

Newsletter – Scouts BSA Troop 41 for Boys

Est. January 1, 1942 – Oldest Continuing Troop in the Antelope Valley – 78 Years

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

(Dates below supersede those in the Annual Program Plan if different)

Monthly Theme: Backpacking

Reminder: The **activity shirt** may be worn from Memorial Day to Labor Day at each meeting

- Sep 2 (Wed) - Zoom Scout Meeting/Parent-Committee Meeting
- Sep 9 (Wed) - Zoom Scout Meeting/PLC Meeting
- Sep 16 (Wed) - Zoom Scout Meeting/Zoom Board of Review
- Sep 23 (Wed) - Zoom Scout Meeting/ Scout Meeting
- Sep 30 (Wed) - Zoom Scout Meeting/Arrow of Light - Workshop #1

Dues – If you did not turn in your dues money in June please do so now. This can be monthly if you wish. Just collect it at home and then turn it in. Please return your dues in an envelope with your name on it and put it under the doormat at Anthony's house. Please E-mail or text him that you have dropped off your envelope so we can pick it up. Thank you.

Court of Honor August 26 – After the opening Mr. Cooper asked each Scout how they were doing and what they were working on. Each replied with either schoolwork, Scouts, or both, and some had gone on small trips with their families to enjoy the summer. Following this were the awards: **Service Stars:** **Simon** – 3 yrs.; **Dan DeVere** – 6 yrs. **Merit Badges:** **Wesley Cascio** – Automotive Maintenance; **Ian Dirgo** – Citizenship in the Nation; **Anthony Lukenbill** – Nature, Reptile and Amphibian Study; **Trevor Ross** – Scholarship; **Simon Ross** – Scholarship, Personal Management. **Rank:** **Will Vento** – Scout Rank along with his troop neckerchief, presented by his dad since our meetings are virtual. Congratulations Will on making your first rank! Mr. Cooper then showed a short slide show of outdoor activities he and others have been doing the past few months, and encouraged the Scouts during the Scoutmaster's minute to push themselves so they will be able to find their true potential.

Annual Plan – our 2020/2021 Annual Plan is enclosed. Please note that due to uncertainty concerning the pandemic, many of the outdoor activities may be cancelled each month. The Newsletter supersedes the Annual Plan as stated at the top underneath the current month.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Status of Meetings and Events in September and Beyond - Effective August 16 per LA County Rules – Overnight camping is prohibited at this time. All Scouting activities and meetings must take place outdoors but are subject to strict rules. They are limited to cohorts not to exceed 15 youth and 3 adults, but must have in place, screening and an adult health and safety monitor, and can only be held after a robust discussion, consensus building, and proactive communication among the parents, and permission from the chartered organization to proceed takes place. **Update:** After this was published the Council asked units to refrain from meeting because some units have protested that the rules are not clear, and the Council wishes to avoid potential legal difficulties.

Note: Even though we are in Kern County, we are under Western Los Angeles County Council for Scouting purposes and are asked to follow Council rules until further notice. Therefore, we will not have meetings, outdoor activities, or camping at this time.

Troop Meetings: All troop meetings will be done virtually on Zoom during the month of September.

Outdoor Activities: All outdoor activities are cancelled until further notice (see above).

Dues: So as not to get too far behind in dues please pay your dues to stay current. As of now dues owed and dues paid are in Scoutbook and will be there from this point on. You won't have to look at another sheet to see where your son is on dues. To see the dues, log into Scoutbook and click on your son's account. Scroll down and click on "Payment Log." In the upper right you will see a balance. It might say -\$30. That's what your son owes through Dec 31, 2020. You'll also notice it shows what he owes for this year and last year if he was in arrears. It's still recommended to pay each week but paying ahead is okay too.

Heads-up: Re-charter Fee Increase to \$126 in 2021 – Our Council has announced that our re-charter fee per person will be \$126 starting Jan 1, 2021. The reasons for the increase are insurance costs that continue to climb and lower membership. Adults cost is \$42. Please note we will start re-charter in October and the fees will be due then. If you are unable to pay, please see Mr. Cooper or Mr. Moreno.

smile.amazon.com – At no additional cost to you, Amazon has a program in which they will donate a portion of your purchase to support the **Western Los Angeles County Council**. Just use <http://amzn.to/1L7b8nj> to search for and buy your items. Amazon will then send a percentage of your transaction amount to support WLACC. The Amazon smile program runs year-round so please make sure to use our special link each time you shop **smile.amazon.com** for all of your purchases. We thank you for your support.

Dues – are \$52 per year and all Scouts are required to pay that amount whether or not they are at a meeting. A Scout must be current in his dues to participate in outings, receive awards, re-charter, or even earn rank until he is once again current. Records are kept by the Scribe and Mr. Paravato. The dues sheet is with the Activity Clipboard showing what each Scout has paid or owes to date. See Mr. Paravato for questions.

Newsletter in PDF – Several parents have asked that the newsletter be sent electronically. It is in PDF format so it's easy to open on any device. If you are interested in receiving it electronically, please let Anthony know. Thank you.

Fund Raisers – Parents, did you know that BSA wants every Scout to earn their own way to camp through money they earn? If not, per BSA, "the boy will not learn how to pay his own way." Also, "anticipated expenses not covered by dues...must be raised through troop money-earning projects." We offer three fund raisers throughout the year, **Popcorn, Christmas Wreathes, and Camp Cards**, and it is very important that you encourage your son to participate in them to earn all he can for summer camp with maximum effort.

Tent Policy – Per Troop Guidebook: All troop tents will be lent to a Scout and a buddy, in good condition with no rips, tears, broken poles or zippers. The tent will be in the charge of the Scouts who will care for it. Should any damage occur through other than normal use, the Scout is responsible for the repair or replacement of the tent. The Scoutmaster, along with the Equipment Coordinator, will determine if the damage was done by the Scouts mishandling the tent or through normal use. If determination is made that the Scouts did the damage, the parents will be notified, and an arrangement will be made for the repair or replacement of the tent.

PLC Meeting Mandatory Attendance – The Troop policy is as follows: "As part of their duties, attendance at the monthly PLC meeting is MANDATORY for all Scouts who are members of the PLC - the SPL, ASPL, PL's, Troop Guide and Scribe who is not a member, but must attend. Failure to attend a minimum of four meetings in a six-month period will affect the Scout Spirit requirement on the rank they are working on, thereby causing a delay of from four to six months to be eligible for that rank. If unable to attend due to illness or family vacation, they MUST have their assistant attend the meeting. If the assistant then does not attend the meeting, no credit for attendance will be given - simply asking someone to attend is insufficient. A Scout may only substitute for one absent leader at a time – each absent leader must send his own substitute."

Mandatory Scout Parent Participation – Every parent must sign up for at least one short-term project during the year. It can be anything from transportation on a campout to a fundraiser or Scouting for Food. You may be contacted at any time.



Eagle Summit

George McNamee 1948
Murray Omer Williford 1977
Bruce Eliotte Tipton 1982
Daniel C. Perkins 1986
Nikki Johnson 1990
James Spear 2000
Chris Shaw 2001
William Lostumbo 2001
Arturo Renteria 2008
Brenden Troup 2009
Cesar Renteria 2010

Matthew Bryant 2011
Tyler Kurtz 2012
Michael Bedard 2012
Doug Long 2013
Geoffrey Holmes 2013
Sean Cooper 2015
Cade DeVere 2018
Devonn Veasey 2019
Alan Rennie 2019
Kamar Stephens 2019



Wesley Cascio 9/14
Will Curzi 9/22
Max Dueno 9/22

Uniform Closet – Uniform and uniform parts are available at the District Office for those in need. Please donate to the closet if you have used uniforms – they are greatly needed. Thank you! (At this time the district office is closed until further notice.)

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If you have any questions about information in this newsletter, please call Anthony Moreno