

WELCOME TO

CONEJO VALLEY SCOUTS



SEPTEMBER COURIER

Official Newsletter of the Conejo Valley Scouts

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Don Cutler, Conejo Valley District Chair

Congratulations to Peter Nyström, our Acting Conejo Valley District Executive! He is recently engaged and can't be happier! Also Congratulations to the many new Eagle Scouts who recently passed the District Eagle Board of Review. Scroll down to see a complete list of names. Many of these young men are now off to college.

We are all sad to see the summer break over and family vacations winding down. However, going back to school and seeing old friends is always exciting! Now Scouting is better than ever too! While scouts were having fun at camps and backpacking trips, District and Council Adult Scouters were busy with organizing Fall programs. There are ample opportunities for getting trained for everyone, including new Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, and Scoutmasters!

Did your Troop or Pack have a great Summer event? Share your pictures with our District! We want to put your Pack and Troop pictures enjoying Scouting on our Website. Please email those pics and videos [here](#).

Our Conejo Valley District helps support the Ventura County Council to put the best people, programs and events while maintaining awesome Camp 3 Falls, one of the highest acclaimed camps in the state! But as a District, we are only 1/4 way meeting our financial support goal to the Council. Please consider donating a small amount now by [clicking here](#).

Are you looking to get more into Scouting? Did your son receive his Eagle or move away to college? Get Involved with the District Committee and make a difference! Your help will be greatly appreciated! See "Help Wanted" below.

Welcome back from Summer and let the Fall Scouting Adventure Begin!

Help Wanted!

Conejo Valley District Committee Wants YOU!

We have a number of fun positions to fill to make us even a better District!

- Must love people
- Must enjoy helping others
- Must be a Scouter!

Email Now!

NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUGUST EAGLE SCOUTS!



TYLER NELSON - 761
ZACHARY HADA - 766
KEITH MURRAY - 706
CADEN LUTZ - 707
COLTON WHITMAN 757

EVENTS

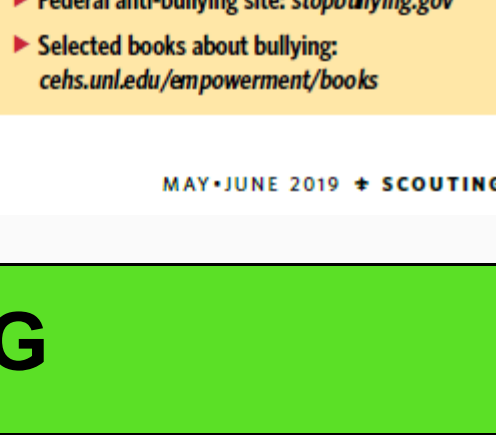


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Calendar

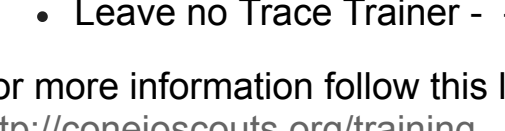


- 1. Talk – and listen.** Adults are often the last to know when young people are bullying others or being bullied. Talk to your kids about their social lives. Ask open-ended questions about their school friends, what they do between classes, their lunchtimes, and what happens on the way to and from school. If children feel comfortable talking to you before they're involved in a bullying event, they'll be much more likely to get you involved after.
- 2. Be present.** Research shows 69 percent of bullying happens when adults aren't around. Volunteering at school or a scouting event once a week or twice a month can make a real difference. Your presence will encourage kids to play well with others. Ask your child's teacher, principal or Scout leader how you can best serve.
- 3. Lead by example.** Kids learn a lot about power relationships by watching you. When you get angry at a waiter, drive in traffic, Scout leader, you have a great opportunity to model effective communication techniques. Don't blow it by blowing your top. Any time you speak to another person in a mean or abusive way, you're teaching your child that bullying is OK.
- 4. Learn the signs.** Most children won't tell anyone, especially adults, that they've been bullied. That makes it vital for parents to learn to recognize possible signs of their being targeted, such as frequent loss of personal belongings, complaints of headaches or stomach aches, looking upset after reading a social media post on their phone or computer, avoiding recess or school activities, or getting to school very late or very early.
- 5. Create healthy habits.** Help develop anti-bullying and anti-victimization habits as early as preschool and kindergarten. Coach your children on what not to do, including hitting, pushing or teasing. Help your child to focus on how such actions might feel to the child on the receiving end by asking, "How do you think you would feel if that happened to you?"
- 6. Learn the policies.** Know how your child's school and Scout unit address bullying. Research shows "zero-tolerance" policies aren't effective. It's better to use ongoing educational programs that help create a healthy social climate in the school. The most teaching kids of all ages how to be inclusive leaders and how to be empathic toward others.
- 7. Establish household rules.** Your children and Scouts need to hear explicitly from you that it's not OK. They shouldn't tell create being bullied, either. It's important to define bullying because many children don't know when they're bullying others. Help young people find other ways to exert their personal power, status and leadership at school, and implement a kindness plan at school and in the Scout unit.
- 8. Encourage upstanders.** Research shows that kids who witness bullying feel powerless and seldom intervene. Children shouldn't put themselves in danger, but they can often effectively diffuse a bullying situation by stating firmly, "Stop! You're bullying!" People who stand up to bullying are called "upstanders." Teach all kids (and adults) to be upstanders. These acts are as harmful as physical violence and must not be tolerated.
- 9. Talk about cyberbullying.** Children often don't realize what cyberbullying is. It includes sending rude, vulgar or threatening messages or images, posting private information about another person, pretending to be someone else to make that person look bad, or intentionally excluding someone from an online group. These acts are as harmful as physical violence and must not be tolerated.
- 10. Spread the word.** Bullying should not be a normal part of childhood. Some adults think of bullying as a typical phase of childhood that must be endured or that can help children "toughen up." That's wrong. All forms of bullying are harmful to the person being targeted and even witnesses. The effects last well into adulthood. By sharing this information with other adults you know, we can work together to end bullying.



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TRAINING



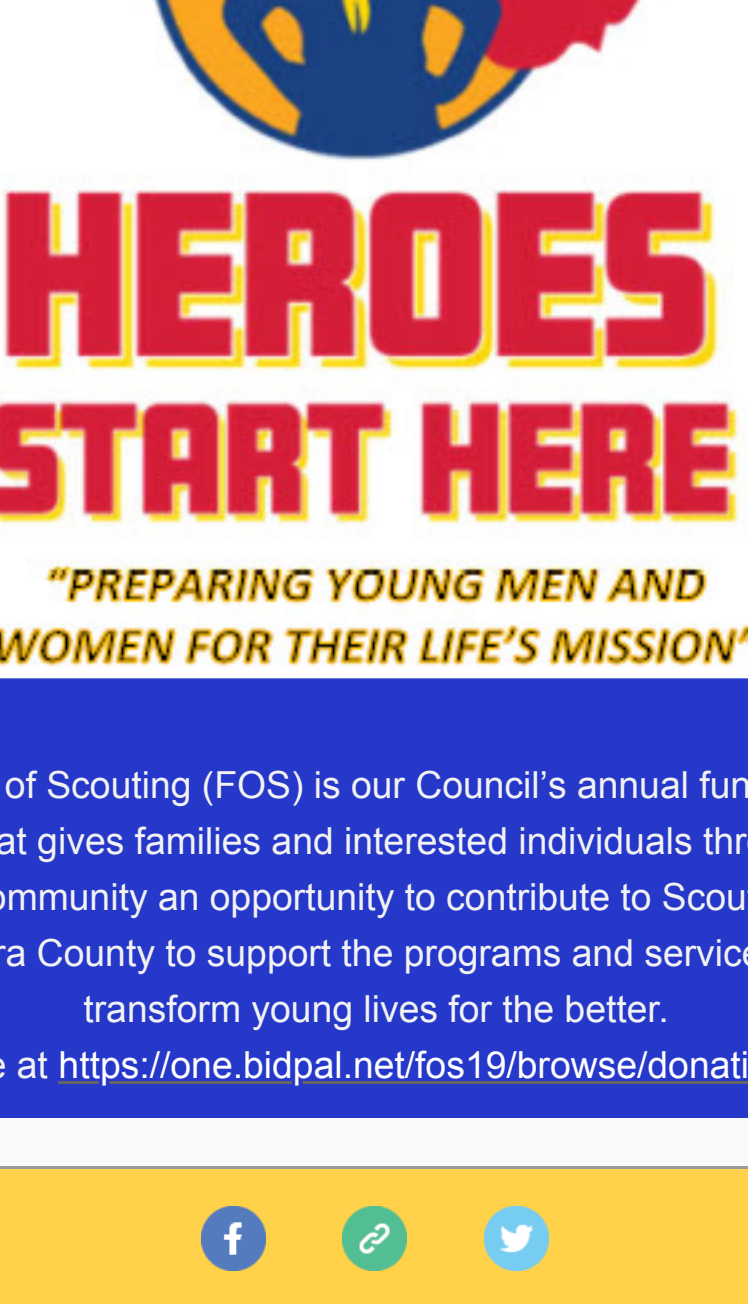
- OA Lodge Leadership Development - Council, Saturday, Sept. 7th.
- Basic Backpacking & Outdoor Leader (Indoor Session) HAT, Sept. 21st
- Baloo Training - Conejo Valley, Saturday, Oct. 12th
- JOIS Training - Conejo Valley, Saturday, Oct. 12th
- Adult & Chief CPR/AED 1st Aid Training - Council Oct 19th.
 - <http://home.earthlink.net/~coliefan3/index.htm>
- Climbing Instructor Training - Saturday, Sept. 21
- Leave No Trace Trainer - - Council Nov. 1 - 3

For more information follow this link to the Training page on the Website <http://conjoscouts.org/training>

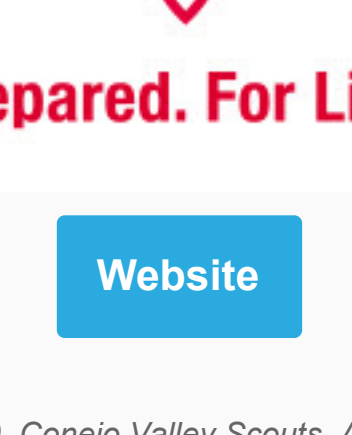
Ventura County Council Training Policy

- Youth Protection Training (YPT) completion is required for all adult leaders at the time of registration and must be renewed before it expires. No adult will be re-registered without a valid YPT certificate.
 - Paper applications from new adults must be accompanied by a YPT completion certificate.
 - Adults who register online must provide copies of their YPT completion certificate to unit leaders.
- Position specific training provides a primary level of knowledge and skills training. The Trained Stripe is worn with the Position Shoulder Patch upon successful completion of training for the specific position. Requirements are available for on-line and in person classroom formats as listed in the [Trained Leader Resources](#) chart.
 - Direct Contact leaders must complete their position specific training before the unit recharter is submitted. These positions are Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Advisor, Venture Crew Associate Advisor, Skipper, Mate, Life Manager, Associate Life Manager.
 - Essential Indirect Contact leaders, the Committee Chair and at least two Member of Committee leaders, must complete their position specific training before the unit recharter is submitted.
- No Direct Contact or Essential Indirect Contact Leaders will be re-registered without being fully trained for their position with the following exceptions.
 - Adult leaders registering after October 1st, have until the following year recharter to complete training.
 - The Council Commissioner and designees may provide a one-time waiver on a case by case basis.
- Supplemental training provides a secondary level of focus on topic areas and expands on the position specific training courses.
 - Activity specific training is required before engaging in the activity in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting. These activities include but are not limited to Aqualatics, Caving, Climbing, COPE, Cub Scout Overnights, Shooting Sports, Skiing and Trips.
 - Syllabus specific instructor training is required before courses can be conducted.
- Advanced training provides tertiary education knowledge and expands practical skills. Participants must have completed position specific training.
 - Journey to Excellence score cards require some units to have adults with advanced training for gold level achievement.
 - These courses are designed to help adults develop personally and professionally and include Wood Badge, Leadership Challenge, Kodiak Challenge, Powder Horn, and Seabadge.

Training Information



Friends of Scouting (FOS) is our Council's annual fundraising effort that gives families and interested individuals throughout the community an opportunity to contribute to Scouting in Ventura County to support the programs and services that transform young lives for the better. Contribute Online at <https://one.bidpal.net/fos19/browse/donation/details/item/3>



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