

The Echo

May/June/July 2006 Edition
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Verdugo Hills Council,

2006 Verdugo Hills Scout Show

Scout Show 2006 is an action-packed day where your pack, troop, team, crew or post will be able to feature its talents and skills, earn recognition and work on rank advancement.

Who: All Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts - by Reservation and limited to 40 VHC units due to Space limitations.

When: Saturday, June 3, 2006

Where: Burbank Town Center Mall – Old Carousel Area

Why: To show the members of our communities what Scouting is, to let your unit “show off,” and to recruit new members!

Show ideas: Pinewood Derby, First Aid instruction, crafts, plant identification, Merit Badge classes, etc...

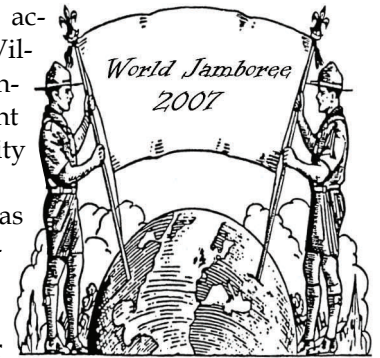
Contact: Larry Widdis – Telephone: 818-613-2452
Email: LWiddis@aol.com

Reserve Unit Space Now!!!

WORLD JAMBOREE 2007!

Start making preparations now for the 2007 World Jamboree, planned for jolly old England! The Jamboree will be hosted by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom from July 27 until August 8 of the year 2007 – the centennial year of the founding of the Scouting movement. The fun will include tours of London, as well as favorite Jamboree activities, such as World Village, The Gilwell Adventure, Global Development Village, and Community Action Day!

The Western Region has seen fit to allot the Verdugo Hills Council 10 youth member spots. This is a pretty good number for a Council our size. Let's hope that we fill all the spaces, otherwise we will not be so similarly blessed at the next one! Eligible youth participants are Scouts and Venturers who will be between the ages of 14 and 17 years old on July 27, 2007. For more information, visit www.scouting.org.



Upcoming Events:

Scout Night with the LA Avengers:

Saturday, May 6th - 7:30 pm

Special pricing on tickets (includes hot dog and soda) for Troops/Packs and family. Run through the “Avenger Experience” obstacle course from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Followed by a VIP tour of STAPLES Center and an Avenger pre-game jam with live music and games. **For more information contact:** Chris Holmes (310) 407-0239 E-mail: cholmes@laavengers.com

Fire Service Day: May 13, 2005

Burbank Fire Station 11 is located at the corner of Orange Grove and 3rd in Burbank. Come join in a great way to learn about Fire Fighters, fire safety, and lots of fun.

Upcoming Trainings - GET THE WORD OUT!

May 2 ~ New Leader Essentials (6:30 - 8:10 PM Council Auditorium)
May 2 ~ Youth Protection Training (8:15 - 9:30 PM Council Auditorium)
May 6 ~ SM Leader Specific (1:00 PM Council Auditorium)
May 12 - 14 ~ Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills @ Trask
June 17 ~ Trainer Development Conference 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM @ Smiser
July 22 ~ Course Directors Seminar 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM @ Smiser

*Dates are subject to change: Please call the council to confirm:
Phone – 818-243-6282; or Fax – 818-243-5169.*



Eagle Scout Spencer Ross from Troop 210, which is sponsored by the BPO Elks Lodge 1497, in Burbank, CA, says the Benediction at Council Eagle Scout Dinner, which was held at The Castaway Restaurant, in Burbank, CA, on April 6, 2006. Council Vice President—Program, Larry Widdis, who also served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event, looks on from behind.

Congratulations New Eagle Scouts!

The following young men have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in the past three months:

Alonzo R. Hidalgo	Troop 188
Joel Martinez	Troop 106
Josh Newton	Troop 395
Scott T. Hanson	Troop 210
Tim Hughes	Troop 209
Andrew E. Resendez	Troop 101
Christian Sibrian	Troop 315
Collin Lievens	Troop 319
Jeff Elliot	Troop 210
Thomas Lee	Troop 125
Courtney Kakebeen	Troop 288
Michael Gooch	Troop 398
Michael Trenholme	Troop 319
Travis Anderson	Troop 391
Nick Dutchover	Troop 315
Charles Burden	Troop 303
Jaron Hoggan	Troop 280
Alex Knopper	Troop 50



Be Risk Ready With Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat

It's true that the number of serious injuries and fatalities in water-related activities is small relative to the number of Scouting activities every year, but Scouting loses lives and dollars from aquatics injuries and fatalities - second *only* to those lost in vehicle accidents. To reduce aquatics accidents, we must know and follow **Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat**. Chapter 2 of the Guide to Safe Scouting is dedicated to aquatics safety. Give yourself a refresher course before going on your next water activity. The life you save or the injury you prevent may be your Scout's.

Welcome Paul Reyes!

The Verdugo Hills Council welcomed a new staff member to our family, effective April 1st, 2006. Paul Reyes joined our staff as the Senior District Executive in Iron Eyes Cody District. He started his Scouting career in the Los Angeles Area Council as a youth, and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Paul started his professional career as a District Executive in the San Gabriel Valley Council, promoting up in that council as well.

Paul brings years of experience and enthusiasm in the traditional Scouting programs, and we look forward to his expertise as we grow our involvement and programs in the Glendale and Burbank communities. He is married to Terry. Paul has already started making the rounds so when you meet him be sure to introduce yourself with a warm Verdugo Hills welcome!

The Echo is now Quarterly and will be Web-based

The Echo is now a Quarterly Publication starting with this issue. Also, to save costs, The Echo will soon be published predominantly on the Council Website: www.vhcbasa.org.

If you require a print copy of this publication, please cut out and return the bottom section of this article:

I need to receive a printed copy of the VHC Newsletter, The Echo:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return to: The Verdugo Hills Council
1325 Grandview Ave.
Glendale, CA 91201

Please return by May 15, 2006

President's Pipeline—Bob Bunker

While traveling through Utah last week, I picked up a newspaper outside my motel room door, and read the headline on the first page: "LATINO TROOP WARNED AFTER PARTICIPATING IN SLC DEMONSTRATION." As the Council President, such a headline would naturally stir my interest, so I read on. The paper reported that a certain Salt Lake City troop was reprimanded by the Field Director of the Great Salt Lake Council for having boys in SCOUT UNIFORM [emphasis is mine] participating in the immigration demonstrations in Salt Lake City. (Coincidentally the President of GSL Council is John Reese – who was the VHC President in 1990 – the year of the Lion!)

This Latino troop of 15 boys were fulfilling their "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge requirement to render 8-hours of service to a charitable organization. The scoutmaster, a Utah State Assemblyman, arranged with the Utah Coalition of La Raza, a non-partisan advocacy civil rights organization, for his scouts to pass out flags to participants in the immigration demonstrations. And why, asked the scoutmaster, was this any different than the same troop of boys who had presented the flag ceremony to open the Utah Republican Convention?

As leaders in the Verdugo Hills Council, what would have been your answer?

"Kay Godfrey, spokesman for the GSL Council, said the policy is clear that **uniformed** members [emphasis is mine] cannot participate in political events or activities that might be 'construed as rendering an endorsement for a particular candidate or position.'"

(After the colors were presented at the Utah Republican Convention, the scouts left the arena, were nowhere to be seen, and took no further part in the activities of the convention.)

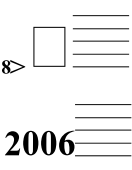
What is the issue here and why the sensitivity?

Whenever our boys wear the Official Boy Scouts of America uniform, in a sense they lose their individual identities, and appear to outsiders as "Official" representatives of the BSA. Much the same as when a police officer puts on his/her uniform, he/she represents the civil jurisdiction that empowers him/her to enforce the law. This is why the BSA is so particular and specific about the wearing of the uniform during approved sales of products. This same restriction also applies to the use of Council facilities—they may not be used for ANY political purpose!

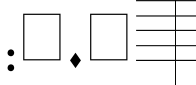
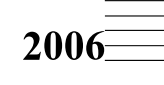
Your Council is a corporate entity, incorporated as an educational organization under the laws of the State of California, which then applies to and obtains from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) the **privilege** to be the recipient of tax-exempt donations. Tax exemption means that the citizens of the U.S., you and I and all of our neighbors, provide financial support with both earned dollars and uncollected tax dollars. If a person pays 35% of his marginal income in taxes, that means 35 cents of every donated dollar would have been tax given to the state and federal government, if that dollar had not been donated to the Council. The Federal Law is clear. Tax dollars **cannot** be used to endorse a particular political candidate or position or policy. And what is the penalty for an organization that does not adhere to this set of Federal statutes? Among other possibilities, and overt withdrawal by the IRS of that **privilege** of tax-exemption! If you take a moment to contemplate the impact of such an action on this or any other council or non-profit organization, you can readily see why the sensitivity.



By the way, churches are under the same scrutiny and are just as sensitive!

Fortunately, there are no punitive actions contemplated against the SM or the troop. The GSL Council considers it an honest mistake with some good lessons learned. What should the SM of that Salt Lake troop have done differently? Hopefully it is as obvious as it is simple – participate without the scout uniforms! Without the uniform, a boy is just an individual, expressing his right to demonstrate or support whatever cause or political viewpoint he wants to. He would have learned the same lessons in participatory citizenship! And the amount of antacids ingested by GSL Council executives would have been greatly reduced!

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	1	2 Training Cmte. Mtg. 7p.m.	3	4 Eagle Scout Service Proj. Wrkshp. 7p.m. Cncl Advancement Cmte. Mtg. 7:30pm	5 Eagle Scout Books due for the monthly Board	6 SM Spec. Ldr. Trng. 8a.m. VHC Office
7 HAT Trail Boss	8	9 HAT Mtg. 7p.m.	10 Exec. Cmte. Mtg. 7am	11 Round Table 7:30pm OA Meeting 7:30pm	12 Intro to Otdr Ldr Skills Trng Camp Trask	13 Intro to Otdr Ldr Skills Trng Camp Trask
14 Intro to Otdr Ldr Skills Trng Camp Trask MOTHER'S DAY	15	16 FHD Cmte./Cmsr. Mtg. 7pm "Nuts for Scouting" Campaign ends	17	18 Council Camping Cmte. Mtg. 7pm	19 HAT Water Trek Council Office opens at 10:30am	20 HAT Water Trek Wood Badge Staff Development 8a.m. Scrapbooking Wrkshp. Auditorium 10am
21 HAT Desert Awareness	22	23 BSA National Mtg. Washington DC	24 BSA National Mtg. Washington DC	25 BSA National Mtg. Washington DC Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm	26 BSA National Mtg. Washington DC	27
28 Armenian Independence Day	29 Memorial Day VHC Closed	30	31 Exec. Board Mtg. 7am District Committee Training Wrkshp 7pm Membership Plngg. Meeting 8pm	Verdugo Hills Council, BSA Dates subject to change - please call Council to confirm. Phone (818) 243-6282 or Fax (818) 243-5169		

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11	12	13 HAT Mtg. 7pm	14 Flag Day Exec. Cmte. Mtg. 7am	15 Council Camping Cmte. Mtg. 7pm	16	17 Trainer Development Conf. – Pasadena FHD Dinner; LDS La
18 FATHER'S DAY	19	20	21	22 Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm	23	24
25	26	27 Training Cmte. Mtg. 7p.m.	28 Exec. Board Mtg. 7am	29	30 Council Office opens at 10:30a.m.	

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16	17	18 FHD Cmte./Cmsr. Mtgs. 7pm	19	20 Council Camping Cmte. Mtg. 7pm	21	22 Course Director's Seminar Pasadena
23 Philmont Trek OA-NOAC Philmont Trek 30	24 Echo Articles Due Philmont Trek OA-NOAC Philmont Trek 31	25 Training Committee Mtg. Philmont Trek	26 Exec. Board Mtg. 7am Pan-Homenetman 8th Scouting Jamboree Philmont Trek	27 Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm Philmont Trek	28 Council Office opens at 10:30a.m. Philmont Trek	29 OA-NOAC Philmont Trek

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20	21	22	23 Exec. Board Mtg. 7am	24 Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm	25 Council Office opens at 10:30a.m. Webelos Leader Outdoor Trng. - CVO Tri-Council Woodbadge	26 HAT Basic Backpack (Outdoor) Webelos Leader Outdoor Trng. - CVO Tri-Council Woodbadge
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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT RECOGNITION & WAYS TO "LEAVE A LEGACY"

Encouraging gifts to BSA local council endowment funds is one of Scouting's highest priorities. It is one of the best ways to ensure that your council can continue to offer the outstanding programs now and also grow to meet the needs of the youth and communities we serve. Here are the award levels, recognition and ways you can participate, if you haven't done so already, including upgrading your current James E. West level. Those programs are:

THE JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM: The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to – and not replace or diminish – the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else – such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary – or in memory of a special individual.

Levels: James E. West \$1,000; Grand Teton \$2,500; Pike's Peak \$10,000; Mt. McKinley \$15,000

THE 1910 SOCIETY

We honor that special date by presenting the 1910 Society award to donors who make gifts of \$25,000 or more to their council's endowment. These gifts can be in the form of cash, securities, land, five-year pledges, or other property suitable for a council endowment fund or easily converted to cash. There are four levels of recognition in the 1910 Society that honor four very special individuals who shaped modern-day Scouting:

Ernest Thompson Seton: \$25,000 minimum gift

Daniel Carter Beard: \$100,000 minimum gift

Theodore Roosevelt: \$500,000 minimum gift

Waite Phillips: \$1,000,000 and up

THE FOUNDERS CIRCLE

The newest level of endowment recognition, the Founders Circle, is intended to recognize *deferred* gifts designated for council endowment funds. With deferred giving (also called planned giving) so widely and effectively used by so many donors, the BSA wants to recognize the importance of such gifts. **Donors are recognized for gift commitments with a minimum of \$100,000.**

Remember as the Endowment Fund grows so will the positive influence of Scouting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (818) 243-6282 EXT. 106 OR MAIL TO: VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL, BSA, ATTENTION: MARICELA ORENDAIN ENDOWMENT/LEGACIES • 1325 Glendale Ave • Glendale, CA 91201

LFL Success Story!

Crescenta Valley High School Air Force Junior ROTC Program

The Crescenta Valley High School Air Force Junior ROTC Program incorporated the Learning For Life curriculum as a supplement to the character development/education requirements of their course structure. The values represented through Learning For Life mirror the values maintained by the United States Air Force therefore the two programs complimented each other well. Learning For Life provided a reliable program format that was adaptable to the course objectives being taught by the Junior ROTC cadre.

At the start of the partnership, 65 students were introduced to the Learning For Life program. The structure of the program began with case discussions based on ethical decision making and character development. Three months into the established curriculum we introduced a guest speaker program. Adult volunteers with experience in business were scheduled to provide classroom presentations and question and answer dialog. This program allowed the students to see that ethical decision making and character development skills are adaptable to several business venues and are critical in successfully negotiating business transactions.

To complete the program we worked with the cadre staff to develop a week long summer program that focused on leadership, ethical decision making and character development. Student participation of the summer "Leadership Academy" was entirely voluntary. Based on a successful in-school program and the enthusiasm demonstrated by the students we offered the course to 48 students. The results of the Leadership Academy lead many students to seek Student Government positions during this school year. Additionally community service hours for each of the students have increased measurably.

Based on the success of the in-class program, the speaker program and the Leadership Academy the enrollment for Crescenta Valley Air Force Junior ROTC has increased to 102 students.

Commissioner's Corner—Harriet Hammons

Summer Plans: Remember Scouting is the outing. What summer camp is your unit going to attend. Plan a weekend at Camp Verdugo Oaks or Camp Silver Fir. Call the Verdugo Hills Council for a reservation: 818-243-6282.

Charters: Are your youth and adult names correct on your charter? Please let us know if you need help. Your unit commissioner will help you.

Commissioners: We are in need of unit commissioners! No experience needed, we'll train you. This is a great opportunity for those who may have passed the adult leadership baton to others. If you, or someone you know, is interested in a liaison position between the Council and one or more units, please talk to your District Commissioner, or Council Commissioner.

Foothill: Ross Kelsey - MRossKelsey@msn.com

Iron Eyes Cody: Skip Gillett - skipgillett@charter.net

Council Commissioner: Harriet Hammons—818-399-5738

THE FOOTHILLS DISTRICT DINNER

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2006

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Place: LDS La Canada Ward

1830 Foothill Blvd.

La Canada, CA 91011-2925

Cost: \$15.00 per person - until 6/2/06

\$25.00 per couple - until 6/2/06

\$20.00 per person – after 6/2/06

\$30.00 per couple – after 6/2/06

Who's invited?

All Volunteers in Scouting, Scoutmasters & Assistants, Cubmasters & Assistants, Committee Chairmen, Members of the Committee, Varsity Coaches & Assistants, Den Leaders & Assistants, Webelos Den Leaders & Assistants, Chartered Organization Representatives, District Committee Members, Commissioners and Guests.

Why do we have a District Dinner?

To recognize Packs, Troops, Teams & Volunteers for their service and participation during the past year. Highlights include the presentation of the District Award of Merit, Veteran's Award, Spouse Award, Extra Miler Award, Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Den Leader Coach Award, Scouter's Training Award, Scouter's Key, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Commissioner's Arrowhead Honor Award, Distinguished Commissioner's Service Award, Summertime Pack Award & National Camping Award.

Please nominate deserving adults & Units for awards. Forms are available at the Service Center. For more information, contact Tony Enterante, Asst. Scout Executive @ (818) 243-6282, Ext. 104

All award nominations must be turned in by May 26, 2006

Tributes

A donation to the Verdugo Hills Council has been given in Honor of:

Mr. Bill Berryhill

by Diane Shapiro
Arthur and Jackie Kanfer
Robert and Joan Nellis

The Sun City Anthem Singles Club
Mr. and Mrs. Danny M. Riddle, C.P.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hinkley
Ken and Carol Fick

NUTS FOR SCOUTING!!!!

Honorary Peanut Campaign Chair: Mr. Keith Swaner

SELL SELL SELL the Verdugo Hills Council Peanut Campaign is here!!

It's your opportunity to show your salesmanship and strong character by raising money for your unit. Campaign ends on May 16th.

For more information contact your Executive or Maricela Orendain at 818-243-6282 ext.106, or email:

moredai@bsamail.org



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Want current information about what's going on in the Verdugo Hills Council?

Check out our Web Pages at www.vhbsa.org, or connect up with someone in your unit who's on the district email list.

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Iron Eyes Cody District:

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Learning for Life:

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