



Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America

Orange Frontier District

August 2017

August

- 10 Roundtable @ 4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 14 Fall Recruitment Road Show South County
- 17 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 19 Popcorn Kick-Off
- 19 Weekend of Faith Retreat, Br of St Patrick, Midway City
- 24 OFD Commissioner Meeting
- 25 - 27 OA Pow Wow @ SSRLV

September

- 1-3 Labor Day Family Camp @SSRLV
- 4 Council Office Closed - Labor Day
- 8 - 10 Fall Wood Badge Weekend #1 @IROEC
- 9 Charter Representative Training
- 14 Roundtable @ 4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 15 - 17 OA Conclave @ IROEC
- 16 Popcorn Distribution
- 21 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 22 Silver Beaver Nomination DUE
- 22-23 Basic Backpacking Training-Classroom Session
- 23 - 25 Fall Wood Badge Weekend #2 @IROEC
- 24 Basic Backpacking Training-Day Hike
- 28 OFD Commissioner Meeting
- 29-Oct-01 OA Fall Ordeal @ Oso Lake
- 30 Basic Backpacking Training-Day Hike

October

- 12 Roundtable @ 4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 13 - 15 OFD Camporall @ El Dorado Park East
- 13 - 15 Halloween Family Camp @ Oso Lake
- 19 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 21 Jamboree on the Air (JOTA/JOTI)

October

- 21 University of Scouting
- 21 Commissioner College
- 26 OFD Commissioner Meeting

November

- 4 Scouting for Food
- 9 Roundtable @ 4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 11 Popcorn Distribution
- 16 OA Santee Chapter Banquet
- 20-24 Council Office Closed

December

- 6 OFD Committee Meeting
- 13-17 Holiday Boat Parade @ Newport Sea Base
- 14 Roundtable @ 4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 14 Charter Turn in @ Roundtable
- 21 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 22 Council Office Closed
- 24 Council Office Closed

January

- 3 OFD Committee Meeting
- 6 OA Wiatava Lodge Banquet
- 11 Roundtable @ 4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 18 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 25 OFD Commissioner Meeting

February

- 2 Silver Beaver Recognition Dinner @ Great Wolf Lodge
- 7 OFD Committee Meeting
- 8 Roundtable @ 4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 8 BSA 108th Anniversary
- 15 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 22 OFD Commissioner Meeting

District Chair's Corner



In July my wife and I had the terrific experience to go to the National Jamboree at the impressive Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia. It was so exciting to be with more than 40,000 scouts and adult leaders so dedicated to the scouting movement.

We had the special privilege to be with a contingency of major donors to the 'BSR' such as current Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson; part owner of the Seattle Mariners and former national president of the BSA, Wayne Perry; Chairman of the Board of the Marriott Corporation, the largest hotel chain in the world, Bill Marriott; among other

business and community leaders. Those leaders have led by example in their philanthropy to see that the BSA continues to build character and leadership in youth across the world.

We express our gratitude and commend all of the youth and the adult volunteers serving in the Orange Frontier District for all of your tremendous efforts in seeing that our community is strengthened through scouting.

Support Scouting and help develop our future leaders.

Yours in Scouting,

Rick Nitta

Orange Frontier District Committee Chair



Who Can Help Me?

Have you had a need as a scouter and not been sure who to turn to first? Maybe this will help:

As a **scouting parent**, you should;

1. Contact your unit leadership,
2. Contact your Charter Organization Representative (CoR)
3. Contact your Unit Commissioner or district commissioner
4. Contact your DE's, the nature of your concern would determine which DE you would need to consult.

As a **unit leader**, you should;

1. Contact your Charter Organization Representative (CoR)
2. Contact your Unit Commissioner or district commissioner
3. Contact your DE's, the nature of your concern would determine which DE you would need to consult.

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Breaking News - August

New Eagle Palms Rules:

Eagle Palms are bronze, gold and silver awards presented to young men who earn five, 10, 15 or more merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout.

BSA announced significant changes to the way Scouts earn Eagle Palms that took effect Aug. 1, 2017.

The changes bring Eagle Palm requirements in line with the needs of older Scouts. The National Boy Scouting Subcommittee has eliminated unnecessary obstacles, such as the Eagle Palm board of review, and expanded the definition of active participation.

But the biggest change affects young men who haven't yet earned Eagle. Effective Aug. 1, all earned Palms may be awarded instantly to new Eagle Scouts at their Eagle court of honor. This abolishes the wait of months or years for these young men to receive all Palms available to them.

What's changing?

1. **A new Eagle Scout can instantly receive, alongside his Eagle medal, all Eagle Palms he has earned for merit badges completed before he became an Eagle Scout.** These Palms recognize additional merit badges earned before completing the Eagle board of review. Previously, an Eagle Scout needed to wait three months between each Palm — even if he earned the extra merit badges before becoming an Eagle. This meant that, under the old rules, a young man who became an Eagle Scout at 17 years and 10 months, was mathematically unable to earn any Eagle Palms.
 - **Example:** Glenn, a 16-year-old Life Scout, has 36 merit badges at the time of his Eagle Scout board of review — 15 more than required. Previously, he would've needed to wait three months after his Eagle board of review to receive his Bronze Palm, another three months for his Gold Palm and another three for his Silver Palm. Under the new rules, he can get that Silver Palm (representing 15 additional merit badges) along with his Eagle medal at his Eagle Scout court of honor. No wait required.
 - **Note:** After becoming an Eagle Scout and receiving the Palms already earned, additional Palms may be earned by completing the revised requirements, including the three months tenure between awarding each Palm.
2. **The three-month tenure requirement has been expanded** to allow active participation in any BSA program — not just the troop and patrol.
 - This recognizes that as some Scouts get older, their Scouting participation shifts to the Order of the Arrow, summer camp staff or elsewhere.
3. **The leadership requirement has been broadened** to include "accepting responsibility" as well as "demonstrating leadership."



4. **The Eagle Palm board of review has been eliminated.**

- Eagle Palms are not ranks, so the Eagle Palm board of review was seen as an unnecessary step. A unit leader conference is deemed to be sufficient and may be conducted at any time during the tenure requirement.

Eagle Palms: the official requirements (effective Aug. 1, 2017)

After successfully completing your Eagle Scout board of review and being validated as an Eagle Scout by the National Service Center, you will be entitled to receive an Eagle Palm for each additional 5 merit badges you have completed before your Eagle Scout board of review. For these Palms only, it will not be necessary for you to complete any of the requirements stated below.

After becoming an Eagle Scout, you may earn additional Palms by completing the following requirements.

1. Be active in the Boy Scouts of America for at least three months after becoming an Eagle Scout or after the last Palm was earned. **
2. Since earning the Eagle Scout rank or your last Eagle Palm, demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Tell how you have done your duty to God and how you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Continue to set a satisfactory example of accepting responsibility or demonstrating leadership ability.
4. Earn five additional merit badges beyond those required for Eagle or last Palm. ***
5. While an Eagle Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster conference. *

Notes

*For Varsity Scouts working on Boy Scout requirements, replace "Scoutmaster" with "Varsity Scout Coach."

For Venturers working on Boy Scout requirements, replace "Scoutmaster" with "crew Advisor."

For Sea Scouts working on Boy Scout requirements, replace "Scoutmaster" with "Skipper."

**Eagle Palms must be earned in sequence, and

the three-month tenure requirement must be observed for each Palm.

***Merit badges earned any time since becoming a Boy Scout may be used to meet this requirement.

Eagle Scouts Scholarships Applications

College isn't cheap, but for more than 150 worthy Eagle Scouts, it's about to get a lot more affordable.

The National Eagle Scout Association will award nearly \$700,000 in scholarships to Eagle Scouts based on their academic performance, Scouting background, college plans and financial need.

The window for application is from **Aug. 1, 2017 - Oct. 31, 2017**. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail on July 15, 2018, and money will be disbursed to these deserving Eagle Scouts in fall 2018.

The scholarships are highly competitive. Less than 3 percent of the 5,000 expected applicants will receive a scholarship.

But if you are an Eagle Scout between your senior year of high school and junior year of college, you'll want to apply and give yourself a chance at earning some cash for college.

For the **2017-2018** - NESA plans to award at least 150 scholarships with amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000 per recipient.

Applications must be submitted <http://nesa.org/scholarships.html>.

Read on for more details & requirements: http://nesa.org/2017_scholarships.html. Consult http://nesa.org/scholarship_faq.html if you still have questions.

Silver Beaver Nomination

Council is now accepting all Silver Beaver Nomination from NOW thru 3:00 pm, Sept. 22nd.

The Silver Beaver Award is the council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of



America. It is the highest honor a local council can bestow upon a registered adult leader. The award is intended to acknowledge noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of the local Council.

It is considered the highest award a Boy Scout Council can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter. The Silver Beaver Award is given to individuals who, through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service, have evidenced exceptional service to the BSA, service of exceptional character to non-Scouting youth, and service or standing within the community.

The Orange County Council presents Silver Beaver Awards annually at the Annual Recognition Dinner. Scheduled for **Friday, February 2nd, 2018 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove.**

New application form is available at the Orange Frontier District website.

For questions or more information, please contact your **District Executive** or **Julie Anderson at 714-546-4990 x105 or juliea@ocbsa.org**

Scouting for Food Patch Design Contest & Signup

Would you like to see your scout's artwork on this year's Scouting for Food patch? All submissions due by 11:59 pm on Friday, 9/1. Artwork must be on 3"x3" circle of square. See SFF Patch Design flyer for more details (also posted @ OFD website).

Signup for neighborhood collection (landrush), school/church collection and/or store front collection will be available at September Roundtable.

BSA National Jamboree 2017

The 2017 National Scout Jamboree was held by the Boy Scouts of America, from July 19, 2017 to July 28, 2017. It was the second National Scout Jamboree held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The theme of the



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2017 Jamboree was "Live Scouting's Adventure".



Scouts and Scouters came from all 50 states and from 59 countries for 10 days of fun and adventure. They camped out near picturesque lakes in the misty mountains of West Virginia, and went whitewater rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, bouldering, mountain biking, skateboarding, BMX riding, shooting guns and bows, zip lining, and ATV riding. Besides the many adventures, the Scouts learned new skills and made many new and lasting friendships. They completed over 200 community service projects that totaled over 100,000 hours of community service.

The Scouts earned badges, traded patches and took home many fond memories of Scouting at its best. The 2017 National Jamboree showcased and furthered the Scouting mission by combining adventure and leadership development to give youth life-changing experiences.

At the 2017 National Jamboree, President Donald J. Trump became the eighth president of the United States to visit a National Scout Jamboree. He addressed a crowd of up to 40,000 Scouts, Scouters, staff, and volunteers stating that Scouts are shaping the future of America.

The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve will host the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019 as well as the 21st BSA National Scout Jamboree in 2021.



Rick and Tom @ the Game Design MB Booth at 2017 National Jamboree.



Fall Recruitment Attend Helpful Road Shows

For more information contact Alvin Phan at 714-546-8558x183 or at alvinp@ocbsa.org.



You are invited to attend the all new Fall Recruitment Roadshows for 2017. Each of the 3 Road Shows will be loaded with tips, tools, resources and marketing ideas to help you get your Pack ready for Fall Recruitment. Invite all of your Pack Leaders to attend and help increase your Pack's success in recruiting new Cub Scouts this Fall. Please register for one of the following Road Shows:

- ~~Tuesday, Jul 25th, North County~~ - Hardin Buick/GMC Dealership in Anaheim 1321 Auto Center Dr. Anaheim, 92806
- ~~Monday, Jul 31st, Central County~~ - Council Office - WLHCS in Santa Ana 1211 E. Dyer Rd. Santa Ana, 92705
- **Monday, Aug 14th: South County** - Norman P. Murray Center in Mission Viejo 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, 92692

Please note each Road Show begins at 6:00 PM. For more information contact Alvin Phan at 714-546-8558x183 or alvinp@ocbsa.org.

Fall Recruitment Tips Get Your Pack Ready



Now is the time to be thinking about recruiting new Scouts for your Pack. There are several easy steps that you can follow to have a successful Recruitment. They include the following:

- Select a Pack Recruitment Coordinator.
- Prepare a Pack flier and calendar.
- Attend Recruitment Training.
- Schedule Recruitment Night with your school.
- Schedule walk thru the day before Recruitment Night
- Hang posters and banners the week before Recruitment Night.
- Distribute fliers a couple days before Recruitment Night.
- Get your volunteers lined up to help.
- Conduct walk thru the day before Recruitment Night.
- Hold Recruitment Night.
- Collect paperwork and fees.
- Turn in applications and fees.

The Buddy System



The buddy system is an important part of Scouting that provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two. Individual Scouts are required to find a buddy when they are participating in Scout functions.

Each boy will be participating in many different activities, events and outings throughout his Scouting career. The Guide to Safe Scouting refers to the use of the buddy system for camping, winter activities, cycling, rock climbing, caving, swimming, snorkeling and other water activities such as boating, canoeing, kayaking and rafting. It is also important to remember to use the buddy system when you are leaving your group for any reason whether it is to go to a car, take a walk, go to the men's room or visit the Trading Post to buy candy.

Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Arrow of Light Scouts and siblings should use the buddy system anywhere outside their campsite. Always go in pairs under the direct supervision of an adult. Tell other adults in campsite when you are leaving and when you return.

Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts should take a buddy with them when they leave their group. They should notify Adult Leaders present of their whereabouts and upon return they should notify the Adult Leader.

The Buddy System is a way for Scouts to look out for one another, especially during outdoor adventures. You are assigned a buddy. You keep track of what your buddy is up to, and he knows at all times where you are and how you are doing.



2017 Campaign



In the first few months of the year, the Orange County Council conducts the annual giving campaign: Friends of Scouting. This is an opportunity to show your financial support to Scouting. You will probably see a speaker at one of your meetings soon to talk about Friends of Scouting and ask for your support. Please consider a gift at that time. While your unit probably does fundraisers to help your programs, the Council also needs your support to continue to offer the programs that supplement your units programs. It costs Orange County Council about \$300 a year for every Scout in the program. This means that Scouts have the opportunity to attend programs at the Newport Beach Sea Base, Oso Lake, Lost Valley and the Outdoor Education Center. Adult Leaders have excellent training opportunities, professional support, and resources. Friends of Scouting also helps to support less fortunate youth through scholarship programs. Your gift to the campaign is priceless when you think about the life or lives your support will be touching. Consider the opportunities your son has had, and give a gift that will ensure those opportunities for him and hopefully for other youth as well in the future. Thank you for your support.



BSA Eliminates Tour Plans Effective April 1, 2017



Effective April 1, 2017 Boy Scouts of America has eliminated the Tour and Activity Plan filing requirement. The Scouting program itself has not changed and Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews still have to plan their outings and activities consistent with BSA policies. The elimination of the Tour and Activity Plan does not eliminate the need to follow the Guide to Safe Scouting, required trainings, and planning and preparation for each scheduled activity. The new *Risk Management Checklist for Program Planning* has been developed to aid Units in program planning. This resource is available on line at www.ocbsa.org.

National Summertime Pack Award Program

Cub Scouting is a year round program, and it is the responsibility of every Cub Scout Pack to ensure quality program even during the summer months. During the summer months Cub Scouts and their families can participate in Scouting activities that are educational and fun. A full summer Pack program also keeps parents involved and provides for a strong Pack. Participating in Summertime activities also gives the Cub Scouts, their Den and the Pack the opportunity to earn the **National Summertime Pack Award**.



To qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award all the Pack has to do is plan and conduct a monthly Pack activity in June, July and August. Popular summertime activities include visiting parks, zoos, amusement parks, museums, historical sites and local governmental offices. Also remember that beach outings, fishing, hiking, baseball games, train rides, picnics and cookouts are also fun activities.

Recognition for participating in the National Summertime Award program includes:

- Each Scout who takes part in three monthly activities will receive a pin.
- Each Den that has 50% or more Scouts participating in three monthly activities will earn a Den ribbon.
- Each participating Pack will receive an attractive streamer for the Pack flag and a certificate of achievement.

Awards can be applied for immediately after the August activity has been completed. Fill out an application and submit it to the Council Office. Plan your summer activities now.



Jamboree on the Air



Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is being held October 20-22 and is an annual event in which about 1,000,000 Scouts operating from over 11,000 stations from all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting.

Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in new pen pals and links between Scout Troops that have lasted for many years. To participate in JOTA Scouts first need to contact a properly licensed amateur radio operator for help in getting on the right frequencies. All radio operators must operate their stations strictly in accordance with national licensing regulations.

To initiate a contact the station operators call out "CQ Jamboree" or answer another Scout station making a similar call. It is recommended that stations use the agreed upon World Scout frequencies such as:

- K2BSA** Boy Scouts of America, Dallas, TX
- JA1YSS** Boy Scout of Japan, Tokyo, Japan
- GB2GP** Gilwell Park, London, United Kingdom
- HB9S** World Scout Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland
- XE1ASM** Boy Scouts of Mexico

Also during the same October 20-22 weekend Scouts will be able to participate in the World Scout Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI). Most of the communication will take place via e-mail and in a chat network called the Internet Relay Chat (IRC). For more information on how to participate in JOTI access www.scout.org/joti.

University of Scouting October 21, 2017



The University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Santiago Canyon College, 8045 E. Chapman, Orange, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. At this conference, Scout Leaders will have the opportunity to become educated by the best trainers in Orange County

Council. Many classes will be offered covering Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing programs. There will also be a large number of general interest classes. The purpose of the University of Scouting is to produce better educated Scout Leaders, so we can deliver the promise of Scouting to our youth. Cost for the University of Scouting is a modest \$18. More information can be found on the Orange County Council website at www.ocbsa.org.

Commissioner College



The next Commissioner College will be offered on Saturday, October 21, 2016 at Santiago Canyon College, 8045 E. Chapman, Orange. Registration will begin at 7:30 am and classes will conclude at 12:30 pm. There is a \$5.00 registration fee payable at the door. Commissioner College is open to all interested Scouters as well as current Commissioners. Contact Mike Dougherty at 714-996- 8342 or ocbsa_college@roadrunner.com for more information.

Spotlight your Unit



We encourage all Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews to send in articles about your events and activities, including promotions, awards, ceremonies and other accomplishments. Please send your articles and pictures to the OFD Newsletter Editor, Marcie Lui, at OFDNL@att.net

Scouting For Food 2017 Collection Day is Saturday Nov 4



Scouting for Food is a service project sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America Orange County Council and the Girl Scout Council of Orange County. Food items may be collected at any time during Scouting for Food Week, October 29 - November 4. All food must be delivered to OFD drop off site - **LDS Church (4000 W. Orange, Anaheim) on Saturday, November 4 between 9:00 am and**

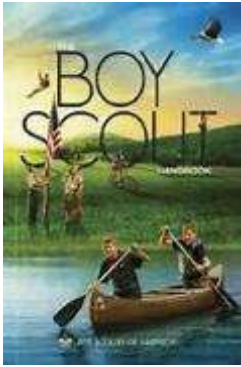
3:00 pm. Food donations will support the charitable efforts of Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.

Orange County Council **collected 57,821 lbs. of food for the 2016 drive. Orange Frontier District Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts collected 10,636 lbs. of food for that drive!** OFD is one of 12 collection sites....**That is over 18% of the total collected. Way to go – OFD scouts!!!!**

Changes In Advancement

Be prepared and know the 13 biggest changes to advancement for Cub and Boy Scouts. Here is a link to download the new guide: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/23/2015-guide-to-advancement-out-now-here-are-13-of-the-biggest-changes/>

What is changing in Boy Scouting? The Scout Spirit requirement for each rank starting with Tenderfoot is expanding to have the Scout describe how he has done his duty to God. (The new requirements will be released at the National Annual Meeting in May.)



When will the new Boy Scout requirements take effect? Jan. 1, 2016. Find more information about the transition plan and requirements at scouting.org/programupdates.

How can I evaluate a Scout for duty to God, especially if he and I have different beliefs? Consider asking him how his family or faith group defines duty to God and how he is living up to that definition. Remember that the focus is on the Scout's understanding of duty to God, not the leader's. Also, keep in mind that duty to God will be only one part of the Scout Spirit requirement.

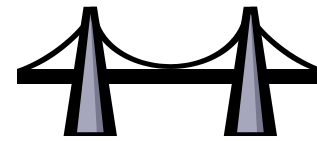
Do boys have to earn the religious emblem for their faith? No. Not every youth is a member of a faith group, and not all faith groups offer religious emblems. Earning one is not a requirement.

As the BSA's Declaration of Religious Principle states, "The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen

without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life."

Please contact the advancement team via email if you have questions: advancement@orangefrontier.org

Arrow of Light Transition to Boy Scout Questions You Should Ask



The world of Boy Scouting is packed with fun and excitement with activities like camping, hiking, backpacking, swimming, canoeing, sailing, fishing, archery, shotgun shooting, rock climbing and much, much more. It should be the goal of every Cubmaster, Arrow of Light Den Leader and Parent to graduate every Arrow of Light Scout into a Boy Scout Troop. The best way to learn about the local Troops is to visit them and see how they operate. Here is a list of questions you can ask when you visit.

1. Where and when do you meet?
2. How big is your Troop?
3. Is there a published Troop roster?
4. Who is in your Troop (any friends)?
5. Is there a published Troop calendar?
6. What kind of outings (backpacking, hiking, car camping, etc.) do you go on?
7. How often do you go on outings?
8. Where and when are you going to summer camp?
9. Do you have a Troop meeting program?
10. Is the Troop run by youth or adults?
11. Is there good Scout skills instruction for new Scouts?
12. Is the Patrol method used?
13. How are Patrols organized?
14. Is there strong Patrol activity?
15. How many adult leaders are there?
16. Are the adult and youth leaders trained?
17. Is there a Troop newsletter?
18. What are the dues?
19. What is the Troop uniform?



20. What is the advancement record of the Troop?

After your visit ask yourself, *Did I feel welcome?*

After your visit ask your son, *How do you feel about this Troop?*

For more information on local Boy Scout Troops contact Alvin Phan at 714-546-8558 x183 or e-mail alvinp@ocbsa.org .

BSA Adopt-a-School



The BSA® Adopt-a-School Program offers volunteer services that meet the school's needs. The Adopt-a-School program is an exciting and comprehensive undertaking that will connect Scout packs, troops and crews across the country with schools in their communities. Participating Scouts then work, within clearly defined guidelines, to partner with school administrations and offer the volunteer services that most efficiently meet their school's needs. With each unit offering their school a minimum one-year commitment, meaningful community relationships are built and significant changes will happen in the schools.

The hope at the heart of Adopt-a-School is to build strong, sustaining relationships with these schools... creating thousands of lasting community partnerships across the U.S. Through committed volunteer efforts – from landscaping and clean-up outside the school building to Scouts' active participation in school events throughout the year – the BSA® will become a defined presence in improving our nation's schools.

The program is open to Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews.

Please use the following link to find more information and signup: www.bsaadoptaschool.org

15-Passenger Van Usage Policy Change

Effective September 1, 2015, the use of 15-passenger vans manufactured before



2005 will no longer be allowed in connection with Scouting programs and activities. Fully loaded 15-passenger vans, like the ones you might use to haul a bunch of Scouts to camp, can be more dangerous than you might think. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration says 15-passenger vans with 10 or more occupants are three times more likely to roll over than ones carrying fewer than five passengers.

Any 2005 or later 15-passenger vans may be used if equipped with Electronic Stability Control and seat belts for all passengers including the driver. This applies to all vehicles, regardless of ownership. For more information, please refer to [the Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety

As an aid to protect participants in Scout activities, the BSA National Health & Safety Committee and the Council Services Division of the BSA National Council have developed the "Sweet Sixteen" of BSA safety procedures for physical activity. These 16 points are summarized as follows:

1. QUALIFIED SUPERVISION - Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced and skilled in the activity to be confident of his/her ability to lead and to teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Field knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policy and procedures are essential parts of the supervisor's qualifications.

2. PHYSICAL FITNESS - For youth participants in any potentially strenuous activity, the supervisor should receive a complete health history from a health care professional, parent or guardian. Adult participants and youth involved in higher-risk activity (e.g., scuba) may require professional evaluation in addition to the health history. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions. Neither youth nor adults should participate in an activity for which they are unfit. To do so would place both the individual and others at risk.



3. BUDDY SYSTEM - The long history of the "buddy system" in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times as to your circumstances and what you are doing in any outdoor or strenuous activity.

4. SAFE AREA OR COURSE - A key part of the supervisor's responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

5. EQUIPMENT SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE - Most activity requires some specialized equipment. The equipment should be selected to suit the participant and the activity and to include appropriate safety and program features. The supervisor should also check equipment to determine that it is in good condition for the activity and is properly maintained while in use.

6. PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT - The supervisor must ensure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment. For example, activity afloat requires a PFD properly worn by each participant; bikers, horseback riders, and whitewater kayakers need helmets for certain activity; skaters may need protective gear; and all need to be dressed for warmth and utility depending on the circumstances.

7. SAFETY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES - For most activities there are common sense procedures and standards that can greatly reduce the risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must ensure compliance.

8. SKILL LEVEL LIMITS - There is a minimum skill level requirement for every activity, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this minimum skill level and be sure that none are put at risk by attempting activity beyond their ability. A good example of skill levels in Scouting is the venerable swim test which defines conditions for safe swimming based on individual ability.

9. WEATHER CHECK - The risk factors in many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. These variables and the appropriate response should be understood and anticipated.

10. PLANNING - Safe activity follows a plan that has been conscientiously developed by the

experienced supervisor or other competent source. Good planning minimizes risks and also anticipates contingencies that may require emergency response or a change of plan.

11. COMMUNICATIONS - The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity. Emergency communications also need to be considered in advance for any foreseeable contingencies.

12. PLANS AND NOTICES - BSA tour and activity plans, council office registration, government or landowner authorization, and any similar formalities are the supervisor's responsibility when such are required. Appropriate notification should be directed to parents, enforcement authorities, landowners, and others as needed, before and after the activity.

13. FIRST AID RESOURCES - The supervisor should determine what first aid supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered. An extended trek over remote terrain obviously may require more first aid resources and capabilities than an afternoon activity in the local community. Whatever is determined to be needed should be available.

14. APPLICABLE LAWS - BSA safety policies generally parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.

15. CPR RESOURCE - Any strenuous activity or remote trek could present a cardiac emergency. Aquatic programs may involve cardiopulmonary emergencies. The BSA strongly recommends that a CPR-trained person (preferably an adult) be part of the leadership for any BSA program. Such a resource should be available for strenuous outdoor activity.

16. DISCIPLINE - No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and the individual participants. Youth must respect their leader and follow his or her direction.

You Make a Difference

There are hundreds of thousands (millions) of boys around the world who can benefit from the Scouting experience. We can't reach them all, but



even within our own groups we see our task overwhelming, not making any difference. However, to that one boy in your den, pack, troop or post who looked to you as a role model, a friend, an inspiration (even if he never told you) you've made a difference!

You Do Make A Difference -- in making our world a better place to be....*One Boy At A Time!*

Volunteers Always Needed



If you would like to have fun with a great group of people why don't you join us on the Orange rontier District Staff. There are plenty of opportunities to work with the **Programs** if you like hands on experience with events, **Recruiting** if you like to meet people, and as **Unit Commissioner** if you would like to share your experiences with others. If you would like more information on how to support the District Staff, please feel free to contact **Rick Nitta**, District Chairperson @ [ricknitta@gmail.com](mailto:rickenitta@gmail.com) or **Tom Miller**, District Commissioner @ occnsit@gmail.com.

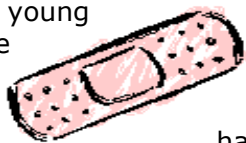
Mail Service OFD Delivers



Orange Frontier District has rebuilt the Unit mail boxes. Every Pack, Troop and Crew has a folder where Scouters can pick up their Units mail or they may leave mail for another Unit. The District mail box will be available for use at all Roundtables and will be located on one of the Tables near the entrance to the cultural hall. Please check your Unit's folder on a regular basis.

Join Explorer Post 540 Emergency Medical Services

Explorer Post 540 is in need of young men and women who are between the ages of 14-20 and interested in emergency medical services. Post 540 has been providing services for Orange County Council weekend campouts such as Camp-O-Ree as well as day activities like Scout-O-Rama since 1968. Services include first aid, CPR, EMT skills, and disaster readiness. Please contact Eric Vargas,



Post Advisor, if interested at (714)-997-6182 or POST540EMT@aol.com.

Campfire Story Letter From Summer Camp

Dear Mom and Dad,

We are having a great time here at Lake Typhoid. Scoutmaster Webb is making us all write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and are worried. We are O.K. Only one of our tents and 2 sleeping bags got washed away.



Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Chad when it happened. Oh yes, please call Chad's mother and tell her that he is O.K. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search and rescue Jeeps. It was really neat. We would never have found him in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.

Scoutmaster Webb got mad at Chad for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Chad said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas could blow up? The wet wood still didn't burn, but one of our tents did. Also, some of our clothes. John is going to look weird until his hair grows back.

We will be home on Saturday if Scoutmaster Webb gets the car fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked O.K. when we left. He said on a car that old you have to expect something to break down. That's why he can't get insurance on it. We think it's a neat car. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if it's hot, he sometimes lets us ride on the tailgate. It gets pretty hot with 10 boys in the car. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until a Highway Patrolman stopped and talked to us.

Scoutmaster Webb is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching John how to drive, but he only lets him drive on the mountain roads where there isn't much traffic. About all we saw up there was logging trucks. Scoutmaster Webb has to spend a lot of time working on his car, so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.



This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out in the lake. Scoutmaster Webb wouldn't let me because I can't swim and Chad was afraid he would sink because of the cast, so he let us take the canoe across the lake. You can still see some of the trees under water from the flood. Scoutmaster Webb isn't crabby like some other Scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets.

Guess what? We have all passed our First Aid Merit Badge requirements. When Dave dove in the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works. Also Wade threw up and I almost did. Scoutmaster Webb said it was probably just food poisoning from Tuesday's leftover chicken.

I have to go now. We are going to town to mail our letters and buy some more bullets. Don't worry about anything. We are fine.

Love, Your Son

P.S. Scoutmaster Webb asked me to ask you how long it has been since I had a tetanus shot.

Advancement & Board of Review

The Boy Scouts of America provides recognition for Scout achievements. The advancement program allows Scouts to progress from rank to rank. A fundamental purpose of advancement is the self-confidence a young man acquires from his participation in a Troop. Requirements serve as the basis for a Boy Scout's rank advancement. The four steps to advancement are learning, testing, reviewing, and recognition. Many Scouts have been introduced to a lifelong hobby or rewarding career through the merit badge program. Merit badges help Scouts develop physical skills, social skills, and self-reliance.



What to bring to the Board of Review for Eagle Rank:

1. TWO copies of your completed Eagle Project workbook with signatures. A simple copy in a report folder is fine. 3 ring binders are not necessary.
 - Bring your original Eagle Project Workbook for you to refer to. (All should have the proposal, plan, and report).

2. Scout book to be signed off. Lost? Please don't panic. We can work with what has already been documented at the council. Just let us know ahead of time.
3. A unit leader to present/support you and family members.
4. A cheerful attitude. Congratulations!

Note: It is the mission of this board to be helpful, friendly, courteous, and kind. We are in the service of scouting with the Guide to Advancement as our guide. We will work with the candidates to the best of our ability to see them succeed.

As an example, the scout should present himself in a neat and clean manner. There is no need to buy another uniform if he has outgrown his, just for the Board of Review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the District Advancement Committee with any other specific questions.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Rudy Solorzano, Orange Frontier District Advancement Chair at 714.681.2999 or rudysolo71@gmail.com.

For reference letters:
7775 La Costa Cir.
Buena Park, CA 90620

Up-to-Date Merit Badge Requirements

Want an up-to-date source of Merit Badge and Advancement information, National BSA has posted that information on their web site. Visit <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx> to link to a reliable source of information for Merit Badges and requirements. The following link is a list of all [Merit Badges](#).

Adult Application (no charge for merit badge counselor only. For background check if you are not registered already) - <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>

All Merit Badge Counselors must be Youth Protection Trained. Youth Protection Training can be renewed at my scouting.org: <https://my.scouting.org/>



Visit National's <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx> (PFD 2013 Printing). See Section 7.0.0.0 for National's Merit Badge policies for The Merit Badge Program.

For all your Advancement needs, visit <http://www.ocbsa.org/bsaadvancement/> - BSA Orange County Council's Advancement Website.

Training Chair's Corner

NOTE: Fliers for each of the training opportunities maybe found on the Council Website under each training course menu item@ <http://training.counciltraining.net/nod/e/25>

BSA has added the following courses to their MyScouting, E-Learning site – <http://www.myscouting.org/>

**Climb On Safely
Trek Safely
This Is Scouting - Replaces New Leader Essentials**

If you have already taken New Leader Essentials, it is not necessary to take "This is Scouting". You only need to take either one, once in your Scouting career.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

(Renew Every 2 Years Now)

The Orange Frontier Training Team recommends taking your 1st YPT or VYPT in a class room environment and renewing either via class room or online.

Wood Badge Fall 2017



You are invited to participate in the Wood Badge experience. In this training course you will learn contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations.

The leadership skills have been adapted to our values based Scouting movement. The course will be held over two three day weekends, September 8-10 and September 23-25 at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center.

The fee for the course is \$280 and covers all course materials, meals and lodging. Applications will be available at Roundtable, at the Council office and on-line. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot in this very popular training program. For more information contact Jorge Ruiz de Somocurcio at jorger@ocbsa.org or 714.546.8558 x114.

Orange Frontier District Training Spotlight

This is an important note regarding changes in Adult Leader training. The



Orange County Council has decided to adopt an **"All registered leaders must be trained policy for 2017"**. What this means to you is that, if you are not trained for your position you will be removed from your unit's charter for 2017. In order to return to your unit's roster you will need to be fully trained and re-register. It also means that if you do not have the appropriate leadership and committee members trained your unit may lose its charter!

As Scouters we all know that having trained leaders is a key to a great program. Please help us fulfill our promise to our youth by getting trained. The OFD training team is most willing to help you achieve your units training goals in hope that no one is dropped from your roster!

Please do your part and support these training changes. These training changes will strengthen our Scouting program and will benefit our youth by making it a safer, more challenging and more memorable experience for them. Training will also improve the quality of the programs and activities delivered to the youth, increase participation of youth in all activities and increase retention of youth in the Scouting program. After all, **every Scout deserves a trained leader.**

For more information on training Adult Leaders please contact Kathy Hight, OFD Training Chair at khight314@gmail.com .



NOVA Awards

The Boy Scouts of America has introduced a new program to enhance science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) knowledge and experience for our Scouts. This new program is called the NOVA Awards program and is available for Scouts at all levels except Tiger Scouts. Cub Scouts (including Webelos), Boy Scouts and Venturers can now earn 4 NOVA awards, one each for science, technology, engineering and math. Advanced awards called SuperNOVA Awards can also be earned. Scouts will work with NOVA Counselors and SuperNOVA Mentors to complete requirements for each award.



For more information on award requirements and NOVA Counselor and SuperNOVA Mentor guidelines visit the website www.scouting.org/stem or purchase the NOVA Guidebooks at the Scout Shop.

Remember that Scouting is $\frac{3}{4}$ Outings



I am sure you have heard the old saying that Scouting is $\frac{3}{4}$ Outings but what does that actually mean? It means that you as adult leaders need to support our youth to get them outdoors to visit mother-

nature, whether it is camping, backpacking, canoeing, swimming, cycling or rock climbing. Not only are these activities fun and adventurous but they can be challenging and educational as well. Youth learn more about themselves and their friends when they are outdoors. They become more socially adept and gain confidence in themselves as they work together to accomplish tasks. The outdoors is a great place to learn and practice teamwork and leadership skills. Outdoor activities also present great opportunities to practice first aid skills, improve cooking abilities and enhance the use of map and compass. Let's not forget the benefit of all that physical activity. Lastly, what is more rewarding after an adventurous day than sitting around a nice warm campfire roasting marshmallows and telling stories and jokes until the embers burn down to ash.

The Unit Commissioner A Unit's Best Friend

Commissioners are knowledgeable Scouters that are willing to share their expertise, resources and



time with other Scouters to help the Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews and Ships that are chartered in our District. They are passionate about Scouting and want local units to succeed.

If you are interested in being a Unit Commissioner in Orange Frontier District please contact **Tom Miller**, District Commissioner @ occnslt@gmail.com.

Roundtable Commissioner's Corner Scheduled Roundtable Breakouts:



Support Roundtable by
Attending Roundtable!

Come to Roundtable and meet with your Unit Commissioner or just come for the fellowship. Meet other leaders in the district and see what they're doing, where they're going and how they provide and present the program to keep our youth in Scouting.

The entire Roundtable Staff appreciates and thanks everyone for supporting us with your attendance and look forward to seeing you each and every month because you know the **"SYSTEM"---See You Second Thursday Every Month.**

Roundtable Breakouts



Don't forget to bring your friends from your Pack, Troop or Crew to Roundtable. Something is offered for everybody. There are usually several Breakout Sessions after the regular program that cover a wide range of topics. This is a great time to share ideas, learn new things and meet new people. Also if there is something that you want to learn more about, let us know. We will try and schedule these Breakout Sessions to meet your needs. See you there.

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Boy Scouts Roundtable

Roundtable is open to all adults involved with the Boy Scout program. Registered Troop leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Roundtable provides a forum for adults involved as leaders in the Boy Scout program to:

- Discuss topics of interest, both formally and informally.
- Learn about upcoming District and Council events and programs.
- Meet and exchanges ideas with other leaders from the Orange Frontier District.

Roundtable exists to help the units deliver a quality program to their Scouts. For this to happen, we need to know what topics you want to discuss.

Come join us this month to get information on Camporee.

Scout Outings A Post Campout Checklist

After every Scout outing make sure you follow the simple checklist shown below. Following these ten steps will give you peace of mind, provide for good health and ensure quality outings in the future.



- Dry your tent and other camping gear.
- Wash your clothes.
- Put away food.
- Take a shower.
- Apply bite ointment.
- Care for those feet.
- Watch for fleas and ticks.
- Drink water to stay hydrated.
- Organize the advancement records.
- Relax and recover.

This checklist was offered in the November-December 2014 issue of Scouting Magazine. For more information check out the magazine.

New Religious Emblems Coordinator Positions

BSA has created new Religious Emblems Coordinator positions at the Council, District and Unit levels. The main purposes of these positions are to encourage all youth to



earn the emblem of their faith, promote religious emblems usage, and establish goals and track the number of religious emblems completed each year. Volunteers for these positions don't have to be theologians, just a parent or a leader with a passion for helping Scouts grow in knowledge and love of their faith.

For more information please visit www.praypub.org/rec.

For more information about Scouting's religious awards program and Duty to God, please visit: www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx

Please contact **Marty Cutrone**, Director of Strategic Alliances at martyc@ocbsa.org if you have questions

Journey to Excellence Scouting's Quality Improvement Program

The **Journey to Excellence** is BSA's performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews.



The Journey to Excellence program is a continuous quality improvement tool

to be used by all Units. For each Unit there is a framework presented as a series of goals, which serves as a method for evaluating your Units performance. The goals assess the Units performance in key areas that include advancement, camping, service projects, training, membership, retention, leadership, budget, etc. These areas have been selected because they are indicators of Unit strength and health. In each of these areas the Units performance is rated as Bronze, Silver or Gold or did not meet the minimum standard. Points are assigned for each goal for achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

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The more important goals have higher point values. The points are then added up to determine the Units total score and overall rating. Packs must achieve 525 points for the Bronze level, 800 points for the Silver level and 1050 points for the Gold level. Troops must achieve 525 points for the Bronze level, 750 points for the Silver level and 1000 points for the Gold level. Crews must achieve 550 points for the Bronze level, 800 points for the Silver level and 1100 points for the Gold level. All materials can be found at www.scouting.org/volunteer and click on Scouting's Journey to Excellence found under quick links.

Each Unit should set its goals while re-chartering so that they are in place at the beginning of the year and then review their progress throughout the year. This will provide guidance for the Units and hopefully continuous improvement in areas where they might strive to do better. It also provides recognition for good performance. Recognition items will be provided.

Orange Frontier District and Orange County Council also have a Journey to Excellence program to help in evaluating their performance. Goals are similar in nature but pertain to their operations and responsibilities.

Please remember that better Unit, District and Council performance means better Scouting for our youth. We are building a better Scouting program for more Scouts.

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Donate your vehicle and
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car,



boat, RV or anything else to Orange County Boy Scouts of America. BSA is a qualified non-profit corporation that allows individuals to receive tax deductions on donated items. Your donation will go a long way to help provide programs for more than 100,000 youth in our community. The Orange County Council has implemented a program that will provide you with a fast and efficient way to donate your unneeded assets and receive a tax deduction up to the fullest allowable by law.

For more information about donation opportunities please call 714-546-4990 X142.

As if you needed another excuse to shop at Amazon.com. Now every purchase you make from the



Earth's biggest online store can support the charity of your choice, including Scouting. Through its new Amazon Smile program, Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of the price of your eligible purchase to the 501(c)(3) public charitable organization of your choice. Sure, half a percent isn't much and won't replace your Friends of Scouting contributions that help Scouting function in your community. But it adds up, costs you nothing and is a great additional way to support Scouting. The one-time setup takes just a couple of seconds, and you get the same prices, products and service you're used to when shopping at Amazon. It doesn't cost you any extra; the only difference is now you're helping Scouting every time you buy. The set up steps are simple:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in using your normal login.
3. Search for Boy Scouts of America.
4. Find your local Council.
5. Check the top left corner.
6. Double check that the products you are buying are eligible.
7. Check out.

The Boy Scouts of America's National Council and its nearly 300 local Councils all are eligible charities. Remember, do a good turn for Orange County Council when you shop on Amazon.

Orange Frontier District Staff Is Here to Help You

Everyone has a friend in Scouting. Scouting is the world's greatest program with the world's greatest people. The Orange Frontier District Staff is proud to support 70 Units with almost 1800 registered Scouts meeting a wide array of needs. OFD is staffed with some of the most experienced Scouters in the Council who are here to support all Packs, Troops and Crews in four primary areas.



Most Scouters can easily relate to the **Program and Activities** area. District Programs and Activities directly engage our youth in quality events such as the Pinewood Derby, Camp-O-Ree, Webelos-Ree, Cub Day Camp, and Webelos Woods. These outdoor events help our youth develop skills, promote leadership and teamwork, provide physical activity and create hours of endless fun. Training opportunities are also provided for adult leaders.

Membership and Recruiting volunteers help to keep our Units strong and provide growth opportunities in our local community. Spring and Fall recruiting assistance is provided to help Units maintain their strength. Support and organizational help is provided to struggling Units that need to restart. New Units are organized to meet the needs of youth in the community. Relationships are cultivated with potential chartered organizations in the community.

The **Finance** area provides a means of monetary support for the Units, the District and the Council. Since BSA is a non-profit organization funds need to be raised by volunteers to provide support. The Friends of Scouting campaign raises funds to help ensure that we have strong facilities available for use with our Scout activities. Popcorn sales, Scout-O-Rama ticket sales, and Scout-O-Rama Souvenir Program Ads (SPA) provide a means for Packs, Troops, and Crews to fundraise as well as support the local Council facilities.

The **Commissioner Staff** is the customer service branch of the District. Unit Commissioners provide information exchange, give assistance with Unit rechartering, help Units to achieve Centennial Quality Unit status and assist in problem solving. Roundtable Commissioners provide monthly supplemental programs and training for all Pack,

Troop and Crew adult leaders. Roundtable is also information central as fliers are available for all events and activities.

All of these areas work together in a uniquely balanced way to provide a quality Scouting experience for our youth. Strong **Membership** creates strong **Programs** and together they generate volunteer Leadership with **Customer Service** and **Financial** support. A special relationship is developed among volunteers in our District Staff and we would like to keep this spirit alive for future generations of Scouts. If you would like more information on how District Staff can serve you, please feel free to contact Rick Nitta, District Chairperson @ ricknitta@gmail.com, or Tom Miller, District Commissioner @ occnslt@gmail.com.



