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VALT: **Varsity Adult Leader Training**



March 9-10, 2011
Escondido South Stake Center
15 Freeway and Felicita Road

If you, or any leader in your Varsity Scout program has not been trained then this is where you need to be the second weekend of March.

This is an overnight experience. Registration starts at 6:00 pm Friday and the program starts at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, breakfast and lunch will be provided. The training will wrap up at 4:00 pm.

Those in your unit who should be trained are: Varsity Coach, Assistant Coach, the Committee Members, Bishop Counselor over Young Men and Stake Young Men Presidents and Stake Counselors over the Varsity Scouting.

Pre Registration is required and due by March 3, 2012. For questions or registration please contact Ed Jones:

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See Flyer on Page 6 of this newsletter

High Adventure Scout Camps

There are times that our best choice for a High Adventure Super Activity is one that is all ready planned. All you have to do is pay for it, bring the right equipment and then just show up and enjoy. Here are some great 'ready made' Boy Scout programs that are truly a High Adventure Super Activity:

Western L. A. County Council Camps

(818) 933-0130 or

(818) 785-8700

<http://bsa-la.org/>

Camp Emerald Bay

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

Located on Catalina Island, Emerald Bay offers an outstanding location for your long-term camp. Read the High Adventure Guide for programs offering high adventure experience Exploring, Canoeing, Oceanography and SCUBA diving.

Sierra Expeditions

<http://sierraexpeditions.bsa-la.org/>

Based in the beautiful Sequoia National Forest of California, Sierra Expeditions offers guided backpacking, mountain biking, horse back riding, rock climbing and much more for Scouting units and individuals through the Sequoia, the Golden Trout Wilderness, and Kern River Valley.

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2012 Varsity Triathlon April 28th-Fiesta Island



The 26th Annual Varsity Scout Triathlon will again be held on Fiesta Island. This annual event features a 200-yard Swim, 8.5-mile bike ride and 2 mile run. Last year we had over 250 scouts, leaders and girls competing in multiple age brackets and divisions, including relays. We provide a well-marked closed course, outstanding transition area and tremendous fan support.

This will also be our Third year to offer camping on Fiesta Island the night before the race at only \$2 per person (240 campers). This allows for early check-in and bike set-up on Friday. We have the entire campsite reserved at the Youth Aquatic Center. We expect this to fill-up, so please register early. Race starts at 7:00 am, entrance to island closes at 6:30 am.

We are aware that this date is also the date for the annual Mormon's Helping Hands service project. To facilitate those who wish to provide service after the race, we will have available the opportunity to do so around the Youth Aquatic Facilities. Please bring work gloves if you'd like to participate. If you have any questions contact:

Tom Naylor tnaylor@finsvcs.com or Andy Schmidt
andy@schmidtsboardhouse.com
To reserve a campsite contact Andy Schmidt

Varsity Leader Huddle March 15th: Tools!

Our next Varsity Leader Huddle will be held on Thursday, March 16th, 7:00 pm at the Penisquitos Stake Center, 12835 Black Mountain Road, San Diego. This is a combined Huddle and will be the only location.

The theme for the Huddle will be Tools!. This will be the introduction of this theme for 2012.

Those who are encouraged to attend:
Varsity Scout Coach's and Assistant Coach's.
Bishop's Counselor over Varsity Scouts.
Stake Leaders are also invited and encouraged to attend.

For questions contact Andy Schmidt:
andy@schmidtboardhouse.com



The Values of Varsity Scouting

Varsity Scouting is a values-based organization. Its ideals, found in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan, are the same as those every Boy Scout troop observes. With prior experience as Boy Scouts, most young men becoming Varsity Scouts already firmly understand and believe in these ideals. Along with youth who are new to the BSA, they will find that the values of Varsity Scouting serve as valuable guidelines for their Varsity Scout team, and for life.



Coach's Corner

"Some years ago in our meetinghouse in Germany, a group of brethren was asked to move a grand piano from the chapel to the adjoining cultural hall, where it was needed for a musical event. None were professional movers, and the task of getting that gravity-friendly instrument through the chapel and into the cultural hall seemed nearly impossible. Everybody knew that this task required not only physical strength but also very careful coordination. There were plenty of ideas, but not one could keep the piano balanced correctly. They repositioned the brethren by strength, height, and age over and over again—nothing worked.

As they stood around the piano, uncertain of what to do next, a good friend of mine, Brother Hanno Luschin, spoke up. He said, "Brethren, stand close together and lift where you stand."

It seemed too simple. Nevertheless, each lifted where he stood, and the piano rose from the ground and moved into the cultural hall as if on its own power. That was the answer to the challenge. They merely needed to stand close together and lift where they stood."

***President Dieter F. Uchtdorf
Second Counselor in the First Presidency***

Just think what we, as a Varsity Team, can accomplish if we all become of one mind, with one determination and one desire to complete the task. And we then learn how to lift together to do it.

Welding Merit Badge is here!



The BSA turned to the American Welding Society to help create a new merit badge that will teach Scouts about a real-world field where demand for workers exceeds supply.

The image of Industrial Age welders toiling away in dimly lit factories is long gone. Today's welders must learn cutting-edge technology to create the products we use every day—cars, buildings, bicycles.

With America's demand for manufactured goods growing, so too is the need for new talent. By the end of the decade, it's estimated that our country will have a critical need for 200,000 new welders. Talk about job security!

Right on cue, the BSA's 128th current merit badge was introduced on Feb. 24, 2012

To see the requirements go here:
<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/merit-badges/welding.asp>

The Varsity Letter Newsletter

The back issues of the Varsity Letter can be found on our council Varsity website. Please go to this address to download past copies of the newsletter.

<http://varsity.sdicbsa.org/resources.html>

You can also find copies of the handouts that were used at the past Huddles.

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Utah National Parks Council

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

204 North 1000 East St. George, Utah 84770
(435) 628-5172

Beaver High Adventure Base

[http://www.utahscouts.org/
openrosters/vieworgpagelink.
asp?orgkey=290&linkkey=32744](http://www.utahscouts.org/openrosters/vieworgpagelink.asp?orgkey=290&linkkey=32744)

In 2010 Beaver converted to a fully customizable high adventure base camp where units can choose the days and activities of their choice through their registration. Come as many days as you want (from one to six or more). Teams can select from the following day-long activities: COPE, Horse Trek, Climbing-Reppeling, Three Peaks Hike (24 miles, 10,500ft. in one day), Camelot. After dinner activities include: Frontier, Shooting sports, Mountain bording, GPS Course.

Entrada High Adventure Base

[http://www.utahscouts.org/
openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.
asp?LinkKey=21841&orgkey=290](http://www.utahscouts.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=21841&orgkey=290)

Moab, Utah

Based in the famous Moab desert. Activities include Climbing and reppeling, Mounitian biking, White water rafting on the Colorado river, shooting sports (Shotgun, blackpowder and archery) and Sight seeing such as the famous Arches national park.

The Greater Yosemite Council

<http://yosemitescouting.org/>

Soap Creek Pass High Adventure

[http://yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camp-
ing/mensingersoapcreek](http://yosemitescouting.org/sections/Camping/mensingersoapcreek)

This program is designed to challenge young people with a variety of exciting and adventurous program elements. The High Adventure Program includes: COPE, bicycle hikes, sailing, climbing, black powder shooting, pistol shooting and wilderness survival.

Las Vegas Council

[http://www.lvacbsa.org/openrosters/view_
homepage.asp?orgkey=1340](http://www.lvacbsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1340)

7220 South Paradise Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 968-8138

Camp Del Webb High Adventure Base

[http://www.doubleknot.com/
openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.
asp?LinkKey=8325&orgkey=1340](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=8325&orgkey=1340)
[http://www.lvacbsa.org/openrosters/view_
homepage.asp?orgkey=1340](http://www.lvacbsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1340)

Del Webb High Adventure Base is located just north of Zion National Park in the mountains of Southern Utah. If your boys (13 years and older) want to rappel, mountain bike, canoe, kayak, swim, fish, hike, mountain man and backpack among the endless forests of pines, firs and aspens, then Del Webb is the place to be. Year round residents of bear, cougar, deer, and elk await to share with you a great mountain top experience. Challenge yourself with a hike through Zion's Subway.

2012 Varsity Activity Dates & Contact Information

Huddles:

- March Huddle - March 15th
- May Huddle - May 17th
- August Huddle - August 16th
- October Huddle - October 18th

Huddle Commissioner:

Andy Schmidt: andy@schmidtboardhouse.com

Varsity Leader Training

March 9th-10th

Felicita Stake Center

Varsity Training Chair

- Ed Jones: edjonesheating@hotmail.com

Varsity Triathlon:

April 28th

Triathlon Chair

- Andy Schmidt:

andy@schmidtsboardhouse.com

On-Target: July 21st

- Larry Purcell: lpurcell@san.rr.com

Mountain Man Rendezvous

September 14-15th

- Lon Atkinson:

Booshway@VarsityRendezvous.com

Varsity Chairman:

- Barry Baker,

iambarrybaker@yahoo.com

Varsity Communications:

- Marty Bramwell,

martybramwell@yahoo.com

The Varsity Letter Newsletter:

- Lon Atkinson

Lon@AtkinsonStudios.com

HELP WANTED Varsity Rendezvous



Our great camp cook, Kathy 'Black Kettle' Madsen is hanging up her apron and spoon. This leaves a great opportunity for someone to take over this challenging, yet fun adventure, cooking for the 2012 Varsity Scout Blackfoot Fort Mountain Man Rendezvous. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please contact the Ol' Booshway:

Booshway@VarsityRendezvous.com

Leader On-Line Training

You will need to set up an on-line account at: <http://olc.scouting.org/>

Some of the training programs that can be taken on line are:

Boy Scout Leader Fast Start

This is Scouting

Trek Safety

Climb on Safely

Youth Protection Training

Safety Afloat

Safe Swim Defense

and others.

These on-line training programs do not replace your need to complete the VALT training, which will be held this month.



V A R S I T Y T R A I N I N G

For Varsity Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Committee members,
Bishopric Counselor and YM Counselor over Varsity

March 9 and 10
Escondido South Stake Center
2255 Felicita Road, Escondido
(15 Frwy & Felicita Road)

Fri. March 9 - OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TRAINING

Varsity Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills

Registration: 6:00 – 7:00 Class: 7 – 8:30 pm & Continuing
at the Campfire.

Campfire snacks provided.

Sat. March 10 Varsity Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills: 6 am – 4 pm

Breakfast and Lunch provided

What to bring: Personal camp gear: bag, tent, pad, chair, personal items.
Wear Your Uniform & Bring your Boy Scout Adult Leader Book
(& Varsity Leader Guidebook – if you have one.)

Cost – 25.00

**Pre-Registration is required-
Must have your reservation by 03/03/12**

For reservations or questions, contact:
Ed Jones at 619-561-3828

edjonesheating@hotmail.com

