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 Chompff               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 134th 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 14th 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 18th 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 Badge Days, 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!

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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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**Special Notice:**

- The Del Mar and Rancho San Joaquin districts are not providing a Cub Scout Day Camp this Summer due to scheduling and meeting support requirements.

Your Cub Scouts can go to any camp for the Summer!
El Camino Real

June 24 - 28, 2013 at Camp Pendleton 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Contact Elizabeth Morgan
Registration closes June 10, 2013
Online Registration
Also Viejo, Dana Point, Emerald Bay, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Monarch Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, San Onofre

July 8 - 12, 2013 at the Outdoor Education Center 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Contact Stefan Gogosha
Registration closes June 1, 2013
Online Registration
Anaheim Hills, El Modena, Modjeska, Orange, Silverado Canyon, Tustin, Villa Park

Pacifica
July 8 - 12, 2013 at Mile Square Park Cubs 9 am - 2 pm, Webelos 3 pm - 8 pm
Director Britt Dowdy
Registration closes June 30, 2013
Online Registration
Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach

Los Amigos
July 15 - 19, 2013 at Firestone Scout Camp 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Director Pat Huber
Registration closes July 8, 2013
Online Registration
Anaheim, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra

Portola
July 22 - 26, 2013 at Firestone Scout Camp 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Director Alex Phethean
Registration closes July 5, 2013
Online Registration
Atwood, Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda

Orange Frontier and El Capitan
July 29 - August 2, 2013 at St Hedwig Church 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Contact David Barton
Registration closes July 15, 2013
Online Registration
Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Los Amigos, Midway City, Seal Beach, Stanton, Sunset Beach, Westminster

http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=1b4789f7f263125755c4f4b12&id=2a56a0b9ad&e=... 5/28/2013
Is your Quartermaster, Silver or Eagle Scout's portrait on the Eagle Honor Wall at council headquarters?

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!

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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 12th through Sunday, August 11th. Shifts are currently available for all days, but Pacifica District is responsible for covering Sunday, July 14th and Thursday, July 18th. If you would like to volunteer, but are not available on the 14th or 18th 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**
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**
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
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

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 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 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.