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LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL — SPRING 2018

Scout Executive's Message

It's a wrap for the 2017 Scouting adventure! Now, it's time to aim high for 2018.

Long Beach Area Scouts received unwavering support this last year, from numerous donors, members, and alumni. Among the myriad of recognitions due, we are proud to have added the Maui Diamond to our Sea Scout fleet. Impressively, we also received high honors from Charity Navigator, the nation's premiere non-profit evaluator. We achieved a 'Top 8' rank in the USA. I am also proud to report that we had record turnout of participants in many council activities.

Furthering our legacy, Scouts provided unparalleled service to Long Beach communities. Cumulatively, 39,980 hours of community service have been recorded from various projects, and a whopping 27,787 pounds of food were collected through Scouting for Food! These two figures demonstrate the 'above and beyond' character of you, our Scouts and Scouting families.

A message to the Scouts: it is because of your hard work and dedication that has helped us to ascend to such great heights. And to the Scout families, your support is the wind in our sails. With our combined efforts, we will continue to grow, realize the mission of Scouting, and keep having a blast while we do so!

As we hit the ground running, always remember to keep growing our membership. With the inducting of new Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, more exciting program advancements will arise. Our Scouting community is going strong, let's make it even better!

Thank you for your continuing involvement and accomplishments. As we celebrate the 99th year since our founding, let's strive for the best year in Long Beach Scouting yet! PS - our centennial is just around the corner. Stay Tuned...

In Scouting,

John Fullerton
Scout Executive/CEO

Did You Know?

We offer career-oriented life skill programs focused on high-demand fields for young men and women ages 11-21*:

- Search & Rescue
- Aviation
- Animal Care
- Law Enforcement
- Auto Repair
- Reserve Enlisted Training Corps.
- Customs & Border Patrol

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*must have completed 5th grade

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 2018 card will feature $40 in immediate savings from Albertsons, Vons, Dick's Sporting Goods, Big 5, El Pollo Loco, McDonalds, Johnny Rebs, Carwood Carwash, and Aquarium of the Pacific! Selling for only $5, the cards are a super-easy sell for any Scout. (Vendors subject to change.)

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. In addition to lasting memories of summer camp, your Scout can learn self-confidence, overcome shyness, and improve interpersonal communication skills.

Kickoff Date: March 3rd.
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 100-foot pedestrian bridge will have you wanting to stay an extra week!
Check out longbeachbsa.org/tahquitz

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 Aquatics Center 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 2018 -- **"Passport to Adventure!"** 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 Henry or Liz at the Scout office for more information.

We are offering tthree weeks during Summer 2018:

Week 1: TBD -- Week 2: TBD -- Week 3: TBD

More info at **longbeachbsa.org/daycamp**

Spring Training Classes

February 3 – Red Cross CPR & First Aid Training (at LBAC Office)
February 10 – Climbing Training
March 2-4 – Seabadge Training
March 10 – Leader Specific Training
April 21 – Outdoor Leader Specific Training
April 21 – Commissioner Basic Training
May 5 – Trainer's EDGE
May 19 – Red Cross CPR & First Aid Training (at LBAC Office)
June 9 – BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming & Water Rescue

Scout O Rama – Saturday, June 2

Our biggest annual Long Beach-local Scouting event is coming around the bend on the first Saturday in June! Thousands of folks will turn out to enjoy a fun-filled day for the whole family!

This large-scale 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. Note: the 2018 theme is 'Passport to Adventure'. The website will be updated with more information when it becomes available.

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.

2017-18 Tribe of Tahquitz Officers

Chief – Derek A. Delp
Little Chief – Talon M. Stradley
Medicine Man – Josh E. Banfiled
Mountain Man – Kevin J. Fremgen
Keeper of the Tally – Logan N. Delp

2017-18 OA Officers

Chief - Wyatt Griggs
Vice-Chief - Anthony Moreno
Secretary - Noah Matus
Treasurer - Timothy Wittenberg

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

Start your engines! The Council is seeking Scouts 16+ to form an 'Honor Patrol' for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach to help with ushering duties (seating and providing info). Adults are also eligible to participate. For assisting, you will receive full access to the race, lunch, and more! Dates: Sat. April 14th and/or Sun. April 15th 9AM – 4PM Class-A uniform

Applications and more information at **longbeachbsa.org/grandprix**

68 Eagle Scouts in 2017

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
Nathan Mazzone	Troop 120	Michael Pastrana	Troop 66	Noah Avina	Troop 120
Davin Medina	Troop 30	Christopher Talag	Troop 134	Alex Dunn	Troop 14
Joshua Moon	Troop 111	Andrew Aubertin	Troop 224	Eugene Lee	Troop 111
Alberto Rodriguez	Troop 371	Grayson Galisky	Troop 212	Aaron Martinez	Troop 65
Mark Dinsdale	Troop 120	Sergio Gonzalez	Troop 170	Adam Miller	Troop 29
Neil Finley	Troop 105	Clayton Takamiyashiro	Troop 247	Ryan Roberts	Troop 212
Basil Guerra	Crew 550	Patrick Tucker	Troop 105	Dominic Vargas	Troop 224
Joseph Swift	Troop 212	Vaa Faaloto	Troop 248	Henry Anderson	Troop 14
Brendon Wait	Troop 134	Karsten Hochschild	Troop 65	Raymond Espinoza	Troop 371
Seth Whelchel	Troop 14	Jared Klingsporn	Troop 65	Shaun Ward	Troop 20
Cody Williams	Troop 212	Noah Matus	Troop 67	Troy Lee	Troop 111
Frederick Bremer Balestracci	Troop 212	Wilson Pacheco	Troop 212	Alejandro Cordova	Troop 72
James Cabral	Troop 134	Justin Pedraja	Troop 134	Alexander Bassett	Troop 75
Ethan Cousins	Troop 75	Max Anderson	Crew 181	Avery Byrne	Troop 14
Emilio Flores	Troop 1776	Steven Cauley	Troop 126	Malin Hiles	Troop 105
Tanner Frost	Troop 120	Cameron Kritzer	Troop 65	Ihab Hosn	Troop 67
Maxwell Garland	Troop 12	Joseph Alfaro	Troop 224	Dylan Kennelly	Troop 67
Jacob Ishikawa	Troop 134	Daniel Burns	Troop 156	Anthony Moreno	Troop 67
Benjamin James	Troop 170	Tyler Lansdell	Troop 126	Thomas Robinett	Troop 14
Alfredo Lopez	Troop 29	Benjamin Masick	Crew 550	Benedict Sy	Troop 67
Joseph Murtaugh	Ship 550	Sapati (Brian) Mose	Troop 42	Patrick Sy	Troop 67
Matthew Nagata	Troop 224	Sebastian Rosso	Troop 120	Ryan Taylor	Troop 105
Spencer Nelson	Crew 247	Austin Tyler	Troop 224		

Pinewood Derby Championships

The 4th Annual Championship Race is coming back on Saturday, April 28th at the Lakewood Mall from 8:00am-3:00pm. For the second year running, the 2017 Champion was Cole M. from Pack 206!

How can you participate? Hold a pinewood derby race in your own Pack before March 29th, 2018. Send us the names of the top three (3) cars in your Pack (regardless of Den), wait for race-day invitations for the top two (2) in each pack, and show up on April 28th.

Family Camp at Tahquitz – May 25-28

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, family, and friends to camp at our very o 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**

The Poseidon Program

The Poseidon Sea Scout training ship (crewed by Ship 501) is ready to set sail! With a lowered entry age of 13, this new co-education Scouting opportunity is open to both Scouts and non scouts (Explorers & LFL) and is offered 3 times per year! The first step to joining is to attend the first Poseidon Spring Information Session on March 25th, 2018.

For more information, contact **Jeanne Draper at (562)-531-3734 or Jeannedtrps@yahoo.com.**

Matching Gifts

Parents, your employer can help our local Scouting programs. 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, and no payroll deduction.

WELCOME, LIZ HERNANDEZ

Our new Los Fierros Senior District Executive comes to us with many years of experience in the Western Los Angeles County Council. Liz hopes to bring "more man-power" to the district in the form of membership and volunteers to strengthen our local program.

Read more at
longbeachbsa.org/hernandez

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Polaris District Recipients:
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Erik Zandvliet

Los Fierros District Recipients:
Al Butler
Melissa Ray
Jackie Taylor

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 2018. Great to list on college applications!

More info at **longbeachbsa.org/NYLT**

Webelos Weekend

August 17-19
at Camp Tahquitz.
All incoming 4th and 5th 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 2-6

Ready for another amazingly-fun Spring Break?
Sea Base Director Chris Macy has arranged for a week-long day camp during Spring Break for Scouts to enjoy at the Sea Base. It's 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

April 27-29

Come join us for Mirth, Merriment and Troop-led fun at this year's Long Beach Spring Camporee!
Theme: We Put the Outing in Scouting.
Location: Camp Tahquitz
Flyer and registration are posted on
longbeachbsa.org/camporee