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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.

Check this out:

• High Adventure

Geocaching
Waterdogs, Hikes, Campfire Programs
Shotgun (5 shooters at a time)
Mountain Bikes
Black Powder Shooting
Mountain Man Competition/Games
Robotics (Battle Bots)
High COPE course
Survival school
Mountain Boarding
Back Packing overnight hikes
Repelling and Rock Climbing
Zip line
Horseback riding
Small boat sailing & Kayaks (Lake Henshaw)
Rifle: Static and Mobile (2 ranges)

Also available but at a separate fee:

Glider Rides
Deep Sea Fishing (Full Day)
Battle Bots (Robotics)

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Ten Tips For Your Varsity Team Captain

Here are Ten Tips to help your Team Captain become a better leader. His success is directly linked to the success of your Varsity Team.

1. Be a Good Communicator

You do not have to have a commanding voice to be a good leader. But you must be willing to step out front and with an effective "Let's Go". A good leader know how to get and give information so that everyone understands.

2. Keep Your Word

Don't make promises you cannot keep.

3. Be Fair to All

A good leader show no favorites. Don't allow friendships to stand in the way of being fair to all members of your Varsity Team.

4. Be Flexible

Everything won't always go as planned Be prepared to shift to Plan B when Plan A doesn't work.

5. Be Organized

At Team Leadership Meetings, record who is responsible for each task and have the duty roster filled out prior to going on an activity.

6. Delegate

Some leaders assume the job will not get done unless they do it themselves. Most people like to be challenged with a task. Let them try doing things they haven't tried before.

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The 100th Anniversary: BSA/LDS



The official charter between The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America was signed on June 13, 1913. A celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the partnership between the Church and Scouting will be held in the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle on October 29, 2013. The celebration will feature uplifting music and highlight important events, achievements by young men, and service by adult leaders during the 100 years of Scouting in the Church.

The celebration will be streamed live on the Internet and available online for later use. Church units commemorating this anniversary are encouraged to include the celebration as part of their plan. This reduces the need for elaborate local productions.

"Impossible to measure is the great good which has come from this organization during the past century. ... I believe in Scouting. I believe in the goals of the organization. I believe in the power of Scouting to bless and enrich lives for good."

- President Thomas S. Monson

To read President Monson's discussion, google the following statement:

"President Monson Discusses Strengths of Scouting,"

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7. Set the Example

Whatever you do, your Varsity Team members are likely to do the same. A cheerful attitude can help keep everyone in good spirits.

8. Be Consistent

Nothing is more confusing than a leader who is one way one moment and the opposite a short time later. If your Varsity Team knows what to expect from you, they will more likely respond positively to your leadership.

9. Give Praise

"Nice Job" is all the praise necessary to make a Varsity Scout feel he is making a meaningful contribution.

10. Ask For Help

When confronted with a situation you don't know how to handle, ask someone with more experience for some advice and direction.

Have You Ever Wondered What a Fifteen Piece Dinette Set and Flint and Steel Have in Common?

Join us at the March Huddle, Thursday, March 21st, 7:00 pm at the Penasquitos Stake Center, 12835 Black Mountain Road, San Diego.

There you will find the answer to this question an even more information, but only if you attend the Huddle!

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 Steve Baker:
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Centennial Commemoration Items

Commemorate this historic year with specially designed Centennial Celebration items. These items are available for sale on the website:

http://www.ldsbsa.org/shop/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=8



Centennial Jacket Patch
8" x 4.5"

Uniform Patch
4.5" x 2.5"



Centennial Lapel Pin
3/8" x 5/8"



Centennial Coin
Double-sided 1 3/4" coin with quote "May you uphold Scouting's tradition, for it can be as a lighthouse beacon, in the world of stormy seas. "...

BSA to Offer Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip



The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has approved an Amateur Radio Operator rating strip for Scouts and Scouters to wear on their uniforms. According to BSA Communication Services Director Jim Wilson, K5ND, the strip recognizes the Scout or Scouter's availability as an Amateur Radio operator for communication services for events and activities, as well as emergencies. All registered youth members and adult leaders who also hold a valid FCC-issued Amateur Radio license of any class are eligible to wear the rating strip.

"Last year, the BSA Awards and Insignia Committee introduced the Morse Code Interpreter Strip upon the recommendation of the BSA's National Radio Scouting Committee," Wilson told the ARRL. "We are always looking for ways to promote Amateur Radio, both within Scouting and to the world. The National Radio Scouting Committee thought this new Amateur Radio rating strip was a wonderful way to do exactly that, as it readily identifies to everyone that the wearer is a licensed radio amateur, prepared to be useful and to help others."

Wilson, who heads up the National Radio Scouting Committee, said that the Amateur Radio Operator rating strip is similar to the Amateur Radio Operator badge offered as a proficiency badge by Scouts Australia, as well as the badge recently introduced by Scouting Netherlands. It follows in the footsteps of the Scout Radioman personal interest badge for Senior Scouts and Explorer Scouts that was offered by the Boy Scouts of America in the 1940s. The strip is worn on the right sleeve.

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Olympic Games

(14-18 Year Old Young Men ONLY)

Your Choice:

Archery, Basketball, Chess, Flag Football, Lacrosse, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling

Track:

100, 220, 440, 880, Mile, 2 Mile, Cross Country

Field:

Broad Jump, High jump, Triple Jump
Discus, Shot Put

Enhanced Programs:

Some or all of the following may be offered:

- Mataguay Messenger - covering the Journalism, Photography and Radio Merit Badges
- Final Frontiersmen - covering the Astronomy, Engineering and Space Exploration Merit Badges
- MSR Tritons Track
- Conservation Corps Track
- Anglers Track
- Galleria Track
- Inventors Guild Track

Also Rank Advancement/ Merit Badges

Program Features For Leaders!

- Basic Leader Training
- Safety Afloat
- Safe Swim Defense
- Hazardous Weather
- LDS/BSA Ecclesiastical Leader Seminar

More information about Zion's Camp: camping.

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

BSA Considering Change in Membership Policy

February 11, 2013

Church spokesman Michael Purdy released on Wednesday, February 6, this statement about the Boy Scouts of America's decision to delay its proposed leadership policy change:

For 100 years, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has enjoyed a strong, rewarding relationship with Boy Scouts of America as both organizations have worked to build and strengthen the moral character and leadership skills of young men.

The recent announcement that BSA planned to make a policy change in its standards for membership and leadership has triggered intense debate from many segments of society. We believe BSA has acted wisely in delaying a vote on this policy issue until the implications can be more carefully evaluated.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is carefully assessing the consequences of this policy change on the Church's program to build and strengthen young men, but it has not commented on it and a decision will not be made until we have assessed all of the implications. We caution others not to speculate about our position or to assume that individual Latter-day Saints inside or outside the Scouting movement speak for the Church. Neither has the Church launched any campaign either to effect or prevent a policy change.

The 14 million-member LDS Church has 420,977 youths in 37,882 Scouting units.

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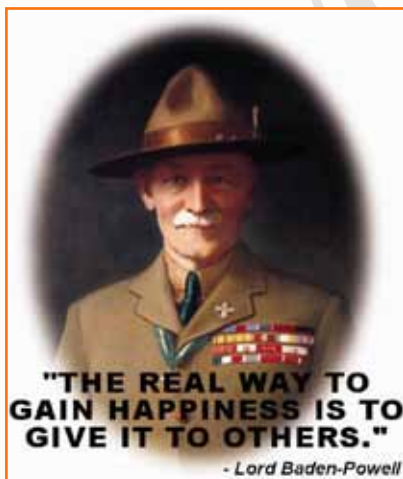
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Items to Put on Your 2013 Varsity Scout Calendar

100 Year celebration - ZION'S CAMP

Camp Mataguay

July 8-13th

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

Varsity Scout Leader Huddles

Penesquitos Stake Center

March 21st

May 16th

August 15th

October 17th

Varsity Scout Leader Training

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March 8-9th

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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Date still to be determined.

Mountain Man Rendezvous

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September 20-21st



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 8 and 9th
Escondido South Stake Center
2255 Felicita Road, Escondido
(15 Frwy & Felicita Road)

Fri. March 8 - OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TRAINING

Varsity Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills

Registration: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Class: 7:00 - 8:30 pm and continuing at the Campfire.

Snaks provided at the Campfire.

Sat. March 9 - Varsity Specific & Outdoor Leader Skills: 6:00 am - 4:00 pm

Breakfast and lunch provided.

What to bring: Personal camp gear: bag, tent, pad, chair, personal items.
Wear your uniform and bring your Scout Adult Leader Book (and Varsity
Leader Guidebook—if you have one).

Cost: \$30.00

Pre-Registration is require. Click on the link below to register:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewActivitySpaceAvailable.asp?orgkey=2129&activitykey=1309217>

Reservation must be submitted by 3/2/13

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