Matching Gifts

Parents, your employer can help our local Scouting program. Companies like Home Depot, Verizon, Schwab, Honda, Apple, Bank of America, GE, Boeing, and hundreds more will give MONEY to charities. The time you spend at campouts, in meetings, activities, and trainings is worth charitable donations.

Many companies will give donations for the time you volunteer. On top of that, some companies will also match any cash donation you give to support Scouting.

Do you or someone in your pack or troop work for one of these companies? You can help us fund new equipment, supplies, and program materials to help us grow. Contact Marc Bonner at marc.bonner@scouting.org to see how you can make a big difference with no money out of pocket, no payroll deduction.

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Patch Contest: Cub Day Camp

Attention Cub Scouts: draw a design for the Cub Day Camp patch! Theme: CSI – Cub Scout Investigators. The selected winning design will receive ONE FREE WEEK of Cub Day Camp 2016. Design requirements, form, and details on posted online.
For more info: longbeachbsa.org/daycamp

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Popcorn Sales

Fall 2016. Popcorn sales, prizes, star seller events. Look for more information in the next few months.

Online at longbeachbsa.org/popcorn

National Youth Leadership Training

Last two weekends in June. Advanced leadership training for youth 13-18.

More info at longbeachbsa.org/nylt

Webelos Weekend

August 19-21 at Camp Tahquitz.
All current 3rd and 4th graders, incoming Webelos I and II, are invited to this awesome experience. Sells out every year!
More info at longbeachbsa.org/ww

Spring Break Aquatics Camp

March 28-April 1

How does a week at the Long Beach Sea Base during Spring Break sound? Sea Base Director Chris Macy is working hard to arrange for a week-long day camp during Spring Break for Scouts to enjoy. Sure to be a fun week of canoeing, kayaking, motorboating, sailing, rowing, fishing, and more.
Check out longbeachbsa.org/seabase for more details.

SAVE THE DATE! Spring Camp-O-Ree

April 29-May 1

Over 200 Boy Scouts and adult leaders will converge for a weekend of non-stop fun, adventure, patrol competitions, and good eats. The 2016 theme is The Amazing Games and Race.

Location: Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center near the 22 and 55 fwys.

Flyer and registration posted on longbeachbsa.org/camporees

THE SCOUTER'S KEY 2.0

LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL WINTER/SPRING 2016

Scout Executive's Message

With a successful 2015 in the rearview mirror, we are poised for an even more successful 2016.

From crowning the first annual Long Beach pinewood derby champion to our first Freeze-O-Ree campout in December, we have much to be proud of. On top of that, 86 young men earned their Eagle Scout rank.

I'm also proud of our legacy of service to the community. The Boy Scouts are now on firm ground as the leading youth organization providing extraordinary service to our community. Thanks to Scout families like yours, we provide over 35,000 hours of service and collect over 27,000 pounds of food consistently year after year.

In 2016, we will continue to provide top-quality programs. We are looking to expand our aquatics related programs at the Long Beach Sea Base during spring and winter breaks. At Camp Tahquitz, we will be introducing robotics and technology classes.

I hope you visit our website, like us on Facebook, and sign up for our weekly emails on longbeachbsa.org. Thank you for your continued support of our shared vision. Here's to a great 2016.

In Scouting,

John Fullerton
Scout Executive/CEO

Funding the Vision

Teamwork will be the key ingredient in making this vision a reality. How so? Your support – as a parent, scout leader, community member, and volunteer – will provide the funds needed to accomplish our shared goals.

Imagine new aquatics equipment to enjoy at our Long Beach Sea Base. Picture mountain biking in the cool mountain breeze at Camp Tahquitz. Think of a tech-center where Scouts learn programming skills, computer design, and robotics.

This is all possible! With your help, Scouts will continue to receive quality programs right here in our community.

Help fund our Vision at **longbeachbsa.org/donate**

Camp Cards = Adventures

Your path to summer camp just got a whole lot easier. The timing is perfect; Scouts sell camp cards in the Spring to earn money for fun summer camp experiences.

The 2016 card will feature $20 in immediate savings from Big 5, El Pollo Loco, and Ace Hardware! Selling for only $5, the cards are a super-easy sell for any Scout.

Easy to carry, durable, and won't melt or spoil. Raise money for camp, offset summer costs, and buy much needed equipment by selling camp cards. Your Scout can learn self-confidence, overcome shyness, and improve interpersonal communication skills.

Kickoff date: Saturday, March 19 from 9-11am at McDonalds on Carson/Paramount. Unit coordinators invited to pick up cards that day. Selling period March 19-May 1. Star seller event will be held in May! See more online at **longbeachbsa.org/campcards**

Summer Camp Fun

Camp Tahquitz

Adventure is calling… Camp Tahquitz is the place to be this summer. Enjoy a 40-foot climbing wall; learn to feed and ride horses; shoot archery, bb-guns, and shotguns in a controlled, safe environment; learn lifesaving techniques; stitch leather goods; and stargaze at night.

Choose from over 40 merit badges to earn during your week-long stay. Epic campfires, good food, high adventure, the Tribe of Tahquitz, and a new 100-foot pedestrian bridge will have you wanting to stay an extra week!
Check out longbeachbsa.org/tahquitz

Cub Scout Day Camp

Summer 2016 will bring out the investigators in all Cubbies. From Tiger to Webelos, Cub Scouts will explore and discover the adventures of Scouting. Theme: CSI – Cub Scout Investigators.

Choose from three weeks of Day Camp. Typically run 9am-3pm Monday through Friday.
More info at longbeachbsa.org/daycamp

Sea Base Aquatics Camp

The most popular destination for youth during the summer. We invite you to enjoy the cool breeze and super-fun atmosphere at the Long Beach Sea Base this summer. Offering eight weeks of camp.

Choose from half day or full day sessions. Earn up to four merit badges per week. Join over 700 other Scouts who LOVE the summer aquatics camp. **More info at longbeachbsa.org/seabase/summercamp**

THE SCOUTER'S KEY 2.0

LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL — WINTER/SPRING 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Recognition Dinner – Thursday, February 18, 7pm
You are invited to help us celebrate the 86 Eagle Scouts (listed on next page) and 4 Silver Beaver recipients from 2015: Abelino Flores Dennis Goble, Greg White, and Blake Whitney.

Gathering of Eagles – Saturday, March 12

Calling all Eagle Scouts to the Gathering of Eagles. All ages welcome. No cost. Meet and connect with fellow Eagles who live and work in and around Long Beach. Save the Date! Saturday, March 12 at 4pm. Petroleum Club 3636 Linden Ave. Long Beach 90807, near the Scout office. Help spread the word!

Spring Training Classes

March 12 – Leader Specific Training
April 15-16 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
April 23 – BALOO Training
May 7 – Trainer's EDGE

Scout O Rama – Saturday, June 4

The biggest local Scouting event of the year is coming to Long Beach on Saturday, June 4. More than 2,000 people will gather at Heartwell Park near Clark/Carson.

This large community event is put on for boys and girls of all ages. Scouting units like yours set up booths featuring games, activities, and fun experiences. We expect over 45 booths. Take note: the 2016 theme will be "Celebrating the Diversity within Scouting".

Food vendors and community organizations will be on site as well. Be sure to start your planning soon! Also, check **longbeachbsa.org/sor** for more details and Risk Management Guide.
Hours: 9am-3pm.
Parking $2 at LBCC.

New Staff – Maria Guerra, District Executive

As of January 8, 2016, Maria Guerra began as the new District Executive serving the Los Fierros District. In this role, Maria will be responsible for providing direct service to the Los Fierros district committee and unit commissioners overseeing the Scouting program in Long Beach. Originally from Northern California, Maria is the youngest of 11 children and is a graduate of UCLA.
Join us in welcoming Maria to the Long Beach Area Council

Award of Merit Class of 2015:

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

Polaris District Recipients:
Mark Dameron
Gaby Leon
David Madsen

Los Fierros District Recipients:
Jonathan Bradford
John McIntosh
Chris Shararian

86 Eagle Scouts in 2015

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.

Eagle Scout	Unit	Eagle Scout	Unit	Eagle Scout	Unit
Amalique Acuna	Troop 120	Andres Gonzalez	Crew 156	Nicholas Moretine	Troop 205
Larry Afemata	Team 248	Michael Gonzalez	Troop 67	Samuela Niupulusu	Crew 148
Keith Ahlstrom	Crew 188	Steven Gonzalez	Troop 67	Robert Nye	Troop 120
James Alvarez	Troop 65	Michael Goumas	Troop 393	Gavin Papelera	Crew 247
DeVonte Anderson	Troop 303	Sebastian Guerra	Crew 550	Joshua Pignon	Troop 140
Ethan Ankley	Troop 212	Christopher Haseltine	Troop 74	Elliott Prien	Troop 205
Nicolas Avalos	Troop 67	Jacob Hayhurst	Crew 117	Brian Rawling	Troop 212
Robert Bemis	Troop 140	Dietrich Henson	Troop 29	Nolan Ridgeway Lester	Troop 14
Ethan Bradfield	Troop 29	David Horstman	Troop 140	Matthew Robertson	Troop 134
Jared Brydon	Troop 140	Elliott Hou	Troop 67	Darren Rodriguez	Troop 371
Scott Campbell	Troop 212	Stephan Kaminsky	Troop 14	Patrick Roxas	Troop 67
Angel Cano	Troop 50	Alan Kerr	Troop 120	Samuel Russell	Troop 14
Ryan Coy	Troop 212	Alexander Kirk	Troop 14	Dewane Sauni	Team 248
Spencer Damp	Troop 67	Jonah Koch	Troop 120	Seth Segal	Troop 188
Jacob Davison	Troop 66	Michael Kocisko	Troop 212	David Shane	Troop 65
Derek Delp	Troop 120	Joshua Krage	Troop 1244	Joshua Spear	Troop 140
Alexandre Dobard	Crew 66	Derek Larsen	Crew 188	Dane Strinden	Troop 212
Jonathan Duran	Troop 65	Jonovan Leatigaga	Troop 56	Michael Talag	Troop 134
Donald Ferschweiler	Troop 242	Jacob Lemmon	Troop 205	Bryan Thompson	Crew 156
Garret Fields	Troop 105	Perry Loveridge	Crew 156	Garrett Tornello	Troop 65
Samuel Fiorica	Troop 14	Tanner Luatua	Crew 148	Andrew Tsoi-a-sue	Troop 140
Tyler Fisher	Troop 67	Cody Mallette	Crew 156	Herby Tuala	Crew 148
Isaac Folks	Troop 188	Drake Martes	Troop 74	Nolan Van Wyk	Troop 29
Kevin Fremgen	Troop 140	Michael Martinez	Troop 65	Travis Walker	Troop 120
Jason Garcia	Troop 242	Andrew McFarland	Troop 212	William Whitney	Troop 29
Justin Gaudlitz	Troop 126	Kristopher Melvin	Troop 29	Jacob Williams	Troop 14
William Gaudlitz	Troop 126	Jacob Milano-Wexler	Troop 75	Colin Woolwine	Troop 66
Thomas Giese	Troop 67	Samuel Minnig	Troop 65	C. Hollis Yurish	Troop 105
Hagen Given	Crew 188	Matthew Morehead	Troop 140		

Pinewood Derby Championships

The 2nd Annual Championships are coming back on Saturday, April 16. Last year, Long Beach winner Owen D. won first place in the Webelos division at the World Championships in New York Times Square!

How can you participate? Hold a pinewood derby race in your own Pack before March 31. Send us the names of the top two (2) cars in your Pack (regardless of Den), wait for race-day invitation, and show up on April 16.

New for 2016: Outlaw Race! Adults, parents, and leaders… this is your chance. Hands off the kids' cars, you get to build your own. Test in wind-tunnels. Go for the gold. Ok, there are rules online, so have fun within limits.

Be sure to check out rules and regulations, and a list of past winners on our **webpage at longebachbsa.org/derby**

2015 -16 Tribe of Tahquitz Officers

Chief - Calvin Belcher
Little Chief - Ben Steidl
Medicine Man - Jason Millett
Mountain Man - Boruch Allison
Keeper of the Tally - Han Vi

2015 - 16 OA Officers

Chief - Colin Hadley
Vice-Chief - Floyd Bell
Secretary - Dylan Kennelly
Treasurer - Tommy Giese

Family Camp at Tahquitz – May 27-30

A special Memorial Day Weekend to get away. Enjoy a few days at camp, removed from the hurry of city-life. Parents, we invite you to bring your Scouts, significant other, siblings, family, and friends to camp at our very own Camp Tahquitz in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains. A short 2-hour drive from the Long Beach area.

During this campout, we intentionally plan down-time! Camp and relax at your own pace. All participants provide their own tents and prepare their own meals.

Choose from activities including astronomy, fishing, hiking, local nature, mountain biking, archery, bb gun range, Indian Lore, crafts, skits, songs, campfires, and more! **See info at longbeachbsa.org/familycamp**