



SEQUOIA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



THE GRAPEVINE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER WINTER EDITION 2005

The Grapevine Has a New Look

This version of the Grapevine looks a little different from the past. It includes a Council Page with all pertinent Council camping, training, and activities and a District Page for the district that you participate in. The full Grapevine is available through our website which has a new address: www.sequoiacouncilbsa.com We had to change addresses due to some changes in website ownership, so we are now a "dot com" rather than a "dot org". Please change this in your records and review all of the Sequoia Council information plus the Grapevine on our website. We hope you enjoy this new reduced version of the Grapevine. This makes it more manageable to print and distribute with the full version still accessible through our website. This distribution is more cost effective and still reaches the appropriate participants. Feel free to give me your feedback on this new look.

Speaking of the website, there are a couple of new links on the Sequoia Council website. They are links to the national office www.Give2BSA.org and www.Scoutstuff.org Through Scoutstuff.org, you can order Scouting supplies online. When you indicate your zip code, a portion of your purchase will come back to the Sequoia Council as a contribution because you are a local buyer. Check it out.

If you haven't heard already, the Fresno Scout Shop is bigger and better than ever. It is now owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America, National Supply Division and is fully stocked with everything you ever saw in the Boy Scout catalog. Come into the Fresno Scout Shop and take a look at the new inventory and exciting new look.

Have a great holiday season.

Good Scouting and God Bless!

Steve Royster
Scout Executive

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 1 - 2 Wood Badge Session 2
- 5 Council Commissioner's Meeting
- 7 - 9 OA Fall Ordeal
- 8 OA Lodge Meeting
- 10 Columbus Day
- 14 Eagle Invitational Golf Tournament
- 15 Day of Training
- 21 **Popcorn Orders Due!**
- 26 Visalia Good Scout Banquet
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting
- 30 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 31 Halloween - Trick or Treat!

NOVEMBER

- 2 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 3 OA Lodge Meeting
- 4 - 5 Popcorn Distribution
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11 Fresno & Visalia Service Centers Closed for the Holiday
- 17 Executive Board Meeting
- 18 Popcorn Money Due
- 19 Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 24 - 26 Fresno & Visalia Service Centers Closed for the Holiday
- 30 All Recharterers Due

DECEMBER

- 1 OA Lodge Meeting
- 7 Council Commissioner's Meeting
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 24 - 26 Fresno & Visalia Service Centers Closed for the Holiday
- 31 New Year's Eve
- 31 Fresno & Visalia Service Centers Closed for the Holiday

FRESNO SERVICE CENTER HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

FRESNO SCOUT SHOP HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS
9:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAYS
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

VISALIA SERVICE CENTER HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

DAY OF TRAINING SCHEDULED

Don't forget to sign-up for the second annual Day of Training scheduled for October 15th. This event will take place at San Joaquin Valley College located at 295 E. Sierra Ave here in Fresno. Registration/check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m.

This is the premier event for Cub Scout Leaders, Boy Scout Leaders, and Commissioners. You are offered the excellent resources of San Joaquin Valley College where we will gather the most talented and dedicated volunteer and professional Scouters for you. Don't miss this event. Registration applications are available at both Scout Service Centers. Classes will be held at San Joaquin Valley College from: 8a.m. - 5p.m.

How may we be of service??

*Fresno Service Center
(559) 320-2100
Fresno Scout Shop
(559) 436-1339
Visalia Service Center
(559) 732-3424*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

FROM DAN DOYLE

2005 will be a year we will all remember, hopefully because of the good things in our lives and the great scouting activities we participated in. However, I am sure we also will remember Hurricane Katrina, as well. I am happy to report all 126 BSA employees in councils directly hit by Katrina have been accounted for. However, there is a great deal of damage in each Council, both to the personal property of BSA employees, volunteers and Scouting families as well as BSA camps and buildings. One thing we can all do is offer prayer for all of those affected by this tragic event, and some of us may be able to help financially. Two funds have been set up: The Fund to Rebuild Scouting and The BSA Employee Relief Fund. If you would like more information on these funds, please go to www.scoutingfriends.org. As always, the BSA family is coming together and will face and overcome this tragic event, as we rely on all of the values and lessons we have learned from our Scouting experience.

COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

FROM DAN MAXFIELD

Greetings Scouters of Sequoia Council!

Well, Summer is over and Fall is in the air. It is my fondest hope that your Summer activities were exciting and thus infused our youth with the Scouting Spirit. Those scouts that attended the National Jamboree had a mountaintop experience in Virginia.

A couple of important things are happening in the next few months:

First, units should have just finished, or be in the process of completing, unit program planning for the next year. This planning activity is important to the unit's success in the next several months and a building block to future membership. There are lots of resources to assist with this process. One is the Scouting magazine. It has inserts with pull out materials for Cub and Scout program planning. Also, all units should have received the Sequoia Council Annual Program Planning packet. It has great materials to assist with the program planning process.

Next, by November the recharter process will be underway. This annual event is a major opportunity for units to "take inventory", conduct uniform inspections, and interact with the Charter Partner.

If your unit needs assistance with either of these activities, or any other issues, be sure to contact your Unit Commissioner. Commissioners exist to serve units! If you have questions about Unit Commissioner Service, contact your District Commissioner from the list below:

Chawanakee - Masa Hanamaikai 297-1654

Golden West – Bob Collins (Dist. Exec.) 320-2100

Kings River - Tom Switajewski 584-9625

Live Oak - Dave Davis 627-5134

Mt. Whitney - Al Stuart Sr. 891-9186

Sierra - Tom Haley 688-2248

Thunderbird – Richard Duran (Dist. Exec.) 320-2100

Good Scouting to all.

2005 FALL MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Our council has been participating in a national campaign called the "Race to Cub Scouting" this fall. Each district chooses a date(s) in early fall to do a recruitment at 2 – 4 centralized locations. The dates are published, sent out to all of the elementary schools via flyers, and boys are encouraged to come and sign up. Each boy that signs up will receive a lunchbox with a pinewood derby car kit inside. Our Council has a goal to recruit 1000 boys by October 15th. So far this is how we are doing.

Race to Cub Scouting Goals and Results as of September 15, 2005

District	Goal	Recruited as of 9/15/05	DIFFERENCE	Comments
Chawanakee	290	87	-203	Recruiting is still on going
Golden West	100	23	-77	October will be the main push
THUNDERBIRD	100	76	-24	Recruiting is still on going
Mt. Whitney	100	67	-33	Recruiting is still on going
Kings River	120	104	-16	Recruiting is still on going
Live Oak	200	125	-75	Recruiting is still on going
Sierra	90	66	-24	Recruiting is still on going
Council	1000	548	-452	Recruiting is still on going





POPCORN SALES

The Council popcorn sales campaign is nearing completion. Units selling popcorn have until October 21st to turn in their sales numbers to their District Executive. This year we have had more than 150 units participating in the campaign. Look for the names of the top district/council salesmen in the next edition of the Grapevine.

EAGLE INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Belmont Country Club will once again be the sight of our annual Eagle Invitational Golf Tournament. We are expecting 100 players to participate. Proceeds from the tournament will help raise much-needed dollars for camperships for our scouts. Camperships help defray the costs of a scout to attend Webeloree, Cub Scout Day Camp or Boy Scout Summer camp at Camp Chawanakee. For information on how you or your business can be a participating sponsor or if you just want to come out and play and enjoy the day please contact the Fresno Service Center at 320.2100.



SILVER BEAVER AWARD

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award that a Council can bestow on one of its volunteers. Nomination forms are available at the Council Service Centers. Many of the Districts have them available at District Roundtables. The Silver Beaver Awards are presented each year at the Council Annual Dinner. Do you know someone that deserves this prestigious award? What are you waiting for! Pick up the nomination form, fill it out and submit it to either one of the Council Service Centers.

RANDY OLSON SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE



Friends of Randy Olson, a long time dedicated Scouter of the Sequoia Council who passed away several years ago, established the scholarship award. All registered scouts are eligible to apply for the *Randy Olson Memorial Scholarship*. Applications are available at both the Fresno and Visalia Service Centers.

SEQUOIA COUNCIL TO HONOR MARY T. HILL

The Sequoia Council will honor Mary T. Hill with the “Good Scout Award” for her long and distinguished history of community service. The dinner will be held on Wednesday October 26, 2005 at the Visalia Convention Center. Mary is the Vice President and Branch Manager of The California Stockmen’s Bank in Visalia. For additional information please contact Mike Gerardi at 320.2100 ext. 108.

RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Council Risk Management Committee has developed a DVD version of the “*Risk Zone*” training CD. Copies of this DVD will be available for units to check out in the near future. The committee has also adopted a the new BSA Ready and Prepared Award program for Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venture Crews. Cub Scout Units will continue to participate in the Youth Protection Training Award program that was established in 2005. All units should have a copy of the latest “*Guide To Safe Scouting*”

BOY’S LIFE SUBSCRIPTION CHANGES

Please note that effective September 1, 2005 the fee for Boy’s Life has increased to \$12.00 for the full year. The fee chart below indicates both Registration and Boy’s Life fees for each month.

Current Month	Reg. Fee	Boy's Life Sub. Fee	Exp. Fee
January	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$7.00
February	\$9.35	\$11.00	\$6.60
March	\$8.50	\$10.00	\$6.00
April	\$7.65	\$9.00	\$5.40
May	\$6.80	\$8.00	\$4.80
June	\$5.95	\$7.00	\$4.20
July	\$5.10	\$6.00	\$3.60
August	\$4.25	\$5.00	\$3.00
September	\$3.40	\$4.00	\$2.40
October	\$2.55	\$3.00	\$1.80
November	\$1.70	\$2.00	\$1.20
December	\$0.85	0	\$0.60

Invest in Sequoia Council Future

The Sequoia Council Endowment Fund is growing. We want you to be part of the growth. Become a James E. West member for a minimum contribution of \$1,000. Become a 1910 Society member for a minimum of \$25,000. Become a Founders Circle member with an estate-planned gift of \$100,000. Join the Heritage Society for any amount of money contributed now or in your future directly to the Sequoia Council Endowment Fund. In this last quarter, we welcome a new James E. West member. We want to congratulate and welcome Mark Perry, Council Vice President, as a member of the James E. West Fellowship. We also want to announce the sale of a piece of property in Three Rivers given to the Council many years ago that generated \$9,300 designated for the Council Endowment Fund. This is a good example of an estate gift that will benefit Scouting for many years to come. If you would like more information about the Endowment Fund, how to invest, and how to reap benefits from your investment, contact Scout Executive Steve Royster at (559) 320-2100.

Congratulations

To These New Eagle Scouts



*Michael Wayne Green
Jeffery David Toth
David Bennett Ameneyro
Christian Smith Briggs
Taylor Armstrong Johnson
Scott Frederick Beatty
Daniel Wayne Foster
Matthew Paul Holden
Michael Preston Long
Jason James Morris
Adam James Christopherson
Wesley Alan Miller
Willard Aw Moebest
Justin Allan Browne
Jordan William Buchanan
Jonathan James Rocha
Zachary Michael Vehrs
Brett Matthew Przbyla
Todd Alexander Harris
Kendell Christopher Bates
William Jay Ratliff
Nicholas John Roberts
Andrew Paul Everson
Marshall Eugene Hutchings*

Letter from the Territorial Governor

September 16, 2005

My friends, fellow Scouts and Scouters, Mark your calendars! You have been invited to participate in the Seventeenth Annual Sequoia Council Klondike Derby. Our mayors have been preparing for the Greatest Weekend of the Year, February 17-19, 2006! Registration applications will be mailed out to your Unit Leader in November as part of the Annual Yukon Yearly”.

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