

February 2013



# Scoutmaster Notes

Scoutmaster: Mr. Paul Honeycutt

Senior Patrol Leader: Kyle Rayder

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

February 3 Scout Sunday

February 6 Order of the Arrow Elections - See information below about the OA

February 8 Pack 614 Blue and Gold Celebration (6-8PM Marshall Middle School)

February 15-16 Merit Badge Jamboree

February 20 COH (Marshall Middle School 6:30pm)

February 22 Pack 1216 Arrow of Light (Marshall Middle School) at 7pm

February 22-24 Arroyo Salado to Salton Sea Backpack

## UPCOMING OUTINGS - Sign up at Outdoor table:

Pack 614 Blue and Gold - February 8

Merit Badge Jamboree - February 15-16

Arroyo Salado Backpack - February 22-24

Pack 1216 Arrow of Light at MMS Feb 22

Trail building (MSR) - March 2

Unit Backpack Training (MSR) - March 9-10

El Cajon Mountain Hike - March 10

Camporee & OA Ordeal March 22-24

## SUMMER CAMP NEWS:

### **Zion (June 23-29)**

**Camp Kern (July 21-27)** : First payment of \$125 due February 6.

**Lost Valley (July 28-August 3)** : First payment of \$100 due February 6

**Philmont (July 3-16, 2014)** : First nonrefundable payment of \$100 due February 28. Participants must be 14 years old by the date of the camp **OR** have completed the 8th grade and be 13 years old.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### • **The Order of the Arrow: Scouting's National Honor Society**

For more than 90 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth. As Scouting's National Honor Society, OA's purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

**The Order of the Arrow Membership Requirements:**

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year registration period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
- Youth must be under the age of 21, hold the BSA First Class Rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team coach, be elected by the youth members of their troop or team.

**Database Reports:** Please send any future requests for database reports to the Advancement team at [T616Advance@gmail.com](mailto:T616Advance@gmail.com). Call Ms. Sanchez (858-761-3196) to schedule Boards of Review. Please note the Process for Advancement:

1. Request database report at [T616Advance@gmail.com](mailto:T616Advance@gmail.com)
2. Schedule Scoutmaster Conference. (for conference scouts need to wear Class A uniform, bring Data Base report and Boy Scout Handbook)
3. Phone Mrs. Sanchez to schedule a Board of Review. (for BOR scouts need to wear Class A uniform, bring Data Base report and Boy Scout Handbook)

**Scout Parents** - do you have a special interest, hobby, talent, or job? Consider becoming a Merit Badge Counselor. Counselors for Eagle required badges are especially needed. Please find information how to become a counselor at :

<http://www.sdicbsa.org/Advancement/MeritBadgeCounselor.php>

Online Application:

<http://www.sdicbsa.org/Resources/Docs/MBCounselor.php>

**Eagle Candidates** - Please be sure to contact Mr. Honeycutt before you plan to present your Eagle Project Proposal to the Committee. After talking to Mr. Honeycutt, please call Karen DeWitt (858) 578-4838 in order to be placed on the next Committee Meeting agenda.

**Court of Honor - February 20th.** A representative from **Friends of Scouting** will speak to the troop. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Don't forget your **checkbook!**

| <b>February<br/>Safety</b>  | <b>March<br/>Physical Fitness</b>   | <b>April<br/>Forestry</b>  |
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| 3 Scout Sunday<br>6 Troop Meeting - OA Elections<br>8 Pack 614 Blue and Gold<br>13 Troop Meeting Ninjas<br>15-16 MB Jamboree<br>20 COH MMS<br>22-24 Arroyo Salado Campout<br><br>SCOUTER ACTIVITIES<br>14 District Roundtable<br>27 PLC/ASM<br>25 Committee | 2 & 9 Scouting for Food<br>2 Trail building MSR<br>6 Troop Meeting S. Cows<br>9-10 Unit Backpack Training MSR<br>10 El Cajon Mtn. Hike<br>13 Troop Meeting Penguins<br>20 Troop Meeting - Elections<br>22-24 Camporee and Ordeal<br>24 Ladle Soup<br><br>SCOUTER ACTIVITIES<br>14 District Roundtable<br>27 PLC/ASM<br>25 Committee | 3 Troop Meeting (no meeting)<br>10 Troop Meeting A. Meatballs<br>17 Troop Meeting Norrisses<br>20 Scout Fair<br>26-28 Cedar Creek Backpack<br><br>SCOUTER ACTIVITIES<br>11 District Roundtable<br>24 PLC ASM<br>22 Committee |

Program for the meeting is the responsibility of the assigned Patrol. Additionally, assigned Patrol also has Set-up/Opening/Closing/Cleanup duties for the prior meeting