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Blackfoot Fort Mountain Man Rendezvous

This from a parent: "I had two sons that went through the scouting program and if either of them were asked what was their favorite or most memorable scouting event, without hesitation they both would say the Mountain Man Rendezvous."

This years Rendezvous was a great success. We had 366 Scouts and leaders participating. As usual, our leader to scout ratio was one adult for each two scouts! Not too many events can say that.

Except for the Mountain Man Frisbee, all the events were well run and tons of fun. A great thank you to those adult leaders to volunteered to help in the kitchen, the various events and to clean up. With a staff of just 30, we can not pull this off with out help from the leaders.

And the winners are:

1st Place Colter Run: 641 Penesquitos 2nd Ward
2nd Place Colter Run: 719 Carmel Valley Ward
3rd Place Colter Run: 707 La Costa Ward
Jim Bridger Top Unit Award: 641 Penesquitos 2nd
Booshway's Award: 695 (CIEC)
Best Primitive Camp: 603 Twin Peaks Ward

If anyone has any input, good or bad, we love to hear from you. Please send an email with any thoughts you may have on the rendezvous to:

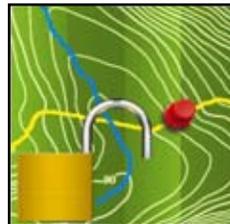
Booshway@VarsityRendezvous.com

See pictures on page 5

Scout Apps For Every Part of Scouting and Then Some!

With the advent of smart phones and tablets, we scout leaders can now carry a library, gps, weather radio, compass, map and camera with us wherever we go. Here are a few of the many apps that are available to us.

Note: I tried, with out success to put links for each of these apps. Just Google the name and you can find where to download them.



Back-Country Navigator PRO

Devices: Android

Cost: \$9.99

Description: Use your phone or tablet as an off road topographical mapping GPS with the best selling outdoor navigation app for Android. Explore beyond cell coverage for hiking, hunting and more.



Backpacker GPS Trails Pro

Device: Android, iPhone, iPod Touch & iPad

Cost: Free for Lite, \$4.99 for Pro

Description: Record hiking trails, backpacking trips, and camping adventures. View maps, navigate with GPS and digital compass, take photos, and backtrak to the trailhead.



BSA On-The-Go

Device: Android

Cost: Free

Description: The most complete collection of BSA requirements on the Android.

Includes Cubs, Scout, Varsity and Venture Units.

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

edjonesheating@hotmail.com

March 8-9th

October 18-19th

Triathlon

Tom Naylor - Triathlon Chairman

tnaylor@finsvcs.com

April 27th, Fiesta Island

On-Target

David Jenkins: david.w.jenkins@navy.mil

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

Fall Hiking: Poison Oak and Poison Ivy



Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac are plants that contain an irritating, oily sap called urushiol. Urushiol triggers an allergic reaction when it comes into contact with skin, resulting in an itchy rash, which can appear within hours of exposure or up to several days later. A person can be exposed to urushiol directly or by touching objects -- such as gardening tools, camping equipment, and even a pet's fur -- that have come into contact with the sap of one of the poison plants.

The symptoms of a poison plant reaction are similar since they all contain the same chemical, urushiol. Symptoms generally occur in the following phases:

1. Redness and itching of the skin.
2. A rash erupts on the skin, often in a pattern of streaks or patches from where the plant has come into contact with the skin.
3. The rash develops into red bumps, called papules, or large, oozing blisters.

If you come in contact with these plants wash all exposed areas with cool running water. Use soap and water if possible. Be sure to clean under fingernails. In the woods, the water of a running stream can be an effective cleanser.

Wash clothing and all gardening tools, camping gear, sports equipment, and other objects that came into contact with the plants.

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BSA Mobile Scout

Devices: Window Phone

Cost: Free

Description: BSA Mobile Scout is an easy to use reference for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venture Scout and other

programs and awards within the BSA organization. This is not an official App sponsored by the BSA.



Campfire Songs

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: \$1.99

Description: A collection of 175 classic campfire favorites. Great for use at Campfires,

Campouts, Toop Meetings or whenever you have the desire to sing. Songs can be accessed by type, such as Patriotic Songs, by alphabetical index or by name.



eTrail To Eagle

Devices: Android, iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: \$1.99

Description: Using your etrail to Eagle account, you can use this application to manage

rank and merit badge information for all of your Varsity Scouts. You also have a quick and easy access to your Varsity Scout team address book to quickly contact everyone in the Team. Now with the feature: Duty to God requirements



First Aid by The American Red Cross

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: Free

Description: Accidents happen. The official Red Cross

First Aid app puts expert advice fore everyday emergencies in your hand. Get the app and be prepared for what life brings. With videos, interactive quizzes and simple step by step advice it's never been easier to know first aid.



Geocaching

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Windows

Cost: \$9.99

Description: Groundspeak's Geocaching App provides real time, direct access to

Geocaching.com's database of worldwide geocaches, as well as many other features designed to provide you with a lifetime of outdoor geocaching adventure anywhere in the world.



Knot's 3D

Devices: Android, iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: \$1.99

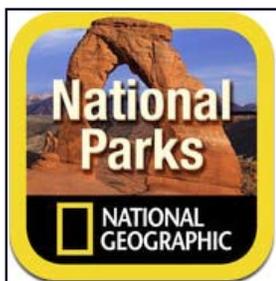
Description: Choose from 80 different knots and see how they're tied in incredible

detail. Watch the knot draw itself or use your finger to tie and untie the knot. Its easy to see where the virtual rope goes in and out and around.

Again, I apologize for not having links. They just weren't working! So, just google the name of the app and you will find where to obtain it

(Yes, there are more apps on Page 4!)

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National Parks by NatGeo

Devices: Android, iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: Free

Description: National Geographic presents an award winning, new, beautiful, and interactive guide to

twenty of the most-visited U.S. national parks with a new app for iPhone and iPad. Whether you are seeking inspiration and planning your next trip or you're looking for the ultimate in utility, National Geographic has everything you need to explore twenty of the most-visited U.S. national parks at your fingertips.



Spyglass

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: \$3.99

Description: Spyglass is a powerful toolkit essential for every outdoorsman.

Augmented reality navigator and a compass for the off-road. Packed with many useful tools: a hi-tech viewfinder, milspec compass, gyrocompass, maps, GPS tracker, speedometer, sextant, gyro horizon, inclinometer, angular calculator and 5x zoom camera. Tag, share, find and track your position, multiple locations, bearings, Sun, Moon and stars, all in real time.



The Night Sky

Devices: Android, iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: \$0.99

Description: Enables you to identify the stars, planets, galaxies, constellations

and even satellites you can see above. Just stand anywhere and hold your device up to the sky and The Night Sky will display the names of the stars, planets and other objects you are able to see.



The Weather Channel

Devices: Android, iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Kindle Fire, Windows Phone, Blackberry

Cost: Free

Description: Accurate and relevant weather information whenever weather matters to you. With 200+ meteorologists and, our ultra-local TruPoint forecasting technology, we provide you with the weather tools you need to plan your day, week, or even the next hour.



Camp Recipes!

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

Cost: \$1.99

Description: "Whatever you can think of to cook on a campfire, this app has 10

ways to cook it. And they aren't just made up either. These are campers' favorite recipes from all over the country, tried and true, cooked and eaten.

There are many more apps out there. New ones come out on a weekly basis. Most of our young men are using smart phones also. They can take advantage of these apps to keep their own scout records.

If you have a favorite app that you are using with your Varsity Scouts, please share it with us. Send info to:

Lon@AtkinsonStudios.com

Five Fields of Empasis: Personal Development

Citizenship: Among the privileges of an American citizen is the Right to Vote. Every year there are elections, but this year American citizens vote for the President of the United States, so there is extra energy and generally more interest in the election. There are 2 main candidates. One will be elected and policies he promotes with the Congress have a good chance of becoming law or a government regulation that will affect Varsity Scouts lives as adults. (Questions: What are policies? Which is more important: Foreign or Domestic policies? Develop your own questions regarding national or local policies....)

VS Captains with their Coach & Program manager can plan for week night activity to review the issues - Maybe candidates, maybe ballot propositions. If planned correctly with interactive debate, polling, votes or maybe a trip to Golden Hall on election night, this will help all VS experience what his future as a voting American citizen can be. If I were the program manager, I would have food involved as a reward for participation, answering questions, etc. Maybe develop a polling questionnaire and have VS go out and do their own mini-polling activity, then come back and tabulate together on activity night.

Varsity Leader Training: October 26-27th

The last chance to get your Varsity Leaders trained this year will be on Oct. 26th through the 27th. There is a flyer on Page 7 of this newsletter. Please distribute this flyer to those leaders in your Ward and Stake that need to be trained. The training will be held at the Santee Stake Center. For more information contact Ed Jones at:

edjonesheating@hotmail.com

2012 Varsity Activity Dates & Contact Information

Huddles:

October Huddle - October 18th

Huddle Commissioner:

Andy Schmidt: andy@schmidtboardhouse.com

Varsity Leader Training

VALT: October 26-27th

Training Chairman: Ed Jones

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On-Target:

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Mountain Man Rendezvous

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Varsity Communications:

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• Marty Bramwell: martybramwell@yahoo.com

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• Lon Atkinson: Lon@AtkinsonStudios.com

Varsity Leader Huddle: October 18th

The last Varsity Leader Huddle will be held in the Penesquitos Stake Center on Black Mountain Road.

This is an important huddle and those that should be in attendance are:

Varsity Coaches and Asst. Coaches. Committee Chairs, Ward Young Men Presidents counselor over the Varsity program. For more info:

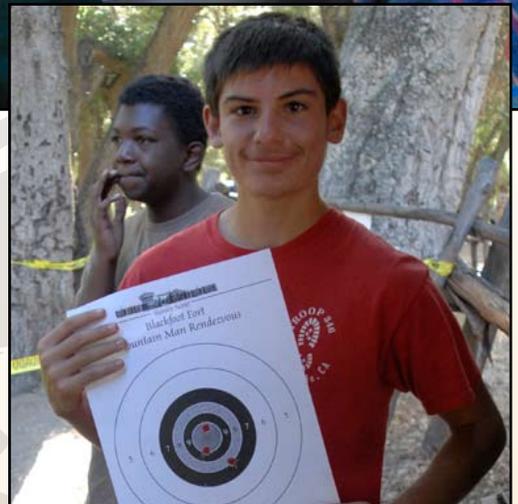
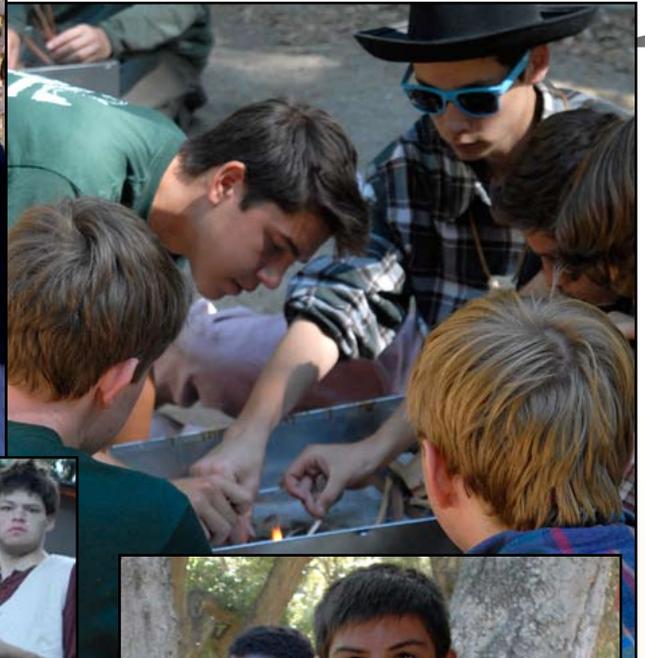
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V A R S I T Y T R A I N I N G

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

October 26 and 27, 2012
Santee LDS Church
10052 Magnolia Avenue North, Santee

Fri. October 26 -

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. October 27 -

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 Hand Book (& Varsity Leader Guidebook -if you have it.)

Cost – \$30.00

**Pre-Registration is required-
Must have your reservation by 10/22/2012**

For reservations or questions, contact:

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