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The Officers of the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America

Proudly introduces the Class of 2005 Silver Beavers!

The Silver Beaver selection team, comprised of Dennis Fors, Jim Hoffman, Patrick Liddell & Bill O'Leary met in November, to select the Verdugo Hills Council Silver Beaver recipients. All Districts were represented with nominees, and the committee selected the following for recognition at the January 19th Council Recognition Banquet:

Tom Fernley
Bob McCormick
Bill Thomas

The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a local Council can make to a volunteer Scouter. Congratulations to Tom, Bob & Bill...you join a long list of distinguished Scouters who are appreciated by the Verdugo Hills Council!

HERE COMES 2006 F.O.S.!

There are several ways that the local Boy Scout Council are funded. Foundation grants, Board member gifts, special events and wills & bequests are just a few. Whenever we make application for funding, we are asked "what do the families of the Scouts do to support the Council?" Our answer is always, the family FRIENDS OF SCOUTING campaign! Known as FOS, this is a volunteer driven campaign where-by every family in Scouting is asked to direct their financial contribution for the year to the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America. It costs approximately \$180, per boy, per year, to provide the Scouting program. When your district representative calls on you to make your pledge, please be generous & give until it feels good!

WORLD JAMBOREE!

Start making preparations now for the 2007 World Jamboree, planned for jolly old England! The Jamboree will be hosted by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom from July 27 until August 8 of the year 2007—the centennial year of the founding of the Scouting movement. The fun will include tours of London, as well as favorite Jamboree activities, such as World Village, The Gilwell Adventure, Global Development Village, and Community Action Day!

The Western Region has seen fit to allot the Verdugo Hills Council 10 youth member spots. This is a pretty good number for a Council our size. Let's hope that we fill all the spaces, otherwise we will not be so similarly blessed at the next one! Eligible youth participants are Scouts and Venturers who will be between the ages of 14 and 17 years old on July 27, 2007. For more information, visit www.scouting.org.



PowWow Theme: Rock Around the Pack

On February 4, 2006, at Arroyo High School, in El Monte, CA, Cub Scout Leaders, Cub Scout Parents, and Den Chiefs, from the Verdugo Hills Council, San Gabriel Valley Council, and the Long Beach Area Council, will get together for an exciting day of fun, festivities, and training at the 2006 PowWow! The theme for the event is a 50's style "Rock Around the Pack!"

The fee for the event is \$12.00 per person if paid before January 27th, or \$25.00 after that date. There will be a separate on site Youth Protection Training for any leaders or parents who need it. Pre-registration for the YP Training is advised, as space is limited.

Registration forms for the event can be downloaded from the council website, picked up in the Council Office, or you can contact the VHC Coordinator, Barbwire at 818-248-2839! This promises to be a great event—SO DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!!!

Congratulations New Eagle Scouts!

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

Steve R. Smirch	Troop 210
Benjamin L. Tjolker	Troop 288
Andrew H. McNamara	Troop 395
Jeffrey P. Harley	Troop 288
Patrick E. McDonnell	Troop 101
Michael Jianu	Troop 176



Cub Scout Spring Rocket Academy!

Come join the Verdugo Hills Council in celebrating Cubs Rocketing into Space at Camp Verdugo Oaks. This event is open to all Cub Scouts and their families. The event will kick-off at 7:00p.m. on Friday April 28, 2006, and will last until Sunday morning around 11:30a.m., April 30, 2006. Events will include: Rocket building and launch; Crafts; Nature; BB Guns; and Archery

Individuals/Units will have to provide their own tents and personal gear, everything else will be included. Every Participant will receive a Rocket Academy Patch. There is an "Early Bird" fee of \$35.00 per participant (including rocket) if received on or before, March 31, 2006, and \$28.00 per participant (not including rocket) if received on or before, March 31, 2006. The fee will increase to \$45.00 (with rocket) and \$35.00 (without rocket) after that date. There will be a limit on the number of participants we can have in camp overnight - so be sure to sign up early!!! Sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis!

We will also have a limited number of sign-ups available for day use on Saturday only. Saturday day use check-in will begin at 7:30a.m. The fee for Saturday day use only is listed on the registration form. Be sure to register early!!! For more information: Please contact the Council Office.

Council Commissioner's Corner Harriet Hammons' Goals for 2006:

- Every unit has a commissioner
- Every unit has two-deep leadership
- Every unit participates in at least three council events
- Every unit provides a program to attract new youth
- Every unit has fun!

2006...The Year of the Cougar



Welcome, Incoming President Bob Bunker!

The Verdugo Hills Council is proud to welcome our 2006 Council President, Bob Bunker. Mr. Bunker is an Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm, has been active in Scouting for over 50 years, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Verdugo Hills Council for over 10 years. His service includes six years as Verdugo Hills Council Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Blazer Day Camp Director, 1983 World Jamboree Scoutmaster, and a Camporee and Scout-O-Rama District Committee Member.

Mr. Bunker has received the Silver Beaver, the Scouter's Training Award, Scoutmaster's Key, Commissioner's Key, Commissioner's Arrowhead Honor, Distinguished Commissioner's Service Award, District Award of Merit, and the President's Award. He has received his Wood Badge Beads, and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He is also recipient of the LDS Adult religious On My Honor award.

Mr. Bunker currently serves at the Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and other Ward level responsibilities. He helped organize the first Explorer Post at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1971. While on his church mission to Germany in 1966, he received a special assignment to re-introduce Scouting into the Church's youth program and started the first four units affiliated with the church in that region since 1937. Mr. Bunker and his wife are active members of the community. Mr. Bunker served 13 years as a reserve Deputy Sheriff for Los Angeles County, and for three years on the Caltech Alumni Board of Directors. He is currently a member of the Pasadena City College Electronics Curriculum Committee.

Mr. Bunker and his family have been a very important part of this council and this community, and we look forward to a wonderful year of Scouting under his leadership as the Verdugo Hills Council President.

Eagle Recognition Dinner

We will be celebrating the accomplishments of the 68 young men in the Verdugo Hills Council who achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in 2005 at the Castaway Restaurant on April 6, 2006. This is an elegant dinner with a program of recognition for these hard-working Scouts. The Eagle Scouts will attend this banquet free of charge, as we will find sponsors for each of them. The price to sponsor an Eagle is \$125, which includes dinner for the sponsor and the Scout, as well as a special gift for the Eagle Scout. Guests of the Eagle or sponsor may also attend for the price of \$50 each. For more information concerning this event please contact Tony Enterante at the Council Office.

Let's show these scouts how proud we are of them by sponsoring them for an evening of celebration in their honor!

Help Needed at CVO!

Ranger Terry Hall needs some help with the backstop at the Archery Range at Camp. This will involve mainly stretching the Chain link fence and attaching the backstop material. Once that is completed, we will have to stack the straw bales and fasten them. In some place they need to be stacked about 10 feet high. If you can help, or need some service hours, please contact Camp Ranger Terry Hall at (661) 257-2265.

Unit Commissioners

We are in need of unit commissioners! No experience needed, we'll train you. This is a great opportunity for those who may have passed the adult leadership baton to others. If you, or someone you know, is interested in a liaison position between the Council and one or more units, please talk to your District Commissioner.

Foothill: Ross Kelsey - MRossKelsey@msn.com

Iron Eyes Cody: Skip Gillett - skipgillett@charter.net

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 New Year's Day	2 VHC Closed	3	4 -IEC cmsr meeting 7pm	5 -IEC Cmte mtg. -OA Lodge mtg.	6	7
8	9	10 -HAT Meeting	11 -Exec. Cmte. Meeting 7am -Qrtly Investment & Trust Mtg.	12 -Round Table 7:30 pm -OA Lodge mtg.	13	14
15	16 VHC Closed Martin L. King Day	17 -OA Vigil Dinner	18	19 -VHC Annual Meeting & Dinner @ The Castaway	20	21 -Wilderness 1st Aid Basics -HAT Trail Boss
22 -HAT Trailboss	23	24	25 -Exec. Board meeting 7am	26 -Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm	27	28 -Wilderness 1st Aid Basics
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5 Scout Sunday -Scouting Anniversary Week Begins	6	7 -HAT Meeting	8 -Exec. Cmte Meeting 7am	9 -Round Table 7:30pm -OA Lodge mtg.	10	11 Scout Sabbath -Scouting Anvsry Week Ends -Wilderness Awareness Indoor
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 VHC Closed Presidents' Day	21 -Council Calendar Planning Session -Foothills Cmte. & Cmsr. mtg. 7pm	22 Washington's Birthday	23 -Eagle Scout Board of Review 7pm	24	25 -Hat Trailboss -New Leader, YPT, CS Leader Specific Trng, & Trp Cmte Challenge
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Want current information about what's going on in the Verdugo Hills

Check out our Web Pages at www.vhcsa.org, or connect up with someone in your unit who's on the district email list.



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Learning for Life:

Terry Duffy at tduffy@bsamail.org

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Tributes

A Christmas donation to the Verdugo Hills Council has been given in Honor of

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kilgore

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