

The Advisor



The Advisor is the monthly newsletter for Venturing Crews/Ships in the California Inland Empire Council published under the guidance of the CIEC Venturing Committee

MT. RUBIDOUX DISTRICT VOA HOSTS LNT AWARENESS HIKE

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The Mt. Rubidoux District VOA invited members of Crews in the district to go on a hike up Mt. Rubidoux and participate in a LNT Awareness presentation this past weekend. Three different Venturing Crews participated in the event that was taught by six of the Crew members.

UPDATES TO THE BSA CAVING DOCUMENT

Attention all you spelunkers and other caving enthusiasts out there, the Boy Scouts of America have recently made some changes to the BSA Caving Document that all Units use.

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ADVISOR/ASSOCIATE ADVISOR TRAINING

Every unit deserves a highly trained adult leader who can effectively manage and support their crew or ship. Advisors and co-advisors can take advantage of online training opportunities including Venturing Fast Start, Safe Swim Defense, and Climb On Safely via www.MyScouting.org. However, the District and Council training teams also provide routine training opportunities. These training opportunities include Venture Specific Training, basic and advanced first aid, and advanced leader training.

VLS Training – April 9
East Dyer Rd, Santa Ana
– Orange County Council

SS Ldr. Training – April 9
East Dyer Rd, Santa Ana
- Orange County Council

VLS Training – April 21 –
East Dyer Rd, Santa Ana
– Orange County Council
Office

VLS Training – May 7 –
Rancho Bernardo – San
Diego-Imperial County
Council

Wilderness & Remote
First Aid – May 17, May
19, May 25-26 – ARC
Chapter Headquarters –
San Diego

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Save the Date

*The 3rd Annual
Western Region
Venturing Youth
Conference will be
held on April 15-
17, 2011 at the
Irvine Ranch
Outdoor Education
Center.*



NEW AWARD TO FOCUS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

A new award program, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM-NOVA) award, is being introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in May.

According to a program brochure, the STEM-NOVA award program consists of individual activity elements in various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) topics structured for either Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts/Venturers. The topics are designed for high participation and to increase interest in STEM by making it relevant and fun for youth participants.

The NOVA award will be a distinctive pocket patch with a separate pin-on device awarded for each individual topic completed by youth participants.

The STEM-SUPERNOVA Award program is similar to the BSA Hornaday Award Program. The basic requirements for the SUPERNOVA Award program are to earn certain Academic Pins (Cub Scouts), Activity Badges (Webelos), and Merit Badges (Boy Scouts) plus complete various other more rigorous STEM related requirements. The Venturing requirements are based on more independent achievement and teaching activities. SUPERNOVA is designed to encourage and recognize more in-depth achievement in STEM.

Recognition for Venturers who complete the SUPERNOVA Award program will be presented with a Sally Ride Award Certificate and a Bronze Pocket Medal.

For more information regarding the STEM-NOVA program and the STEM-SUPERNOVA program, the various requirements for both award programs, other components of the BSA STEM initiative, and an implementation timeline for the programs, please see the STEM-NOVA handout at http://www.tac-bsa.org/Home_files/NOVA%20Handout.pdf.

CAVES (Story Continued from Page 1)

The caving policy document, which can be seen in its entirety for viewing or download, is available on the 'Sports and Activities' section under 'Scouting Safety' of the Boy Scouts of America website, <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/healthandsafety/gss/gss08.aspx>.

Please note that if you are a BSA Leader or you are a caving enthusiast taking a group of Scouts/Venturers out caving, it is important to read and understand the BSA Caving document.



Current topics available for the Boy Scout and Venturing STEM-NOVA Award program:

- ❖ Projectiles & Space,
- ❖ Technology,
- ❖ Transportation, and
- ❖ Designed to Crunch (Mathematics)

The materials/guidelines found within the document are important to the caves, the caving community, and the BSA's image regarding responsible caving.

The 'YOU CAVE' Organization completed a quick-glance reference chart outlining the major changes/revisions to the BSA Caving document, which can be accessed on the organization's blog site at <http://www.youcave.org/2011/03/changes-to-bsa-caving-document.html>.

IMPORTANT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VENTURERS



CIEC INVITES VENTURES TO ILSC!

The California Inland Empire Council (CIEC) invites all Venturers to participate in Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) on April 29 – May 1, 2011 at Camp Emerson.

At ILSC, crewmembers with leadership positions will be introduced to various skills necessary to effectively reach success in their roles as leaders. More importantly, ILSC gives crewmembers the opportunity to network and share the spirit of Venturing with other crews from around the Council.

The cost for the Venturing ILSC Weekend is \$35.00, which includes cost of food and materials for the weekend. Crewmembers are asked to bring their own materials for the Dutch Oven Cook Off.

For additional information regarding the Venturing ILSC Weekend, please contact Joyce Flores at A4vp2010@stargazr.us.

CIEC INVITES VENTURES TO NYLT!

The California Inland Empire Council (CIEC) invites all Venturers to participate in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) this June.

At NYLT you will learn how to make ethical decisions, solve problems, resolve conflicts, set smart goals, how to work through the stages of team development, how to develop good communication skills, and much, much more. You have two opportunities to attend: Course 1 will be held June 13 – 18, 2011 or Course 2 from June 20 – 25, 2011 (sorry ladies, Course 2 will be open to male Venturers only).

The cost for each Course is \$230.00 before May 26, 2011 or \$250.00 after May 26, 2011. A \$50.00 deposit with your application will insure your reservation at NYLT.

For additional information, contact course director:
Course 1 – Todd Bagley, (951) 260-8003, owltodd@yahoo.com

Course 2 – Brandon Leong, (909) 967-6024, brandonmleong@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING ILSC TRAINING FOR VENTURERS

The ILSC Training Course for Venturers, according to an official BSA communication regarding Venturing Training, is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to Venturers. Completion of the ILSC Training Course is a prerequisite for Venturers to participate in the more advanced leadership courses National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). Additionally, ILSC is also required for Kodiak.

CIEC VENTURING OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The CIEC VOA will be conducting its annual election for youth officers at the upcoming ILSC/Venturing Weekend that is scheduled for April 29-May 1 at Camp Emerson. All interested Venturers are encouraged to come to the elections. In addition to the youth officer elections, there is an adult meeting scheduled to look at the best ways to support the VOA as well as how the Council can support the program and the Crews of CIEC in the coming year.

BSA LEAVE NO TRACE 101 – A COMMENT BY ERIC HISER

The following information was taken from a comment posted by Eric Hiser, Chair, BSA Outdoor Ethics Task Force regarding the BSA Leave No Trace 101

“The question was asked whether BSA Leave No Trace 101 is ‘required’ by BSA National for new leaders. The answer is no, it is not. It is recommended at this time. However, the IOLS and its related courses are currently under rewrite and part of the rewrite is to substantially increase the amount of Leave No Trace/outdoor ethics material so that individuals completing the new course have completed the substantial equivalent of the BSA Leave No Trace 101 course. The outdoor ethics task force is monitoring the progress of the revisions and will let you know when, and if, this occurs.

In the interim, it is, of course, an excellent idea to try to teach proper Leave No Trace camping skill during existing IOLS courses. This means working with the staff to use and emphasize the proper techniques when demonstrating camping skills during the course. That is not a deviation from the syllabus – it is teaching the now current. Scouting way for basic Scout camping.

Eric Hiser can be contacted by email at ehiser@msn.com for further information regarding the policies of the BSA Outdoor Ethics Task Force or the policies pertaining to the BSA Leave No Trace 101 course.

NEWS FROM THE LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINERS GROUP

As part of the LNT program, individuals, both youth and adults, have the opportunity to continue their quest for knowledge beyond the basic understanding of the LNT principles so they become trainers.

Trainer courses scheduled

Camp Emerson – April 30-May 1, 2011

Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center – May 6-7

Sunrise District – Palm Springs – May 7 and May 20-21

Master Educator course

Both weekends required for this course completion

Camp Emerson – April 29-May 1, 2011 and

Lake Mohave – May 14-16 (Canoeing experience desired)

Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Websites

No Trace: www.lnt.org

Tread Lightly!: <http://treadlightly.org>



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