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: CUBstruction. The selected winning design will receive ONE FREE WEEK of Cub Day Camp 2017. Design requirements, form, and details are posted online. For more info: **longbeachbsa.org/daycamp**

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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.orgNYLT**

Webelos Weekend

August 18-20
at Camp Tahquitz.
All current 3rd and 4th graders, incoming Webelos I and II, are invited to this awesome weekend experience. Sells out every year!

Learn more at **longbeachbsa.org/ww**

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.

Check out **longbeachbsa.org/seabase/camp** for more details.

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**

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LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL — SPRING 2017

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 BOO Ree 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, Avalon, 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

Member Supported

We ask families to support us to cover the true cost of the program. True cost? Yes. What most members of Scouting don't see are the hundreds of thousands of dollars paid annually to have a Scouting program here in the Long Beach area. The true cost of Scouting is more than $560 per Scout per year. Instead of charging that fee to Scouting families, we ask for your voluntary support. Things we all enjoy such as Camp Tahquitz, Sea Base, rank advancement record keeping, newsletters, and webpages are supported by members like you. As a member, would you help fund our annual Scouting program? With your help, we will continue to thrive. See more at **longbeachbsa.org/build**

Camp Cards Build an Adventure

Your trail to summer camp just got a whole lot brighter. The timing is perfect; Scouts sell camp cards in the Spring to earn money for fun summer camp experiences. The 2017 card features over $40 in savings.

- Big 5
- El Pollo Loco
- Ace Hardware
- Carwood Carwash
- McDonalds
- Aquarium of the Pacific
- Go Kart World
- Me & Ed's
- Cassidy's Corner
- Johnny Rebs

Selling for only $5, the cards are a super-easy sell for any Scout. Kickoff Date: March 18. No training necessary, just pick up and start selling! See more info 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 2017 will bring out the builders in all Cubbies. From Tiger to Webelos, Cub Scouts will explore and discover the adventures of Scouting.
Theme: CUBstruction.
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.
See **longbeachbsa.org/seabase/camp**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cub Scout Day Camp
Theme 2017 -- "CUBstruction" is well under way for this year's Day Camp. Day Camp is a weeklong camp for cub scouts ages 6-10 1/2. The camps consist of 5 sessions in a round robin type setup. Some of the sessions could include Science, Woodworking, Sports, Arts and Crafts, and Archery. The times and locations vary amongst the camps but all end by 3:00pm. All day camps are run by volunteers. We are currently forming teams of volunteers so if you're interested please contact Maria or Rebekah at the Scout office for more information. If you volunteer as a key leader, your Scout can come to camp for free! The cost of camp is $140 per week.
We are offering two weeks during Summer 2017:

Week 1: June 26 - 30 at Del Valle Park, Lakewood 9:00am - 3:00pm
Week 2: July 10 - 14 at St. Maria Goretti, Long Beach 8:00am - 3:00pm

Spring Training Classes
February 18 – University of Scouting
March 11 – Leader Specific
March 18 – Commissioner College
April 7-9 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
April 22 – BALOO Training
May 6 – Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training
May 13 – Trainer's EDGE
June 10 – Aquatics Supervision: Swimming & Water Rescue

Scout O Rama – Saturday, June 3
The biggest local Scouting event of the year is coming to Long Beach on Saturday, June 3. More than 2,000 people will enjoy a family fun day. Location to be announced soon.

This large community event is put on for boys and girls of all ages. Scouting units like yours set up booth featuring games, activities, and fun experiences. Note: the 2017 theme will be "Build an Adventure".

Food vendors and community groups will be on site as well. Be sure to start your planning today! Also, check **longbeachbsa.org/sor** to see the Risk Management Guide. Hours: 9am-2pm.

2016-17 Tribe of Tahquitz Officers

Chief – Ben Steidl
Little Chief – Ryan Mace
Medicine Man – Clark Moore
Mountain Man – Talon Stradley
Keeper of the Tally – Ethan Horvath

2016-17 OA Officers

Chief - Jose Ibarra
Vice-Chief - Dylan Kennelly
Secretary - Collin Hadley
Treasurer - Austin Law

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 form an Honor Patrol 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 andmore info at **longbeachbsa.org/grandprix**

Family Camp at Tahquitz – May 26-29

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**

61 Eagle Scouts in 2016

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
Noah Dyo	Troop 212	Keith Anderson	Troop 303	James Benedict	Troop 74
Jason Millett	Troop 126	Anthony Gath	Troop 224	Nolan Bruesehoff	Troop 75
Ian Nielsen	Troop 65	Noah Lovold	Troop 224	Danyael Rios	Troop 29
Nicolas Robledo	Troop 75	Parker Manley	Crew 188	Michael Sullivan	Troop 117
Jeremiah Russell	Troop 170	Adam Mun	Troop 111	Nicholas Trainotti	Troop 75
James Wiseman	Troop 126	Curtis Tafua	Crew 148	Adam Turley	Troop 212
Elimelech Allison	Troop 613	Matthew Bustamante	Troop 75	Sebastian Alcala	Troop 371
Rogelio Cabrera	Troop 1776	Nicholas Carlson	Troop 65	Jeremy Huff	Troop 65
Alexander Derrick	Troop 74	David Cormack	Troop 75	Samuel La Costa	Troop 242
Harrison Gray	Troop 29	Collin Hadley	Troop 303	Harrison McCorkle	Troop 120
Alexander Hamagishi	Troop 212	Ryan Hausback	Troop 14	James Motamed	Troop 14
Nolan Poole	Troop 14	Evan Karadayi	Troop 134	Floyd Bell	Troop 303
Avery Avina	Troop 120	Evan Oscarson	Troop 21	Bryce Hatch	Troop 14
Alexander Imbery	Troop 29	Trent Smith	Troop 140	Andy Lam	Troop 212
Omar Salas Lepe	Troop 303	Dominic Gawel	Troop 212	George Rangel	Troop 371
Aaron Wise	Troop 303	Quaid Kawana	Troop 65	Jacob Fineanganofo	Crew 72
Michaelson Brimley	Team 156	Carter Low	Crew 188	Tim Chrea	Troop 12
Steven Flores	Troop 120	Aidan McGuiness	Troop 67	Nicholas Derrick	Troop 74
Francisco Magana	Crew 247	Shawn Sandburg	Troop 303	Lawrence Gregg	Troop 74
Jake Moritz	Crew 117	Jacob Sobol	Troop 14	Dean Yacoubian	Troop 65
Jared Norris	Troop 613				

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 yourchance. 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 Mielke 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 rebekah.havard@scouting.org or 562-427-0911 ext 241.