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The 27th Annual Varsity Scout Triathlon



The 27th Annual Varsity Scout Triathlon will be held on April 27th, 2013 at the Youth Aquatic Center on Fiesta Island.

This event features a 200-yard Swim, 8.5-mile bike ride and 2 mile run. The participants race within brackets by age and gender. The minimum age this year is 12. All participants will receive a t-shirt and all youth will receive a participants medal.

The best way to get the most out the Triathlon is to camp Friday night at the Aquatics Center. We have reserved the entire campsite this year. Cost is \$2.00 per person with a limit of 240 campers.

For the leaders and youth who choose not to participate, there is plenty of opportunities to provide service to the Triathlon. For information contact: Tom Naylor: tnaylor@finsvcs.com

To reserve a campsite contact:
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The BSA's Commitment to Safety:

(This is a reprint of an article from the BSA's website. Safety must be of the utmost importance when planning activities for your Varsity Scout Team.)

We want you to know that the safety of our youth, volunteers, staff, and employees cannot be compromised. Health and safety must be integrated into everything we do to the point that no injuries are acceptable beyond those that are readily treatable by Scout-rendered first aid.

The Scouting program itself, activities Scouts participate in on a regular basis, and the outdoor classroom used in Scouting have inherent risks. A challenging program and activities help attract youth and retain them in Scouting. Perceived risk during such ventures heightens awareness and builds confidence and discipline vital to building tomorrow's leaders.

There is a place in Scouting for age-appropriate events that push youth beyond their normal comfort level and stretch their abilities. This is appropriate when risks are identified and mitigated. One should not participate in or promote activities when risks are unknown or ignored. We must protect our youth as part of our program. In a sense, safety is our license to operate.

In particular, Scout leaders are responsible for the physical and mental well-being of everyone under their supervision. Parents who entrust Scout leaders with their children justifiably expect them to return uninjured.

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Zion's Camp 2013

Celebrating 100 Years of LDS Scouting
Monday July 8 - Saturday July 13, 2013

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the partnership between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America, all San Diego and Imperial County LDS Stakes will be participating in a special week at Mataguay Scout Ranch known as Zion's Camp. This week will include special activities, speakers, and camping. For information on Zion's Camp or to register click on the link below:

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

SD Boy Scout Lease Lawsuit is Thrown Out

A civil rights group is ending a decade-old lawsuit over San Diego's leasing of city property to the Boy Scouts.

U-T San Diego says the local American Civil Liberties Union announced Monday it won't appeal a ruling in the suit, which argued that the lease of public land was illegal because the scouts ban homosexuals, agnostics and atheists.

A scout spokesman told the newspaper the group won't comment until it speaks to its lawyers later this week.

The city had leased 18 1/2 acres of land in Balboa Park and Fiesta Island for a nominal fee to the Scouts.

A federal appeals court declared the leases legal in December, ruling they didn't violate state or federal constitutional prohibitions on discrimination and giving special preference to religious groups.

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To achieve that goal, everyone must work together to do the following:

- Know, understand, and comply with all rules, policies, and procedures.
- Model safe behaviors when participating in Scouting events.
- Encourage staff, volunteer leaders, and youth members to share in the management of risk.
- Promote, provide, and, when appropriate, require health and safety training.
- Communicate the importance of incident and near-miss reporting and hold staff members accountable for implementing reporting procedures at unit, district, and council levels.
- Study incidents that do occur to learn from them, and modify risks where appropriate.
- Support enterprise risk management concepts.

Thank you for being part of the Scouting movement and creating an exciting and safe experience for every participant.

Scout Fair!

The San Diego-Imperial Council Scout Fair is coming! This annual community wide event showcases our first-class programs in a fun and exciting way. Cubs, Boy Scouts, Varsity team members, Venturers and Explorers from across our Council join together for a day of good-old Scouting fun!

This year's Scout Fair takes place on Saturday, April 20 2013, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, in the southwestern parking lot, sections G & H, at Qualcomm Stadium. For more information or to register:

<http://www.sdicbsa.org/Activities/ScoutFair/>

The Boy Scout Theory

[by Barry Schwartz]

As a city boy, I joined the Boy Scouts to get out into the boonies to places I'd never been. I had no idea what I was getting into; the same thing happened when I became an entrepreneur.

Experiencing the Great Outdoors was all I wanted, so I did not take the Boy Scout Oath all that seriously. Now, working for myself, I get what they were driving at with "A Scout is..."

Trustworthy: If your client doesn't believe what you say, you're going to tie yourself in knots trying to get away with whatever it is you're trying to get away with. We're not talking square knots. Those are easy.

Loyal: You have to be true to your clients and your associates; they're counting on you to be thinking about them before yourself.

Helpful: What does the client need? To get the job done. Whatever it takes.

Friendly: Everyone prefers to work with someone they like. As Mom used to say, it's nice to be nice. And it's just good business.

Courteous: Respect is due to all – even to those who don't deserve it. Maybe especially to them. At the least, act respectful; respect will accrue back to you.

Kind: It's impossible to know what's going on in anyone else's life, really; so kindness is a solid base strategy, even if someone is being "a bear". If you're kind, they might not turn into "a bear" in the first place.

Obedient: You have a contract (I hope). Get it done.

Cheerful: (See "Kind".)

Thrifty: If there was ever a way to learn the value of money, it's when you're responsible for making all of it. And spending it.

Brave: Simply starting to work for yourself is a brave act, but that's not enough: you have to step up over and over your entire career. Staying an entrepreneur may be inertia, habit, or an inability to be an employee. Whatever.

Clean: Let's go with the metaphorical meaning, here. Do what you say, say what you mean. Oh, and do clean up after yourself – in the non-metaphorical sense.

Reverent: You have to believe in what you're doing and why you're doing it; there has to be an overriding motivation because working for yourself is never just a job. It's a lifestyle, it's your life, and it's more than the product you produce. That takes faith.

While it's not part of the Oath, everyone knows the motto: "Be Prepared." You never can tell, a project may take you way out into the boonies to a place you've never been. And that's no metaphor.

Barry Schwartz is a photographer, writer, and designer in Los Angeles who was a Boy Scout for four years, never learned to tie a square knot, but learned he better be prepared.

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The Famous Mud Caves and Slot Canyons

Anybody that has ever taken their Varsity Scouts to the Mud Caves has had a great time. For the most part, only the caves that are right on the road are investigated and crawled through. But there are many other caves and slot canyons to visit. Here is a great link to information on the many caves that make up The Mud Caves: http://www.hiddensandiego.com/wiki/index.php?title=Preview_Arroyo_Tapiado



Disposable Aluminum Dutch Oven Liners



Camp Chef's NEW Disposable Dutch Oven Liners. Simplify your Dutch oven cooking and cleaning with disposable aluminum liners by Camp Chef. Liners easily lift out of the oven and serve as a food dish, leaving your Dutch oven ready for another recipe and no clean up needed. Pre-formed sizes are durable and will work with standard depth Dutch ovens as well as deep Dutch ovens. Available in three sizes 10" 12" and 14".

For more information:

<http://www.campchef.com/blog/new-camp-chef-disposable-aluminum-dutch-oven-liners>

Varsity Scout Activity Ideas

Welcome to Varsity Scout Activities! Below you'll find a link to a list of all the official Varsity Scout program feature pins. You'll also find a short list of extra program features ideas under Discovering America. Be sure to click through and see our long list of program feature activities in each of the five fields of emphasis. For more varsity scout activity ideas, check out the Varsity Team program manuals: Volume 1, Volume 2 and Volume 3.

<http://www.varsityscoutactivities.com/>

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On occasion we need to make a second effort - and a third effort, and a fourth effort, and as many degrees of effort as may be required to accomplish what we strive to achieve.

Thomas S. Monson

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

Penasquitos Stake Center

May 16th

August 15th

October 17th

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Varsity Scout Leader Training

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October 18-19th

Woodbadge '13

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

<http://www.sdicsa.org/Training/W6-49-13-1/>

Triathlon

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April 27th, Fiesta Island

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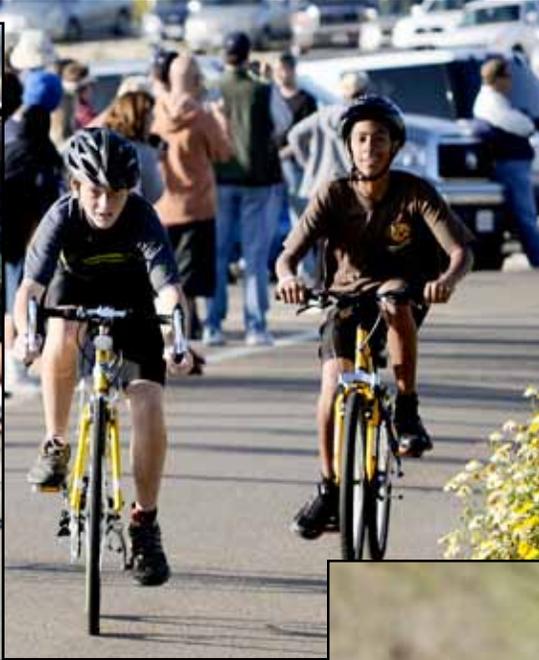
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September 20-21st



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