

Long Beach Sea Base gets a New Deck



Before



After

2014 LBAC Membership Demographics

Packs	66	<i>Youth</i>	
Troops	56	Cub Scouts	2194
Teams	8	Boy Scouts	1178
Crews	22	Varsity Scouts	52
Ships	8	Venturers	242
		Sea Scouts	80
		Learning for Life	420
		Registered Adults	1514
		Total Membership	4166

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THE SCOUTER'S KEY

LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL WINTER/SPRING 2015

Scout Executive's Message

While 2014 was a banner year in many ways for us, I'm even more excited for the 2015 year ahead.

Having installed a 100-foot bridge over Hwy 38 at Camp Tahquitz and repaired the deck at the Long Beach Sea Base, we are poised to bring more programs for our kids to enjoy – safely.

In 2015 we will continue implementing our five-point vision. It all starts with Cub Scouting. From top to bottom you will see a doubling down of resources to help leaders run fun meetings.

Second, we will continue to improve our properties with the goal of providing world-class facilities. Third, we must be financially sustainable. With your help we will secure the growth of our program. Fourth, our staff and board of directors will reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.

And finally, we will continue to provide top-quality programs. For starters, we will crown the first council pinewood derby champion in April. We also have a neat family camp opportunity over Memorial Day Weekend in May.

I hope you visit our website, like us on Facebook, and sign up for our weekly emails on longbeachbsa.org. Thank you for continuing to make a positive impact on young lives. Here's to a great 2015.

In Scouting,

John Fullerton
Scout Executive/CEO

Launch an Eagle

Our 2015 annual giving campaign is off and running! The newly named **"Launch an Eagle"** campaign raises funds for our local program from people just like you committed to seeing the Scouting program thrive. Parents, family, friends, and employers can make tax-deductible gifts to support youth in our community.

Ok, so how does this work? The Long Beach Area Council relies on charitable contributions to operate. When you pledge to give monthly or write a check, you are helping support year-round activities. Without your financial contributions, we couldn't do what we do.

Haven't I paid already? You might wonder why we're talking about funding. You've already paid to join. But when you register, none of the fees paid supports the Long Beach Area Council -- a local non-profit organization that supplies the things that your son or daughter enjoys most or depends on to be a successful Scout.

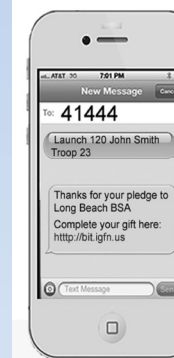
Your BSA fees are used for things like National high adventure camps, national marketing and program impact research. Your pack or troop also asks for dues to pay for equipment, camping fees, uniforms, books, badges, and outings.

Just so we are clear: the Long Beach Area Council receives no federal funding, no state funding, no national BSA funding, raises 100% of the dollars here in the Long Beach area, and all of the dollars raised goes back to support the youth in our community.

So here's the thing: We're asking you to consider a gift of at least \$10 per month, \$120 per year, or more if you can afford it.

How do I give? It's super easy. Your pack or troop leader has pledge cards, but you can also give online at longbeachbsa.org/donate. New this year – TEXT to give. That's right. 100% safe and secure. Just text LAUNCH to 41444 with a dollar amount and your name. Aren't you curious to try? See this sample:

Text a pledge of any amount!



100% Safe and Secure



1 Text to 41444

2 In your message:
Launch **Amount** **Your Name**
Unit#
Example: Launch 120 John Smith Troop 23

3 Press send

Accepting all major credit cards



To check our progress throughout the campaign, check us out online from your desktop, tablet, or mobile. You'll also find helpful tips, a tracking thermometer and more FAQs to help you succeed.

Click longbeachbsa.org/support-scouting/launch-eagle

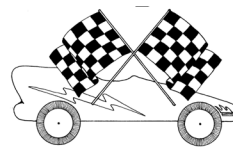
1st Annual Family Camp at Tahquitz

Join us over Memorial Day for a camping experience at Camp Tahquitz.



Pinewood Derby Championships

On Saturday April 18, the top two cars from each Pack's pinewood derby will compete for the title of Pinewood Derby Council Champion!



Scout-O-Rama save the date: June 6.

Huge youth fair including 50+ booths of fun, games, food, and hands-on activities for all ages.

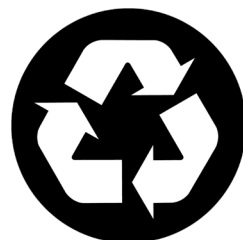
Free of charge and open to the public.

Free Barbecue at Sea Base Feb 21st

Join us at the Sea Base at noon for a free barbecue. The barbecue is being sponsored by the Greater Long Beach Recycling Program.

Enjoy the free food and learn how you and your units can earn money by for your program by simply recycling.

For more information contact Marcia at (562) 546-3545.



SAVE THE DATE!

Cub Day Camp Patch Design Contest

Open to all cub scouts, no cost to enter, winning design gets a free week of day camp. Be creative and think up your best patch idea that best represents camp. You must have *Long Beach Area Council, the year and a Fleur de lis.*



Accomplishments in 2014

Camp Tahquitz

- New bathrooms completed
- Commissary remodeled
- Bridge installed over Hwy 38
- Record year for camping revenue

Long Beach Sea Base

- New Second Story Deck
- Developed STEM Programs
- Record summer aquatics camp attendance

Community Service

- Honored the LB Police and Fire Chiefs
- 35,000 hours of service by youth
- 28,000 pounds of food collected
- 1,200 trees planted in North Long Beach

Membership

- Two new Cub Scout packs
- Record retention rate, far above the area average Program
- 80 Eagle Scouts, fourth highest in council history
- Koch Cup hosting 80 youth from 10 countries around the world

Operations

- Record year for Scout Shop sales
- Redesigned website: longbeachbsa.org
- National President's Award for Multi-Cultural Marketing Excellence

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Philmont

- On Saturday, February 7, LDS-BSA Relationships Director Mark Francis will visit our council. Little Philmont is for anyone with a Scout-related calling in the LDS church, from direct contact leaders to committee members, Cubs through Venturing. It is for Young Men and Primary presidencies on both the stake and ward level. It is for bishoprics and parents of scouts. And, of course, commissioners serving LDS units would find it helpful. It is for anyone who could benefit from a better understanding of how the priesthood and Scouting fit together.

Spring Training Classes

- March 14 - Leader Specific Training
- April 17-18 - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- April 18 - BALOO Training
- May 2 - Safety Training Day

A Salute to Scouting with Dr. Robert Gates

- On Thursday, March 5, National BSA President, Former Secretary of Defense, and Former Director of CIA, Dr. Robert Gates is coming to Long Beach. By invite only, Dr. Gates will meet and greet 100 people in an intimate setting.

Annual Recognition Dinner

- February 19, 7pm recognizing the 80 Eagle Scouts and 4 Silver Beaver recipients from 2014.

New Staff - Rebekah Havard, Sr. District Executive

As of October 2014, Bekah Havard assumed the position of Polaris district executive. In this role, Bekah will be responsible for providing direct service to the Polaris district including the district committee and unit commissioners. Bekah has nine years of experience with the Boy Scouts of America. Prior to coming to Long Beach, Bekah served districts in both Orange County and San Jose. Please join us in welcoming Bekah to the Long Beach Area Council as the Polaris district executive!

2014 -15 Tribe of Tahquitz Officers

- Chief - Luke Higbee
- Little Chief - Jesse Bosworth
- Medicine Man - Derek Delp
- Mountain Man - Ben Steidl
- Keeper of the Tally - Kyle Fremgen



2014 - 15 OA Officers

- Chief - Justin Morehead
- Vice-Chief - Jose Ibarra
- Secretary - Nick Munoz
- Treasurer - Austin Law



Journey to Excellence

Polaris District:

Bronze:

Troop 50

Silver:

Packs 81, 360

Gold:

Packs 66, 140

Troops 65, 75, 134, 140, 212, 303, 371, 1776

Crews 181, 228

Los Fierros District

Bronze:

Troop 25, 248

Silver:

Packs 72, 248

Team 248

Crew 120

Ships 237, 549

Gold:

Packs 007, 21, 32, 62, 105, 120, 126, 148, 206, 267

Troops 29, 74, 120, 126, 148,

224, 613

Team 148

Ship 564

Crew 148

Council Commissioner Recognition

Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. They are a friend, a representative, a "doctor", teacher and counselor as needed for a unit.



The Long Beach Area Council would like to recognize the following individuals who have dedicated themselves to continuing their Scouting Education by attending the College of Commissioner Science. The following individuals have completed the requirements for the respective degrees:

Recipients:

Dave Mitchell - Bachelor of Commissioner Science - Polaris District Dinner

Dennis Kunishima - Bachelor of Commissioner Science - Polaris District Dinner

Bob Huss - Certificate of Postgraduate Studies on Commissioner Science - LBAC Council Dinner

Dan Vance - Certificate of Postgraduate Studies in Commissioner Science - LBAC Council Dinner.

2014 Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council. Introduced in 1931, the Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

Recipients:
Kenny Cruz
Howard Ito
Dave Mitchell
Roland Spongberg



80 Eagle Scouts for 2014

Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. Only five percent of all Boy Scouts will earn this honor. These young men progressed through seven ranks and earned at least 21 merit badges. Most of them did far more. Eagle Scouts are recognized worldwide as people of outstanding character by universities, their communities, and by industry leaders.



Eagle Scout	Unit	Eagle Scout	Unit	Eagle Scout	Unit
Kyle Fremgen	Troop 140	Paul Chun	Troop 111	Sung Lee	Troop 111
Andrew Moskovitz	Troop 120	Alexander Clark	Troop 205	Clark Moore	Troop 74
Benjamin Quincey	Troop 65	Christian Hauser	Troop 75	Nolan Peterson	Troop 205
Matthew Taylor	Troop 67	Shelton Phann	Troop 12	Brandon Sun	Troop 111
Matthew Burns	Crew 156	Kenneth Phin	Troop 12	Han Vi	Troop 212
Nicholas Cramer	Troop 212	Nickolas Skoglie	Troop 75	Eric Yo	Troop 111
Kevin Hogan	Troop 140	Ethan Vaughn	Troop 393	Andrew Ahrens	Troop 212
Zachary Oeh	Troop 75	Caleb Cousins	Troop 75	William Argus	Troop 67
Spencer Peterson	Troop 205	Peter Garry	Troop 67	Ethan Bakker	Team 188
Spencer Gates	Troop 67	Doo Young Yang	Troop 111	Eric Bartholomew	Troop 75
Thomas Stolpe	Troop 29	William Greenwood	Troop 212	Eric Choe	Troop 111
Evan Sue	Troop 75	Ian Belliveau	Troop 105	Alec Cosio	Troop 134
Frederico Alvarado	Troop 67	Brian Kim	Troop 111	Jose Ibarra	Troop 371
Eric Ball	Crew 188	Jon Mallette	Crew 156	Sean Love	Troop 140
Nathan Belcher	Troop 65	Sean Maloney	Troop 140	Brandon Ransom	Troop 1244
Connor Cartledge	Troop 117	Tristan Parsons	Troop 212	David Blackburn	Crew 66
Blake Wall	Team 393	Arun Ramakrishnan	Troop 75	Andrew Castro	Troop 74
Joshua Leonardo	Troop 1244	Rishi Ravichandran	Troop 75	Alan Kim	Troop 111
Garrett Webster	Troop 67	John Thomas	Troop 140	Daniel Kim	Troop 111
Aaron Lopez	Troop 120	Young Hoon Yang	Troop 111	Jacob Moretine	Troop 205
Stephan Lopez	Troop 29	Junha Baek	Troop 111	Joshua Potter	Troop 242
Ian Morris	Troop 75	Benjamin Bond	Troop 224	Jonathan Thomas	Troop 242
Dalquon Walker	Troop 65	Kenny Cruz	Troop 74	Christopher Senner	Troop 75
Andre Chacon	Crew 550	Aaron Hutchings	Troop 205	Alexander Simon	Troop 67
Eric Mitchell	Troop 65	Sang Kang	Troop 111	Jordon Taibi	Troop 140
Wanchai Chab	Troop 12	Austin Law	Troop 67		
Nelson Chhay	Troop 12	Wyatt Law	Troop 67		

2014 District Award of Merit Recipients

The District Award of Merit is awarded by a district to adult volunteers for outstanding service to youth in the district.

Polaris District Recipients:

- Janelyn Casas
- Jonathan Knelly
- Dennis Kunishima

Los Fierros District Recipients:

- Jerry Mackey
- Brian McCall
- Dorothy Rosnick



Venturing Leadership Award

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas, regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adult leaders who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Venturing Oath.

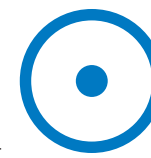
- Denise Cabral - Crew 134**
- Hannah Sandburg - Crew 181**
- Matthew Talag - Crew 134**
- Nicholas Benson - Crew 153**

James E. West Donor • Joseph Sadler

Gone Home

Please take a moment to remember those members of our Scouter family who have "Gone Home" in 2014.

- Chuck Modlin** - January 28, 2014
- Wilbur "Bud" Lorbeer** - January 30, 2014
- Sherman Lewandowsky** - May 30, 2014
- Steven Felix** - July 27th
- William Wallace** - July 31, 2014
- Ignacio "Leo" Najera** - November 15, 2014



2014 - 15 VOA Officers

- President: Denise Cabral
- VP Administration: Omar Salas
- VP Program: Matthew Talag
- VP Communications: Dale Reid