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Key 3 (ANDREA MCCLELLAN- SENIOR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE)

Adventure is Waiting! How to make your Recruitment Event More Successful

Spring Recruitment is here, which means you have an important date circled on your calendar: **Sign Up Night!**

HAVE A PLAN: This begins weeks in advance before the actual event. Select parents to lay the groundwork for the activity. Select a date, time and location. Contact your District Executive about learning the best presentation methods, generate a 6-month calendar, and a chance to hear how the pack, den, Troop, Team or Crew work.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS: When marketing your sign up night, positive, person to person affirmations of the Scouting Program drive success.

Share photo's of events on your social media, chat over coffee, or simply telling a friend about the confidence or personal growth your child has experienced in Scouting. For Troops, Crews, Posts and Ships, peer to peer interaction is the most effective.

Encourage youth to tell their friends about their memorable experiences they've had in Scouting and most important, extend an invitation to others to join the fun. Once again those snapchat and Instagram accounts come in handy as teens establish this connection and promote event details.

KEEP IT MOVING: By now, you've told others about how much fun Scouting can be. Now it's time to prove it! Don't use your sign up night as a time to discuss Scouting's worth. The experts agree that once a parent or Scout decide to attend a sign up night, they've already learned the value of Scouting. Instead, your event should be "quick, easy and fun". Give parents the minimum amount of information they need: how much, how often and when. Focus on an activity, preferably one that keeps scouts moving. No one should be sitting around.

FOLLOW UP: Make sure

to get contact information of everyone who showed interest in joining the unit. Even if a family decides not to attend, continue inviting the potential Scouts to a unit activity so they can see the fun. **Most importantly,** Deliver all the fun you promised at that sign up night. Make sure the unit calendar includes an exciting night to welcome new members with a splash. You'll see, pretty soon, they'll be sharing Scouting with their network of friends. Then sit back and watch it grow.

CALLING ALL SCOUTS!

CAMPOREE NEEDS A SPECIAL SCOUT TO LEAD US AS SENIOR PATROL LEADER.

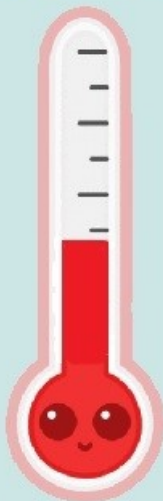
Contact Bill Parker at bill@newburyparkers.com

Friends Of Scouting Fundraising Campaign

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Notables!!!

- Join the Adventure
- Camporee Update
- Camp 3 Falls Filling Up!
- Training Opportunities

Service, All Wrapped Up—5 Secrets To Successful Service Projects

A Scout is service! We have so many opportunities to show our Scouting Spirit and bring more into our family of Scouting. So when you are planning your next service project make sure you **CREATE EMPATHY.** When you get involved help the Scouts, understand what they are providing. For example, if you are doing a drive for coats, start in the winter and let them feel what it's like to not have coats. Remind them that not everyone has one. **INVOLVE FAMILIES.** Invite parents and siblings to participate. Give them assignments and show

that they are needed. This builds a bond between Scout and parents and the parents will step up for future assignments.

KEEP IT SIMPLE. Even though parents are there and involved, make sure the service is one the Scouts could do.

MAKE IT SHORT. Join in on projects that only take a few hours. This will leave everyone feeling like it was a community service and fun and not a chore.

HAVE FUN. You can do all sorts of things to make it fun like playing music, offering refreshments but the most fun is not having a too detailed service

project and one that keeps everyone busy and moving.

We have several community FUN service projects right here in Conejo Valley <http://www.conejoscouts.org/pack-troop-oppty-s>

We have created a relationship with all the parks to join in and help. Short hours, doing things we already do and having fun. Let's show our community what scouting really does.

Scout Store New Hours
Weekdays 9am–5pm,
Wednesday 9am–6pm
Sat 10am–3pm
Closed Sunday

Council Service Center and Scout Store
509 East Daily Drive
Camarillo, CA. 93010

Phone: 805-482-8939
Fax: 805-484-9172

E-mail: info@conejoscouts.org

TWITTER:
@CONEJOSCOOTS

Instagram: Conejoscouts

We're on the Web!
Conejoscouts.org

CAMP CARD SALE IS ALMOST OVER!
GET YOURS NOW! IT'S A GREAT WAY TO HELP OUR
COUNCIL AND SAVE MONEY!
CAMP CARDS HELP YOUR SON PAY FOR SUMMER
CAMP ([CLICK LINK FOR MORE INFO](#))
SALE ENDS APRIL 14!

Camporee Update

Registration is OPEN! [Sign up NOW!](#)
Reagan View Ranch, Tierra Rejada Rd. April 21 – 23, 2017

- ♦ We are looking for a special Scout for SPL! Does your Troop have the right guy? [Download Flyer for more information](#)
- ♦ It's time to sign up for Skits! Music is also welcome by our talented scouts. First prize for the Contest is \$100! [Download Flyer for more information!](#)
- ♦ Last Camporee Committee Meeting April 19th 7:30, at LDS on Erbes Rd, T.O. Find out any last minute changes!



This Summer
Come Celebrate Over 80 Years of Fun
& Adventure at
Camp Three Falls!
SPOTS FILLING UP! SIGN UP NOW!

12260 Boy Scout Camp Road
Frazier Park, CA 93225

Visit [Camp 3 Falls Blogspot](#) and Find out
the latest news @ Three Falls!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!

Ventura County Council has Training Opportunities Coming up in May. [Sign up now!](#)

- Outdoor Leader Training May 5, 6
- Webelos Leader Outdoor Training—May 5, 6

WEBELOS ARE WELCOME AT CAMPOREE!

See how fun Scouting can be! See our Webelos Flyer by [Clicking this Link!](#)

Thank you goes to our Eagle Board and Advancement Committee. March continued a great start with 2 Scouts receiving the rank of Eagle and bringing our district to a YTD of 9.

Congratulations to:

- **Bentley Hanshaw 6706**
- **Jedidiah Meisner 730**

SPECIAL EVENTS....Besides the great events that your unit produces, there are so many more ways to be involved in our district and Ventura County Council.

- April 21-23, 2017– Camporee
- May 12, 2017- [41st Annual "Denim & Diamonds" Gala Dinner and Auction](#)
- May 27th– Memorial Day Flag Placement at Pierce Brothers WLV
- June 19-23, 2017- [Cub Scout Day Camp](#)
- August 21, 2017– [Boy Scout Golf Classic](#)
- October 6, 2017– [Shootout for Scouting](#)