

HAT HiLites

Los Angeles Area Council

April 2011

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ The USDA Forest Service and associated Los Angeles River Ranger District volunteer organizations will celebrate California Trails Day on April 16 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the Red Box Trail System. For additional information contact David Ledford at 310/373-2111.
- ❖ Lake Mead National Recreation Area will be celebrating National Park Week, April 16-24, with free entry, hikes and events for the whole family.
- ❖ The Antelope Valley District and Troop 737 are sponsoring The Big Ride 2011. It is June 3-5 in the beautiful Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. There are 25, 50, and 100 mile options. For more information or to sign up contact Vance Pomeroy at 661/361-5619 (vance@juniperpacific.com).
- ❖ The time is ripe for Eagle projects in the local National Forests. Contact John Horton (310/375-5032) or David Ledford (310/373-2111) for more information and a list of possible Eagle projects.
- ❖ Highway 2 is closed at Eagle's Roost, so those going to Little Jimmy have an extra mile or so.
- ❖ Interested in Climbing Merit Badge? A portable climbing wall is available. We bring the mountain to your troop. Contact William Consterdine, at 562/686-1020.

HAT Websites: <<http://www.laac-hat.com>>, <<http://www.boyscoutsla.org>> & click Scouting Links

Future Events

Jul 17 - Aug 1	Provisional contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch	Council-Camping
Jul 23 - 30	Provisional contingent to Log Cabin	Council-HAT

3-Month Calendar

Apr 5	HAT Meeting	
Apr 16	CA Trails Day	Forest Service
Apr 18	Rock, Rope, Rescue Seminar	See attached
May 3	HAT Meeting	
May 6-8	Rock, Rope, Rescue Field Experience	
May 7	Trail Boss (Advanced)	
Jun 1	HAT Meeting	
Jun 4	National Trails Day	Forest Service

* HAT meetings are open to all registered adults, 7:30 p.m., LAAC Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles.

** Weekend field experience to be scheduled at the seminar.

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HAT HiLites is published monthly by the LAAC High Adventure Team to inform Scout Leaders of specific program, service, and other High Adventure activities and opportunities available in the coming months. For additional information about a specific entry, please call or email the appropriate HAT contact.

Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training - 2011

Knowledge of safe and effective climbing practices can open this exhilarating activity to you and your Scouts. The objectives of this training module are to introduce the adult Scouter to the BSA climbing program and to the specialized skills and techniques of basic rock climbing and rope use/rescue. The Unit can experience the challenges of high-mountain travel, especially using crosscountry routes, with confidence because of this training in climbing and in rope use and rescue techniques. Participants will also be instructed in the eight points of the BSA's Climb On Safely procedure. The opportunities and requirements for being trained as a BSA qualified climbing instructor will be discussed.

This High Adventure training begins with an indoor seminar, Monday, April 18, 2011, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. Friday evening, May 6, we will establish a base camp in Joshua Tree National Park, for field training on May 7 and 8. (The Park has a \$10.00 per vehicle entry fee.) You will be instructed in the use of rope and other gear for climbing (both belay and rappel) and in rope rescue techniques. Then you will do some climbing. Your High Adventure Team staff includes BSA qualified climbing instructors who have years of experience. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch.

A fee of \$10.00 is charged for the training. Each participant may be required to obtain a limited quantity of special equipment. The LAAC-HAT provides the climbing ropes and the other gear. Registration is required by April 14. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are less than 5 sign-ups by that date. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.



Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the LAAC-HAT. It may be purchase at the Scout Shop or downloaded from the Council website. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Pete Matthews; Vice Chair-Training: 424-224-7746; e-mail, matthews_peter@msn.com. Questions about this training should be directed to Stephen Dodson, Course Director, at c: (818) 967-1323; e-mail: sedodson1@roadrunner.com

Training Bulletin

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----- Detach and include with your check -----

Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training - 2011

Please register me for attendance at this LAAC-HAT training program. A check for **\$10.00**, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-LAAC, is enclosed. I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

Name: _____

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Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

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