

Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

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Spring 2006

2006 Council Recognition Dinner



Dr Richard Bell



Mara Childers



Dave Damp



John Douglas

On February 23rd, 2006, the Long Beach Area Council held its Annual Recognition Dinner. This year a wonderful group of Scouts and Adult Scouters were recognized for their volunteerism and achievements during 2005. Over 200 individuals were on hand to celebrate magnificent accomplishments of our council's 63 Eagle Scouts, 1 Venturing Silver Award, and 4 Silver Beaver recipients, and numerous other honorees. The 2004 silver Beavers are: Dr. Richard Bell, Mara Childers, Dave Damp, and John Douglas. Congratulations to all of the night's award recipients and thank you for your dedication to the Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joseph Porter III



As we move forward into the second quarter of 2006, our hopes for our area's youth and volunteers, and our goals for our Council are becoming clearer.

Today the first of these goals is to focus on bringing more youth, from more backgrounds and more neighborhoods, into one of our programs. At the same time, we will do whatever we can to reach out to more adults in more sectors of our culturally diverse Long Beach area. A greater involvement with a greater spectrum of our community can only strengthen and build the foundation for ALL our programs.

The second of our goals is to enhance the success of the first by building a stronger financial base by reaching out to our donors, our supporters, and our community.

Finally, our third goal is to achieve maximum connection, communication and teamwork between our volunteers, our Board and our units.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Roger Olson



Now that we're into another "Quality" year and both Districts and Council earned Quality Status for 2005, we must continue to strive for the same Quality Year in 2006.

We as commissioner's have an obligation to ensure we receive all the training required to perform our commissioner duties in the best manner possible.

We need to ensure we provide the units we serve every possible opportunity to be successful in recruitment, training, planning, program and the big one, FUN!

We need to start working with our units in January to help them understand what it takes to be a Quality Unit. Use the Quality Unit form applicable to the unit's you are working with and go over the requirements to allow them to plan and schedule activities to allow them to meet the quality

Unit criteria. Almost 100 percent of our units are capable of achieving Quality status we have great leaders with high motivation, we just need to provide the extra insight into what it takes to have a great Program and fun year for the leaders and youth.

We need to make 100 percent contacts with our units to ensure:

1. Unit Leaders are going to Roundtables where training will be provided.
2. Have all our unit's received/picked-up their rechartering packet and reviewed the contents.
3. Unit Commissioners work with the unit Committee Chair to explain anything in the rechartering packet/process they may not fully understand, and answer any question they may have.
4. Make sure the * items are completed/covered (i.e. two deep leadership and training, etc.)
5. Turn the recharter packet in early. This allows time for review and corrections to meet District and then Council suspense's, also to correct any errors.

Visit the unit's you work with (at least once a month) this includes meetings. Make sure they are using the annual calendar.

Make sure all Venture, Varsity, Ship, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout units/leaders have an annual plan and a calendar of events. Make sure they are planning outing activities and events in advance.

For all units - remember the annual planning process should happen in the July/August time frame for the next year. For Boy Scout Units the Scouts should be planning the events, the adults (committee, etc.) schedule the events, leadership and transportation.

Also remember the Commissioner Service is ready and available to help answer all your questions and help to make your unit succeed.

NEW TO THE COUNCIL

Born in Glendora. This graduate cum laude of University Nevada, Reno has served several non profits in the past five years, one of the highlights being an English teacher to 4000 students learning English in Mainland China. Currently she has followed her father's footsteps and joined the ranks of professional Scouters, serving the Long Beach Area Council of Learning For Life, a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America. A resident of Long Beach, fluent in Chinese and Thai, Scouts and Scouters of the Long Beach Area Council let us give a warm welcome to Annie York.



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COMING EVENTS

May 18
Distinguished Citizens Dinner

May 29
Memorial Day
Scout Service Center Closed

June 3
Scout-O-Rama Golden Jubilee

June 26
Sea Base Aquatics Day Camp Begins

July 2
Tahquitz Summer Camp Begins

July 4
The Fourth of July
Scout Service Center Closed

July 10
Cub Day Camp Begins—Will J Reid Park

July 15 –16
Webelos Weekend—Camp Taquitz

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The Way Things Were

Where Long Beach Scouts Camped in Town Prior to 1941

By Paul Muehlebach, Council Historian



2006 is the 65th anniversary of Will J. Reid Scout Park. The park's namesake benefactor donated the land in March 1941.

Where did Long Beach Scouts do their weekend camping prior to 1941? The Long Beach council has been fortunate throughout its history to have the use of a succession of properties close to the city for weekend camping and training.

The first property was located on the east bank of the Los Angeles River just north of where the Pacific Electric streetcar line (today's Metro Blue Line) crossed the river into Long Beach. The property had earlier been the site of the Los Cerritos Gun Club. It had ceased to be used as a rifle range sometime before 1920. There is no record of who owned the land or permitted the Scouts to use it, but beginning sometime in 1920 numerous articles appeared in the various Long Beach newspapers telling local Scouts how to get to the area and reporting on activities there.

The Scouts quickly dubbed the property The Willows, reflecting the dominant trees in the area. As can be seen in the photos at left, the area was quite wild in the early 1920s. The river was still natural, its channel was not cemented until the late 1930s.

Scouts could either access the camp via auto or by taking the Pacific Electric streetcar. There was a stop just to the south at Los Cerritos Park. (The onetime streetcar stop is just north of where the 405 freeway today crosses the Blue Line.)

Campouts were held at The Willows nearly every weekend. Scouts could go there to practice for and pass tests and for leadership training.

Long Beach Scouts used The Willows for about three years. In 1923 the City allowed the Scouts to take over a portion of Recreation Park in East Long Beach. The park at that time was

Photos on this page show scenes from The Willows in the early 1920s. The area was rustic, yet easily accessible from town via auto or local streetcars.

still on the outskirts of town, so it fit the bill in terms of accessible remoteness. The area was at the southeast corner of Seventh Street and Park Avenue, in a eucalyptus grove. The Scouts had access to all of the area from 7th Street south to the northern edge of the Colorado Lagoon.

The Scouts dubbed this new camp Tall Timbers. Within the grove each troop had a designated area in which the members could build a shelter or semi-permanent troop site. Most troops chose to build some sort of shelter. Some were simple lean-tos, others were quite elaborate log cabins. The troop sites gave the units a sense of ownership in the new camp, a place to hang out, a clubhouse.

In March 1925 the council appropriated \$500 from the permanent camp fund to build a headquarters cabin at Tall Timbers and make other small improvements. The cabin included a moderate sized meeting room and two covered, open-air activity wings.

There was lots of open space, especially between the grove and the lagoon. Sixth Street had not yet been pushed through the park and so it was quite a large open expanse. Field meets were held there on a regular basis. It also was not unusual to see a game of baseball in the field in front of the headquarters cabin.

Tall Timbers served the needs of Long Beach Scouts for about eight years. As the 1930s dawned however, the growing city had crept closer and closer to the once remote camp. Wilson High School opened in 1926 diagonally across the intersection of Seventh and Park. The council had to start looking once again for a weekend camp a little farther from the city.

In 1931 the Scouts were granted permission to use 20 acres of property adjacent to the San Gabriel River south of Spring Street in the area where El Dorado Park is today. The property was owned by a lady named Bryant and the council dubbed it Bryant Scout Acres.

The property was also used as a cow pasture and the Scouts were compelled to coexist with the primary "tenants." An announcement in the September 19, 1932 council newsletter reminded Scouts to keep the gates closed so the cows wouldn't get out.

Very little has been recorded about Bryant Scout Acres and no photos exist in the archives.

In March 1941 news articles announced the donation of the property in

North Long Beach that became Will J. Reid Scout Park. Subsequent monetary donations over the next 15 years by Mr. Reid also enabled the development of the park largely as we know it today.



Photos on this page show the Tall Timbers camp in Recreation Park. At top is a view of the headquarters cabin constructed in 1925. The large field in front saw field meets, baseball games and various Scout competitions. The middle photo shows the construction of Troop 9's cabin within the eucalyptus grove. At bottom is the council Executive Board in front of the headquarters cabin sometime in 1927. The man in the hat at the center of the group is Daniel Carter Beard, one of the founding fathers of the BSA and its first National Commissioner. He was on a tour of western councils at the time. Scout Executive C. L. Appling is second from right.



Eagle's Nest



July 20, 2005

Steven Schwartz
Crew 126
Los Altos United Church of Christ

August 17, 2005

Jonah Balakhaneh
Troop 613
Congregation Lubavitch of Long Beach

January 18, 2006

Steven Johnson
Troop 75
Bethany Lutheran Board of Youth Ministry

Matthew Lewis
Crew 120
St Josephs Catholic Church

Christopher Noss
Troop 371
St Dominic Savio Church

Michael Rice, Jr.
Troop 65
Lakewood Village Community Church

February 6, 2006

Sean Donovan
Team 222
LDS -E LB Stake - Seal Beach
February 15, 2006

Dylan Bakker
Troop 222
LDS - LB E Stake - Seal Beach

David Taylor
Troop 140
St Timothy Lutheran Church

March 15, 2006

Michael Bleidistel
Troop 134
Belmont Shores Lions Club

Kevin Bringman
Troop 65
Lakewood Village Community Church

Christopher Corcoba
Crew 181
Bellflower Masonic Lodge

Rocco Li Brandi
Troop 65
Lakewood Village Community Church

Andrew Robinson
Troop 14
Belmont Heights Methodist Men's Club

Chavis Salesulu
Troop 348
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

James Rose
Troop 209
BPOE Elks Lodge 1570 Lakewood

Religious Awards

Richard Bell
God and Family
Bethany Baptist

Lawrence Dongilli
God and Family
Bethany Lutheran

Fred Rawling
God and Family
Bethany Lutheran

Hanson Seeger
God and Family
Bethany Lutheran

Joshua Tatro
God and Family
Bethany Lutheran

Alexander Amerine
Alpha Omega
St. John the Baptist

Cub Day Camp 2006 "Fun in the Sun"



Our staff would like to invite your Cub Scout to Cub Summer Day Camp 2006 with the theme, "Fun in the Sun". The program is designed to teach character, leadership, and social skills while having FUN in the great outdoors.

We're offering individual and team sports, games, and crafts (all new each week), that are geared toward each boys achievement ranks. We will also have **safe Swimming, Archery, and BB Gun Shooting**, which makes our camp *unique*.

We have a **campfire** planned every Thursday night, family members are encouraged to join us and be entertained by their boy's skit or song. Bring your families dinner, sit back, and be prepared to laugh and enjoy the entertainment!

Registration forms will be mailed to your home. Please completely fill out forms and mail back along with payment to the Long Beach Council Office or bring forms with payment to our Scout-O-Rama booth on June 3rd. Remember to receive your Friends of Scouting discount; you must sign-up by June 3rd.

If you have any questions about the camp, please call one of the camp leaders below. See you this summer for fun, fun, fun!

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Occasionally, we hear a story reaffirming why scouting can make such a big difference in who a boy becomes. Recently a teachers aid to our Special Education Webelos group at Riley Elementary shared a story with our after school leaders. A guest speaker came in to speak to their regular special education class and the speaker asked what they liked best about school. The boys jumped up and said "Scouts, Scouts, its so much fun." Needless to say the ScoutReach leader's day was made when they heard this and helped remind us again why providing a fun and rewarding scouting program can make a difference in a boy's life.

Long Beach Armada Baseball Teaming Up with Scouting

The Long Beach Armada Baseball team announced at the Polaris District Dinner that it is teaming up with Scouts to provide Scouting opportunities at all Armada home games this coming baseball season. Jason Delp, Director of Ticket Sales for The Long Beach Armada Baseball Team tells us the Armada had a terrific opening season last year. They look forward to setting new records this season, teaming up with Scouts.

All LBAC, BSA Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing Crews and Explorers are invited to attend all Long Beach Armada home games at Blair Field in Long Beach at the 50% discounted ticket price of \$3.00. Scout discounted tickets must be reserved

in groups of 15 or more Scouts, family members and friends. Tour permits are required for all Scout groups attending games or events.

In addition to discounted tickets to all regular season home games, there will also be three special Scout Nights at home games on June 17th, July 3rd and August 11th where Scouts may participate in pre-game Flag Ceremonies and meet the Armada's players.

On August 11th there will also be an overnight campout for Scouts at Blair Field following the evening game. On Saturday morning, August 12th after the campout, Armada players will hold baseball clinics for the Scouts. Cost for the game and

overnight and Saturday morning clinic is \$10.00 per Scout and \$7.00 per adult.

This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of the Armada home game ceremonies! And you will have a chance to meet the Armada players and to hone your baseball skills too!

Be sure to watch for flyers in May with details of how to sign up for these games and special Scout events. Go to www.longbeacharmada.com to see the Long Beach Armada's Season Schedule.

Come and have some fun, wear your uniform and show Long Beach what Scouting is all about!



Golden Jubilee Scout-O-Rama

On June 3rd, the Boy Scouts will hold their Golden Jubilee Scout-O-Rama at Heartwell Park in Long Beach. Come out and show what your Pack Troop, Team or Crew is doing! There will be a competition for

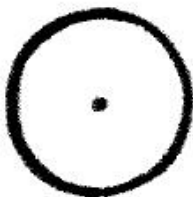
the best booth and the fun does not stop there!

Invite your friends and family to see what Scouting does for you and the community.

Gone Home

Delmar Clark
January 31, 2006

Ralph Kortz II
March 17, 2006



Don Sienk
March 23, 2006

Muriel Baker
March 25, 2006

Youth Earns Congressional Gold Award

Venturing Crew 81 President and Apprentice Sea Scout Sarah Deister, Yeoman for SSS White Shark, has received the prestigious Congressional Gold Award. Congress established the award in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement and service in young people. Through this award, the U.S. Congress challenges young Americans to challenge themselves, and recognizes young people who set and achieve goals in four program areas. The areas are Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness

and Expedition/Exploration. A minimum of 840 hours of service, planning and carrying out of a 3-day activity and 4 nights of camping are required for the Gold award, the highest level of recognition. Sarah's actual count of service hours came to 1500. Her 3-day activity and 4 night camping requirements were met by helping her Venturing Crew plan and participate in a week of summer camp in Georgia. Those plans included budgeting, fund raising, all travel arrangements, and all the other little things that pop up when a

group of 5 teenage girls and 2 adults travel from Lakewood, CA to just outside of Atlanta, GA to go camping for a week in August and back again. Congratulations Sarah!



Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training

Ordinary Seaman Sean Draper, SSS White Shark, earned the SEAL Training Award, graduating third in his class. Spending a week on the Intercoastal Waterways in Texas during June 2005 was an interesting, and at times, very challenging experience.

Sea Scout Advanced Leadership (SEAL) Training is a petty officer

(youth) leadership training course offered by the National Sea Scouting Committee. This is a one week, hard core leadership course that is conducted at sea. Upon his successful completion of the course, Sean received the **SEAL Training Award**, which is a silver pin with twin dolphins. This course is a leadership course, *not* a seamanship course. It covers such top-

ics as preparing, goal setting, organizing, supervising, commanding, communicating, training, motivating, and other skills that will help in functioning as a leader in your Ship and in life.

It has been a number of years since Long Beach Area Council has had one of its Sea Scouts earn this National recognition.

Congratulations to Sean!



Polaris District

Polaris District Dinner



The Polaris Annual District Recognition Dinner was very well attended this year. More than 150 Scouters and Scouts gathered at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Cerritos Stake Cultural Hall to celebrate the accomplishments of dedicated Scouters in the Polaris District. This was twice the attendance at last year's event. The steak and potato dinner and hall were donated by the LDS, Cerritos Stake.

Recognized for their accomplishments with the District Award of Merit were: Frances De La Rosa of Troop 301, Dahl Hatch, Unit Commissioner and Gary Hauser, Cub Master of Pack 81. Also recognized by their units with the Unit Award of

Appreciation were: Grant Masaoka, Crew 181, Glen Cabrera, Pack 67, Patrick Farquhar, Pack 81, Joan Weisenstein, Pack 134, Stephen Greving Pack 303, Tammy Parsons Pack 1244, Nanacy Bailey, Team 1244, Mike Contreras, Troop 65, Margo Geesing, Troop 67, Richard Barca Troop 75, Teri Shanahan, Troop 134, David Glynn, Troop 140, and Carolee Newcomb Troop 1244.

Stan Hadley, Advisor of Venturing Crew 181, was recognized for his outstanding service to Crew 181 with the Venturing Advisor Award as well as Don McMackin, former Scout Master of Troop 65. Don was honored for his outstanding service by his unit with the Scout Master

Award of Merit. There were twelve Scouters recognized with training knots and 37 Quality Units recognized. Special thanks to Cerritos Stake President, Chuck Basso and Keith Lund and the Cerritos Stake of the LDS Church for their generous support, to Colonel Bill Wenger for his motivating presentation on Scouting, to the Long Beach Armada for their support of Scouting in Long Beach and to all who made this event a big success.

Polaris District

Pack 208 Pinewood Derby

By Mary Tiscareno

Pack 208 in Lakewood held their annual Pinewood Derby this past January at Mae Boyar park. Attendance was excellent, with lots of scouts jumping at the chance to earn the coveted "Fastest in Pack" award. Preparations for the race begin the week earlier with the Pinewood workshop held at the Cubmaster's house. The boys learned all the tricks to building the fastest cars possible. This work paid off big time. The final race, help with the first place winners from each den resulted in all the cars crossing the finish line within 1 car length of each other. Talk about photo finish. Of course, what Pinewood Derby would be complete without cake and an awards ceremony to finish off the big race day! Good job Pack 208



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Two New Commissioners

Once again, we are happy to welcome two new Commissioners to the Polaris District Commissioner's staff. Both Commissioners are experienced Scouters with years of Scouting behind them. They are Debbie Palzer and Rod Douglas.

Debbie has served as a District Committee Member and has been associated with several units over the years. Currently Debbie is a Troop Committee member of Troop 134 and will serve as Unit Commissioner for them.

Rod Douglas comes to us from the LDS Church, Cerritos Stake, where he serves as High Councilor over the Scouting program. Rod will serve the District Commissioners' staff as an Assistant District Commissioner. In this capacity Rod will work to recruit new Unit Commissioners to

serve the Scouting units of the Cerritos Stake.

Commissioners Debbie and Rod will help to ensure that the units deliver a quality program to the Scouts by assisting with unit problem solving, unit re-chartering, helping to get adult leaders trained and generally lending a helping hand to make the unit the best it can be.

We are always looking for new Commissioners. Being a Commissioner can be a very rewarding experience. If you may be interested in becoming a Unit Commissioner, please call Craig Haines, Polaris District Chairman, at (562) 420-7664, or e-mail at craigandlinda2@hotmail.com.

Los Fierros District

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A Scout Is Reverent

The Long Beach Jewish Committee on Scouting is kicking off a campaign to support Jewish scouts in the Long Beach Council who are interested in earning their religious emblems. Cub scouts can earn the "Aleph" award and start down the path of the Jewish tradition. There are two emblems available for Jewish boy scouts. To earn the "Ner Tamid" emblem, scouts learn about the main beliefs and practices of Judaism, study the Bible and Jewish history, and show their dedication to the community through service. For the "Etz Chaim" emblem, older scouts deepen their understanding of Judaism and provide leadership in the community. If you know a Jewish scout who is interested in earning one of these emblems, you can contact LBJCS chairman Karen Codman and she will be happy to give advice and support. Once the requirements are completed and signed off by a counselor, the application must be submitted to the Long Beach Jewish Committee on Scouting for approval and processing. Karen can be reached at (562) 988-1079, or at home at (562) 868-5673.

Community Service Is the Key

By Tom Dixon

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Ric Trent to the Los Fierros District Committee. Ric is our new Finance Chairman. Ric earned his Eagle Scout Award in 1962. He is the CEO of a Nationwide Research, Marketing and Distribution Company. He is married to his wife Resa and they have an 8 year old son Ricky who is in Pack 007

An important part of Scouting is Service to Others. This concept of giving back to the Community is something that the Boy Scouts of America feels is important to nurture young people. This is shown in the Promises and Oaths of Scouts at all Levels and in the Scout Law.

If you are looking for a Service Project that your entire Unit can participate in you might want to consider the Special Olympics.

What are Special Olympics? Special Olympics is a non-profit organization providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and closely associated developmental disabilities.

Each summer the Summer Games are held at Cal State University, Long Beach (CSULB). This year they will be held from June 16-18.

SOSC serves over 10,000 children and adults ranging in age from eight to eighty. These athletes receive ten hours of training from volunteer coaches in their chosen sport prior to competitions.

In 1963 Eunice Kennedy Shriver started the concept of Special Olym-

pics as a day camp for people with intellectual disabilities to provide them with the therapeutic effects of physical fitness and sports. On July 26, 1969 the first Annual Western Regional Special Olympics was held at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. On July 1, 1995, the California Special Olympics was divided into two separately incorporated Chapters, one for Southern California (SOSC) and one for Northern California (SONC).

To volunteer to work at an event site the Scout must be at least 14 years old. However, I have been told there are some areas such as serving food, helping with the Medal Ceremonies and others where Scouts under 14 may be able help. Groups can work one day or all three. SOSC recommends that final group registrations be submitted by April 30th.

I would like to encourage all of the Los Fierros District Units and Polaris District Units (if you are interested) to volunteer. For additional information and to sign up, groups of 10 or more, contact Ms Mary Nguyen at (310) 215-8380 or go to their web site www.sosc.org, and follow the links.

SEE YOU THERE.

Los Fierros District

Scouts See an Opportunity

By Brian C Russel, Scoutmaster Troop 126 – Reprinted From the Press Telegram, Monday, January 30, 2006



Troop 126 gave 210 pairs of used spectacles to the Downtown Long Beach Lion's Club in our annual Sight Night campaign. Our Troop has an annual event called Sight Night where we collect spectacles that are no longer utilized and give them to the Lions club to be reconditioned and given to charity. Last year we gave about 125 pairs. But this year, we put collection boxes at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, which generated about 80 pairs.

Other collected boxes are usually left at shops, dry cleaners, pharmacies, etc.; in the troop. Last year we had about 125 pairs. The 28 boys in Troop 126 were congratulated by Al Weingartner, the 2005-2006 Downtown Long Beach Lions Club president, and told what a fantastic job they have done giving sight to those less fortunate. They were also assured that each one of the glasses will be inspected, cleaned, prescriptions identified and then provided free

of charge to those in their program.

Our boys of Troop 126 definitely qualify as Good Kids in my book. I hope you agree.



Los Fierros District

CUB SCOUTS ENJOY A PERFECT AND PRODUCTIVE "WINTER" AFTERNOON

By Nancy Schwartz and Ric Trent

One of the wonderful things about Scouting in Southern California is that "winter" activities can take place outdoors without hats and mittens. Cub Scout Pack 007 from Lowell Elementary School took advantage of a beautiful Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2006, to hold its first "Winter Advancement Hike."

The event was co-chaired by Assistant Wolf Leader **Ric Trent** and Pack Committee member **Steve Gugerty**. Ric, who had achieved the rank of Eagle in his early Scouting career, noticed that some of the boys in the Pack were struggling with some of their rank requirements, especially the ones that required the boys to carry out activities with members of their "pack or den." His concept was to plan an event where all levels of Scouts – from Tigers through Webelos – could fulfill numerous requirements in one intensive afternoon. The Den Leaders and parents were enthusiastic about the plan, and 30 adult volunteers stepped forward to provide assistance.

Using the Long Beach Council Sea Base as a Headquarters and Operational Center, the Hike kicked off at 2:00 PM with an outdoor flag raising ceremony, including a Scout bugler playing "Call to the Colors." Long Beach 3rd District Councilman **Frank Colonna** led the Pledge of Allegiance and praised the boys and parents for their participation in



the Scouting movement. Cubmaster **Nancy Schwartz** introduced Los Fierros District Executive **Rich Insalaco** and District Chairman **Tom Dixon**, who welcomed the hikers. A brief "Scouts Own" service followed, that included Native American prayers and sign language led by Wolf Ricky Trent.

The Cub Scouts then dispersed across a mile long course where various "Learning Stations" had been set up. The Long Beach Yacht Club on Alamitos Bay marked the southern boundary of the Hike, and Mother's Beach the northern boundary. A beach clean-up and Tiger "treasure hunt" was organized at Mother's Beach. Games, both "toss" and "wide-area" had been pre-constructed by the Bear dens to fulfill requirements. When the Scouts made their way back to

the Sea Base, they had many opportunities for advancement. Long Beach's Aquarium of the Pacific provided the "Aquarium On Wheels," a large truck that has been converted into a stand-alone aquarium complete with sharks, sea stars, and anemones. The "Conservation Station" was a virtual "Who's Who" of regional nature conservation volunteers: **Ann Dennison** and **Ann Cantrell** of the Los Cerritos Wetland Land Trust; **Christopher Ward** of the El Dorado Nature Center and Chairman of ECO-LINK; **Mary Parsell**, regional representative of the Audubon Society; and **Andre Stoker** of the Sierra Club and Los Cerritos Wetland Land Trust were all present to help the Scouts earn their advancements in the nature area.

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Los Fierros District



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The “Knots and Ropes” Station was very busy with adult volunteers teaching all ranks their needed knot skills. A 10 poster “self-tutorial” room was set up inside the Base, with adult volunteers on hand to help the Scouts through advancement opportunities that included “Make your own trail mix for a hike,” and many others. Outside at the “Fire Safety and Cooking Station,” the Scouts had the chance to make the ever popular “s’mores.”

As the boys hiked south, **Dr. Bill Ridgeway** of the Long Beach Animal Hospital, Long Beach Animal Rescue, and back-up veterinarian of the Long Beach Aquarium was on hand at the “Birds and Fish” Station to point out the many species of birds found in Alamitos Bay. **Alex Uniak**, Waterfront Director Long Beach Yacht Club provided a sabot and taught the Scouts how to rig small boats

and the knots they would need to be successful with sailing craft. Inside the Yacht Club, the boys were taught to read weather flags, cloud names, and water rescue techniques.

The Scouts were guided along the Hike Trail by coordinated signs designed by co-chair **Steve Gugerty**, a professional graphic artist. Steve also designed a beautiful patch that each boy and leader received to commemorate the day.

All of this sounds like fun, but how did it turn out? Was the attendance good? Did the Scouts actually accomplish the mark-off of needed advancements? Here are the “stats:”

Of the 71 Scouts in Pack 007, 63 participated in the hike. Also represented were Pack 14 and Pack 206. The Hike was focused on advancements, and that paid off. 69 Scouts, led and instructed by 39 adult volunteers

and accompanied by about 40 more parents, checked off over 1500 Requirements and Electives during the 3-hour period. That equals about 2 check-offs per scout at each of the 11 Stations along the Hike course. More importantly, the kids had fun and spent a wonderful afternoon together. It was a “win-win” situation if ever there was one!

Cubmaster **Nancy Schwartz** commented, “Considering that this was our first time to put on this event, the positive response was overwhelming! Ric and Steve put in a mind-boggling amount of work to organize everything, and the parents were just terrific about helping out! We are hoping that this can become an annual tradition, and that other Cub Scout Packs in Long Beach will join us.”



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Long Term Contribution Programs

Life Insurance

This is a great way to make a substantial gift for only a modest outlay, while receiving tax benefits. All you do is name Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America as the primary, secondary or residual irrevocable beneficiary of the proceeds from your life insurance policy. You could also simply donate the policy and pay the annual premiums.

IRA Designation

Donating retirement assets is another great way to make a charitable gift because it can defray estate taxes that can substantially diminish value to your heirs. To designate the Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America as your beneficiary of retirement assets, simply contact the fund custodian for the necessary forms.

Charitable Gift Annuities

If you are seeking a stable and predictable annual income during the uncertain times we are experiencing with the stock market, a Charitable Gift Annuity should be seriously considered. The way it works, you make an irrevocable gift of cash or stock and the Boy Scouts of America agrees to pay a fixed annual sum to you or your designated beneficiary for life regardless of economic conditions. The gift annuity is one method to guarantee that a surviving spouse has a stable income for life with payment amounts that never decrease. Generally, the older the donor, the higher the rate of payments.

Volunteer Grants

Several companies recognize the involvement of their employees and retirees in non-profit charitable organizations by making grants to those agencies to whom they volunteer their time. No personal financial contribution is required.

Volunteer grants can vary in size from \$500 to \$1,500 per employee or retiree during each calendar year. Examples of companies who offer volunteer grants are New York Life, Disney Corporation, and BP.

You can find out if your company offers volunteer grants through your Human resources Department company contributions or foundation office and obtain from them the necessary but simple forms to complete.

Charitable Trust

There are a variety of charitable trusts to meet different donor requirements. The most common are the Charitable Remainder Unitrust, Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, and the Charitable Lead Trust.

Donors of the above planned gifts become members of the Long Beach Area Council's Scouting Heritage Society.

There are various levels of recognition:

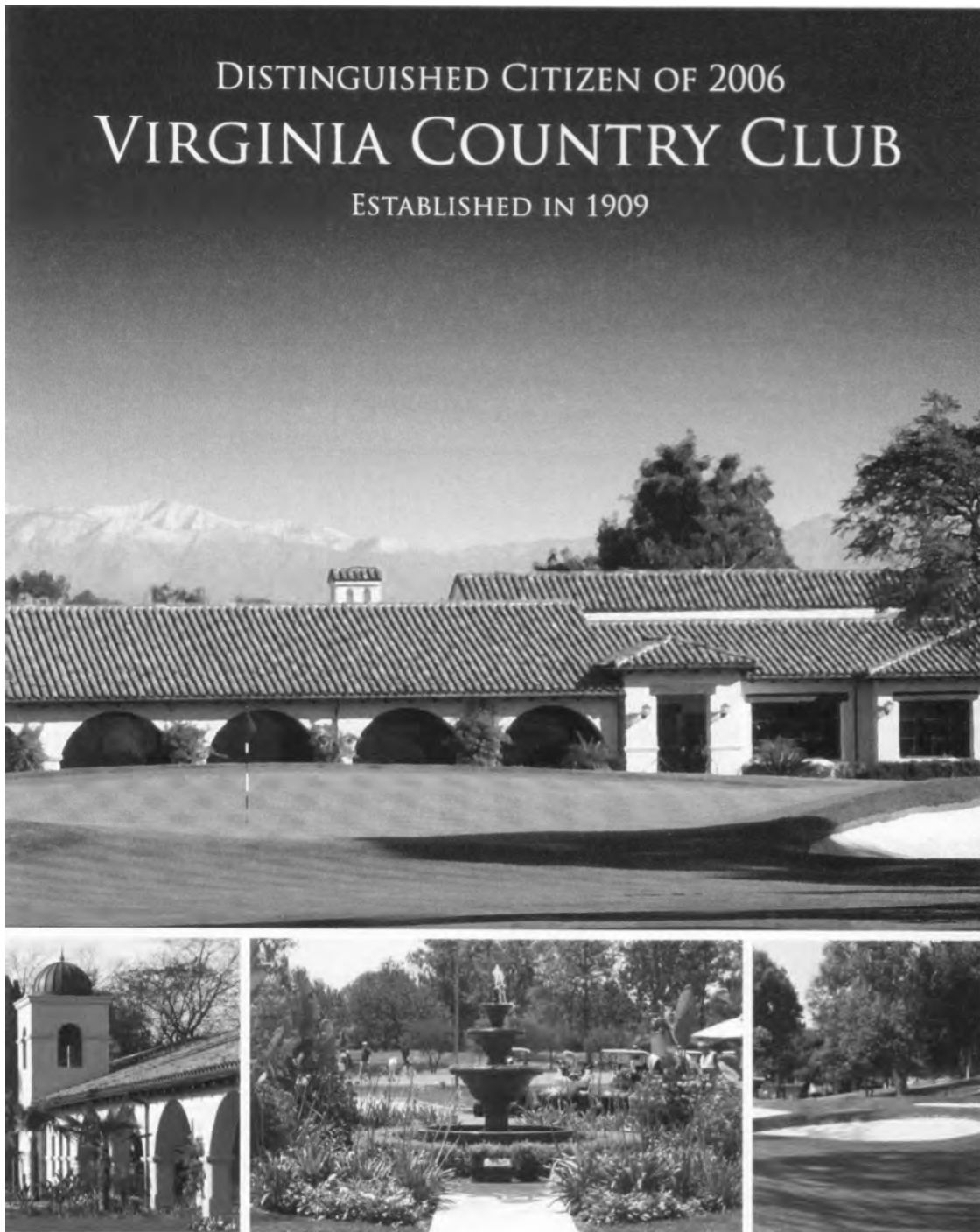
James E. West Fellowship-gifts of \$1,000 or more in cash, stocks, or bonds to the Long Beach Council's Endowment

1910 Society-gifts of \$25,000 or more in the form of cash, securities, land, five-year pledges, or other property (easily converted to cash) to the Long Beach Council's endowment fund

Founder's Circle-deferred gifts to the Long Beach Council's endowment fund such as charitable bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities, life insurance or IRA/retirement plan designations with a minimum value of \$100,000

You can obtain more information about all of these options by contacting Finance/Development Director Tamara Bush at 562-427-0911 extension 290.





On Thursday, May 18, our Council's 2006 Golden Eagle Award will be presented to one of Long Beach's most cherished and distinguished landmarks: the Virginia Country Club established in 1909. There have been 14 members of the Virginia Country Club who have served as Presidents of our Board and numerous members who have participated as event Committee members—in particular to assist with our highest grossing event, the Virginia Country Club Boy Scout Invitational Golf Tournament. To remind our guests of the historic value and striking beauty of the property, our Distinguished Citizen Dinner and award-presentation ceremony will be held at the Virginia Country Club.

Please feel free to contact Tamara Bush, Finance/Development Director at (562) 427-0911, Ext. 290 (tamara.bush@longbeachbsa.org), regarding any questions or to confirm your interest in sponsoring, supporting or attending.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2006

In order to provide program for the youth the council owns and operates several properties as well as staffs those properties so that they can be operated year round, with complete regard for safety and the overall enjoyment of the outdoors for the youth. However in order to operate these facilities and their programs, money is required. As such the Friends of Scouting Campaign exists. In order to provide a valuable recognition for their financial contributions the council is offering several items, each being appropriate to the giving level. Please support the Long Beach Area's Council Scouting Program and make a donation today.

DONOR RECOGNITION

FAMILY DONOR OF \$500.00

1. Beacon Pen/ Magellan Key-Light Gift Set
2. All of the Family Platinum Level Donor recognition items



FAMILY PLATINUM LEVEL DONOR OF \$248.48

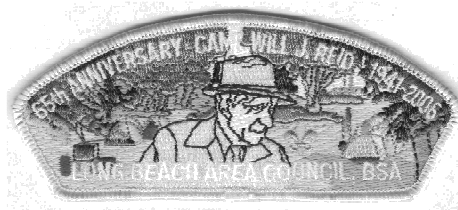
1. Sports Bottle
2. All of the Family Gold Level Donor recognition items



FAMILY GOLD LEVEL DONOR OF \$178.78

1. 65 Year Anniversary of Will J. Reid Scout Park Shoulder Ghost Patch

2. Fleur de Lis Lapel Pin
3. Gold Discount Card
 - 25 % Discount on rental of all Long Beach Area Council Facilities and for attending our summer camp program per family.
 - 10% Discount at the Long Beach Area Scout Shop, upon full payment (does not include advancement items).
 - (Must present card at time of purchase to receive discounts).



FAMILY SILVER LEVEL DONOR OF \$99.00

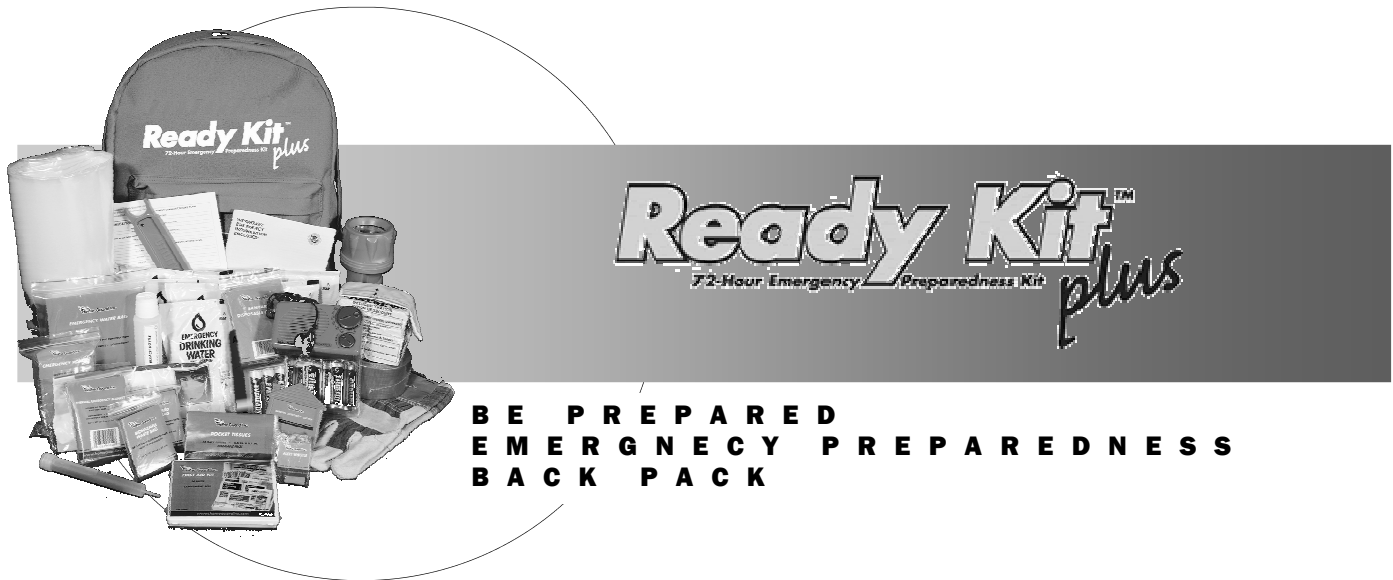
1. Fleur de Lis Lapel Pin
2. Silver Discount Card
 - 10 % Discount on rental of all Long Beach Area Council Facilities and for attending our summer camp program per family.
 - 5% Discount at the Long Beach Area Scout Shop, upon full payment (does not include advancement items).
 - (Must present card at time of purchase to receive discounts).



100% PARTICIPATION

1. Unit: Gold Ribbon
2. Patrol: Red Ribbon
3. Den: Blue Ribbon

Thank you for Your Contribution



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**Now Available!
At the Scout Service
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We as a nation have discovered through recent natural and terrorist events that we must protect ourselves. These packs if placed in a car trunk, in an office, or in a safe place at home will provide the basic needs to survive any disaster for 72 hours.

Sleep better tonight knowing that you are prepared for any emergency. The Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the Nations largest supplier of emergency preparedness kits to drive a community preparedness service project. A percent of the proceeds from each kit sold will help the Long Beach Area Council continue to provide excellent youth programs in the region. Support your council and protect your family.

Since 1919 the Long Beach Area Council has based their program on the Scout's motto; Be Prepared. The Emergency Preparedness Program is another way for Scout's to provide Scouting values to the community. We at the Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America are thankful for your support of this program. Be prepared and do a good turn; buy an emergency pack for your family members today.

For \$70 The Ready Kit Plus™ includes:

- Highly visible orange backpack
- 50 square feet of Home Guard Barrier Sheeting™ (4' x 12.5')
- Duct tape
- 30-piece first-aid kit
- Facial tissues
- Three-day supply of food and water (five-year shelf life)
- Flashlight
- Water resistant AM/FM radio
- Four "D" and four "AA" batteries
- 12-hour lightstick
- N95 particulate respirator mask
- Emergency thermal blanket
- Emergency poncho
- Two biohazard waste bags
- Sanitary gloves
- Two-gallon water bag
- Bottle for bleach
- Utility wrench
- Leather palm safety gloves
- Emergency whistle
- Family communications plan
- Emergency manual



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