

Special Events Calendar

BSA Shotgun Tournament Set for June 2013

The Long Beach Area Council will hold a Shotgun Tournament in June 2013 at Triple B Clays Shotgun Sports Park in South El Monte. This exciting one-day event will be the only BSA shotgun tournament in Southern California in 2013 and will feature competition in trap, skeet, and sporting clays, with awards handed out at the Saturday luncheon. The event may also feature special shooting demonstrations, a surprise celebrity guest, and a VIP dinner the Friday evening before the tournament.

For more information and to make reservations for this event, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.

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things, Dr. Warren found that “the reported rates of sexual abuse in Scouting have been very low and broadly refutes the notion that there are ‘secret files’ of hidden abuse. The files show a significant amount of public knowledge of the offenders and their unlawful acts.” For more information on BSA’s policies, please visit www.scouting.org/bsayouthprotection.

Our Council is comprised of more than 1,700 good men and women who serve as Scouting volunteers—helping our children learn lifelong values, develop leadership skills and adopt the habit of community service. The record of these outstanding volunteers who have helped our children grow into productive citizens defines Scouting ... not the handful of people who have used our wonderful program for their own selfish and evil purposes.

I thank you for your continued support of Scouting and your dedication to youth, and wish you all the blessings and happiness that the new year will bring.

Thank you for all that you do for the youth of this community!



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From the desk of
**Scout Executive
John Fullerton**

Dear Scouting Friends

News reports appearing over the last couple of months regarding Scouting’s Ineligible Volunteer files have raised questions about the safety of youth in the Scouting program and our actions in the event of inappropriate behavior on the part of a leader.

Over the last 30 years, we have learned a great deal about how to enhance the safety of our Scouts, and our youth protection standards rest on five pillars: education, rigorous leadership selection, barriers, swift reporting, and prompt removal. Scouting’s youth protection practices and policies have been widely acknowledged by experts as being the “best practices” among all youth programs. All registered Scouting volunteers must go through a background check and complete our youth protection training program.

While we live in an imperfect world, these youth protection practices have ensured Scouting is a very safe environment. In fact, the BSA commissioned an independent review by Dr. Janet Warren, professor of psychiatry and neurobehavioral sciences at the University of Virginia, and Research Advisory Board member of the FBI’s National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime. Among other

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Long Beach Area Council Hosts Night Aboard the USS IOWA

More than 400 Scouting alumni, Eagle Scouts, and guests joined the Long Beach Area Council this past Oct. 25 onboard the famous WWII battleship, USS IOWA.

Built in 1940, the USS IOWA served our country for more than 50 years. Designated the “World’s Greatest Naval Ship” due to her big guns, heavy armor, fast speed, longevity and modernization, she kept pace with technology for more than half a century. Also during her years of service, the IOWA has welcomed and escorted our nation’s Commander in Chief on many occasions. No other battleship has been host to more Chief Executives, among them President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan, and President George H.W. Bush.

Today, the USS IOWA has become one of the most interactive and educational museums of her kind and makes her new home in Los Angeles Harbor.





Local Foundation Sends 200 ScoutReach Kids to Camp

A private Southern California foundation recently provided a gift of \$35,000 to send some very deserving, underprivileged kids to camp. Through the ScoutReach program, this gift provided 200 kids with all the equipment needed for six days and five nights camping, including transportation, food, sleeping bags, backpacks, tents, and cooking equipment, as well as personal gear such as jackets, gloves, socks, and caps.

The ScoutReach program offers at-risk youth, who otherwise cannot afford to participate in Scouting activities, the same opportunities to develop leadership skills, and build character, citizenship and personal fitness, and help young people reach their full potential. ScoutReach emphasizes service to minority populations and currently operates in 21 public schools within the Long Beach Unified School District.

If you would like to contribute to the ScoutReach program and help low-income kids participate in Scouting activities, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.

LBAC Partners with ITEP to Introduce Kids to Careers in International Trade, Transportation, Logistics

The LBAC is partnering with International Trade Education Programs (ITEP), a non-profit organization based in Glendale, CA, to introduce at-risk high school students to careers in international trade, transportation, and logistics.

The goal of this program is to develop job ready, college prepared high school graduates through activities and programs designed for each grade level and skill. The ITEP programs focus on both short and long term professional and educational goals for students and infuse school curriculum with industry based programs, enrichment activities, and information. In Long Beach, Students With Ambitious Goals (SWAG) is a hands-on career exploration program for 10th graders that consists of twice-a-month, after-school field trips to visit top local companies and organizations, while also building skills through leadership and personal development activities. Most of the students involved live in difficult neighborhoods with high rates of poverty and crime.

If you would like more information about Scouting and ITEP, or to support this program, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.



Bandai Foundation Makes Gift to Scouting

The Bandai Foundation recently made an \$8,500 gift to the Long Beach Area Council at their annual "Time for Giving" event at their facility in Cypress this past November.

In presenting the check, Bandai Foundation's Treasurer Paul Hausback said, "We hope that the funds we provide assist you in a meaningful way in achieving the goals of your wonderful organization."

The Bandai Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1995 by Bandai America as a way to give back to the community that has made its products so successful in the United States. The organization has made a strong commitment to improving and enhancing quality of life of families and children, and to inspire other civic leaders, businesses and individuals to do the same. Bandai America is a leader in the boys' and girls' toy and electronics product categories including, among many others, Power Rangers, Ben 10, and DragonBall. Bandai America is headquartered in Cypress, CA.



Photo (l to r): Jose Antonio Vargas, COO and Executive Vice President, Bandai America; Paul Hausback, CFO, Bandai America and Treasurer, Bandai Foundation; Scout Executive John Fullerton; and Long Beach Council Director of Development, Pamela Bumgardner.

ScoutReach Program to Add Long Beach, Bellflower Schools

The ScoutReach program is set to expand into six new elementary schools this coming year. Proposed Long Beach elementary schools are Garfield, Hudson, and King, along with three elementary schools (yet to be determined) in the city of Bellflower. ScoutReach is a 90-minute once-a-week after-school program of Scout activities, recreation, playground sports, and healthy snacks, held on-site at the school. The program currently serves approximately 1,200 boys (mostly 6 to 13 years of age) from poverty or below poverty households, drawn from 23 urban inner-city schools in the Long Beach area. The program is administered by trained, salaried professional leaders, maintained at an 8 to 1 youth to leader ratio. All costs for the program (salaries, supplies, handbooks, uniforms, registrations, field trip transportation, snacks, etc.) are funded by donations from corporations, foundations and private individuals, so the program is free to the youth involved. Cost for each new school for the year is approximately \$10,000. If you would like to help the ScoutReach program reach low-income kids, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.



A gallery of photos from the USS IOWA event in October (see story page 1).

Annual Virginia Country Club "Gentlemen's Dinner" to Benefit Scouting



On Jan. 23, 2013, Virginia Country Club, Long Beach, will host a gentlemen's dinner featuring a fireside chat with pro golfing insider Tim Rosaforte. Rosaforte joined Golf Channel in 2007, and he also contributes to Golf Central and Golf Central Pre Game, the network's Live From telecasts during major championships and as an interviewer/essayist at select Champions Tour events.

A veteran senior writer at *Golf World Magazine*, Rosaforte has covered golf's major professional championships and every Ryder Cup since the early 1980s. He has been honored 30 times with writing awards during his 20-year career, including first place in the Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA) magazine feature and column categories. He also is the author of three books: *Raising the Bar: The Championship Years of Tiger Woods*; *Heartbreak Hill: The Anatomy of a Ryder Cup*; and *Tiger Woods: The Making of a Champion*. He has covered golf for *Sports Illustrated*, *Golf Digest*, *Golf Illustrated* and *Links* Magazines, as well as several Florida newspapers.

The evening will also feature a wine tasting and special dinner. Cost is \$500 per person and seating is limited. To make reservations, contact Zach Vinal, VCC Pro Shop, at (562) 424-5211.