



Orange Frontier District

January 2016

Calendar

January

- 6 OFD Committee Meeting
- 9 OA Wiatava Lodge Banquet
- 14 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 16 Chartered Org Rep Training @ Saddleback Church
- 21 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 23 Top Hands Orientation @Council
- 28 OFD Commissioner Meeting
- 30 OFD Pinewood Derby Day @Westminster Mall

February

- 3 OFD Committee Meeting
- 5-7 Spring Wood Badge Weekend #1
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 BSA 106th Anniversary
- 11 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 13 Religious Award Banquet @ St. Bonaventure Church
- 20 Weekend of Faith @ Brothers of St. Patrick Retreat
- 17 Orange County Council Scouter Recognition Dinner
- 18 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 19-20 OA Wiatava Lodge Trade-O-Ree
- 20-22 Spring Wood Badge Weekend #2
- 25 OFD Commissioner Meeting

March

- 2 OFD Committee Meeting
- 5 OFD Scouter Appreciation Dinner
- 10 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 11-13 OA Indian Affairs Weekend @ Oso Lake
- 17 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 24 OFD Commissioner Meeting

April

- 6 OFD Committee Meeting
- 14 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 21 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 22-24 OFD Camp-O-Ree/WebelosRee @ Firestone
- 27 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner @ Wyndham Hotel
- 28 OFD Commissioner Meeting

May

- 4 OFD Committee Meeting
- 7 Scout-O-Rama @Oak Canyon Park
- 12 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 19 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 20-21 OA Spring Ordeal @ SSLV
- 26 OFD Commissioner Meeting
- 27-30 Family Camp @ Oso Lake
- 27-30 Family Camp @ SSRLV

June

- 1 OFD Committee Meeting
- 9 Roundtable @4000 W. Orange, Anaheim
- 16 OA Santee Chapter Meeting
- 23 OFD Commissioner Meeting
- 6 OFD Committee Meeting

District Chair's Corner

Happy New Year &

Welcome to 2016!!

Happy New Year Scouts and Scouters!! The year 2016 will be a great Scouting year. Yes, it will be a year of full of fun activities and events. We have a strong legacy of Scouting in Orange Frontier District that will help us focus on some very basic goals for 2016. One of the keys to success in the New Year is to have a balanced Scouting program in the District.



That means we have a balance between all the basic elements of Scouting – Program & Activities, Membership & Recruiting, Finance and Commissioner Staff. All of these areas work together to provide a quality Scouting experience for our youth. Strong Membership creates strong Programs and together they generate volunteer Leadership 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. There are plenty of opportunities so, please consider joining District operations in one of the above areas. We can always use your support and expertise

Service to your Scouts, your Unit and your Community.

Yours in Scouting,

James Payne

Orange Frontier District Committee Chair
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 e-mail: districtchair@orangefrontier.org



2016 Pinewood Derby An American Classic January 30, 2016



The Orange Frontier District annual Pinewood Derby race will be held Saturday January 30, 2016 at the Westminster Mall. As in past years there will be 3 different racing tracks (speed, skill and survival) to test your cars abilities.

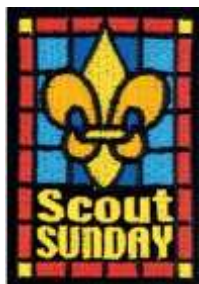
Trophies, certificates and ribbons will be awarded to the winners. Commemorative Pinewood Derby patches will also be available. Start building your new cars now and overhaul those older cars to make them faster. Don't miss the fun. This is a classic Cub Scout event.

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 David Barton at 714-369-5770.

A Scout is Reverent Scout Sunday is February 7, 2016

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.



The Scouts, unit leaders and parents are encouraged to participate in religious services. Scout Sunday is a great opportunity for units to attend services in uniform, conduct a flag ceremony, speak about Scouting, present religious awards and/or formally thank the chartering faith-based organization for their support throughout the year. Scouts and leaders may take an active part in the service such as offering a prayer or request a notice about Scouting in the church bulletin. Units should consider providing and staffing a recruitment information table in the lobby, courtyard or hospitality area of the church or school. A Scout is Reverent and he respects the beliefs of others.

Come to the District Scouter Appreciation Dinner

Save the Date March 5
Please Note The Date Change



If you want an evening of fun with great people and tasty food, come to the annual Orange Frontier District Scouter Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, March 5. This year's special event will be held at **Good Shepherd**



Presbyterian Church located at 11600 Los Alamitos Blvd, Los Alamitos. 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. Festivities start at 5:30 pm with a social hour immediately followed by the opening and dinner at 6:30 pm. Business or casual attire is appropriate. Please save the date and mark your calendars to attend the **Scouter Appreciation Dinner on March 5.** More detailed information on the dinner will be available soon.

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 or at the February 11th 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 5.



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 – 2015
- Scoutmaster of the Year – 2015
- Varsity Team Coach of the Year - 2015
- Venture Crew Advisor of the Year – 2015
- Unit Committee Chair of the Year – 2015
- Spouse of the Year – 2015
- Spirit of Outdoor Adventure Award - 2015



Also, each Unit can recognize one hard working volunteer as their Unit Volunteer of the Year – 2015. 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, (sjsmlewis@gmail.com) before or at the February 11 Roundtable. Recipients will receive their awards at the annual District Scouter Recognition Dinner on Saturday, March 5.

Silver Beaver Award

Honor Our Volunteers on February 17, 2016



Come join Orange County Council Scouters in honoring this year's Silver Beaver recipients at the Annual Council Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award presented by the Orange County Council for outstanding service to youth. Jerry Johnson from Orange Frontier District will be receiving the Silver Beaver Award at the Recognition Dinner. Congratulations Jerry!!

The Silver Beaver Recognition Dinner will be held at the Wyndham Anaheim Resort, 12021 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove. Please come to the dinner and help us celebrate with our dedicated volunteers. A Fellowship Reception will begin at 6:00 pm followed by dinner and the awards ceremony at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$60/person.

Camp-O-Ree/Webelosree 2016

April 22-24th are the dates and Firestone Scout Reservation "Camp Mesa" is the place for the Spring 2016 Camp-O-Ree/Webelosree. This great Boy Scout location allows us to return to some traditional skill sets not available at non scouting locations. The Boy Scout patrols will be able to compete in rifle shooting, archery, paint-ball sling shot, tomahawk throw, and other events. The Webelos will be able to compete in BB-gun, archery, paint-ball sling shot, and other events. The main objective of Camp-O-Ree is to promote fun outdoor activities in

which Scouts from various Troops and Packs can demonstrate and learn a variety of Scout skills. Everyone gets to associate with the greater Orange Frontier District community and learn new Troop/Pack and Patrol/Den camping techniques, and join in the comradery of the weekend! Additionally, the Order of the Arrow serpentine and "call out" is conducted by the talented Santee Chapter Ceremonies team, along with the Saturday evening campfire.

We are in the early stages of planning and welcome ideas for a theme and patch design. We are soliciting youth and adult volunteers at all levels for this Order of the Arrow led event. Please feel free to share your ideas for Boy Scout and Webelos events. We are always looking for new ideas or to bring back traditional Scout skills. Troops can also choose to lead a Boy Scout or Webelos event. They can design, staff, and execute the event in conjunction with the Camporee/Webeloree Committee. Last year, we had troops of all sizes plan and lead events making the Camporee/Webeloree such a success.



If you have any questions or need more information, please contact David Barton, Camporee/Webelosree Chair at DavidSBarton@aol.com or 714.369.5770.



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.



2017 National Jamboree

The 2017 National Jamboree is scheduled to take place July 19-28, 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Orange County Council is planning on sending 5 Boy Scout Troops and 1 Venture Crew to the Jamboree. The Jamboree website is now active and you can register as a participant or staff member at www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/p-articipants/. For more information about the Jamboree please contact Chuck Williams, Contingent Chairman, at 714-349-0877 or chaz3rd6@netscape.net.



Wood Badge Spring 2016

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, February 5-7 and February 20-22 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.



Jerry Johnson is the Spring 2016 Course Director and the theme of the course is **"Building Up Others."** Be sure to sign up early as Jerry and his Staff will provide an outstanding leadership experience for all in attendance. Jerry can be reached at jjohnson@allied-refrig.com. Also, for more information contact Jorge Ruiz de Somocurcio at jorger@ocbsa.org or 714-546-8558X114.

Cub Scouts is Changing More Adventure Ahead



Effective June 1, BSA is making sweeping changes to the Cub Scout program to make it more fun and engaging. The new adventure based program focuses on learning by doing and emphasizes fun activities that will be more aligned with the Aims and Mission of Scouting.

As part of the new Cub Scout program, the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack will be retired and replaced with the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. There are a couple of important advancement changes with Tiger Cub becoming Tiger, Webelos I becoming Webelos and Webelos II becoming Arrow of Light. Arrow of Light can now be earned without earning the Webelos rank. Each rank will be earned by completing a series of required and elective Adventures. Cub Scouts will get an Adventure Loop for each Adventure they complete as a Tiger, Wolf and Bear. They will get an Adventure Pin for each activity they complete at the Webelos and Arrow of Light levels. Beads, arrow points, compass points and activity pins will be retired. Academics and Sports programs are discontinued, however, many of the best elements of these programs have been incorporated into the new Adventures.

Also, a new character named Ethan will be introduced in the new handbooks. Ethan will be like an older brother, mentor and role model for the Cub Scouts. He is always a year or two older than the Scout; for example when the Scout is a Tiger, Ethan is a Wolf. Ethan introduces each of the Adventures, shares tips and previews what the boys can look forward to in the future. In the new program there will be a lot less reliance on the Jungle Book characters. Akela will still be a special term used for any leader.

Not everything is changing. The Den and Pack structures, age and gender requirements and the Cub Scout uniform will stay the same. The Cub Scout motto, the sign, salute and the handshake are not changing. Most of all the focus on family involvement is not changing.

The new program goes into effect on June 1, 2015. Boys who join on or after that date will complete their rank advancements using the new Adventure based program. Returning Cub Scouts will move on to the next rank using the new program when their program year starts. Boys who have earned the Webelos badge and are ready to move on to the Arrow of Light have two options. They may continue to work out of the current handbook to complete the Arrow of Light requirements or they may begin using the new Arrow of Light requirements.

For more information visit www.scouting.org and read the new Cub Scout Handbooks and Den Leader Guides.

Changes In Advancement

The 13 biggest changes to advancement. This includes Cub and Boy Scouts. There is also 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.

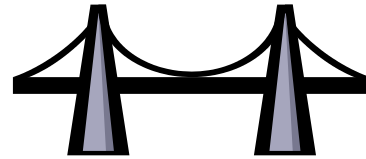
How can I evaluate a Scout for duty to God, especially if he and I have different beliefs? Consider asking him how his family or faith group defines duty to God and how he is living up to that definition. Remember that the focus is on the Scout's understanding of duty to God, not the leader's. Also,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

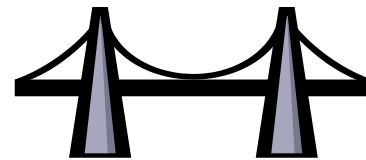
Arrow of Light Transition to Boy Scout Questions You Should Ask



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, 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 James Styczynski at 714-546-8558 x112 or e-mail james@ocbsa.org



Spring 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.



Welcome!

For more information contact James Styczynski at 714-546-8558x112 or at james@ocbsa.org.

New BSA Adult Leader Policy

On Monday, July 27, 2015 the National Executive Board of Boy Scouts of America ratified a resolution that removes the national restriction on openly gay adult leaders and employees. The resolution was recommended for ratification by the BSA Executive Committee earlier this month.

Effective immediately, chartered organizations will be allowed to select adult leaders without regard to sexual orientation, continuing Scouting's longstanding policy of chartered organizations selecting their leaders. Religious chartered organizations may continue to use religious beliefs as criteria for selecting adult leaders, including matters of sexuality. This change also enables Scouting's members and parents to choose local units, chartered to organizations with similar beliefs, that best meet the needs of their families.

Since 1910, the BSA has relied on chartered organizations to oversee and deliver the Scouting program in local communities. Nationally, Scouting represents approximately 2.4 million youth members and nearly 1 million adult leaders with diverse beliefs. Scouting teaches its youth members and adult leaders to be tolerant and respectful of different religious and moral beliefs,

acknowledging that reasonable minds may honorably differ.

Also, please remember that Scouting is not an appropriate environment to discuss sexual conduct, and the BSA will continue to have a strict behavioral standard for its youth members and adult leaders.

Orange County Council will be communicating this information to unit leaders and parents as appropriate. Our Strategic Alliances office has been pro-actively meeting with our faith-based Chartered Organizations to alert them of this policy change and assure their continued partnership.



Please direct all media inquiries to Jeff Herrmann, Scout Executive/President.

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](#).



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

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

New Advancement Information



There are several changes taking place for Advancement starting in January 2012. There is a new Guide to Advancement, a new

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and a new Eagle Scout Application. Please feel free to share this information with members of your Packs and Troops. The council district committee is busy working on revising the policies to meet the changes that are taking place.

For your information there will be a break out session at the January 12 Roundtable to cover the changes for the Eagle Scout rank. All leaders, parents and youth are invited to attend.

Guide to Advancement

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

Eagle Application

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Chris Hess, Orange Frontier District Advancement Chair at 714-828-0138.

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 Debbie Lewicki, District Commissioner, at debratjayne@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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 2016"**. 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 2016. 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.

Youth Sponsors Needed

Sponsors for financially disadvantaged youth in Orange Frontier District are needed. Any funds donated will go directly to the youth and will be used to pay for membership fees, handbooks, uniforms, equipment and or camperships. If you know of an individual or business that would like to support our local youth please contact James Payne 714-883-7690 or districtchair@orangefrontier.org.



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.



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.

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.

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.

1. Dry your tent and other camping gear.
2. Wash your clothes.
3. Put away food.
4. Take a shower.
5. Apply bite ointment.
6. Care for those feet.
7. Watch for fleas and ticks.
8. Drink water to stay hydrated.
9. Organize the advancement records.
10. Relax and recover.



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

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!*

**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.**

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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Members of Santee Chapter of Order of the Arrow are performing monthly service projects for We Care in Los Alamitos. Arrowmen organize donated food items, sort clothing by size and gender and help as needed. We Care is a family support center in Los Alamitos that provides families in crisis with rental and mortgage assistance, job counseling, substance abuse counseling, medical care assistance and mental health assistance.

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 Norm Herron with your ideas at norm@herronlink.com.

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 Norm Herron prior to the meeting to make sure you get on the agenda. Announcements should be brief and accompanied with handouts for the attendees.

Norm Herron
Orange Frontier District
Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

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 Frontier 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.

For more information please contact **James Payne** 714-883-7690 or districtchair@orangefrontier.org

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/scoutsources/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx

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

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.

Orange Frontier High Adventure Training

Rock Climbing to New Heights

Orange Frontier District promotes High Adventure for the Youth served in our District. Rock Climbing is physically challenging for both youth and adults. Tom Olszewski held the position of Climbing Director for our district for many years. He has trained hundreds of volunteers to equip them for the task of providing safe

High Adventure Programs to our units of Orange Frontier. Tom Olszewski a Philmont Ranch trained director who brought to these Scouters the skill and knowledge to handle a safe outing is now ready to retire and pass the reins. Tom demonstrated knot tying, anchoring systems, repelling techniques, belaying practices and equipment. Scouters learned or refreshed themselves with these skills and knowledge annually. Additionally students discussed climbing locations, equipment handling and accountability. We are seeking the right individual to take those reins and serve as our climbing director. You will need to certify one week at Philmont Training Center. If you are interested please contact James W Payne for an interview. We have a scholarship if needed to get you to Philmont. While experience is not required, it is beneficial. Age requirements of someone over age 21. We do expect a two year commitment.

If your Troop wants a Rock experience you can contact one of these trained Scouters to arrange an outing and Merit Badge session.

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.

Youth Sponsors Needed



Sponsors for financially disadvantaged youth in Orange Frontier District are needed. Any funds donated will go directly to the youth and will be used to pay for membership fees, handbooks, uniforms, equipment and or camperships. If you know of an individual or business that would like to support our local youth please contact James Payne 714-883-7690 or districtchair@orangefrontier.org.

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. 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.

Amazon.com Supports Scouting

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.

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 sign up: www.bsaadoptaschool.org

Campfire Story

Searching for the Meaning of Life

Once upon a time there were two brothers living in a small town. They decided that they wanted to see what life was like in the rest of the country. They set off in separate directions on a quest for knowledge. One brother soon came upon a big city. Outside the city he met an old man and asked him, “How are the people here?” The old man responded, “Well, how were the people in your hometown?”



“Oh, they were always grumpy and dissatisfied,” the one brother answered. “There wasn’t a single one among them worth bothering about.”

“Oh no,” replied the old man. “I’m afraid you’ll find that the people here are exactly the same!”

Later that same day the other brother, who had taken a different route, arrived at the same big city and met the same old man. He also asked the old man the same question, “How are the people here?”

The old man responded, “Well, how were the people in your hometown?”

“Just fine!” said the other brother. “Always cheerful, always kind and understanding!”

“I believe you’ll find that the people here are exactly the same!” said the old man again. The old man was a wise old man who knew that the attitude of the people you meet depends upon your own state of mind. If you are cheerful and friendly, you will find others to be the same.

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.

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 OFDSpotLight@att.net



Orange Frontier District Team

Please welcome our 2016 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 – James Payne 714.883.7690

Assistant District Chair – Ron Cocchi

Assistant District Chair – Steve Lewis

Outdoor and Activities Chair – Roger Lewicki

Camp-O-Ree Chair – Dave Barton

Webelo-Ree Chair – Dan Moran

Cub Day Camp Director – Carol Macey

Webelos Woods Chair – Open

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 – Open

Youth Protection Training Chair - Judi Lee

Adult Recognition – Steve Lewis

District Dinner Committee Chair - Joe Sova

Scouting for Food Chair – Marcie Lui

Risk Management Chair – Debbie Lewicki

Religious Program Chair – Lito De los Reyes

Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor – Jerry Johnson

District Climbing Director – Open

Membership Chair – Aara Madland

Community Liason – Antonette Roberts

Recruitment Chair – Open

Webelos Transition Chair – Jerry Johnson

New Units Chair – Robert Williams

Finance Chair – Aldo Gonzales

Community Finance Chair – Lynne Wilson

Major Gifts Chair – Lynne Wilson

Unit FOS Chair – Open

LDS FOS Chair – Frank Mackay

Popcorn Sales Chair – Kathy Hight

Scout-O-Rama Ticket Sales Chair – Star La Rogers

Scout-O-Rama Program Ads – Open

District Commissioner – Debbie Lewicki (714.262.6663)

Roundtable Commissioner - Judi Lee

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner –Open

Webelos Roundtable Commissioner – Open

Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner – Open

Publicity/Newsletter Editor – Marcie Lui

Webmaster – Joe Lum

Senior District Executive:

James Styczynski 714.546.4990 x112

Volunteers are always needed in the Orange Frontier District. If you would like to have fun with a great group of people please contact James Payne or Debbie Lewicki.

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 any of our Key 3 Leaders: James Styczynski, District Executive, at james@ocbsa.org or James Payne, District Executive, at jwpayne2@mail.com or Debbie Lewicki, District Chairperson, at jwpayne2@mail.com or Debbie Lewicki, District Commissioner, at debratjayne@gmail.com .