Conejo Courier

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINARS – These valuable sessions will no longer be presented at Roundtable. Instead, we are asking that units contact either Bob Beaudine (818-889-7518) or Blair Davis (805-660-2400) to schedule the presentation to Life Scouts at a unit meeting.

WEBELOS ACTIVITY PIN COLLEGE – Troop 718 will be offering its 3rd Annual Webelos Activity Pin College on October 22, 2011, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Westlake (same place as last year). Mark your calendars now for this all-day event (but if you can't attend for all day, part of the day is fine). More details will be forthcoming.

Last year was a great success and lots of fun for boys, and, the parents who were treated to a condensed adult program on the differences between:

- ✪ Webelos and Boy Scouts,
- ✪ Advancement differences,
- ✪ What to look for in a Scout Troop,
- ✪ Parent Involvement and more

DISTRICT COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONER ANNUAL BBQ – our annual BBQ will be held on August 11th at the Conejo Family Country Club, 1372 La Peresa Drive in Thousand Oaks, at **6:00 pm**. A brief business meeting (maybe 10 minutes) is usually held, and then on with the 'eats.' We provide the main dish, which is tri-tip, drinks and paper goods. The rest is potluck style. Everyone is welcome to bring whatever dish suits their fancy. Maybe a favorite dish of yours perhaps, or just something easy, if that's your preference.

Although this event is for the District Committee and Commissioners, if you're interested in joining us at that level, or just interested in what we do, please join us. Mark it on your calendar.

Should you have any questions, or merely wish to RSVP, please call Jan Arnold (805) 231-6676 (cell phone) or e-mail arnold1019@aol.com.

2011 PATROL CHALLENGE V – Here's some updated information from the Western Los Angeles County Council (WLACC) being held on October 14-16, 2011. This year will offer a more age-appropriate set of clues and rules for the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Everyone loves the Early Bonus Clues sent when you register, so they will once again be sending them out. Several patrols have already registered and received their Early Bonus clues – who knows, they could be out there right now hunting for clues instead of waiting until the adults have read this article.

This event promotes team building, problem solving, decision making, patrol unity, camaraderie, teamwork and leadership – not to mention it's a ton of fun for the Scouts (and Leaders!).

The event includes

- Gigantic Photo Safari
- Unique Patrol Activities
- Scavenger Hunt
- Overnight Opportunities
- Team Building
- Adventures, Challenges and Mysteries to Solve
- Stories you will tell and retell about your wild and crazy adventures
- Special Awards Ceremony with full statistics for each Patrol

For any and all questions, just send an e-mail to pauloliver@roadrunner.com – otherwise, see attachments:

- Registration Form
- Older Scouts' rules: Boy Scout Troops, Crews, and Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors
- Younger Scouts' rules: Cub Scouts (all ranks Except Tigers), Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors
- List of FAQs

Leave No Trace (LNT) Trainers Course, November 19-20, 2011. This course is open to both youth (minimum age is 14) and adults. This course teaches you the proper Leave No Trace methods for taking Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing units camping. As more people use parks and recreation facilities, LEAVE NO TRACE guidelines become even more important for outdoor visitors. LNT is a plan that helps people to be more concerned about their environment and to help them protect it for future generations. LNT applies in a backyard or local park (frontcountry) as much as it does in the wilderness (backcountry). Mark your calendars now – more information will be forthcoming.

UNIT PLANNING – Now is the time to get ready to start planning your 2011-2012 activities for your unit. This is a copy of an article regarding the Conejo Valley Unified School District calendar for 2011/2012. (The calendar is available online at www.conejo.k12.ca.us)

- ✪ Classes in the Conejo Valley Unified School District for the 2011-12 school year will start on Wednesday, August 24th, a week earlier than last year.
- ✪ Winter recess will also start earlier. It begins December 19th and ends January 2nd.
- ✪ Spring recess will not coincide with Easter next year. Students will break from March 19th to March 23rd in order to allow time for prepare for testing. Students will have Good Friday off, and the Monday after Easter will be a potential furlough day.
- ✪ School will be in session on April 9th, but it may become a furlough day.
- ✪ The last day of classes will be June 7th for elementary schools and June 8th for secondary schools.
- ✪ Thousand Oaks and Westlake high school seniors will graduate on June 7th, and Newbury Park high school students will graduate June 8th.

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S INTERNET DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM -- With the new DDC-PC Online program, learning to drive defensively just got easier and more economical. The program is based on the 8-hour defensive driving course for the classroom, but takes the average student half that time to complete.

More than 55 million drivers have learned to protect themselves on the road by taking part in National Safety Council programs. It's the most comprehensive content of any major driver improvement self-study program. The goal of the Defensive Driving Course is to train drivers in collision prevention techniques while promoting an attitude of mutual understanding, courtesy and cooperation on the road.

With DDC-PC you can receive this training at your convenience via the Internet. Using state-of-the-art animation, sound and graphics, the online version offers an engaging, interactive learning environment where students analyze real driving situations, spot driving hazards, and identify the correct defenses -- and the bookmark feature allows you to exit out the course whenever you want and return to where you left off as often as you like.

You can receive a Certificate of completion from the National Safety Council that, in many states, can be used to lower automobile insurance rates.

Check with your insurance carrier to see if you qualify. For more in depth information, go to http://www.nscddconline.com/boyscouts/

A STORY OF COURAGE

This story is about a young man's escape from Auschwitz. He was, is, and always will be, a Boy Scout. http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/11/i-escaped-from-auschwitz. Thanks to Ginger Pollock for this story.

August 2011

8/11	6:00 pm	District Committee/Commissioner Annual BBQ: -- Conejo Family Country Club, 1372 La Peresa Dr, TO (see above writeup)
8/18	7:30 pm	Roundtable at LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO • **Tiger/Cub Scouts**: Responsibility • **Boy Scouts**: Engineering • **Webelos**: Forester, Naturalist, Traveler, Athlete • **Varsity Huddle**: (TBD) • **OA Chapter Meeting**
8/20	7:45 am	Red Cross Training: sign-up at http://home.earthlink.net/~odlefam3/index.htm • CPR Adult: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm • CPR Adult and AED 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
8/24		School begins for Conejo Valley students
8/25		Eagle Boards of Review

September 2011

9/1	7:30 pm	Commissioner Meeting in Rm 201, LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO
9/8	7:30 pm	District Committee Meeting, Multipurpose Room, LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO
9/10		Two separate trainings: • Scoutmaster Specific (Matilija District) • Venture Specific (Ronald Reagan District)
9/15	7:30 pm	Roundtable at LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO • **Tiger/Cub Scouts**: Citizenship • **Boy Scouts**: High Adventure • **Webelos**: Citizen • **Varsity Huddle**: (TBD) • **OA Chapter Meeting**
9/24-9/25	7:45 am	Red Cross Training: sign-up at http://home.earthlink.net/~odlefam3/index.htm • Wilderness and Remote First Aid, 8 am to 6 pm both days
9/22-9/24		Woodbadge 2011 – Part 1a
9/22		Eagle Boards of Review

October 2011

10/6	7:30 pm	Commissioner Meeting in Rm 201, LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO
10/7-10/8		Two separate trainings hosted by Camarillo and Conejo Valley Districts • Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills • Webelos Leaders Outdoor Leader Skills)
10/13	7:30 pm	District Committee Meeting, Multipurpose Room, LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO
10/13-10/15		Woodbadge 2011 – Part 1b
10/14-10/16		Patrol Challenge V – see write-up above
10/15		12-Points Bike Ride – Simi Valley – all units invited – more info to come
10/20	7:30 pm	Roundtable at LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO • **Tiger/Cub Scouts**: Respect • **Boy Scouts**: Tracking • **Webelos**: Citizen and Artist • **Varsity Huddle**: (TBD) • **OA Chapter Meeting** ▪ **Recharter Training**
10/22	7:45 am	Red Cross Training: sign-up at http://home.earthlink.net/~odlefam3/index.htm • CPR Adult: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm • CPR Adult and First Aid 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

10/27		Eagle Boards of Review
10/29		Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow – see council website for details

November 2011

11/3	7:30 pm	Commissioner Meeting in Rm 201, LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO
11/10	7:30 pm	District Committee Meeting, Multipurpose Room, LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO
11/12		Two separate trainings: • Scoutmaster Specific Training (hosted by Channel Islands District) • Venturing Leader Specific Training (hosted by Camarillo District))
11/17	7:30 pm	Roundtable at LDS Bldg, Erbes Rd, TO • **Tiger/Cub Scouts**: Positive Attitude • **Webelos**: Geologist • **OA Chapter Meeting** • **Boy Scouts**: Hobbies • **Varsity Huddle**: (TBD)
11/18 – 11/19		Varsity Turkey Shoot at Camp Three Falls
11/19 – 11/20		Leave No Trace Training – hosted by Council (see write-up above)
11/19	7:45 am	Red Cross Training: sign-up at http://home.earthlink.net/~odlefam3/index.htm • CPR Adult: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm • CPR Adult and Child 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
11/23		Eagle Boards of Review (***Note: This is a Wednesday due to Thanksgiving)***

A Look Ahead:

- **Winter Camp at 3 Falls** – Weekend #1 Jan 27/29; Weekend #2 February 10/12; Weekend #3 February 24/26
- **Scouting Memorabilia Auction** – February 3-5
- **Scouting for Food** – March 3
- **Day Camps 2012**:

Conejo Valley	6/18 – 6/22	Matilija	7/9 – 7/13
Ronald Reagan	6/25 – 6/29	Camarillo	7/16 – 7/20

- **Camp 3 Falls 2012;**
  - **Webelos Resident Camp**
    Session 1: 6/24 to 6/26 Session 2: 6/27 to 7/30 Session 3: July 1 – 4
  - **Boy Scout Resident Camp**
    Week 1: 7/8 to 7/14 Week 2: 7/15 to 7/21 Week 3: 7/22 to 7/28

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PATROL CHALLENGE V
OCTOBER 14 - 16, 2011

FRIDAY @ 5:00 PM – SUNDAY @ 1:00 PM

(Special Begin and End Times for LDS & Observant Orthodox Jewish Units)

OPEN TO ALL SCOUTS IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA

CUB SCOUTS – WOLVES, BEARS, WEBELOS 1 & 2
OY SCOUTS - TROOPS, VENTURE CREWS, VARSITY TEAMS
GIRL SCOUTS – BROWNIES, JUNIORS, CADETTES, SENIORS & AMBASSADORS

ENTRY IS ONLY $25 PER PATROL + $10 PER SCOUT
*Earn a Special Early Bonus when you pay your Entry! The $10 per Scout is paid when starting the event

THE EVENT INCLUDES:

Photo Safari	Special Patrol Activities	Team Building
Mysteries to Solve	Scavenger Hunt	Memories to Last a Lifetime
Adventure & Challenges	Overnight Opportunities	A Ton of FUN

SCOUTS WILL EARN:

1. Participation Ribbons
2. Patches
3. Plaques for Winning Patrols
4. Patrol Challenge Bragging Rights

Clearly print your email address so we can inform you of all updates and to send your Special Sneak Preview Bonus Clues. Contact Paul Oliver at (818) 321-2699 or pauloliver@roadrunner.com for more information. Visit our website at www.patrolchallenge.com. No refunds of the $25 Patrol Entry after October 1, 2011.

Name_____Unit Type & # _____ Service Unit or District _____

EMAIL: _____ Cell Phone _____-_____-_____

Please Reserve _____ Patrols @ $25.00 Each Amount Enclosed $_____

List Names of Patrols (if known) on This Reservation (Please Print)

Make Check Out To "WLACC - BSA" & mail to:
Patrol Challenge
C/O Paul Oliver
10921 Hamlin St., North Hollywood CA 91606

*** BONUS BONUS BONUS!!!**
Once your $25 Patrol entry is paid you are emailed Early Bonus Clues, then in July you will get them once a month. You will be able to accomplish these right now. Your Early Bonus Clues will be emailed to you along with further instructions.

SUPER SPECIAL BONUS POINTS!!!
If you register a youth in your Unit who is new to Scouting between August 1st and October 14th, and he or she participates in the Patrol Challenge, you will earn a bonus of 500 points per new Scout.

Notes for Adult Leaders and Parents of "Older Scouts"

This letter is for adult leaders of Boy Scout Troops, Crews and Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. All others obtain your letter and rules at **Patrolchallenge.com.** The Patrol Challenge is meant to be challenging, educational, entertaining, stimulating and FUN!

Provide the rules to your Scouts in plenty of time so they can figure out how best to participate in the challenge. If they are prepared they will score better and enjoy the event more. Make sure your Patrol has their Patrol Flag. It is worth hundreds of points. Make sure the patrols are all in uniform – see picture scoring for details. All usual BSA and GSUSA rules and regulations apply to this outing.

Please, please, please fight the urge to help them. Let them work things out for themselves. That includes making the calls, coordinating the outing, food, lodging, looking up locations in the map book and figuring out the route they will take. Guide them, but let them make the decisions. If you have the answer to things make them draw it out of you, make them earn it. **Remember you are not a patrol member – you are an advisor.**

Bottom line is it doesn't matter which Patrol wins. What matters is that the Scouts learn to solve problems, plan, research, investigate, have fun and work together as a team. That is the underlying purpose. If you help your Scouts too much, you are doing them a disservice. In the grand scheme winning is totally unimportant. What is important is they work together as a unit for a common goal and to have fun. Remember that "Fun with a purpose" thing?

There is driving, based on how "driven" your boys or girls are to win. Don't be a hero and go it alone. If you need more adult assistance contact any Scout parent that is willing to help, but impress upon them they are in an advisor capacity. For safety sake, and so you will enjoy the experience more, get drivers to help. **Strictly enforce the "No Travel Rule" of no driving between 11:00pm and 6:00am. Remember, you have "Very Precious Cargo" – your child and someone else's!**

Stop and smell the roses. Take time to explore new places and experience new things. Make use of being able to take your Scouts to places they, and you, have never been before - encourage & inspire them to learn something about what they see.

If your Scouts do the lawn camping they must know the location ahead of time so the address can be put on the Tour Plan/Permission Slip. Go to **Patrolchallenge.com** for Tour Plans and Permission Slips help in filling them out.

An incredibly valuable byproduct of this activity is putting the image of Scouting out into our community. We want this to be a positive reflection of Scouting. Your Scouts will be in uniform, encourage them to act appropriately. **Scouting is alive and well and this is a great way to show and advertise it.**

Thank you for taking the time for your Scouts.

Paul, Jack and the Patrol Challenge Team

This is an event hosted by the Balboa Oaks District and open to:
Cub Scouts – Wolf, Bear, Webelos 1 & Webelos 2
Girl Scouts – Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors
Boy Scouts – Troops, Venture Crews and Varsity Teams

If you live anywhere in Southern California, you can participate!
This event promotes team building, problem solving, decision making, patrol unity, camaraderie, teamwork and leadership. Not bad for a weekend! PLUS it's tons of fun for the Scouts – and leaders will have just as much fun as the Scouts! All units will compete against each other in their own category, for example Webelos 2 vs. Webelos 2, Cadette vs. Cadette, etc. LDS & Jewish units will compete in their own category with a unique schedule.

*****IMPORTANT*** These "Older Scout Rules" are only for the following:**

Boy Scouts – Troops, Crews & Teams
Girl Scouts – Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors
If you are not one of these obtain your "Younger Scout Rules" at **Patrolchallenge.com**

OVERVIEW
1 The object of the challenge is to earn as many points as possible.
2 Earn points by figuring out locations, going there, and taking your picture there.
3 Earn points by participating in unique Patrol activities.
4 Earn points by collecting items and bringing them in.

REGISTRATION
1. Registration is $25 per Patrol plus $10 per Scout – Includes patch, participation ribbon, plaques & our huge Awards Celebration. Plus all the fun and excitement you can have.
2. Pay your $10 per Scout participating when you **"Check-In"** on Sunday*.
3. **EARLY BONUS CLUES!** When you pay your $25 Registration you will be emailed Early Bonus Clues every month – AND YOU CAN START ON THEM RIGHT NOW!

HOW TO REGISTER & START THE CONTEST
1. Fill out Patrol Challenge Registration Form from **Patrolchallenge.com** and mail with payment. If there is not enough time to postal mail it, send via email to pauloliver@roadrunner.com and pay $25 Registration when you **"Check-In"** Sunday*.
2. Print out Form "D" Patrol Sign in Sheet from **Patrolchallenge.com.** Fill in names of all Scouts in your Patrol that will participate, along with all Leaders names and their Cell Phone numbers and mail in with your Registration. All names on Form "D" can be adjusted if they change before the event starts, just send a new Form "D" to pauloliver@roadrunner.com
3. At the website print Forms "A", "B", "C", "D" "E" and any other pertinent forms listed.
4. Shortly before the event you will be emailed a password to get your clues online.
5. Clues will be available at **Patrolchallenge.com** on Friday Oct. 14th at 5:00pm.
6. LDS & Observant Jewish clues are available Tuesday Oct. 11th at 5:00pm.
7. As soon as you get your clues you can start the event.

* Jewish Observant and LDS Units refer to your schedules on page 5

"CHECK" IN TO FINISH THE CONTEST

On Sunday* after 1:00PM, but before 4:00PM, you must "Check In" at: (Location to be announced.)

When you "Check In" bring the following:

1 1 DVD of all your pictures, **including any Early Bonus pictures you may have.** On DVD write your Patrol Name, Unit #, Boy Scout District or Girl Scout Service Unit.
2 Form "A" – Camera Picture List Sheets– with description of pictures taken.
3 Form "B" – Event Evaluation Forms – completely filled out for extra points.
4 Form "C" – Patrol Activity Scoring Sheet – filled out by Patrol Advisor.
5 Form "D" – Patrol Sign in Sheet – with any changes that may have been made.
6 Form "E" – Patrol Budget Sheet and all your receipts.
7 $10 for every Scout that participated during the event. If present or not.
8 All items collected. Label them with the Item # and put in numerical order.

Early "Check-In" Points When you **"Check In"** you earn the following points:
(Jewish Observant and LDS Units, please refer to your schedules on page 5)

"Check In"	Points	"Check In"	Points
1:00 – 1:30	1,500 points	2:31 – 3:00	600 points
1:31 – 2:00	1,200 points	3:01 – 3:30	300 points
2:01 – 2:30	900 points	3:31 – 4:00	0 points

"Check In" 4:01 pm on will deduct 50 points per minute.

You will be considered **"Checked In"** when all of your items are completely lined up in numerical order. At that point your score sheet will have the time written on it.

EVENT RULES – The more you pay attention, the more points you will score.

PATROL SIZE

1. **There is a minimum of 3 Scouts and a maximum of 8 Scouts per Patrol.**
2. You cannot team up with another Patrol – you are entirely on your own.

PHOTO SAFARI RULES

1. You MUST take your pictures using your own **DIGITAL** camera.
2. When you figure out a location – go there and take your picture as proof.
3. **Earn 100%** point value if all Patrol members in the picture are in Class A Uniform
4. **Earn 50%** point value if any Patrol member in the picture is not in Class A Uniform.
5. Photos without Scouts in it will earn zero points. All Scouts at location must be in photo.
6. **Earn 10 points** if your Patrol Flag is in the picture.
7. **Earn 5 points** for 1 Patrol Advisor in the picture. **10 points** if the Advisor is in Class "A"
8. Maximum credit of 1 Advisor per photo.
9. Fill out Form "A" with a description of the location and its location #. i.e. the first picture downloaded on the DVD would be picture #1, then write its corresponding Clue # and write its location. Do this for all photos you take.
10. When done taking all your photos you MUST download them onto 1 DVD, including any Early Bonus pictures taken before the event. Make a backup DVD for you to keep.
11. Label your DVD with Patrol Name, Unit #, Boy Scout District, or Girl Scout Service Unit.
12. Adult Leaders may help download the pictures for the Scouts.

TRAVEL RULES

1. ***IMPORTANT*** Every Scout and adult **may not** take Photo Safari pictures or drive between 11:00pm and 6:00am. Disobeying this rule will result in **DISQUALIFICATION!**
2. You have the option of splitting up your Patrol into 2 separate groups. If you decide to split up your Patrol and you do not have 2 vehicles large enough you may use additional vehicles. You **may not** split into more than 2 separate groups.
3. Drivers must be over 21 years old. All BSA & GSUSA driving & leadership rules apply.

ITEM COLLECTION RULES

1. You may collect items from any legal source – be resourceful and creative.
2. When you **"Check In,"** you **may not** use another Patrols items or information.
3. You must bring in the actual item. Unless noted, printer generated items will not count.
4. Every item must have an item # tag on it and placed in numerical order at **"Check In".**
5. Some items may need a written answer. For those write the answer where indicated.
6. If disputes arise at **"Check In,"** only Scouts can plead their case – **NOT ADULTS!**

"BUDGET"

1. Each Patrol has a maximum **"Budget"** of $20 per Scout. For example a Patrol of 4 Scouts would have a maximum **"Budget"** of $80 for the event.
2. The **"Budget"** money is to pay for Scouts food, activities, and anything else purchased.
3. If you eat at a restaurant or fast-food, that **will** count toward your **"Budget".** If you bring food from home or eat at home, that **will not** count toward your **"Budget".**
4. Restaurant or fast-food dining can not be donated by adults.
5. Gas can be donated by adults.
6. Your Patrol will be penalized 200 points for each $1 over your **"Budget".**
7. You must turn in every receipt for **anything you spend money on during the event**.
8. Each Scout is responsible to pay for your own $20 towards your **"Budget".**
9. The $25 Registration & $10 per Scout fee **does not** count toward your **"Budget".**

MISC. RULES

1 **POKER HANDS -** 4 known and 3 unknown locations will count towards playing cards. When you **"Check In"** you will be told if you found any. You will pick 1 playing card for each location found, Jokers are wild. The best 5 poker hands will earn these points:
1st – 1,000, 2nd – 800, 3rd – 600, 4th – 400, 5th – 200.

1 **Bonus Pools -** These points will be evenly divided among all Patrols that complete the task, find the location, or bring in the item. **"Bonus Pools"** will be noted on your clues.

2 If anything needs an explanation to help you get full credit write it down where applicable

3 No refund of the $25 Registration after October 1ST, 2011

4 Scouts may call Mr. Oliver (818) 321-2699 or Mr. Fishel (818) 298-9733 during the contest for rule clarifications only.

5 All usual BSA & GSUSA rules and regulations regarding outings and activities will apply.

6 Final results, plaques, ribbons, patches, & full statistics will be given out at our Patrol Challenge Awards. Time and location TBA

7 Mr. Oliver and Mr. Fishel are the judges and all rulings by them are final,
THAT MEANS NO WHINING – YES WE'RE TALKING TO YOU – ADULTS!!!

EXTRA SPECIAL RECRUITMENT BONUS POINTS!!!

250 Bonus Points for each new youth you get to join your unit after August 1, 2011, and by October 14, 2011. Scout's application must be turned in to their respective Council offices by Friday, October 14th. Bring a copy with you when you "Check In."

Each youth must be new to Scouting and must participate in the Patrol Challenge to qualify for the bous.

BOY SCOUT TOUR PLAN PROCEDURE

1. **Each Patrol must have your own individual Tour Plan.**
2. You can obtain a Tour Plan application that will be partially filled out as to the travel area and location on the Patrol Challenge Website at **www.patrolchallenge.com**

GIRL SCOUT PERMISSION SLIP PROCEDURE

1. **Each Patrol must have your own individual Permission Slip.**
2. You can obtain a Permission Slip application that will be partially filled out as to the travel area and location on the Patrol Challenge Website at **www.patrolchallenge.com**

LDS PATROL RULES

Your event will follow all of the same rules with the following exceptions:

1. Shortly before the event you will be emailed a password to get your clues online at **Patrolchallenge.com** Tuesday October 11th at 5:00PM.
2. **You may start to research, collect items and take photos immediately.**
3. You will be competing against other LDS units.
4. You will **"Check In"** and finish Saturday October 15th from 6:00PM – 8:00PM at the LDS Church at 17101 Plummer St., in Northridge. Turn in your DVD, items and paperwork then.
5. **Except for the different start and finish times, all other rules will apply to you.**
6. When you **"Check In"** you earn the following:

"Check In"	Points Earned	"Check In"	Points Earned
6:00 – 6:30	1,500 points	7:01 – 7:30	500 points
6:31 – 7:00	1,000 points	7:30 – 8:00	zero

Check In" 8:01 on deducts 50 points per minute.

You will be considered **"Checked In"** when all of your items are completely lined up in numerical order. At that point, your score sheet will have the time written on it.

JEWISH OBSERVANT PATROL RULES

Your event will follow all of the same rules with the following exceptions:

1. Shortly before the event you will be emailed a password to get your clues online at **Patrolchallenge.com** Tuesday October 11th at 5:00PM.
2. **You may start to research, collect items and take photos immediately.**
3. You will be competing against other Jewish Observant units.
4. You will turn in your DVD, items & paperwork Sunday October 16th1:00pm - 4:00pm at (Location to be announced)
5. **Except for the different starting time, all other rules will apply to you**

Notes for Leaders and Parents of "Younger Scouts"

This letter is meant for adult leaders of Cub Scouts, Brownies & Junior Girl Scouts. All others obtain your letter and rules at **Patrolchallenge.com**. This event is meant to be fun for the Scouts. The clues are geared to younger Scouts. Along the way they will learn organization, working together and decision-making. This event has scoring, but we find if you push the boys and girls just to win, they will wilt and not enjoy themselves. You be the judge how much to push them. You have the option of completing the event by "Checking In" on either Saturday evening or Sunday. Choose what is best for your Scouts, if you see they've had enough, check them in on Saturday.

Driving is based on how your Patrol wants to participate. For safety sake, and so you will fully enjoy the experience, get drivers to help with the driving. See Travel Rules. **Remember, you have "Very Precious Cargo" – your child and someone else's!** It is strongly suggested that you don't do long drives. Pick the places they, and you, want to go and keep them close. You have to judge your Scouts as to how far is too far.

Let the boys and girls do as much as they can by themselves. Let them make the phone calls and talk to people during the event. This is their event, guide them but let them make the decisions. This gives them a great sense of empowerment and teaches responsibility.

Bottom line – it doesn't matter which Patrol wins or how your Patrol scores. What matters is that your Scouts have fun, learn to solve problems, plan, research, investigate, have fun, work as a team and have more FUN. These are the underlying purposes. In the grand scheme winning is totally unimportant. What is important is that they (and you) have a good time and maybe learn a few things in the process. Remember that "Fun with a purpose" thing?

Stop and smell the roses. Take time to explore new places and experience new things that you and your Scouts have never seen before, encourage them to learn something about what they see. Take note of interesting places to visit again when you have more time.

All usual BSA and GSUSA rules and regulations apply to this outing. Make sure your Patrol is in uniform – see picture scoring for details. If you need more adult assistance, contact any Scout parent that is willing to help.

A valuable byproduct of the Patrol Challenge is putting the image of Scouting out into our community. We should be a positive reflection of Scouting to the public that will see us. **Scouting is alive and well and this is a great way to show and advertise it.**

Thank you for taking the time for your Scouts.

Paul, Jack and the Patrol Challenge Team

This event is hosted by the Balboa Oaks District and open to:
Cub Scouts – Wolf, Bear, Webelos 1 & Webelos 2
Girl Scouts – Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors
Boy Scouts – Troops, Venture Crews & Varsity Teams

If you live anywhere in Southern California you can participate!
This event promotes team building, problem solving, decision making, patrol unity, camaraderie, teamwork and leadership. Not bad for a weekend! PLUS it's tons of fun for the Scouts – and leaders will have just as much fun as the Scouts! All Units will compete against each other in their own category, for example Webelos 2 vs. Webelos 2, Cadette vs. Cadette, etc. LDS & Jewish units will compete in their own category with a unique schedule

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***** IMPORTANT *** These "Younger Scout Rules" are only for the following:**
Cub Scouts – Wolves, Bears, Webelos 1 & Webelos 2
Girl Scouts – Brownies & Juniors
If you are not one of these obtain your "Older Scout Rules" at **Patrolchallenge.com**

OVERVIEW
1 The object of the challenge is to have FUN, earn points, and have a lot more FUN.
2 Earn points by figuring out locations, going there, and taking your picture there.
3 Earn points by participating in unique Patrol activities.
4 Earn points by collecting items and bringing them in.

REGISTRATION
1. Registration is $25 per Patrol plus $10 per Scout – Includes patch, participation ribbon, plaques & our huge Awards Celebration. Plus all the fun and excitement you can have.
2. Pay your $10 per Scout participating when you **"Check-In"** on Sunday*.
3. **EARLY BONUS CLUES!** When you pay your $25 Registration you will be emailed Early Bonus Clues every month – AND YOU CAN START ON THEM RIGHT NOW!

HOW TO REGISTER & START THE CONTEST
1. Fill out Patrol Challenge Registration Form from **Patrolchallenge.com** and mail with payment. If there is not enough time to postal mail it, send via email to pauloliver@roadrunner.com and pay $25 Registration when you **"Check-In"** Sunday*.
2. Print out Form "D" Patrol Sign in Sheet from **Patrolchallenge.com.** Fill in names of all Scouts in your Patrol that will participate, along with all Leaders names and their Cell Phone numbers and mail in with your Registration. All names on Form "D" can be adjusted if they change before the event starts, just send a new Form "D" to pauloliver@roadrunner.com
3. At the website print Forms "A", "B", "C", "D" and any other pertinent forms listed.
4. Shortly before the event you will be emailed a password to get your clues online.
5. Clues will be available at **Patrolchallenge.com** on Friday Oct. 14th at 5:00pm.
6. LDS & Observant Jewish clues are available Tuesday Oct. 11th at 5:00pm.
7. As soon as you get your clues you can start the event.

* Jewish Observant and LDS Units refer to your schedules on page 5

"CHECK IN" TO FINISH THE CONTEST

1 Cub Scouts, Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts have the **option** to **"Check In"** on Saturday* October 15th **or** Sunday* October 16th.
2 If you decide to **"Check In"** on Saturday, you will go to the LDS Church at 17101 Plummer St., Northridge 91325. See times below.
3 If you decide to **"Check-In"** on Sunday, you will go to: (Location to be announced.)

When you "Check In" bring the following:

1 1 DVD of all your pictures, **including any Early Bonus pictures you may have.** On DVD write your Patrol Name, Unit #, Boy Scout District or Girl Scout Service Unit.
2 Form "A" – Camera Picture List Sheets– with description of pictures taken.
3 Form "B" – Event Evaluation Forms – completely filled out for extra points.
4 Form "C" – Patrol Activity Scoring Sheet – filled out by Patrol Advisor.
5 Form "D" – Patrol Sign in Sheet – with any changes that may have been made.
6 $10 for every Scout that participated during the event. If present or not.
7 All receipts for anything you spent money on during the event.
8 All items collected. Label them with the item # and put in numerical order.

If you decide to **"Check In"** Saturday* night you earn the following points:

"Check In"	Points	"Check In"	Points	"Check In"	Points	"Check In"	Points
6:00 – 6:30	1,500	6:31 – 7:00	1,000	7:01 – 7:30	500	7:31 – 8:00	Zero

If you decide to **"Check In"** on Sunday* you earn the following points:

"Check In"	Points	"Check In"	Points	"Check In"	Points	"Check In"	Points
1:00 – 2:00	1,500	2:01 – 3:00	1,000	3:01 – 3:30	500	3:31 – 4:00	Zero

You will be considered **"Checked In"** when all of your items are completely lined up in numerical order. At that point your score sheet will have that time written on it.

EVENT RULES – The more you pay attention, the more points you will score.

PATROL SIZE

1. **There is a minimum of 3 Scouts and a maximum of 8 Scouts per Patrol.**
2. You cannot team up with another Patrol – you are entirely on your own.

PHOTO SAFARI RULES

1. You MUST take your pictures using your own **DIGITAL** camera.
2. When you figure out a location – go there and take your picture as proof.
3. **Earn 100%** point value if all Patrol members in the picture are in Class A Uniform
4. **Earn 50%** point value if any Patrol member in the picture is not in Class A Uniform.
5. Photos without Scouts in it will earn zero points. All Scouts at location must be in photo.
6. **Earn 10 points** if your Patrol Flag is in the picture.
7. **Earn 5 points** for 1 Patrol Advisor in the picture. **10 points** if the Advisor is in Class "A"
8. Maximum credit of 1 Advisor per photo.
9. Fill out Form "A" with a description of the location and its location #. i.e. the first picture downloaded on the DVD would be picture #1, then write its corresponding Clue # and write its location. Do this for all photos you take.
10. When done taking all your photos you MUST download them onto 1 DVD, including any Early Bonus pictures taken before the event. Make a backup DVD for you to keep.
11. Label your DVD with Patrol Name, Unit #, Boy Scout District, or Girl Scout Service Unit.
12. Adult Leaders should download or supervise downloading pictures for the Scouts.

* Jewish Observant and LDS Units refer to your schedules on page 5

TRAVEL RULES

1. ***IMPORTANT*** Every Scout and adult **may not** take Photo Safari pictures or drive between 11:00pm and 6:00am. Disobeying this rule will result in **DISQUALIFICATION!**
2. You have the option of splitting up your Patrol into 2 separate groups. If you decide to split up your Patrol and you do not have 2 vehicles large enough you may use additional vehicles. You **may not** split into more than 2 separate groups.
3. Drivers must be over 21 years old. All BSA & GSUSA driving & leadership rules apply.

ITEM COLLECTION RULES

1. You may collect items from any legal source – be resourceful and creative.
2. When you **"Check In"** you **can not** use another Patrols items or info.
3. You must bring in the actual item. Unless noted, printer generated items will not count.
4. Every item must have an item # tag on it & placed in numerical order at **"Check In".**
5. Some items may need a written answer. For those write the answer where indicated.
6. If disputes arise at **"Check In"** only Scouts can plead their case – **NOT ADULTS!**

BUDGET

Keep track of everything you paid for during the event and turn in all receipts at **"Check In".**

MISC. RULES

1 **POKER HANDS -** 4 known and 3 unknown locations will count towards playing cards. When you **"Check In"** you will be told if you found any. You will pick 1 playing card for each location found, Jokers are wild. The best 5 poker hands will earn these points:
1st – 1,000, 2nd – 800, 3rd – 600, 4th – 400, 5th – 200.

1 **Bonus Pools -** These points will be evenly divided among all Patrols that complete the task, find the location, or bring in the item. **"Bonus Pools"** will be noted on your clues.
2 If anything needs an explanation to help you get full credit write it down where applicable
3 No refund of the $25 Registration after October 1ST, 2011
4 Scouts may call Mr. Oliver (818) 321-2699 or Mr. Fishel (818) 298-9733 during the contest for rule clarifications only.
5 All usual BSA & GSUSA rules and regulations regarding outings and activities will apply.
6 Final results, plaques, ribbons, patches, & full statistics will be given out at our Patrol Challenge Awards. Time and location TBA
7 Mr. Oliver and Mr. Fishel are the judges and all rulings by them are final,
THAT MEANS NO WHINING – YES WE'RE TALKING TO YOU – ADULTS!!!

EXTRA SPECIAL RECRUITMENT BONUS POINTS!!!

250 Bonus Points for each new youth you get to join your Unit after August 1st, 2011 and by October 14th, 2011. Scouts application must be turned in to their respective Council office by Friday October 14th, bring a copy with you when you **"Check In".**

Each youth must be new to Scouting and must participate in the Patrol Challenge to qualify for the bonus.

BOY SCOUT TOUR PLAN PROCEDURE

1. **Each Patrol must have your own individual Tour Plan.**
2. You will be able to obtain a Tour Plan application that will be partially filled out as to the travel area and location on the Patrol Challenge Website at **www.patrolchallenge.com**

GIRL SCOUT PERMISSION SLIP PROCEDURE

1. **Each Patrol must have your own individual Permission Slip.**
2. You will be able to obtain a Permission Slip application that will be partially filled out as to the travel area and location on the Patrol Challenge Website at **www.patrolchallenge.com**

LDS UNIT RULES

Your event will follow all of the same rules with the following exceptions:

1. Shortly before the event you will be emailed a password to get your clues online at **Patrolchallenge.com** Tuesday October 11th at 5:00PM.
2. **You may start to research, collect items and take photos immediately.**
3. You will be competing against other LDS units.
4. You will **"Check In"** and finish Saturday October 15th from 6:00PM – 8:00PM at the LDS Church at 17101 Plummer, in Northridge. Turn in your DVD, items and paperwork then.
5. **Except for the different start and finish times all other rules will apply to you.**
6. When you **"Check In"** you earn the following:

"Check In"	**Points**
6:00 – 6:30	1,500 points
6:31 – 7:00	1,000 points
"Check In"	**Points**
7:01 – 7:30	500 points
7:31 – 8:00	0 points

"Check In" 8:01pm on, deducts 50 points per minute.

You will be considered **"Checked In"** when all of your items are completely lined up in numerical order. At that point your score sheet will have the time written on it.

JEWISH OBSERVANT RULES

Your event will follow all of the same rules with the following exceptions:

1. Shortly before the event you will be emailed a password to get your clues online at **Patrolchallenge.com** Tuesday October 11th at 5:00PM.
2. **You may start to research, collect items and take photos immediately.**
3. You will be competing against other Jewish Observant units.
4. You will turn in your DVD, items & paperwork Sunday October 16th 1:00pm - 4:00pm at: (Location to be announced.)
5. **Except for the different starting time, all other rules will apply to you.**

PATROL CHALLENGE V - FAQS

Q. I want to participate but don't have all my Patrol members lined up yet. What can I do?
A. You should mail in your registration now to get your Early Bonus Clues. Then you can email your list of Patrol Members on the Patrol Sign In "Form D" as you figure them out.

Q. How do you make it fair since some of us live so far away from each other?
A. We go to great lengths to make sure there is an equal number of things to do and places to go in every area. It does not matter where you live; it is an equal playing field for every Patrol. We've had Patrols from as far away as San Francisco be able to participate fairly.

Q. How is it fair for my Cadette Girl Scouts to be competing against Senior Girl Scouts?
A. Every group competes against a similar group. For instance a Cadette Patrol will only compete against other Cadettes; likewise Webelos 2 will compete against Webelos 2's etc.

Q. We have Scouts who have athletic games and other commitments at different times during the weekend, can they still participate?
A. Yes, this is one of the coolest parts of the event. Anyone having a conflicting activity can do the activity then simply hook up with the Patrol as if they were never gone.

Q. My Adult Leader is a sourpuss should they participate?
A. Yes, it will replace their sour with sweet, people will want to be around them, their wrinkles will disappear along with the bulges in the wrong places, the entire Patrol will become filthy rich and life will be good (slight poetic license here)

Q. My Scout has a friend who wants to join them in the Patrol Challenge. Can I do that?
A. Their friend can participate only if they are a registered Boy Scout or Girl Scout. If you get them to register as a Scout you will be their hero for taking them on such a cool event – PLUS YOU WILL EARN 250 POINTS FOR EACH NEW SCOUT THAT PARTICIPATES!!!

Q. Our Unit has a religious obligation will that affect us?
A. Your religious obligation is primary. If you are an LDS or Observant Jewish Unit you have special start and end times to accommodate you.

Q. We aren't LDS or Observant Jewish but we attend Church on Saturday or Sunday, how would that affect us?
A. Aside from the Early Bonus Clues, there are only 2 activities we will divulge. 1 is you will earn points for attending a Religious Service or Religious Study. In other words Church is a good thing, for God and the Patrol Challenge.

Q. You said you will tell us 2 activities, what is the other one?
A. You can earn points for sleeping overnight in tents at the home of an adult leader. Note: to do this you must have that info on your Boy Scout Tour Plan or Girl Scout Permission Slip

Q. Can we choose any type of Patrol name we want?
A. Yes, you can be as silly or serious as you like.

Q. Will the Early Bonus Clues we can do now be on the final clues?
A. Yes, all will be on the final set of clues.

Q. I have 2 Patrols from my Scout Troop participating; does each need their own Tour Plan?
A. Yes. Each Patrol goes their own way so they need their own Tour Plan. Likewise each Girl Scout Patrol needs their own Permission Slip.

Q. How can I fill out a Tour Plan or Permission Slip if I don't know where we are going?
A. Great question. Go to Patrolchallenge.com and you can get one that is partially filled out.

Q. I'm not crazy about scavenger hunts, why should I participate?
A. This is not just a scavenger hunt; you will be solving puzzles, uncovering mysteries, discovering unique places and experience some amazing and fun activities.

Q. Do we need a Patrol Flag of any sort?
A. Not mandatory, but you will earn extra points if you have one in your photos.

Q. When will we know the results?
A. Results, full statistics of how every Patrol did, awards, plaques, ribbons & patches will be presented at the Patrol Challenge Awards Celebration in November. Location and date TBA.

Q. You mean to tell me I can get all my clues online?
A. Yes Virginia there is a Santa. Clues will only be available online at Patrolchallenge.com

Q. What if I can't come up with a Patrol until the last minute?
A. Not a problem. Contact Paul Oliver at pauloliver@roadrunner.com when you know.

Q. How will we know what locations will count towards getting the playing cards?
A. Some locations will be noted as card locations on your final clues, and some card locations will be a mystery. There will be a total of 7 possible cards for your poker hand.

Q. Why Bonus Pools?
A. Because they make your Scouts think! They are especially weird, cool, fun or unique things and the Scouts have to decide if it is worth doing it or going there for the points. They are worth a lot of points and the total point value will be divided among all Patrols who do it.

Q. Why are you doing this event?
A. Because it is sooooo different, sooooo interesting and sooooo much fun! Along with being a lot of fun and laughs it will introduce you to unique and cool places all over, some that you probably drive by each week and never knew existed. It is also the best activity to teach a Scout how to be a leader. They must learn to delegate responsibilities, plan ahead, assign tasks, coordinate people and resources, communicate with people for info, work within time schedules, work within a budget and the most important part of being a leader - make decisions. Besides, Paul and Jack have no life and they get their jollies doing this.

Q. Am I able to get our clues in person?
A. No, clues are only available online at Patrolchallenge.com

Q. Last time someone brought in a live camel and our kids had a blast doing the Zombie March. Will we be doing that again?
A. We don't divulge what will or will not happen, but you can be assured cool things like that, and many more, will be on tap.

Q. In the "Older Scout Rules" does each Patrol Member have to spend $20 that's mentioned in the "Budget" section?
A. NO. It is up to your Patrol members whether to spend money or not. If you are clever and carefully read the rules you can spend as little as $0.

Q. I've read thru the "Younger Scout Rules" and don't see anything about a $20 "Budget"?
A. For those using the "Younger Scout Rules" there is no "Budget". These Scouts just need to keep track of their receipts.

Q. You really won't bail us out of jail?
A. No, be wise in your decisions;-)

Q. I see there are 2 sets of rules. Why is that?
A. We want the younger Scouts to focus on this as a fun event and the older Scouts to focus as a fun event, competition and learning experience. To keep those goals we have made the rules for the younger Scouts a little easier. Read the rules to see which one pertains to your group.
NOTES ON RULES: To keep it easy, Adult leaders for "Younger Scouts" should be explaining and overseeing the rules for your Scouts. Adult leaders for "Older Scouts" should have their Scouts go over the rules since knowing the rules enters into their decision making process. You should provide the rules early and give your Scouts plenty of time to prepare.

Q. Will the younger and older Scouts have the same clues?
A. No, to keep with our goal of a more fun event for the younger Scouts they will have an easier age appropriate set of clues. There is a separate set of clues for the older Scouts to keep it challenging and competitive.

Q. I'm afraid my Cub Scouts may not hold up thru the entire weekend, what should I do?
A. If you see your young Cubs, or young Girl Scouts, withering have them "Check In" and finish the event on Saturday, see your "Younger Scout Rules" for details.

Q. What if I register and send in my Patrol Sign In Sheet "FORM D" and my Patrol participants change?
A. No problem. Just email a new "FORM D" when changes are made. You may send as many times as there are changes.

Q. Why are there so many clues!?
A. There is a huge playing field since everyone is so spread out. We need a lot of places to find and things to do. Tell your Scouts it is impossible to get every clue, find every item or do every activity – don't even try. Since they can't do everything your Scouts must make tough decisions of what to do and what not to do.