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December 2025, 1st Edition



Season's Greetings,

As 2025 comes to a close, I am grateful for another remarkable year of growth and impact for Scouting America here in the Inland Empire. With your support, we continue to provide meaningful, life-changing Scouting experiences to nearly 5,000 youth, and we are encouraged by the strong upward trend in membership as more families discover the value of our program.

This year, Community Scouting, our outreach initiative also known as Scoutreach, experienced significant growth. Our growth continued with the addition of a new site in the San Bernardino City Unified School District, and we were thrilled to renew our partnership with the Coachella Valley Unified School District restarting Community Scouting there this past fall. The ongoing success of Community Scouting continues to draw Scouting America Area and National attention, positioning our Council as a leader in accessible and inclusive Scouting.

We were also honored to receive two Scouting America National Marketing Awards, one for Membership Recruitment and one for Digital Marketing. These awards recognize the innovative strategies and collaborative efforts that



have helped us tell the Scouting story more effectively, connect with new families, and strengthen our visibility across the Inland Empire.

Our Scouts delivered another phenomenal popcorn season with over \$1.2 million in total sales! But the true impact goes beyond the impressive number. The popcorn fundraiser teaches Scouts vital skills: how to set goals, talk confidently with adults, manage money, stay organized, and persevere. From making introductions to tracking orders and handling payments, this program builds real-world abilities that prepare them for success far beyond Scouting.

Camp Emerson remained a vibrant center of activity throughout the year. From Winter Camps and our Council Camporee to Summer Camp, Eerie Emerson, and the always-popular Zombie Survival Weekend, Scouts experienced adventure, learning, and personal growth. This year, we completed the painting of all the main buildings at camp, what an amazing improvement! Ongoing facility upgrades, along with expanded program areas and continued beautification efforts, support our vision of making Camp Emerson the premier Scouting destination in Southern California. If you haven't visited recently, I encourage you to come see the transformation firsthand.

Our partnership event with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Rodeo, Adventure Weekend, saw another year of incredible participation. The Merit Badge Academy returned with strong attendance, with hundreds of Scouts BSA participants earning thousands of merit badges. We also expanded training opportunities for our leaders, offering BALOO, IOLS, and Wood Badge, staying true to our belief that every Scout deserves a trained leader.

In 2025, several of our California Inland Empire Council Scouts earned Meritorious Action Awards, and their courageous actions were showcased in Scouting Life magazine as part of its "Scouts in Action" feature. Be sure to stop by the council office to see our new Scouts in Action wall,



created to honor the Scouts who have achieved this impressive recognition.

These are only a few of the incredible highlights from 2025. This has truly been a year filled with remarkable achievements across our entire Scouting family.

As we reflect on this impactful year, I want to express my sincere appreciation. Your leadership, service, and generosity make it possible for us to fulfill our mission to “Prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”

Thank you for all you do for Scouting. Wishing you and your family a safe, joyful, and peaceful holiday season.



Matt Bear
Scout Executive, CEO



Safety Moment

Winter Activity Safety

There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging outdoor adventures. However, potentially extreme weather conditions,

cold temperatures, and unique hazards associated with outdoor winter activities require careful planning to ensure safety.

RESOURCES

- [Guide to Safe Scouting—Winter Activities](#)
- [Fieldbook \(available at \[scoutshop.org\]\(#\)\)](#)
- [Scouting.org](#)



Congratulations to the 2025 Silver Beaver recipients:

Larry Lee – Mount Rubidoux District
Joseph Vlietstra – Old Baldy District
Andrew Vogt – Tahquitz District
Jove Yambot – Temescal District

News From National

Don't forget to apply for a NESA Scholarship!!!

NESA scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts currently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited educational institution as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a program leading to an academic degree (including associate degrees) or a skilled trade program.

For more information go to- <https://nesa.org/scholarships/>



OPEN NOW! **SCHOLARSHIPS** NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

- Join NESA to have access to exclusive scholarships
- Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in an undergraduate program or by the halfway point of their associate degree program or skilled trade program.

[LINK BELOW](#)



There is still time to make an impact!

Every gift helps keep Scouting accessible and affordable for families in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. You are

ensuring more young people have a place to grow, lead, and belong!

If you haven't given yet and you're able, we'd be extremely grateful for your support before the end of the year. Thank you for lifting up the next generation of leaders!

You can click on the banner to make an impact or click here-
[Delivering the Promise](#)



CAMP EMERSON
CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL

MERIT BADGE ACADEMY

JANUARY 23RD – 25TH

NEW pricing options available

\$125 Stay in Cabins and all meals included.

Choose up to 4 Merit Badges:

- Artificial Intelligence
pre-requisites: requirements 1,2,3
- Citizenship in the Nation
pre-requisites 5, 8
- Cyber Security
pre-requisites 1, 4, 5, 6
- Drafting
- Healthcare Professionals
pre-requisites 5, 9
- Indian Lore
- Insect Study
- Radio

For more info and to register visit:
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A photograph of two young boys walking on a dirt path in a forest, carrying backpacks and sticks.

Another Great Merit Badge Academy Session Is Coming Up!

Now with new registration options, choose Saturday-only \$95 or stay the whole weekend \$125!

Whether you're joining us for the full weekend or just attending Saturday, you'll enjoy a fun, focused learning experience in the beautiful mountains

of Idyllwild.

Weekend Option Includes: Friday & Saturday night cabin lodging, all meals throughout the weekend

Register Today: iescouts.org/meritbadgeacademy



A promotional poster for Camp Emerson's Scouts BSA Winter Camp. The top half features a photograph of a snowy slope with people sledding. The Camp Emerson logo is in the top right, featuring three trees and the text 'EST. 1919' and 'CAMP EMERSON CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL'. The middle section has the text 'SCOUTS BSA WINTERCAMP' in large yellow letters, followed by '2026 DATES' and two dates: 'Jan. 30th to Feb. 1st' and 'Mar. 20th to Mar. 22nd'. The bottom section has the text 'For more info and to register visit:' followed by the 'IE SCOUTS.ORG' logo and 'CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL'.

For more info and to register visit:

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BOSEKER SCOUT RESERVATION

WELCOME CENTER

WINTER CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP

2026 DATES

- **Feb. 20th to Feb 22nd**
- **Feb. 27th to Mar. 1st**
- **Mar. 6th to Mar 8th**
- **Mar. 13th to Mar 15th**

For more info and to register visit:
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Winter Camp at Camp Emerson!

Check out the Leaders Guide and Register now at
iescouts.org/wintercamp

Awesome winter activities
Heated cabins
Great food and fellowship
Scout skills, advancement, and more!

Don't miss out—gather your troop and sign up today!

#ScoutsBSA #CubScouts #WinterCamp #FamilyAdventure
#CampEmerson #ScoutingAdventure #IEScouts #BePrepared
#ScoutingFun



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Camp Emerson is looking for Troops, Crews, and Scout volunteers to help run our upcoming Winter Camps!

Your service helps create unforgettable experiences for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.

Cub Family Winter Camp

Feb 20–22

Mar 13–15

Scouts BSA Winter Camp

Mar 20–22

Volunteer Perks

No cost for volunteers

Cabin lodging included

All meals provided

Scouts earn service hours

Make a real impact!

Interested? Email: campemerson@scouting.org

Thank you for supporting Camp Emerson and helping us deliver an amazing winter season!

CHAMP CAMP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

10:00AM TO 1:00PM

Pinewood Derby Workshop

- Get Your Cars Cut for **FREE!**
- Customize your Car!
- Learn Helpful Derby Hints!

CIEC Scout Shop

2351 W. Lugonia Ave.
Redlands, CA 92374

For more information visit:

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CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL

Pinewood Derby Champ Camp!

Free Event hosted by The Inland Empire Council Scout Shop
January 17th • 10am–1pm

From dreaming up the perfect design to crossing the finish line, the California Inland Empire Council is here to support your Pinewood Derby every step of the way!

Cutting & Sanding Support
Step-by-Step Guidance from How-To Books
Start-to-Finish Supplies Available

Whether you're brand new or aiming to boost your speed this year, Champ Camp is the perfect place to build, learn, and get ready for race day — at no cost!



SIGN-UP TODAY!

2026
SUMMER CAMP

CAMP EMERSON
CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL

JULY 5TH - 11TH | **JULY 12TH - 18TH**

SCOUTS \$525 • LEADERS \$210
\$50 Discount if you register before December 31st.
\$50 Late fee if you register after April 30th.
\$50 Deposit to secure price. Payment plans available.

SCOUTS \$475 • LEADERS \$160 *before December 31st*



For more info and to register visit:
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Camp Emerson Summer Camp 2026

Don't wait — register before December 31st, 2025, and SAVE \$50!

Early Bird Price: Only \$475 when you register by December 31st!

After that, prices go up — so lock in your discount today!

Experience an unforgettable week at Camp Emerson, filled with adventure, merit badges, campfires, and lifelong memories.

Register now: iescouts.org/summercamp

#ScoutingAmerica #SummerCamp2026 #CampEmerson #ScoutsBSA
#iescouts

Thank you to all the scouts who joined us at the Chino youth parade.

We had Pack 251, Pack 214, Pack 201, Pack 205, Troop 201, Troop 1776, and Troop 202 in the parade!

Way to come together for a fun morning Temescal!

We love to see our Scouts out and about in their communities!

If you have a story or an event that your unit was in please send it to us at [Scouting Stories](#).



 **Trails End**
Over 73% goes to local Scouting

SUPPORT LOCAL SCOUTING
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WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

A collage of four photographs showing scouts in various activities: two scouts in life jackets on a boat, a scout rappelling down a rock face, two scouts shaking hands, and scouts in a kayak on the water.

**Celebrating the successes of our Scouts this
Popcorn Season!**

**Thank you to all the Scouts, Parents and Units
that made this a great year in Popcorn Sales!!**



★★★ 18 Scouts with their Champchip Belts! ★★★



★★★ 3 Scout Rings! ★★★



All events are on: iescouts.org/events



Teddy Bear Toss Night- December 20th

Scouts BSA Winter Camp-
January 30th-February 1st and March
20th-22nd

Cub Scout Family Winter Camp-
February 20th-22nd, February 27th-
March 1st, March 6th-8th, March 13th-
15th

Champ Camp- January 17

Safeguarding Youth Training - Check
your date to stay up to date! Don't let your
SYT expire!

Hazardous Weather - per National
requirements, all direct contact leaders
must take this course.

Camp CIEC: (at the Council Office)

Textile- December 20th

Merit Badge Academy- January 23rd-25th

Family Life- December 20th

Game Design- December 22nd

Sustainability - December 22nd

Pulp and Paper- December 23rd

Photography- December 23rd

Who Can Help Me??

CIEC Council's staff is happy to help you with all your Scouting questions.

CIEC Office: 909-793-2463

CIEC Scout Shop: 909-712-6162

Website: iescouts.org

You can also reach out to your District Executive for help!

We are here for you and to make Scouting a great experience for you and your family.

Scout Funny Moment

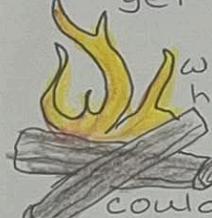
BOY SCOUT CAMPING ADVENTURES

(A left-left-right game)

Welcome scouts from Troop _____. You have been on many grand adventures. With your backpacks packed and trailer loaded, you are ready for even more adventures.

Everyone knows that Troop ____ is the best because it has the **RIGHT** scouts and the **RIGHT** leaders. No scout is **LEFT** behind.

Some of the best memories were made while camping. Out of all the choices for summer camp, you knew camp ____ was the **RIGHT** choice. It really **LEFT** an impression. Each year you knew **RIGHT** where to go to get to your campsite.

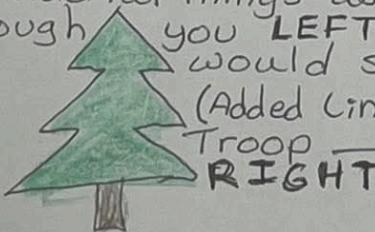
 Your adirondack was made where you **LEFT** it. You braved hot weather, bugs, and cold water. Troop ____ is made up of the **RIGHT** stuff to make it through a week of camp. I Knew **RIGHT** away that you could do it.

During the bonfire ceremony you would all sit on the upper **LEFT** part of the Order of the Arrow Arena. They had a huge bonfire on Wednesday nights. The bonfire was **RIGHT** in front of the arena. Some scouts would watch the ceremony from across the lake, up on the  **RIGHT** Knob.

On the last day of camping you would pack up and make sure nothing would be **LEFT** behind. As you all **LEFT** your campsite, you knew you would remember all the wonderful things about your adventures.

Even though you **LEFT** summer camp, your memories would stay **RIGHT** with you.

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(Added line if needed):
Troop ____ is the best!
RIGHT

A fun gift exchange game

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