



# Antelope Valley District Newsletter FEBRUARY 2008



Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service, and Achievement

## Spring is in the air –

### even though snow is on the mountains

*Spring Rallies: A Great Way to Strengthen Your Unit*

We are putting together the spring recruitment rallies and need YOUR unit's recruitment date(s), time(s) and location(s). Every unit should have a spring recruitment – including Troops. For every pack you can get a jumpstart on getting next year's Tiger den in place to go to Day Camp. MORE boys for Troops and Packs can get you more families and adults willing to be involved.

We need 3 to 4 weeks notification before the recruitment rally date to order and get flyers printed. This will ensure that each distribution site (school, church, neighborhood, etc.) will receive flyers in a timely manner. Each site should have 2 sets – the first set will need to be distributed 2 weeks before the scheduled recruitment date and the 2<sup>nd</sup> flyer will need to be distributed 2 to 3 days before the scheduled recruitment rally date.

**2008 Friends of Scouting Presentations** – please sign up tonight for when you want your presentation done. We need dates in the January/February timeframe. We are currently ahead of all the other district but we still need some units to sign up. You call also contact the Chairperson: Ruth Lawrence 661-269-2432 or [rmlaw@hughes.net](mailto:rmlaw@hughes.net)

**2007 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARADES** – To all that attended – we still have patches in the office available for pick up.

**2010 National Scout Jamboree.** Our units can now pre-register youth and contingent leaders to attend the jamboree. The form is on our district website and available at the AV Service Center. You can register youth age 12 through 17 as of July 2010 (so there should be some current Webelos 2 and a few Webelos 1 that could actually attend.) Adults must be at least 21 years of age as of July 2010 for SM, 1<sup>st</sup> ASM, 2<sup>nd</sup> ASM, or contingent leader. For 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM they must be 18 through 20 years old as of July 2010. Adult interview appointments are Feb 19 and Feb 20. Want a sneak peak about the excitement and fun? Visit <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/2010>

**2008 Antelope Valley Adult Leader Recognition and District Dinner.** “Let Freedom Ring”. Sat. Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to 8:30pm tickets \$12 each. (Purchase before Mar 1 and receive a \$2 per person discount) No tickets will be sold at the door. The event is being held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 39546 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West in Palmdale (off Rancho Vista Blvd). ALL Antelope Valley Scouters and families are welcome for an evening of food, door prizes, and fun. We look forward to seeing you there. The order form is available on the district website and at the AV Service Center.

### **2008 Antelope Valley District Award of Merit –**

Is there someone in our district you believe has gone above and beyond for our district, our council or maybe even their unit? Do they exemplify someone whom other Scouters strive to be? Then nominate them for the Antelope Valley District Award of Merit. Forms are available at the Service Center or online at <http://www.scouting.org/forms/33720.pdf> Forms must be accepted in the Service Center before Feb 15 to be considered as a recipient at the 2008 District Dinner.

**2008 Antelope Valley American Heroes Dinner** - Save the date *April 10, 2008* 6:30pm for the Antelope Valley American Heroes Dinner at the John P. Eliopoulos-Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St. West, Lancaster

**Training** - Next training is on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please, encourage your as yet untrained adults to get trained as soon as possible. The success of a unit depends on trained leaders. If you are interested in teaching please contact Barry Swenson at 256-8590 or email him at [szonian82@peoplepc.com](mailto:szonian82@peoplepc.com). Please go to our district training at <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/training.html> for specific times, locations and contacts.

*Training Available Online* – Please check out the continually updated national website for available online courses at: <http://olc.scouting.org/> Currently training is available for Fast Start, Youth Protection, Troop Committee Challenge, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and District Committee Selection. Additional courses will be added in the near future.

**2008 Scout Family Nights with the Jethawks** - All Scout Sunday - April 13. Cost between \$5 and \$7. Scout Overnighter is Jul 18. Costs between \$11 and \$13. The order form and additional information is available on our district website.

**2008 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner** - Save the date *April 17, 2008* for the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner for our 2007-2008 boys that have received the rank of Eagle.

**Antelope Valley District Camporee** - The annual Antelope Valley District Camporee will take place on *April 25 thru 27* at Pelona Vista Park. Boy Scouts, Webelos, and Venture Crews are welcome to attend and participate in this district event. Each Participant will be governed by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. All registrations must be turned in by 4 p.m. on April 12, 2008 at the AV District Service Center. For additional information please go to our district website or contact the AV District Office.

**Camperships Available.** There are monies available for any Scout who would not normally have the ability to attend camp. Please contact the AV Service Center or our Council offices for the information.

**2008 Boy Scout Summer Camp Applications being accepted.** All units can submit applications to be accepted at any of our WLACC summer camps. Information at: [www.bsa-la.org/camping/Summer\\_Camp\\_Applications.htm](http://www.bsa-la.org/camping/Summer_Camp_Applications.htm)

**2008 Cub Scout Camping at Emerald Bay** - *Mar 14-16 Spring Carnival & Oct 24-26 Spook-o-ree* - Our council is proud to launch 2 weekend Cub specific programs at Emerald Bay!!! These weekends will feature favorites such as BB guns, archery, canoeing, snorkeling, and the Marine Science Center where Cubs can pet a shark! (Think of all the fun the boys will have....) In addition to the standard program we will offer guided hikes, games, arts and crafts, and campfires w/ s'mores. The cost is \$179 per person for tent camping and \$189 per person for cabins for WLACC packs. If your pack can't make either of these weekends or the weekends sell out please contact the AV Service Center to see if we can schedule your pack on a different date.

**2008 Cub Scout Camping** - There are many upcoming opportunities for Cub Scouts to go camping, both overnight & day events. Please save the following dates. When the additional information is available it will be posted on the AV District website.

Cub/Parent Camp @ Emerald Bay: Mar 14-16, Oct 24-26  
Cub/Parent Camp @ Josepho:

Mar 28-30, May 2-4, Oct 17-19, Nov 7-9

AV Cub Day Camp @ McAdams Park: Jun 23-27

Family Camp @ Camp Whitsett: Aug 22-24

Webelos Resident Camp @ Camp Josepho:

Jun 29-Jul 2, Jul 16-19, Jul 27-29

**AV Unit Websites & Emails** – Do you have a unit website? Please let us know. If you aren't receiving at least one weekly district email please let us know with your updated email address.

**AV District Newsletter:** As of this month our current newsletter has been going for a year now. Each month has had a variety of information. Be sure to go back and look at all the information that is available to youth and adults.

[http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.com/Newsletter/A\\_V\\_district\\_newsletters.htm](http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.com/Newsletter/A_V_district_newsletters.htm)

**2008 Early Rank Requirement Changes**

Several Boy Scout rank requirements have been updated for 2008 including addition information describing each. To stay current with Boy Scout Advancement and Award requirements AND changes visit the Boy Scout Advancement and Awards page <http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/index.html>.

To see the specific changes click on "2008 Rank Requirement Changes"

**AV Scout Shop** – Come and see what is NEW!!! Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday is Wacky Wednesday where certain items are discounted between 20 to 60%. New items are coming in on a regular basis. PACKS – Don't forget Blue and Gold items – we have your party and paper goods available. **ONLY IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:** Bring in a used Boy Scout shirt, shorts or pants and get \$5.00 off the switchbacks.

If you have additional questions please contact the AV Service Center. We look forward to helping you serve our youth.

WLACC Website: [www.bsa-la.org](http://www.bsa-la.org) District Website: <http://antelopevalley.bsa-la.org/>

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