


# The Echo

September/October 2005 Edition  Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America



## 2005 - The Year of the Grizzly



### Memorials

**Ray Schneider**

was honored by  
Shirley Johnston

with a donation to the Verdugo Hills Council.

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JoAnne and Elmer Millage

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### Welcome, New Scout Executive Jon Maeda!

In July of 2005, the Executive Board formed a Scout Executive Selection Committee. This committee selected and hired Jon V. Maeda to serve as the new Scout Executive of the Verdugo Hills Council. Jon is actually returning to the Verdugo Hills family, having served here as a Field Director/Assistant Scout Executive from 1994-1997. Most recently he served as the Director of Field Service in the Los Angeles Area Council.

Jon has been married to his wife Susan for 26 years, and has two children: a daughter, Zayne, who just graduated from high school, and Zak, a pro mountain bike competitor in the sport of Biketrials. Zak was featured on the cover story of the March 2003 Boy's Life Magazine, in a story introducing Scouts to the sport. Jon enjoys chasing Zak around on a mountain bike, and is active in his shotgun skeet club.

Jon's goals for Verdugo Hills Council include growing the number of youth experiencing Scouting programs, maintaining financial solvency within the council, and attaining Quality Council status, a measure of the job we do overall serving the youth of our community. High on his priority list are improving and creating new programs at our 2 camp properties, increasing the number of Cub Scouts going to Cub Day Camp, and creating partnership with other neighboring Councils for summer camp attendance, thus insuring that our Council's Senior Boy Scouts are offered opportunities to work on summer camp staffs. Jon will be attending Fireside Chats, soon to be scheduled in each district. He hopes to open dialogue with community and Scouting leaders and parents, which will allow him to assess the job that needs to be done, improve service from the Council staff and also, to share the vision he has for where we want the Verdugo Hills Council to go. Please welcome Jon BACK to our Scouting family!

### Fall Program Kickoff

It's time for one of the most important meetings of the year! Make sure you get to the council on September 8 by 6:00 p.m. for the Fall Program Kickoff. At this time the Council Calendar for your unit will be available. In addition, every program event flyer throughout the next Scouting year will be available to you. This is a great time to plan your Scouting year for your unit.

We will have helpful instruction for the upcoming annual re-chartering, so be sure to bring the person who handles the charter for your unit. It will make their job a lot easier for them and the unit! We will also be discussing fall recruitment. We'll go over many ways to help recruit and hold new youth and leaders for your unit. This is also the best place to learn about popcorn sales, so you can earn some money for your unit!

So come on out to the council to meet the new Scout Executive and other new staff members, and to get all the resources you need for the upcoming year!

Want current information about what's going on in the Verdugo Hills Council?



Check out our Web Pages at [www.vhcsa.org](http://www.vhcsa.org), or connect up with someone in your unit who's on the district email list.

#### Foothill District:

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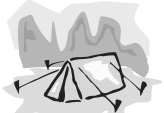
Joe Ungaro at [jungaro@bsamail.org](mailto:jungaro@bsamail.org)



### Cub-On

Fall Cub-On is coming up! Cub-On (which is short for Cub Scout Over-Nighter) is a weekend-long outdoor camping adventure at Camp Verdugo Oaks for all Cub Scouts and their families, starting on the evening of Friday, October 28 and ending Sunday, October 30 after breakfast. The fee is \$25 per person (\$12 for kids under 5) for the entire weekend, including

meals. This year's title is *CUB-HAUNT* in honor of Halloween. There will be many fun and scary events this year for the whole family. So grab a tent, put on a mask, and come on out to Verdugo Oaks for some great family Halloween fun!



## Congratulations New Eagle Scouts!

The following young men have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in the past two months:

Hector A. Curiel Jr.	Troop 315
Paolo I. Artolozaga	Troop 101
Christopher R. Blume	Troop 319
John D. Blume	Troop 319
Garen R. Nadir	Troop 204
Michael C. Boukidis	Troop 118
Austin S. Facer	Troop 395
Spencer N. Roberg	Troop 391
Justin J. Jorvina	Troop 125
Tigran Davtian	Troop 127



### **STAY FOUND!**

The Verdugo Hills Council HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM once again offers a weekend training course for the Orienteering Merit Badge. This training is open to all Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Adult Leaders. Scouts will earn the Orienteering Merit Badge at this event. All will gain confidence and self-assuredness, a valuable asset in the back country or on the freeway.

The event will be held at Camp Three Falls near Mt. Pinos, and will run from Friday evening, 28 October to 3:00 pm on Sunday, 30 October, 2005. Check-in will be 6:30-7:30 pm on Friday. The Course Fee is \$45. prior to 21 October, and \$50. thereafter. Participants will be well fed and bunked in cabins at the Camp.

All participants will be expected to arrive and depart in Class "A" uniforms, bring a compass, pencil and paper and to have read the "Orienteering Merit Badge" pamphlet. Scouts will want to bring a signed blue card to the training.

For a list of other requirements, please visit the VHC website or call Dave Decker at 626-665-7186.

### **Verdugo Hills Community Hike**

Put on your hiking boots and join the communities of Burbank, Glendale, and Crescenta Valley in a day of exploring the hiking trails and visiting the points of interest in the Verdugo Hills on Saturday, Nov. 5. Check-in starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Stough Canyon Nature Center, at La Tuna Cyn Rd. & the 210 Fwy, or at 9:00 a.m. at the Stough Canyon Nature Center for the new, slightly less challenging "Hike Lite." The registration fee is only \$5 (\$10 after 10/21/05), and it includes a meal—served at the summits—and a souvenir. For more info, call 818-238-5440. See you there!

### **Council Commissioner's Corner**

#### **Harriet Payne Hammons**

I hope everyone is having a fun and active summer with the Boy Scouts! Scouting provides many opportunities to learn new Scout skills and to have fun.

Some of us have just returned from the National Jamboree at AP Hill in Virginia. The next one will be in 2010 on Scouting's 100th birthday. It will be a great adventure!

Scout leaders: I'll see you at the Program Kickoff on Sept. 8. We want to answer any of your questions and explain rechartering.

If I can assist your unit, please call me at 818-399-5738.

If you have stepped down from leadership in your unit, then we need you to be one of our esteemed unit commissioners.

### **The Scouts' Reaction to Hurricane Katrina A CALL TO ACTION!**

The devastation by Hurricane Katrina has left many of our fellow Americans in a terrible state of human misery. Please note recent news reports, both televised media & local newspapers.

The Scouts have a long, proud history of swift reaction and support in times of need. Though this natural tragedy has occurred many miles from here, we need to lead the way in taking action now.

I would ask that all Scouts and Scouter's of the Verdugo Hills Council consider the following actions:

1. Keep those affected by Hurricane Katrina in our prayers. Remember, a *Scout is Reverent*. These people need our prayers.
2. Support the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross. These agencies are providing invaluable service to those in need. I would ask that you join me in making a direct contribution to these organizations, so that relief efforts can get to those most needing it.
3. Support the upcoming Scouting for Food effort. The gifts you make will benefit the Salvation Army and other agencies that are supporting those who need it most.

Americans are very generous people. We teach Scouts to help others and to perform service projects to benefit others, so that they have an understanding of the impact they can have on our community problems.

**I urge you to get our Scouts involved in helping our extended community NOW!**

Jon V. Maeda  
Scout Executive

### **Troop 315 Takes an Adventure**

After months of preparation and fundraising, Troop 315 headed north for summer camp at Camp Wente in Willets California with fifteen Scouts, four adults and a grand plan.

Some of the Scouts had never been so far north and were excited and amazed at what they saw. The long trip up included such sights as the California Maritime Academy's ship, The Golden Bear, several kinds of birds and fish, prairie dogs, frolicking sea lions, boats, bushes and farmland.

When they finally arrived at Camp Wente through its winding dirt road, they got their first breath-taking look at beautiful, deep blue Lake Winowa, and the abundant wildlife of the area. The camp also included an archery range, a rifle range, stables, a trading post, a Scoutcraft station, a Handicraft station, a Mountain Man station, a shotgun station, a beautiful campfire ring, and other exciting features.

The Scouts of Troop 315 raised the standard for the camp by showing up in full class A's with patrol yells at flag ceremonies and at the evening meals. They worked together as a team and always used the buddy system. The 15 boys earned a total of 109 merit badges, and a great number of honors and patches. Among the best memories of camp were swimming, sailboarding, sailing, water dodgeball, boat races, and even a treasure hunt.

### **EXTRA! EXTRA!**

We are in need of a gas dryer for Camp Verdugo Oaks for camp laundry! If you or anyone you know might be able to make this tax-deductible contribution to our camp, please call Terry Hall at 661-713-0310.

Do you need anything sewn on to your uniform? Ingrid Garside, at 2521 Cross St. in La Crescenta is willing to sew any uniform patches on for anyone who needs her help! Just give her a call at 818-957-8201.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>September 2005</b>				1 -IEC Cmte. Mtg. 7pm	2	3
4	5 VHC Closed <b>Labor Day</b>	6	7	8 <b>Program Kickoff</b> 6pm	9	10 -OA Lodge Banquet -Area HAT Meeting
11	12	13 -HAT Mtg. 7pm  <b>Yom Kippur</b>	14 -Exec. Cmte. Meeting 7am	15 -Fthl. Cmte. & Cmsr. Mtg. 7pm	16 -OA Fall Ordeal -Woodbadge Part I	17 -Y.P.T. -OA Fall Ordeal -HAT LNT Weekend
18 -OA Fall Ordeal -HAT LNT Weekend	19	20	21	22 -Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm	23	24
25	26	27	28 -Executive Board Barbeque	29	30 -Webelos Leader Outdoor Training -LFL Recharter Due	

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2	3 -HAT CPR Recertification	4 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	5	6 -IEC Cmte. Mtg. 7pm -OA Meeting	7	8 -New Leader, YPT, CS Leader Specific Trng, & Trp Cmte Challenge -HAT First Aid
9	10 <b>Columbus Day</b>	11 -HAT Mtg. 7pm	12 -Exec. Cmte Meeting 7am -Qrtrly Investment Trust Meeting	13 -Round Table 7:30pm	14 -Little Philmont	15 -Little Philmont -HAT First Aid -Elks' award dinner for Bill O'Leary 5pm
16	17	18	19	20 -Fthl. Cmte. & Recharter Distribution	21	22 -New Leader, YPT, CS Leader Specific Trng, & Trp Cmte Challenge -HAT First Aid
23 -Haunt-On 30	24 -Popcorn Order Turn-in <b>Halloween 31</b>	25	26 -Executive Board Meeting 7am	27 -Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm	28 -Haunt-On -Orienteering Wknd -Silver Fir Mtg	29 -Haunt-On -Orienteering Wknd -SM/ASM Leader Specific Training



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