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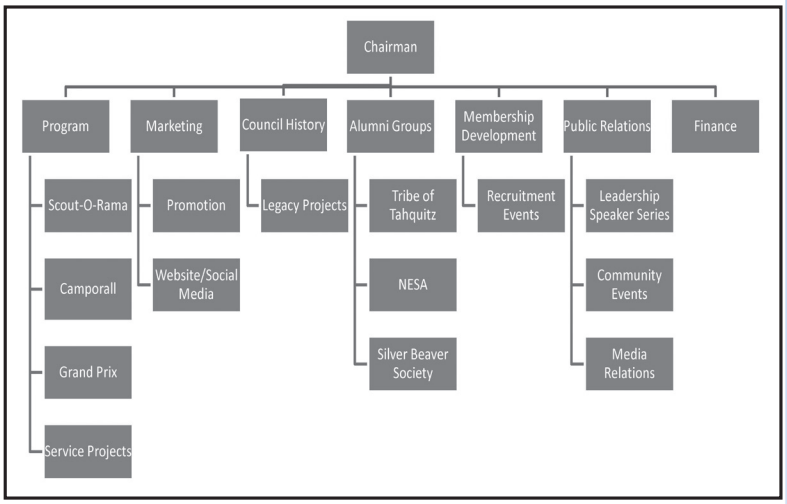
LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL — FALL 2017

100th Anniversary in 2019

All birthdays are momentous, some more so than others.But nothing resonates as deeply as 100. In 2019, the Long Beach Area Council will celebrate its centennial anniversary.

Plans are already underway to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in Long Beach in style. During our Centennial celebration we want to honor that past and the men and women, boys and girls who built it. But we also want to look to the future to the next 100 years. An initial steering committee has identified our theme: *"A Century of Scouting, the Adventure Continues"* and our purpose: to celebrate our history; to connect to alumni and supporters; and to engage the larger community.

We want your input. All celebrations are cause for rallying around a central purpose. We hope you'll become engaged in your district or our council activities. Below is a working org chart. If you see a place where you'd like to help, we'd love to hear from you. Please email Scout Executive John Fullerton at **john.fullerton@scouting.org or call 562-427-0911.**



Welcome Henry Pham

We welcome Henry Pham to the Polaris District and to the Long Beach Area Council.
Henry comes to us as a Scouting professional from Orange County.
Henry's first day was September 1.
Read more about Henry at **longbeachbsa.org/pham**

Cub-BOO-Ree

October 20-22.
This annual favorite is here. Costume contest, trunk or treat, campfire, and more.

This is the premiere camping event for all Cub Scouts, siblings, and family. The perfect campout experience for first-timers and new families just joining.
This weekend event spans two nights and packs in lots of fun.

We provide the activities, you bring your tent, food, and camping supplies. Individual registrations are welcome, but most dens and packs sign up together. Online at **longbeachbsa.org/cubbooree**

Fall Training Classes

Now through November. We have Path to Eagle, Scout Leader Specific, Paddlecraft Safety, BALOO Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and more. See class list online at **longbeachbsa.org/training**

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SEA SCOUT GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 7

Check in 9:30am, shotgun start 10:00am sharp. Proceeds from this 7-Iron Golf Tourney support our Sea Scouting program. Best ball format, play in teams of five. RSVP online at **longbeachbsa.org/seascouts**

MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS

October 6-7. Practice and show off your frontier-style skills. A weekend event at Camp Tahquitz including events such as muzzle loading rifles, archery, tomahawks, caber toss, and colter runs. Online at **longbeachbsa.org/mmr**

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Bag distribution starts Saturday, November 4. Food collection will be the following Saturday, November 11. Locations are specific to each district. Please contact your District Executive at the Scout office to confirm your coverage area. Our collective efforts 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. Online at **longbeachbsa.org/sff**

YOUTH PROTECTION UPDATE

Beginning January 2018, all adults must complete Youth Protection Training every 12 months. This is an update from the current requirements of every 24 months. Beginning now only adult applications with completed YPT Certificate attached will be accepted.

SCOUT SHOP ITEMS

Uniforms, books, patches, socks, merit badges, and pinewood derby cars are all in stock.
Your local Long Beach Scout Shop has what you need. Email your order to *randy.stielger@longbeachbsa.org* and see us online at **longbeachbsa.org/shop**

Roundtable Helpful Resources

Second Thursdays of every month.
Stay informed, meet other Scout leaders, pick up flyers, get the latest news. Hands-on activities provided. We'll help you plan your next month's activities. You don't have to go it alone! Breakout sessions by leader position. Come join us, second Thursdays from 7-8pm. Location: LDS Building 3114 South St. Lakewood 90712.

Ten Commandments Hike

Friday, November 24. Participants walk to ten different places of worship to learn about beliefs and practices concerning the Ten Commandments. The hike is open to all Scouts, both boys and girls, families, and the public. This annual event is always fun and informative, even for younger Scouts. Online at **longbeachbsa.org/tch**

Fees to Increase

Coming this December 1, 2017, the National BSA office registration fees will increase from the current $24 per year to $33 per year for all registered youth and adults. The pro-rated fee will increase from the current $2 per month to $2.75 per month.

This fee increase is important to communicate to you for several reasons.

First, it's worth reminding everyone that this is a National BSA decision and all registration and Boys' Life fees collected go directly to the National organization. **Not one penny of any registration fee – whether $24 or $33 – stays here to support your local programs.** Because we collect the fees, it's a fair assumption that we retain a portion. However, that is not the case.

While camping operations and outside support from the community make up about 80% of our annual $1.8M budget, we rely on parents like you to fully fund our local program through our annual Friends of Scouting Program.

There are a variety of factors that that are taken into consideration for this increase. These include ongoing advances and development in technology, program development, membership development campaigns, and a significant increase in liability insurance costs.

Again, I feel this fee increase is important enough to let all parents know as soon as possible. I also want to clarify that **we do not benefit from any fees collected**. If you could help underscore this with new families joining your unit, this would be a big help to all of us communicating the same message.

Finally, I want to share some additional news: **your Long Beach Area Council ranks #1 of 270 councils** in the country on Charity Navigator, the leading independent nonprofit evaluator ranked the Long Beach Area Council with a score of 99.6 out of 100. Additionally, we are #8 on their Top 10 Organizations Worth Watching – out of the thousands they evaluate!

Sea Base Fall Sailing

September - November.

The Sailing program Sea Base Fall Sailing Season is Saturday's only designed to teach sailing skills, proficiency and theory as well as rules of the road and safety. Part classroom instruction by highly trained staff with mostly on the water coaching while you practice and drill utilizing our fleet of Sabots, Lidos and FJ's. The 10-week season will culminate with a regatta on the 11th week to compete using your new skills! Online at **longbeachbsa.org/seabase/aquatics**

Social Media

Missed an activity? Didn't hear a deadline? Let a scholarship pass? Follow us on our social media channels to stay on top of the latest happenings.

Don't forget your 2017-2018 program calendars. Printed copies available at no cost at the Long Beach Scout Shop. Handy resource for den leaders, unit leaders, and committee chairs.

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IMPORTANT DATES

DON'T FORG

- October 16 – Popcorn orders due
- October 31 – Silver Beaver Nominations due
- November 10 – Charter Renewals 2018 due
- November 30 – District Award Nominations due
- January 13 – Annual FOS Breakfast

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BACK TO SCHOOL ADVENTURES

With the frenzy of getting back to school and Labor Day BBQs, September also ushers in excitement for the upcoming school year. Welcome families into Scouting with a full calendar of activities and helpful resources. Help families experience the benefits of Scouting.

Have you tried asking a neighbor with kids, friends in little league or soccer, or families at your church?

Let's see if together we can grow our Scouting program in greater Long Beach. We have a lot of momentum! Between now and Thanksgiving, let's see how many new families we can invite – how many young lives we can influence with the magic of outdoor adventures.

POPCORN SEASON August - November

Delicious popcorn is back in season… We hope you're ready for yummy (and healthy!) treats. Order forms are in, online sales are ready. Lineup includes favorites like caramel corn, white cheddar cheese, microwave popcorn, and chocolately goodness.

Sell popcorn to earn money for year-round expenses like campouts, activities, advancements, and special celebrations. Your unit keeps 21%-34%.

By selling, you also help our local programs. Your support of this popcorn fundraiser helps your scouts, your unit, and the Long Beach Area Council.

Popcorn from Trail's End also includes prize incentives and scholarship funds for youth. Sell online, set up displays at stores, ask co-workers, ask family and friends.

Popcorn sales are open now! For more information, key dates, and helpful tracking sheets, check out our popcorn webpage at **longbeachbsa.org/popcorn**