



Orange County Council
Boy Scouts of America
Orange Frontier District
December 2013

Calendar

December

- 18-22 Holiday Boat Parade @Newport Sea Base
- 19 🍁 OA Santee Chapter Meeting

January

- 8 OFD Committee Meeting
- 9 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 16 🍁 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 23 OFD Commissioner Meeting
- 25 OFD Pinewood Derby @Westminster Mall

February

- 3 Scout Sunday
- 5 OFD Committee Meeting
- 8 BSA 103rd Anniversary
- 9 Scout Sabbath
- 13 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 20 🍁 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 21 Venture/Explorer Cosmic Bowling
- 27 OFD Commissioner Meeting

March

- 1 District Recognition Dinner@ Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 5 OFD Committee Meeting
- 7-9 Spring Wood Badge Weekend #1
- 12 Silver Beaver Dinner
- 13 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 20 🍁 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 22-24 Spring Wood Badge Weekend #2
- 27 OFD Commissioner Meeting

April

- 2 OFD Committee Meeting
- 10 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 17 🍁 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 24 OFD Commissioner Meeting
- 25-27 OFD Camporee/Webelosree @Oak Canyon Park

May

- 7 OFD Committee Meeting
- 8 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 10 Scout-O-Rama @Oak Canyon Park
- 15 🍁 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 22 OFD Commissioner Meeting

District Chair's Corner

Thanks for Supporting Scouting This Year

2013 is winding down quickly and we have a lot to be thankful for in Orange Frontier District. All of our District volunteers, including Program, Membership, Finance and Commissioner Staffers, have done an exceptional job throughout the year to provide a really strong Scouting program for our youth. For your dedication I am extremely thankful. You all have a lot to be proud of and you do make a huge difference. Your spirit, dedication and commitment make Orange Frontier District a wonderful place for Scouting.



We are now looking toward 2014 and beyond and ask for your continued support. For 2014 we again are planning a very full and fun packed calendar of events. If you have the time, talent or treasure that would be useful in any of our four main areas (Program, membership, Finance or Commissioner Staff) please let me know. We have several open positions on the District Staff and need your help. I can promise you that you will have fun with a great group of people.

Happy Holidays to all Orange Frontier District Scouts and Scouters and mayh yur have a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Scouting for the Second Hundred Years.

Yours in Scouting,

Ron Cocchi

Orange Frontier District Committee Chair
 Phone: 562-243-9691
 e-mail: ron@cocchi.biz



Eagle News



Eagle Board of Review's

Reminder to all Troops!!! If you have a Scout going to their Eagle Board of Review. You must provide a copy of the advancement form. The Scout shop will no longer provide those free to the advancement committee. If you need to purchase the forms please go to the Scout shop.

Eagle Project Workbook

All Scouts that want approval of their Eagle project should be using the Eagle workbook published in January 2011. The online version is available here

http://adv.counciltraining.net/pdf/EagleScoutServiceProjectWorkbook512-927_fillable.pdf



Guide to Advancement

All Packs and Troops should be using the latest Guide to Advancement No. 33088 from January 2011
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

Orange Frontier Eagle Board of Review Procedure

Eagle Board of Reviews are held by appointment only!!!
Appointments are made only after the candidate has successfully meet all the requirements to receive a Board of Review

When: Tuesday nights at 7 and 8 PM.

Where: Church of Latter Day Saints
5151 Orange Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630

What to Bring:

- 4 copies of your Eagle Scout Project Workbook
- 4 copies of your goal and ambitions statement
- You should appear in full class A uniform with merit badge sash
- Your parents are invited
- Someone from your Troop to introduce you to the board
- Your Boy Scout Hand Book if you would like to have it signed (optional)
- Camera for your parents

What not to Bring:

- Your blue cards
- Your entire troop (the church is conducting their business and has let us use their property)
- A bad attitude

Any questions please contact Chris Hess

714-828-0138 or email hessc41@hotmail.com

or Advancement@orangefrontier.org

Eagle Board of Review



Candidate Preparation

After a Scout has completed the requirements for the Eagle Scout Rank, he appears before a Board of Review. The Board of Review for the Eagle Scout Rank is different from the other Boards of Review in which the Scout has participated. The members of the Board of Review are not from his Troop Committee. The purpose of the Board of Review is to determine if the candidate has fulfilled all the requirements for the Eagle Rank, to get to know the candidate and his character attributes, understand the Scout's full Scouting experience, and how others can have similar meaningful Scouting experiences. The contents of the Eagle Board of Review are confidential and the proceedings are not to be disclosed to any person who is not a member of the Board of Review.

Members of the Eagle Board of Review can ask a wide variety of questions. There is no set list of questions to be asked, rather the Scouts' experiences will guide the type of questions that will be asked. Holding practice boards of reviews is not recommended by BSA and should be discouraged by the Units. In fact there is a BSA policy, paragraph 8.0.1.0, in the Guide to Advancement that states:

"The BSA discourages mock or practice boards of review. "Practice" reviews may imply that board members will ask predetermined questions or that the board of review is anticipated to be other than a positive experience. Instead, the advancement committee should aim for unrehearsed, spontaneous answers revealing character, citizenship, and personal fitness at the boards of review."

Please remember that the Eagle Board of Review is the Eagle Candidates' special opportunity to shine. Encourage them to be outgoing, upbeat, have a positive attitude and relax. This is an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives.

If you have questions or need more information please contact the Orange Frontier Advancement team at advancement@orangefrontier.org or Contact Chris Hess, Advancement Committee Chair, at hessc41@hotmail.com

Attention Future Eagle Scouts

The advancement team will be celebrating the holidays with their families and unavailable to meet with potential Eagle candidates on the following dates:

December 21 through January 6

If your working on your Eagle rank please keep these dates in mind. Remember poor planning and procrastination does not make it an emergency for the District Advancement Team!!!

Need to reach the District Advancement Team? We now have an email address advancement@orangefrontier.org



Campfire Story

The Christmas Scout



In spite of the fun and laughter, 13-year-old Frank Wilson was not happy. It was true he had received all the presents he wanted. And he enjoyed the traditional Christmas Eve reunions with relatives for the purpose of exchanging gifts and good wishes. But, Frank was not happy because this was his first Christmas without his brother, Steve, who during the year, had been killed by a reckless driver.

Frank missed his brother and the close companionship they had together. Frank said good-bye to his relatives and explained to his parents that he was leaving a little early to see a friend; and from there he could walk home. Since it was cold outside, Frank put on his new plaid jacket. It was his *FAVORITE* gift. He placed the other presents on his new sled. Then Frank headed out, hoping to find the Patrol Leader of his Boy Scout Troop who Frank always felt understood by him. Though rich in wisdom, he lived in the Flats, the section of town where most of the poor lived, and his Patrol Leader did odd jobs to help support his family.

To Frank's disappointment, his friend was not at home. As Frank hiked down the street toward home, he caught glimpses of trees and decorations in many of the small houses. Then, through one front window, he glimpsed at a shabby room with limp stockings hanging over an empty fireplace. A woman was seated nearby and she was weeping. The stockings reminded him of the way he and his brother had always hung theirs side by side. The next morning, they would be bursting with presents.

A sudden thought struck Frank -- he had not done his "good deed" for the day. Before the impulse passed, he knocked on the door. "Yes?" the sad voice of the woman asked. "May I come in?" asked Frank. "You are very welcome," she said, seeing his sled full of gifts, and assuming he was making a collection, "but I have no food or gifts for you. I have nothing for my own children."

"That's not why I am here," Frank replied. "Please choose whatever presents you would like for your children from the sled."

"Why, God bless you!" the amazed woman answered gratefully. She selected some candies, a game, the toy airplane and a puzzle. When she took the Scout flashlight, Frank almost cried out. Finally, the stockings were full.

"Won't you tell me your name?" she asked, as Frank was leaving.

"Just call me the Christmas Scout," he replied.

The visit left Frank touched, and with an unexpected flicker of joy in his heart. He understood that his sorrow was not the only sorrow in the world. Before he left the Flats, he had given away the remainder of his gifts. The plaid jacket had gone to a shivering boy.

Now Frank trudged homeward, cold and uneasy. How could he explain to his parents that he had given his presents away? "Where are your presents, son?" asked his father as Frank entered the house.

Frank answered, "I gave them away."

"The airplane from Aunt Susan? Your coat from Grandma? Your flashlight? We thought you were happy with your gifts."

"I was -- very happy," the boy answered quietly.

"But Frank, how could you be so impulsive?" his mother asked. "How will we explain to the relatives who spent so much time and gave so much love shopping for you?"

His father was firm. "You made your choice, Frank. We cannot afford any more presents."

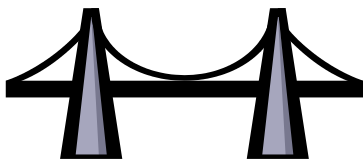
With his brother gone, and his family disappointed in him, Frank suddenly felt dreadfully alone. He had not expected a reward for his generosity, for he knew that a good deed always should be its own reward. It would be tarnished otherwise. So he did not want his gifts back; however he wondered if he would ever again truly recapture joy in his life. He thought he had this evening, but it had been fleeting. Frank thought of his brother, and sobbed himself to sleep.

The next morning, he came downstairs to find his parents listening to Christmas music on the radio. Then the announcer spoke: "Merry Christmas, everybody! The nicest Christmas story we have this morning comes from the Flats. A crippled boy down there has a new sled this morning, another youngster has a fine plaid jacket, and several families report that their children were made happy last night by gifts from a teenage boy who simply called himself the Christmas Scout. No one could identify him, but the children of the Flats claim that the Christmas Scout was a personal representative of old Santa Claus himself."

Frank felt his father's arms go around his shoulders, and he saw his mother smiling through her tears. "Why didn't you tell us? We didn't understand. We are so proud of you, son."

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

WEBELOS 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, WEBELOS Den Leader and Parent to graduate every WEBELOS 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?
21. After your visit ask yourself, *Did I feel welcome?*
22. After your visit ask your son, *How do you feel about this Troop?*

For more information on local Boy Scout Troops contact Amber Alejos at 714-546-8558 x108 or e-mail amberw@ocbsa.org.



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 their 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 Sandy Sova at 562-715-3333 or jssova@verizon.net.

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.



Come to the District Dinner

Bring the Whole Family on March 1

If you want an evening of fun with great people and tasty food, come to the annual Orange Frontier District Scouter Recognition Dinner on Saturday, March 1. This year's special event will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 4321 Cerritos Ave, Cypress. Festivities start at 5:30 pm with a social hour immediately followed by the opening and dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is a modest \$20/person or \$35 per couple before February 13 Roundtable. After February 13 the cost is \$25 per person with no discounts.

After dinner and desert, the Award of Merit recipients will be recognized for their outstanding service to the District. Extra Mile Awards will also be given out to our hard working volunteers. This dinner is for all adult volunteers and their families not just Cubmasters and Scoutmasters. This is a great time to get to know the volunteers in the other units. Business or casual attire is appropriate.



For more information contact Sandy Sova at 562-715-3333 or sandyhsova@gmail.com.

Nominate Unit Scouters For District Awards

Every Unit in Orange Frontier District has hard working volunteers dedicating their time and energy to ensure quality programs and activities for our youth. These unselfish leaders should be recognized for their contributions. Nominate your Pack, Troop, Team or Crew volunteers for major District Awards including:

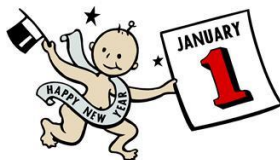


- Cubmaster of the Year – 2013
- Scoutmaster of the Year – 2013
- Varsity Team Coach of the Year - 2013
- Venture Crew Advisor of the Year – 2013
- Unit Committee Chair of the Year – 2013
- Spouse of the Year – 2013
- Spirit of Outdoor Adventure Award - 2013

Also, each Unit can recognize one hard working volunteer as their Unit Volunteer of the Year – 2013. Only one person per Unit can be named Unit Volunteer of the Year.

Be concise yet descriptive in summarizing reasons why a person should be recognized. Turn in nominations to Steve Lewis, Adult Recognition Chair, (sjssmlewis@gmail.com) before February 28, preferably at the February 13 Roundtable. Recipients will receive their awards at the annual District Scouter Recognition Dinner on Saturday, March 1.

Happy New Year



The Orange Frontier District Staff

wishes

*all Scouts and Scouters a Happy and
Prosperous New Year!*

Training Chair's Corner Eric Angstadt



NOTE: Fliers for each of the training opportunities maybe found on the Council Website under each training course menu item at:
<http://training.counciltraining.net/node/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

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 2013"**. 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 2013. 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 Eric Angstadt, OFD Training Chair at anggang@verizon.net

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. For more information please contact Judi Lee at judi.lee@rocketmail.com.



Spotlight Your Unit

Calling all units!

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 Cindy Olszewski at ybugcin@gmail.com (please note new email address).

District Uniform Closet

Orange Frontier District has a Uniform closet. The District Uniform Closet is designed to provide assistance to Scouts and their families who need uniforms or equipment supplies. Currently the closet has a very limited supply of items. We are looking for donations such as Scout shirts, pants, socks, belts, and even patches. We are also looking for donations of usable tents, backpacks, hiking boots, stoves and lanterns. Please bring your old uniforms and camping equipment to Roundtable (2nd Thursday of each month) at 4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim. For more information on how to access the Uniform closet please contact Dave Paulsen at paulsenplace@hotmail.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.

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.

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.



2014 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 help 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.



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 news 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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Lost Valley Update

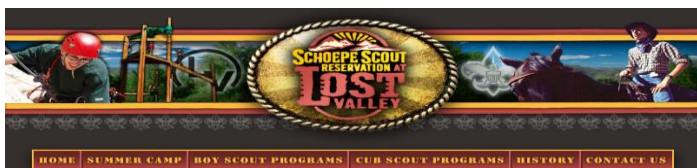


Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley will be hosting a number of new programs during 2013 summer camp weeks. Sessions to cover Merit Badge requirements for Kayaking and Search and Rescue will be added. Also a revamped Trail to First Class program will allow for week long period 3 sessions where Scouts can complete Tenderfoot through First Class requirements as well as earn the First Aid Merit Badge. Also, Session 4 will be a free period to work on additional Merit Badges.

A new program for Venture and Varsity Scouts called "Camp Borrego" will be available during summer camp weeks 1 & 2. This program will be separate from the Troop experience a camp and will focus on developing a fun and exciting older Scout experience.

In 2014 Lost Valley will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of providing quality programs for Scouts. There will be a number of special programs offered only in 2014 to celebrate the rich heritage of summer camp programs at Lost Valley. More information will be coming soon.

If you have any questions about summer camp at Lost Valley please contact David Daniels, SSRLV Summer Camp Director at postmaster@ssrlv.org.



Cooking Merit Badge

Eagle Required in 2014

Effective January 1, 2014, the Cooking merit badge will be required in order to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. Regardless of when a Scout earned the Life rank or began working on Eagle, unless he fulfills all the requirements—with the exception of his board of review—before January 1, 2014, he must earn the Cooking merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.



Wood Badge

Spring 2014

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, March 7-9 and March 22-24 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.

For more information contact Julie Anderson at juliea@ocbsa.org or 714-546-8558X105.



Order of the Arrow Serves We Care

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**Roundtable
Commissioner's Corner
Judi Lee
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.**

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. Email Eric Angstadt with your ideas at anggang@verizon.net.

So, what are you waiting for? Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun, meet other Boy Scout parents and leaders, get exciting ideas to make your meetings fun, and learn about the wonderful opportunity you are giving your son through Scouting at the Orange Frontier District Roundtable.

If you have an announcement pertaining to Boy Scout Roundtable, contact Eric Angstadt prior to the meeting to make sure you get on the agenda. Announcements should be brief and accompanied with handouts for the attendees.

Eric Angstadt
Orange Frontier District
Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner



2013 Orange Frontier District Team

Please welcome our 2013 Orange Frontier District Team. These special volunteers will dedicate their time and energy to making strong programs and activities for the youth in our community. When you see them at Roundtable or at one of our special District activities, please give them a pat on the back and an extra hug in appreciation of all they are doing for the Scouting program.

District Chair – Ron Cocchi
Assistant District Chair – Dave Paulsen
Assistant District Chair – Steve Lewis

Program Chair – Roger Lewicki
Camping Chair – Virginia Rogers
Activities Chair – Debbie Lewicki
Pinewood Derby Chair – Cecilia York
Camp-O-Ree Chair – James Payne
Webelo-Ree Chair – James Payne
Cub Day Camp Director – Dave Barton
Webelos Woods Chair – Randy DeTarr
Advancement Chair – Chris Hess
Advancement Committee – George Schultz
Advancement Committee – Rolly Arenz
Advancement Committee – Sandy Sova
Advancement Committee – Kristen Foley
Merit Badge Counselor Chair – Sandy Sova
Training Chair – Eric Angstadt
Youth Protection Training Chair - Judi Lee
Adult Recognition – Steve Lewis
District Dinner Committee Chair - Joe Sova
Scouting for Food Chair – Debbie Lewicki
Risk Management Chair – Brian Swartz
Religious Program Chair – Lito De los Reyes
Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor – James Payne
District Climbing Director – Tom Olszewski

Membership Chair – Carol Macey
Community Liason – Antionette Roberts
Recruitment Chair – John Paulson
Webelos Transition Chair – Randy DeTarr
New Units Chair - Open

Finance Chair – Steering Committee Lead – Beth Albert
Community Finance Chair – Bill Wynder
Major Gifts Chair - Open
Unit FOS Chair – Cecilia York
Unit FOS Assistant Chair – Carol Macey
LDS FOS Chair – Frank Mackay
Popcorn Sales Chair – Marcie Lui
Scout-O-Rama Ticket Sales Chair – Marcie Lui
Scout-O-Rama Program Ads – Marcie Lui

District Commissioner – Sandy Sova
Roundtable Commissioner - Judi Lee
Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner – Cecilia York
Webelos Roundtable Commissioner – Antionette Roberts
Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner – Dave Exter & Eric Angstadt
Venturing Roundtable Commissioner – Steve Scukanec

Publicity/Newsletter Editor – Cindy Olszewski
Webmaster - Dave Exter

District Director – John Miller
Senior District Executive – Amber Alejos

Volunteers are always needed in the Orange Frontier District. If you would like to have fun with a great group of people please contact Ron Cocchi or Sandy Sova.



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 82 Units with almost 1900 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.

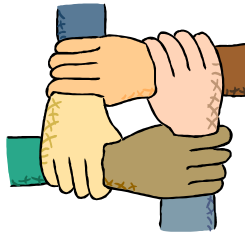
Most Scouters can easily relate to the **Program and Activities** area. District Programs and Activities directly engage our youth in quality events such as the Pinewood Derby, Camp-O-Ree, Webelos-Ree, Cub Day Camp, and Webelos Woods. These outdoor events help our youth develop skills, promote leadership 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 any of our Key 3 Leaders: Amber Walker, District Executive, at amberw@ocbsa.org or Ron Cocchi District Chairperson at ron@cocchi.biz or Sandy Sova at jssova@verizon.net.



Scouts in Action

Tell us what is going on in your unit. E-mail pictures and articles to Cindy O. ybugcin@gmail.com (please note new email address)

Seal Beach Christmas Parade

Happy Holidays 2013

The 35th annual Seal Beach Christmas Parade was held Friday, December 6, down Main Street in Seal Beach. The parade this year included 120 entries with over 3800 participants. Marching in the parade were Cub Scout Packs 116, 462, 611 and 658 from Orange Frontier District. The parade was highlighted with the arrival of Santa Claus. This is a great hometown event that brings the community together and spreads the holiday spirit.



Holiday Spirit



Pack 620 Armed Forces Service Project



Cub Scouts from St. Hedwigs Pack 620 gathered to assemble 55 Christmas stockings for the Armed Forces over seas. The Scouts donated treats like beef jerky, cookies, granola bars, and chewing gum to fill the stockings. Also included was a special Christmas card for the service men signed by each of the Scouts. The project was coordinated by Nate Morrissey, Pack 620 Den Leader, with the help of the non-profit group "Words of Comfort, Hope and Promise" will be shipping the stockings to the Troops in time for Christmas.

List of Eagle-required merit badges, effective Jan. 1, 2014

Earn a total of 21 merit badges, including the following:

- First Aid
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communication
- Personal Fitness
- Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving
- Environmental Science OR **Sustainability**
- Personal Management
- Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling
- Camping
- Family Life
- **Cooking**

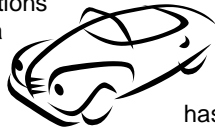
Venturing is Changing



After 15 years as a program for older Scouts the Venturing program is undergoing changes. The biggest changes are the reinstatement of a national Venturing Committee, new training requirements, and a completely new advancement system. Beginning in May 2014, Venturing will gradually phase in new awards, and by December 2014 the existing Bronze, Gold and Silver awards will disappear entirely. In their place will be new awards (not currently named) that will focus on Adventure, Leadership, Service and Personal Growth. Look for more details in the coming months.

Need A Tax Deduction?

Donate your old 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.



Leave No Trace

As we prepare for a great summer full of outdoor activities let us remember the principles of the Leave No Trace Program. Leave No Trace is the nation's official wilderness ethics program. Leave No Trace is a partnership that includes four federal agencies (US Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and US Fish and Wildlife Service), educational programs and youth organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America. BSA has adopted this program as an important educational tool for guiding its members in appropriate ways to use and protect the outdoors. The program is managed by a nonprofit organization called Leave No Trace, Inc.

Leave No Trace is the practice of traveling and camping with care when visiting wildlands. It requires that we deliberately plan and guide our outdoor experiences so that we do not harm the environment or disturb others. The principles of Leave No Trace are summarized as follows:

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimize campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.



There is a Leave No Trace Awareness Award Patch that Scouts can earn by completing the following requirements:

- Recite and explain the principles of Leave No Trace.
- On 3 separate camping/backpacking trips demonstrate and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
- Earn the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.
- Participate in a Leave No Trace related service project.
- Give a 10 minute presentation on a Leave No Trace topic approved by your Scoutmaster.
- Draw a poster or build a model to demonstrate the differences in how we camp or travel in high use and pristine areas.

District Executive Update



New District Executive

Welcome James Styczynski

Please welcome James Styczynski to the Orange Frontier District as our new District Executive. James was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1998. James has been a professional Scouter since 2012, first serving in the California Inland Empire Council. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Augusta State University with an emphasis on legal studies and international relations. He also has a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching, specializing in secondary social studies and science. James is married to Cassandra Patterson, has a daughter named Aaiyah Styczynski, and is expecting his second daughter in April. James also has an identical twin brother Joseph Styczynski. Please introduce yourself at Roundtable and give James a warm welcome. We wish him success in his career in Scouting.



Eagle Scouts (and Family) Photo Opportunities

Eagle Scouts past & present and their families are invited to have their portrait pictures taken at no cost. This service is offered to all Eagle Scout's family to formally mark their Eagle Scout's attaining the most coveted award in Scouting.

Eagle families will get a complete set of all digital images taken. You are responsible for printing, if you wish to have any portraits formally printed. The photographs are high resolution 8" X 10" images approximately 4-5 MB in size, which may be enlarged to 18" X 24" portrait size and printed at 300 dpi with excellent results.

Portrait photograph opportunities will be available at February, April, August or November District Roundtable meetings. An appointment is required. If interested, contact Dave Exter at davidexter@ca.rr.com at least one week prior to the referenced District Roundtables.

Please note that this is a free private service and is not associated with Orange Frontier District, the OFD Advancement Team or the Orange County Council. Eagle Scouts wanting their picture to hang on the Wall of Fame

at the Council Office will need to have additional pictures taken by the Council Photographer.

Pinewood Derby

January 25, 2014

The Orange Frontier District annual Pinewood Derby race will be held Saturday January 25, 2014 at the Westminster Mall. As in past years there will be 3 different racing tracks (speed, skill and survival) to test your cars abilities. Trophies, certificates and ribbons will be awarded to the winners along with lots of other prizes. Commemorative Pinewood Derby wall display plaques and a special Pinewood Derby patch will also be available. Start building your new cars now and overhaul those older cars to make them faster. Don't miss the fun. This is a classic Cub Scout event.

Remember these simple standard rules. The weight of your car must be 5 ounces or less, length must be 7 inches, width 2-3/4 inches. Also bottom clearance must be 3/8 inch and width between wheels must be 1-3/4 inches.

For more information and to volunteer to be on the Pinewood Derby Staff, please contact Cecilia York at 714-737-017



Recommend Your Active Scouters For the District Award of Merit

Make sure that you recognize deserving Adult Leaders in your Pack, Troop, Team or Crew for their outstanding contributions to the development of our youth by nominating them for the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is the highest award that the Orange Frontier District can bestow upon a volunteer. To nominate an adult leader simply fill out the Award of Merit application form and turn it in to Steve Lewis, Adult Recognition Chair, (sjssmlewis@gmail.com) before February 28, preferably at the February 13 Roundtable. Forms are available at Roundtable and on-line at <http://orangefrontier.ocbsa.org>. It is very important that we recognize our hard working volunteers. Recipients will receive their awards at the annual Orange Frontier District Scouter Recognition Dinner on Saturday, March 1.



