**Awards of Merit Class of 2016:**
- Sam McIntosh
- Glenn Draper
- Dana Brown

**Los Fierros District Recipients:**
- Polaris District Recipients: Travis Burks, Aimée McCarty, Dave Simon
- Los Fierros District Recipients: Dana Brown, Glenn Draper, Sam McIntosh

**National Youth Leadership Training**
The most advanced leadership training for youth returns this summer. Co-ed leadership training at Camp Tahquitz the last two weekends of June 2017. Great to list on college applications! More info at longbeachbsa.org/NYLT

**Weebolos Weekend**
August 18-20 at Camp Tahquitz. All current 3rd and 4th graders, incoming Weebolos I and II, are invited to this awesome weekend experience. Sells out every year! Learn more at longbeachbsa.org/www

**Spring Break Aquatics Camp**
April 17-21
Ready for another amazingly-fun week at the Long Beach Sea Base during Spring Break? Sea Base Director Chris Macy has arranged 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.

**Spring Camp-O-Ree**
May 5-7
Hundreds of Boy Scouts and adult leaders will converge for a weekend of non-stop fun, adventure, patrol competitions, and good eats. Theme: Cycle de Mayo. Location: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area off the 605 near the 210 freeway. Flyer and registration are posted on longbeachbsa.org/camporees

**Scout Executive’s Message**
With a successful 2016 in the rearview mirror, we are poised for an even more successful 2017.

From crowning the second annual Long Beach pinewood derby champion to our record Cub 800 Rree campout in October, we have much to be proud of. On top of that, we had 61 young men earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

I’m also proud of our legacy of service to the community. Since January 2010, we have given nearly 500 large-scale projects back to our community. The Boy Scouts are on firm ground as the leading youth organization providing extraordinary service to others. Thanks to Scout families like yours, we provide over 39,000 hours of service and collect over 27,000 pounds of food consistently year after year.

I’m excited to share with you our continuing vision of making a positive impact on every youth in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, Bellflower, Signal Hill, Avon, and surrounding communities.

In 2017, we will continue to reach out to new families to join our adventure. We will provide top-quality programs at both Camp Tahquitz and the Long Beach Sea Base. We will also embark on our public phase of building a state-of-the-art dining hall at Camp Tahquitz to benefit tens of thousands of youth.

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 2017 in Scouting.

John Fullerton
Scout Executive/CEO

**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 2017 will bring out the builders in all Cubbies. From Tiger to Weebolos, Cub Scouts will explore and discover the adventures of Scouting.

Check out 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.

Check out longbeachbsa.org/seabase/camp
**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 the right to wear the famous blue and gold Eagle Scout rank slide, shown by the Eagle emblem on the right. They have earned merit badges in dozens of areas, and they have provided leadership through their service to their fellow Scouts, their families, their schools, their community, and their nation. They have become outstanding leaders and are recognized worldwide as people of outstanding character by universities, their communities, and by industry leaders.

### Spring Sailing Season

Announcing Saturday-only sailing classes 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 to compete using your new skills. Learn more at longbeachbsa.org/seabase/aquatics

### Long Beach Grand Prix

We are looking for Scouts age 16 to honor for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach by assisting those attending the race with information and seating. Adults of all ages also eligible to participate. Receive access to the race, lunch, and more. Dates: Sat. April 8 and/or Sun. April 9 from 9a to 4p. Limited spaces. Class A uniform. Sign up and more info at longbeachbsa.org/grandprix

### Pinewood Derby Championships

The 3rd Annual Championship Race is coming back on Saturday, April 29 at the Lakewood Mall. Last year, Cole M from Pack 206 won the big trophy for fastest car in the council! 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 29. Back for 2017: Outlaw race! Adults, parents, and leaders...this is your chance. Hands off the kids’ cars, you get to build your own! Rules posted online for both races at longbeachbsa.org/derby

### Popcorn Sales a Success!

On January 14th we had 33 star sellers qualify to attend the LA Kings hockey game. Our Scouts participated in opening flag ceremony, Zamboni ride, a group picture on the ice, and more. This experience was first-class and enjoyed by all. Our Council Top Seller was Luke Mikele from Pack 371 who sold $3,880 in popcorn...wow! This year the council sold just over $80,000 in popcorn with units receiving $24,000 in commission to use for their program. We’ll be selling popcorn again this fall from August to November. If you have questions on how you can participate in the 2017 popcorn fundraising, contact Rebekah Havard at rebeakah.havard@scouting.org or 562-427-0911 ext 241.