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The January 100% Huddle

Mark your calendar for the annual 100% Varsity Huddle which will be held on January 17, 2013. The Huddle will be held at the Penasquitos Stake Center on Black Mountain Road.

Each year we ask Varsity Teams to put up a display showing us the great Super Activity or Service project your team did last year. There are three good reasons for doing these displays. One is to help other unit leaders with ideas of successful activities. Another reason is to give due credit to the unit leaders that are getting the job done with great trips. And lastly to give us a good warm feeling when we are in a room surrounded by pictures, noise and great ideas.

Displays can be a slide show, board with pictures or maps, handouts, equipment or even bring a scout or two to tell about what you did. We would really like to see a dozen different units putting on displays this year. If you have a slide show, reserve early, there are only so many tv's available to show them on.

Please contact our Varsity Huddle Commissioner, Andy Schmidt and let him know if you would like to have a display.

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Those that should attend the January 100% Varsity Leader Huddle are the Bishops, Bishop Counselors over Young Men, Ward Young Men Presidents and Counselor over Young Men. All Varsity Scout leaders. Also Stake Young Men Presidents and Counselors over the Varsity Program.

The Noble Canyon Trail



One of the best trails for hiking and mountain biking is the Noble Canyon Trail. It takes you from the Sunrise Highway to Pine Valley. You can go on a Friday night and camp in the Cleveland National Forest. No campfires!!! The truly adventurous can hike or bike it from Pine Valley to Sunrise Highway.

The Noble Canyon hike begins in an alpine forest and descends to an open chaparral and has water crossings and a variety of rocky landscapes and open views. Oak-lined trails along mountain cliffs are another highlight hiking through the Laguna Mountains in this southern section of the Cleveland National Forest. It is worth going the distance to experience the variety found on this trail.

Immediately upon entering the top of the trail at Penny Pines, hikers are surrounded by a dense forest of canyon or maul oaks. Some of these trees may be over 300 years old, with canopies that spread for 100 feet. You can camp anywhere in this area of the Cleveland National Forest.

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(Noble Canyon, continued.)



Turn west (left) on Old Hwy 80 and then north (right), directly past the bridge at Pine Creek Rd. Follow Pine Creek Rd. about 1.8 miles to the Cleveland National Forest trailhead sign. Park one vehicle here and shuttle hikers to the trailhead at Penny Pines at mile marker 27.3 on the Sunrise Highway (S-1), about 13 miles from the Pine Creek Trailhead. Restroom available. With the shuttle, allow a total of 1.5 hours of driving time. A National Forest Adventure Pass or Golden Age Passport must be displayed on parked vehicles at the trailheads.

Hiking length: 7.8 miles from the Penny Pines Trailhead back down to the parking area at Pine Creek. Allow 6 hours for the hike and for exploration of the trail. Difficulty: Strenuous due to the length of the hike. Elevation gain of 1165 feet and a descent of 2641 feet, with an overall net loss of nearly 1500 feet. Carry plenty of water. The best times to hike or ride are from October through May.



Winter Proofing Your Tent

Tents of all types and ages require some weather proofing. New models require seam sealing, year-old rainflies get punctured and need patches, and well-worn floors need fresh waterproof coatings. Even expensive four-season shelters develop cracks in their armor, which is why every tent owner should set aside an hour or so each spring for some simple preventive maintenance.

Step 1: Decide which seams to seal. Not every seam on the tent needs to be waterproof, only those that will be exposed to rain, runoff, or puddles. This always includes seams on the fly and tent floor, but usually not on the tent canopy. Because seams on the interior walls border porous panels of mesh and uncoated nylon, treatment of these seams offers little additional protection, so don't waste your time.

Many new tents come with factory-taped floor and fly seams, which is a big plus. A simple visual check will reveal if your seams are taped. They'll have a smooth feel and glossy appearance, as if someone ironed a thin strip of translucent packing tape over the threads. Taped seams don't require additional waterproofing.

Untaped exposed seams, on the other hand, have thousands of tiny needle holes that are prone to leaking. You'll need a tube of seam sealer, a polyurethane glue that seeps into every crevice and forms a watertight barrier as it dries. Three good ones: McNett Outdoor's Seam Grip, Kenyon's Seam Sealer, and Aquaseal's Seam Seal in a bottle with a built-in applicator. All are commonly available at most outdoor shops. Even tents with taped floor and fly seams usually need some seam sealing, particularly

along zippers and around corners. Under normal conditions, a tent needs a treatment every three to four years.

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Personal Development. - Drama



One of the sub-topics for Personal Development is Social-Cultural. An area for young men to learn, explore and develop is in Drama.

Drama is the specific mode of fiction represented in Performance. Most Scouts have participated in skits around campfires, sometimes in ward talent shows, but drama is more than a quick skit. Drama includes any of the following:

- Olie Acts
- Short Play's (comedy &/or serious)
- Variety shows such as Ward or Mutual Talent Shows
- Blackout
- Puppetry
- Pantomime
- Play Reading
- Improvisation
- Learning about Acting
- Producing a Play
- Learning to Use Makeup for Stage Performance
- Building Scenery
- Motion Picture/Video Picture
- Charades

The VS Team plus adult VS committee supervisor should survey ward and friends who might have experience with acting and drama. They could gather a variety of short plays or any of the above to present to the Team for their input on what type of drama they wish to pursue.

One activity that may be easy to get boys into is "writing and filming/video short subjects" to present to the team or ward. Actual acting in a "play" is an activity that expands young man as they practice and have a director to coach them to perform the part they have chosen. All boys should be involved. Some are naturals and other wall flowers, but a good play will give everyone a chance to participate. Give it a try. Add Drama in your program and survey Ward members for those who are experienced in drama that will the help boys develop and explore the fun of acting



Here are the Merit badges that can be earned while doing Personal Development activities:

- American Cultures
- American Heritage
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communications
- Disabilities Awareness
- Family Life
- Genealogy
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Public Speaking · Reading
- Scholarship
- Scouting Heritage
- Traffic Safety
- Wilderness Survival

(Winter Proofing Your Tent, Continued)

Step 2: Determine which side of the fabric to seal. Before you slather on any sealant, carefully read the instructions to determine which side of the seam to treat. Some sealants always go on the inside surface of the rainfly and tent floor, while others should go on the side opposite the original waterproof coating. To find the original coating, look for the surface that has the shinier finish or sprinkle water on both sides. The coated side usually beads up and the uncoated side tends to puddle.

Step 3: Prepare the seams. With a toothbrush, remove any peeling remnants of old sealant, then swab the seams clean with a rag dipped in isopropyl alcohol. Allow a few minutes for seams to dry, then pitch the tent in a well-ventilated location and attach the rainfly with the surface to be coated facing out. Cinching the fly tight will stretch the seams and allow for better sealant penetration and for faster drying time. To get at hard-to-reach places on your tent floor, turn it inside out if necessary.

Step 4: With long, even strokes, apply a generous coat of seam sealant over each of your chosen seams. Wait one hour for the sealant to dry, then repeat the procedure to cover any gaps.

Step 5: Once the seam goop dries completely, set the tent under a sprinkler for several hours to check for leaks. Let it dry thoroughly again and reapply seam sealant if necessary.

Patching Holes

Repeated encounters with sticks, stones, pocketknives, and boot heels can open gaping holes in your tent. To mend large rips and torn seams, consult a professional repair shop and avoid duct tape. It'll leak and leave a sticky residue that will complicate permanent repair.

Refreshing The Coating

With prolonged exposure to sun, sand, wind, and rain, a tent's water repellent coating will gradually wear thin or delaminate, leaving vulnerable areas. If you've noticed mysterious trickles or persistent seeping beneath your sleeping pad, visit your local camping store and invest a few dollars in a waterproof treatment like Aquaseal's Poly Coat or Kenyon's Recoat.

The new coat of gunk typically goes on the surface that's opposite the original coat. (Look for a shiny finish or signs of delaminating polyurethane to confirm the location of the original coat.) Give the uncoated side a sponge bath, let it dry, then spread the formula from corner to corner with a clean rag. This type of treatment smells awful and takes two or three days to cure, so it helps to have a garage or sheltered porch. The finished fly and floor may also feel a bit tacky once they dry, but that's easily remedied with a dusting of talcum powder.

The Coach's Corner:

At the end of a Varsity Scout meeting is a great time for the Varsity Coach to take a few minutes to teach his boys a life's lesson. It's called the Coach's Corner.

Stand Up Boldly

Yes, Aaronic Priesthood holders, we are at war. And in this war, the best way to defend against evil is to actively promote righteousness. You cannot listen to foul words and pretend you don't hear. You cannot watch, alone or with others, images you know are filthy and pretend you don't see. You cannot touch any unclean thing and pretend it's no big deal. You cannot be passive when Satan seeks to destroy that which is wholesome and pure. Instead, stand up boldly for what you know is true!

Brother Adrian Ochoa

April 2012 General Conference

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Ski/Snowboard Trek to Bear Mountain

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Our Council is sponsoring a trip to Bear Mountain for a day of skiing or snowboarding. The trip includes round trip transportation on a deluxe bus with tv/dvd and restroom.

For further information go to Page 6 to see the official flyer.

Items to Put on Your 2013 Varsity Scout Calendar

100 Year celebration - ZION'S CAMP

Camp Mataguay

July 8-13th

<http://www.zionscamp2013.org/>

Varsity Scout Leader Huddles

Penesquitos Stake Center

Andy Schmidt - Huddle Commissioner

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January 17th, 100% Huddle

March 21st

May 16th

August 15th

October 17th

Varsity Scout Leader Training

Ed Jones - Training Chairman

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March 8-9th

October 18-19th

Triathlon

Tom Naylor - Triathlon Chairman

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April 27th, Fiesta Island

On-Target

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Date still to be determined.

Mountain Man Rendezvous

Lon Atkinson - Booshway

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September 20-21st

Woodbadge '13

May 16-18th, June 6-8, 2013



Ski/Snowboard Treks

... to BEAR MOUNTAIN

Sunday, Jan. 13, Saturday, Feb. 2 or Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013

Trip Includes: Round trip transportation - deluxe bus with TV/DVD, restroom
One day skiing or snowboarding at Bear Mountain Resort



Who Is Invited: ANY YOUTH (Male AND Female!): 13 years of age or older, Adult Leaders and Parents

Itinerary: Depart at **4:30 AM sharp:** San Diego Mission Valley (west side of Target); return around 7:30 PM that evening
Depart at **5:00 AM sharp:** Bernardo Center Dr. (east of I-15, Clock Tower Plaza); return around 7:00 PM that evening

Note: Reservations must be received by **Dec. 29** for Jan. 13th trek, **Jan. 19** for Feb. 2nd trek or **Jan. 26** for Feb. 10th trek.
ALL FIRST TIME SKIERS & SNOWBOARDERS MUST TAKE THE LESSON PACKAGE.
For purposes of this outing, the group is called B.S.A. CREW 2000.

***** **NOTE: ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING OR RENT A HELMET, as required by National Guidelines.**
You may bring your own helmet (and show it as you board bus), or choose to rent one (see pricing below). *****

ADDITIONAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED: FOOD: You may bring your own breakfast/lunch/dinner/snacks/drinks, OR **BRING MONEY (it's expensive)** to purchase food at the resort. There will be no stops for food while traveling.

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH TRIP DATE AND PERSON! Complete ALL SIDES of this form (2 pages, or 3 pages if renting gear), enclose your check made payable to B.S.A. and take or mail (do not fax!) to:
Ski/Snowboard, BSA San Diego-Imperial Council, 1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103.

Name: _____ Age: _____ M / F (Circle One) Unit: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Adult/Parent Email: _____

CIRCLE TRIP DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING PRICING AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE OPTION(S):

SUNDAY (JAN. 13 OR FEB. 10, 2013) TRIPS:

- Teen (13-21 Yrs.) Lift Ticket Only - \$79
- Adult (22 Yrs. & Older) Lift Ticket Only - \$85
- Teen Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rentals - \$99
- Teen Lift Ticket and Ski Rentals - \$99
- Adult Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rentals - \$105
- Adult Lift Ticket and Ski Rentals - \$105
- Teen Snowboard Lesson Plan Pkg - \$104**
- Teen Ski Lesson Plan Pkg - \$104**
- Adult Snowboard Lesson Pkg - \$110**
- Adult Ski Lesson Plan - \$110**
- Helmet Rental – Add \$7
- Performance Ski/Snowboard Upgrade*** – Add \$10

OR SATURDAY* (FEB. 2, 2013) TRIP:

- Teen (13-21 Yrs.) Lift Ticket Only - \$88
- Adult (22 Yrs. & Older) Lift Ticket Only - \$96
- Teen Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rentals - \$108
- Teen Lift Ticket and Ski Rentals - \$108
- Adult Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rentals - \$116
- Adult Lift Ticket and Ski Rentals - \$116
- Teen Snowboard Lesson Pkg - \$115**
- Teen Ski Lesson Pkg - \$115**
- Adult Snowboard Lesson Pkg - \$121**
- Adult Ski Lesson Pkg - \$121**
- Helmet Rental – Add \$7
- Performance Ski/Snowboard Upgrade*** – Add \$10

* Saturday trip pricing is higher due to increased group pricing at resort on Saturdays

** Lesson Plan Package includes: All-Mountain Lift Ticket, 2-Hour Lesson, and Rental Equipment

*** Performance ski/snowboard upgrade may only be added to lift ticket & rental option, NOT lesson packages.

Ability: _____ No experience in area checked OR _____ Have experience in area checked

I will board the bus at: _____ San Diego Mission Valley Target area OR _____ Bernardo Center Drive

Skiing / Snowboarding 2013

Terms and Conditions

1. **New!** The Big Bear Mountain Resorts participant waiver is now completed online. You will receive an e-mail from Jeff Barnes with instructions on how to complete your waiver and/or the waiver(s) for your child(ren). Note: All waivers must be submitted no later than seven (7) days before the trip.
2. Cancellations will result in a \$15.00 handling charge. Cancellations made two weeks prior to the scheduled date will be approved for a refund less \$15 handling charge ONLY if there is a skier on the waiting list to take the place of the cancellation. **Cancellation of first or second trip reservation: fees may be applied to another trip ONLY if approved by advanced notice, there is space available, AND there is a skier on the waiting list to take your place. All refund requests must be made in writing to: Jeff Barnes, Ski/Snowboard Program Chairperson, 1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103.**
3. Reservation confirmation and detailed trip information will be e-mailed to the address listed on your trip reservation form. Be sure to check your e-mail! If you do not receive the information by seven days prior to the departure date, please call Ski/Snowboard Program Chair Jeff Barnes at (619) 251-3775 or e-mail crew959@gmail.com.
4. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING OR RENT A HELMET (If you're bringing a helmet, you must show it in order to board the bus. No specific type is required).**
5. **Questions?** Contact Jeff Barnes at (619) 251-3775 or crew959@gmail.com

Give a copy of this flyer to everyone you know age 13 or older who might like to go with us!

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR PARTICIPANT IF 18 YRS OR OLDER:

Name of Participant (please print): _____

Name of Group: B.S.A. Crew 2000

If renting gear: Be sure to also complete the Guest Info Sheet (page 3 of this packet)

Skier/Snowboarder's Agreement: All ski area and bus rules shall be followed to ensure the safety and timely return of all trip participants. No purchase, consumption, possession, or use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances is permitted. For purposes of this outing, we are called CREW 2000.

PARTICIPANTS WITH NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE ON SKIS OR SNOWBOARDS MUST AGREE TO TAKE A LESSON. REMEMBER: ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A HELMET!

I have read and consent to the above terms and conditions. I hereby authorize necessary emergency medical treatment to be performed on myself or my child. I understand that a helmet is required for all snowboard and ski activities.

**Parent/Guardian Signature for minors OR
Participant Signature (if over 18 yrs)**

Printed Name

Emergency Telephone Number: (____) _____ **Date:** _____



GUEST INFO SHEET

SNOW SUMMIT

BEAR MOUNTAIN

TODAY'S DATE

Welcome to Big Bear Mountain Resorts!

Are you a member of a group? YES NO

Group Name _____

Actual equipment usage Date(s) _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL IN ALL INFORMATION TO AVOID DELAYS DURING PROCESSING

FIRST NAME										LAST NAME									
STREET ADDRESS																			
CITY										STATE		ZIP							
AREA CODE			PHONE NUMBER							EMAIL ADDRESS									
DRIVERS LICENSE										STATE		GROUP LEADER							
BIRTH DATE				AGE		HEIGHT		WEIGHT		GENDER		SHOE SIZE		SKIER TYPE *Please circle					
										M F				I II III					

Please check equipment type :

<input type="checkbox"/> BASIC	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH PERFORMANCE
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard Package	<input type="checkbox"/> Ski Package
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Skis Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard Boots Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Ski Boots Only

Will you be taking lessons? YES NO

ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT WHILE PICKING UP RENTAL EQUIPMENT

WHAT TYPE OF SKIER / RIDER ARE YOU

SKIER / RIDER TYPE	Cautious Skiing	Moderate Skiing	Aggressive Skiing
	TYPE I at Lighter Release / Retention Settings	TYPE II at Average Release / Retention Settings	TYPE III at Higher Release / Retention Settings