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## ScoutWeek

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*Is your Unit Participating in a  
Memorial Weekend Ceremony?*



***What is Memorial Day?*** Memorial Day is a day of remembrance to pay honor to those who have died serving our country. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts across the nation have a "time honored tradition" in providing support and attending ceremonies to remember our fallen hero's. This weekend is not any different.

***Your help is requested*** - The Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America has been

contacted by local reporters seeking the dates, times, locations of Scouting units that are involved in flag ceremonies over this Memorial weekend.

Adult leaders are asked to contact the council office Thursday (morning preferably) and to speak with either Devon Dougherty or Vicki Boatman. (1-714-546-8558 Extension: 145). If they are unable to take your call, please leave a contact message and then take a moment to send an email to: [Devon Dougherty](#) and/or [Vicki Boatman](#)

Thank you for remembering and never forgetting! Semper Fi



## Venturing - BSA

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils to Venturers and, prior to 2012, adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code.

The Orange County Council Venturing Officers Association congratulates the recipients for the 2013 Venturing Leadership Award.

Stephan Chomppf	Crew 412, Crew 1134 & Crew 139
Shane Gill	Crew 380 & Ship 1767
Miranda Hernandez	Crew 616 & Crew 139
Joshua Johnson	Crew 737 & Ship 936
Lucas Madison	Crew 616
Francisco Palop	Crew 2020
Christian Redman	Crew 339 & Ship 90
Kyle Sweet	Crew 1134
Jessica Unfried	Crew 93



Eagle Scout Benjamin Croy earned his 134<sup>th</sup> merit badge and 15 Eagle Palms.



Benjamin began his Scouting career at the age of 6 when he entered Tiger Cubs. Eight years later he earned his Eagle rank 2 days after his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. When Benjamin earned Eagle he already had 65 merit badges. Today his sash is so full the last 9 merit badges are on the inside.

To accomplish his goal Benjamin attended 9 summer camps including Lost Valley twice. He earned the new Kayaking Merit Badge at the Newport Sea Base, attended merit badge days and earned a merit badge at the 2010 National Jamboree. His favorites included home repairs, plumbing, cycling and welding. Although a Scout is ultimately responsible for his own accomplishments scouting is not a solitary endeavor but requires the time and encouragement of many others for whom Benjamin is grateful.

During his journey to all 134 merit badges, Benjamin co-piloted a Cessna, rode a horse on an overnight campout and convinced his dad golf will not be his career. Benjamin earned his last badges in March, just days before his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. To earn them, he had to take bugle lessons, make a clay pot and visit a welder at his place of work in La Mirada.

Benjamin currently serves as the President of his Crew, is active in the Fire Explorers, certified as a Red Cross Lifeguard, working to be a BSA Assistant Climbing Instructor and is the newest Assistant Scoutmaster in his troop.

Merit Badge Day Events are just around the corner!  
**Sign up today** and earn those really cool Merit Badges.



**Attention all Troops and webmasters.**

In order to save you time in maintaining your websites to display Merit Badges Day, try this:  
Just add a link for "Merit Badge Days " on your website and link it to the council website.  
We will keep it current and up to date for you!

# CUB SCOUT day CAMP

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**Your Cub Scouts can go to any camp for the Summer!**

**Del Mar and Rancho San Joaquin Cubs -- please locate a day camp close to you, contact the director or registrar staff member to register.**

**"All Cubs within their own district should sign up using Online Registration."**

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### Scout-O-Rama Booth Pack 774



Pack 774, Laguna Niguel - Scout-O-Rama 2013

[www.pack774.mypack.us](http://www.pack774.mypack.us)

Submitted by: Suzanne Densley

Is your Quartermaster, Silver or *Eagle Scout's* portrait on the *Eagle Honor Wall* at council headquarters?

**CALLING BSA'S TOP 2%**  
 - AMERICA'S FUTURE LEADERS -  
 WHO ACHIEVE HIGH SCOUT RANK

**LET'S GET YOUR  
 EAGLE/SILVER/QUARTERMASTER  
 - PORTRAIT ON OCC'S HONOR WALL -  
 Go to [GRADPORTRAITS.COM](http://GRADPORTRAITS.COM)  
 FOR MORE INFO AND TO MAKE A RESERVATION**

June 8 Eagle Scouts, Quartermaster or Silver Awardees will flock to GradPortraits studio for their complimentary portrait for display on the Honor Wall. Appointments are suggested and can

be reserved by going to GradPortraits.com and follow through to the online reservation system. Walk-ins are accepted but appointments take precedence.

The studios located at 12832 Valley View St., Ste.104 in Garden Grove where the 22 & 405 freeways intersect. Call 562-596-8999 for more information or visit our [Website Here!](#)



### **Attention Scouts and Scouters (age 14 and up)**

As in years past, the BSA - Orange County Council has maintained a booth at the Orange County Fair. Our council will have a booth again this year and we desperately need your help!!!

We need volunteers who are passionate about Scouting. Individuals that have seen the benefit of Scouting, either as a parent or a Scout and would like share their experience. We need to show the public that Scouting is still going strong and that we have something valuable to offer our community. As this fair is attended by people from all over Southern California, as well as visitors from afar, we have a unique opportunity to not only bring attention to our District, but to the Scouting movement Worldwide!

Your role would involve manning a booth along with 3 other Scouters, inside a tent in the Kid's Fun Zone area, for a 3-1/2 hour shift. Our booth theme is Fun & Games and we will have a few retro games for the children to play and win prizes. Also, each volunteer will answer general questions about Scouting, share your personal experiences with Scouting and have attendees fill out an interest card. You will not need to ask people to join, complete applications or quote prices. Just assist the kids with having fun and brag about the organization that we all LOVE!!

Each volunteer will receive free parking, free admission to the fair on the day they are volunteering and a commemorative shoulder patch.

The fair runs from Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Shifts are currently available for all days, but Pacifica District is responsible for covering Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer, but are not available on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> the other Districts would greatly appreciate your assistance too. Either way, please email me with your desired dates or call me directly to take one of the open shifts.

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Shift times are 9:45am-1:15pm (2 open spots); 1:00pm-4:30pm (3 open spots); 4:15pm-7:45pm (4 open spots); 7:30-11:00pm (4 open spots).

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Open shift times are 11:45am-3:15pm (2 open spots); 3:00pm-7:15pm (2 open spots); 7:00pm-11:00pm (1 open spot).

Scouting can only continue if wonderful people like you step up to help our Council get the positive exposure the OC Fair will afford us. Please consider volunteering!!

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME NOW!!!!

714-932-3145 or [Val4scouts@gmail.com](mailto:Val4scouts@gmail.com)

Yours in Scouting,

Valerie Spingola

Pacifica District OC Fair Co-Chair

### Orange County Council **Beltloop Bazaar**

Saturday, July 27, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Oso Lake Boy Scout Camp



Beltloop Bazaar is a one-day Cub Scout belt loop fair.

Stations will allow Cub Scouts to earn Cub Scout sports or academics belt loops.

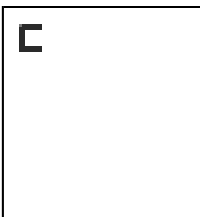
The Belt Loops offered are Art, Astronomy, Chess, Computers, Geography, Geology, Language & Culture, Map & Compass, Weather, Wildlife Conservation, Badminton, Fishing, Marbles, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Archery and BB Shooting

[Visit Beltloop Bazaar Official Website Here!](#)

For more information: download the registration packet at [www.osolake.org](http://www.osolake.org)

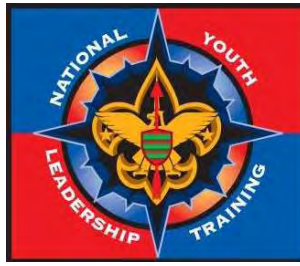
Or contact John Robinson at [beltloopbazaar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beltloopbazaar@sbcglobal.net)

Or call the Camping Department at (714) 546-4990 x136



**Learn How to Communicate with National Youth Leadership Training**





A key skill is communicating well. This includes communicating with other scouts, leaders and adults in general.

It is important to know how to get the attention of the crowd and keep it, making the delivery clear, interesting and fun!

Learning how to make sure the people you are communicating with understand the message.

Your solution: National Youth Leadership Training.

A 6 day course compressing a 5 week unit cycle of leadership council, unit meetings, utilizing communications, goal setting, teaching and leadership skills. They are reinforced with fun and challenging activities. Your youth go from followers to go-to'er leaders.

Registration is filling quickly. Participation is open to Boy Scouts, Ventures, Varsity and Sea Scouts.

For information and applications please go to <http://nylt.ocbsa.org> or contact OCC NYLT Course Director Bob Batman, [Robert.L.Batman@kp.org](mailto:Robert.L.Batman@kp.org)

[For flier click HERE!](#)

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### OCC-HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM REORGANIZING



**The OCC-HAT is back!!!**

Dennis Crockett, MD FACS, new Interim Chair, is looking for a few good mountaineering guys and gals who have completed the old Backpack Awareness Course, and have a heart to teach adult leaders about how to get their Scouts into God's wildlands, to get involved.

Much has already been done by the current crack OCC-HAT Scouters: check out the new and improved website at [hat.ocbsa.org](http://hat.ocbsa.org) and see some new, revamped, rewritten award requirements and better looking High Adventure Award patches and medals and more coming...a new OCC-HAT Policies and Procedures...and the new Basic Backpacking Course is being redone... stream lined down to two weekends from three...the didactic and orienteering field work scheduled for September 27-29.

However, much more needs to be done and Dr. Crockett can sure use the help. After all, he is getting old. After 20 years of local and distant backpacks, Sierra 50-milers, rock climbing, rocketry and all sorts of other outdoor adventures with Scouts, the body is starting to creak but the brain is still sharp.

Contact him at [doctorscoutmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:doctorscoutmaster@yahoo.com) and show up at the next OCC-HAT Meeting which is Tuesday, June 4...6:30 pm sharp...Santa Ana Orange County Council BSA Headquarters.

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