ships looking for Scouts just like you!

What Makes Sea Scouting Different?

Sea Scouting builds character through high adventure. As a Sea Scout, you can learn to sail, to row, and to keep a boat in shape. You can cruise local waters or go sailing on long cruises far from home. You can learn to dive, and you will be active in camping, social events, tours, regattas, excursions, and seamanship contests.

Who Can Join?

To join, you must be 14 years old (or 13 years and completed the eighth grade) but not yet 21. Sea Scouts are for young men and women.

What's in it for you?

You will find lifelong adventure while learning new skills that will benefit you no matter your path.

Common Questions

- Can I be a Boy Scout and a Sea Scout? Yes. Lots of our Sea Scouts are also in troops.
- Can girls join? Sure. Crews are co-ed and have great female leaders to help.
- What kind of ships do you have in the fleet? We have powerboats, sailboats, a fire boat and plenty of row boats!
- How often do ships meet? Depends. Each ship is different. Think of it like a troop. Some meet once a week, some meet twice a month. It all depends on the Ships program.

How do I find out more?
The best way is to call Chis Macy, the Sea Base Director, at (562) 344-1589 and he can recommend a Ship based on your interests.

So what are you waiting for? Your future in Sea Scouting is just a call away!

Long Beach Area Council Wins Big

For the third consecutive year, our council won a Presidents Marketing Award! From over 300 entries, Long Beach won a council-record 3 awards for best mobile campaign, best newsletter, and best positive public relations. Since 2010, our council has won 9 marketing awards – all in different categories.

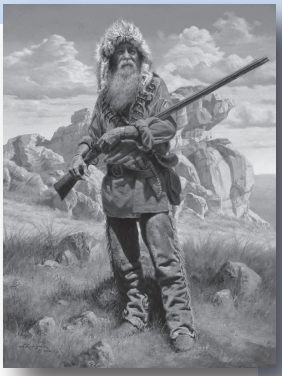
LBAC Makes Top 10 List

In March of this year, our council was named one of the "Top 10 Charities Worth Watching" in the United States. Additionally, we are proud to announce that Charity Navigator, the leading evaluator of nonprofits, awarded the Council its prestigious 4-star rating, earned by only 313 of the roughly 160,000 charities in the state of California. Nationwide, only nine of 275 Boy Scout Councils have earned the 4-star designation.

National Youth Leadership Training

Offered only once a year for Boy Scouts at least 13 years old and First Class rank. Also open to Venturing Scouts, male and female alike. This challenging outdoor experience teaches leadership skills and team development. Scouts will come back ready and better able to serve their home troops. Highly recommended for Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, and troop officers. Colleges now recognize the value of this on your resume. Must attend all six days at Camp Tahquitz to complete the course. **Online at longbeachbsa.org/nylt**

Mountain Man Rendezvous



October 14-15 - Practice and show off your frontiersman skills! Muzzle loading, tomahawks, fire-starting, cannon ball toss, caber toss, colter run. Suggested for Scouts ages 14+, Varsity, and Venture Scouts!
Online at longbeachbsa.org/mmr

Popcorn Sales

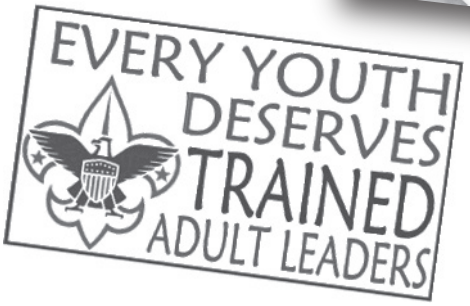
Kicking off in August, the fall popcorn sales return to help fund your 2016-17 program year. Over 70% of proceeds benefit Scouting. Your support in selling popcorn is a big source of support to keeping our local programs going strong. All set up, logistics, ordering, and prizes centrally coordinated for you. Look for popcorn leader training this summer.
More info online at longbeachbsa.org/popcorn

Cub-BOO-Ree

October 21-23 - The biggest Cub Scout event returns this Fall. Last year, over 500 people camped out for a Halloween-themed event. Tons of fun for Scouts. Activities include pumpkin carving, movie night, costume contest, and trunk or treating. Enjoy an outdoor experience with family and friends. **Online at longbeachbsa.org/cubbooree**

Scout Leader Training Classes

Basic training and continuing-education classes begin again in September. From new-leader training for incoming den leaders, to climbing and aquatic rescue training, we have a robust list of training classes for adults. We will equip you with what you need to lead a thriving, exciting, Scouting program.
Online at longbeachbsa.org/train



Pinewood Derby Champions

Over 70 Cub Scouts participated in the 2nd Annual Derby Championships in April. Congratulations to all pack winners, and a special high five to the Top 3 Council winners: third place Jackson R. Pack 205, second place Michael S. Pack 62, and overall champion Cole M. Pack 206. A huge thank you to event Chair John McIntosh and his group of dedicated volunteers who helped make the day a big hit.

Online at longbeachbsa.org/derby

New 4-Legged Friend at Camp

Last month in May, our very own Ranger Rick added a four-legged friend at Camp Tahquitz. Honey Bunny now makes two Dalmatians greeting visitors to Camp Tahquitz. Suni, camp-ranger-assistant, is loving her new playful friend. We wish them well this summer and beyond!

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Mayor of Long Beach Receives Good Scout Award

On May 11, the Long Beach Boy Scouts honored Long Beach Mayor Dr. Robert Garcia with the Good Scout of the Year award. Over 250 guests attended the super-hero themed dinner event. Proceeds of nearly $45,000 will support local programs for youth and resources for adults right here in our own council. Very cool super hero photos at **longbeachbsa.org/dcd**

Camp Card Top Sellers

In May, 30 top-sellers enjoyed two hours of racing go-karts at GoKart World. These camp card enthusiasts enjoyed a full day of racing, plus lunch, and a certificate presentation ceremony. Look for camp card sales to come around again next spring 2017.

longbeachbsa.org/campcards