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FAMILIES: THE FUTURE OF SCHOEPE SCOUT RESERVATION

I believe we have developed a very compelling vision statement for all of our Council's beautiful camp properties, "to become the premier family outdoor programming destination for all families in Orange County"...and of course Scouts and families all over the Western Region are welcome too! With this vision in mind, we have recently kicked off a camp strategic long range planning process, which will include recommendations for developing the future of Lost Valley focusing on the following five categories: Marketing, Program, Manpower, Facilities and Finance. As we enter into this planning phase, we know some ideas will be implemented quickly, while long range projects will roll out over the next 3 to 5 years. Ideas that will likely be rolled out quickly include: new specialty camps like the 2007 Trail to Eagle; high adventure programs for older Scouts and Ventures; a new multi-use outdoor sports court (basketball and volleyball), and the



Grace shower house remodel, to name a few. Long range considerations include: 10 mile dirt road improvements, comprehensive lake development and a new archery range structure. But these only scratch the surface of some of the great ideas that will come from Scouts and Scouters over the next few months. As we grow, change and improve upon an already amazing camp facility, we invite you to come along for the ride. Bring your Scouts, family members and friends

to the camp of a lifetime. Help us dream and make our dreams become reality. Lost Valley is about great camping and camping is the great memory maker for the family! Come to Lost Valley in 2008 and bring the entire family!

Marty Cutrone
Director of Camping

2008 Lost Valley Family Camp Offerings

Webelos Partner and Pal—April 25-27, 2008

A fun filled weekend designed for first or second year Webelos and one of his parents.

Holiday Family Camps—May 23-26, and Sept. 5-8, 2008

Bring the Whole Family

Six Weeks of Traditional Scout Summer Camp - June 30 to August 10

Cub Resident Camp—July 2-5, 2008

The perfect extended overnight camp outing for Cubs Scouts and their parent(s).



(See page 4 for more information)

Wi-Fi In The Valley



Microwave antenna installation at Casey Hall, providing Wi-Fi.

Every cloud has a silver lining. What was the silver lining to the 2003 fire at Lost Valley that destroyed over \$200,000 in phone lines? In the rebuilding process we turned to new technology for a cost effective replacement of the phone lines. A microwave system was proposed and constructed.

The new microwave system became operational in 2006 providing a full T-1 system into camp. Using VoIP technology we now have eight telephone lines, including phones at the Scoutmaster Lounge on both

sides of camp. In 2007, we deployed Wi-Fi hotspots. They are located in Beckman Hall, Casey Lodge, Tom Tabb Center and The Business Office. Telephone, as well as internet access is now available to ALL adult leaders at no additional cost.

To access the internet you'll need to know your MAC address. The first time you log-on you won't be able to access the internet until you are authorized by the Business Office. Because we have limited bandwidth we request no streaming audio or videos

or downloading of large files. Of course we know one of the great features about camping is to un-plug from civilization for a week or a weekend. If you just want to relax, leave the laptop at home and enjoy the great outdoors, we can accommodate that very well. But, if you need to bring it for work or personal needs, you may do so. We do, however, suggest locking it in your car! Bottom line, we understand the technical/communication needs of parents who are also business people.

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Character AND Good Food Counts!

2007 will go down as the year of new character building programs at Lost Valley! We received countless accolades about our new radio station, COPE course, horse program, staff leadership, merit badge programs and the new road travel CD...yup, bumper tunes, and camp news as you travel the rustic trail into camp.

However, the one area EVERYONE raved about continually during the summer was the dining hall experience and the great food offerings! After many years of hiring outside food service companies, and not really serving the quality and quantity of food our Scouts deserved, we went "mom and pop". That is,

we launched our own food service for the first time in many, many years.

Behind the scenes the transition was a challenge but the food quality and our camper reviews told us we hit a home run!

Comments like:

- "Best food of any camp we've been to"
- "The salad bars were great"
- "We loved the Jalapenos"
- "Good mix of kid friendly food and healthy stuff for adults"
- "Best food this camp has ever served"
- "We'll come back just for the food"

All followed by the highest rating numbers we have ever seen...turns out, GOOD

FOOD COUNTS!

So, if you're looking for a Scout camp known for its excellent program, character development, and fantastic home cooked food, like grandma used to make, come join us for the 2008 summer camp...It's the camp of a lifetime!



Trail to Eagle Camp

In 2008 the Trail to Eagle camp will offer Scouts two options: **Option 1:** Any Scout attending with his troop, any week, First Class and above can participate. Each Trail to Eagle Scout will work on a separate summer camp "track," pursuing Eagle required merit badges, receive valuable coaching from Eagle mentors, participate in special projects and classes and receive special Trail to Eagle tools and recognition items. This affords some flexibility and focus. Boys using Option 1 will camp with their troop. **Option 2:** This week-long camp affords individual Scouts the ability to camp with Scouts from all over So. Cal in a troop and patrol format. This is a concentrated week with Eagle mentors, special guest speakers, a mock Eagle project and overnighter. Adult leadership is provided. (Unit leaders are welcome to join the Eagle Troop leadership on a first-come first-serve basis. Leader fees are reduced). Boys in this specialty camp will participate in the same program and schedule available to all boys during the morning sessions. During the afternoon sessions, boys in the Eagle program will participate in special Merit Badge classes, including Communications, Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World, Personal Management and Fitness, as needed. There will also be

seminars on subjects such as; filling out the Eagle application, selecting and planning an Eagle project, writing up and executing the project and the Eagle board of review. Scouts in this program will be free to participate in most evening programs, including horse overnights, Friday afternoon Aquacade, camp wide games, Decathlon, and the Friday evening program.

This is an exciting new direction that will help adult leaders guide and encourage more boys to pursue and achieve the rank of Eagle, while still preserving the high standards associated with earning the rank. Adult leaders are welcome to attend the Eagle seminars. We will announce further refinements to the program in upcoming Tribune newsletters. 2008 is going to be a great Summer Season.

Important Note: It is imperative that you know that no Scout can earn Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World, Personal Management and Fitness, in one week, unless they have completed the prerequisites listed on the Merit Badge sign-up website prior to arriving at camp. We encourage boys to come to camp with the prerequisites completed and with the goal of finishing the Merit Badge at camp.



The other option is to start an Eagle required badge at camp, getting some valuable coaching from merit badge counselors, with a goal of finishing the badge later in the year. These options make the Trail to Eagle camp ideal for First Class Scouts and above, on the quest for the rank of Eagle.



Indian Village - Archeology Merit Badge

2007 saw the return of the Indian Village/Archeology merit badge program. Boys participated in building authentic Cupeno Indian shelters, making fry bread, learning the native Indian culture and had the opportunity to stay in the shelters they helped make.

One of the few camps in California to offer Archeology Merit Badge, boys at Lost Valley explored first hand real

archeology dig sites, examined Indian artifacts and were able to participate in a mock dig.

Both programs will continue and will expand to allow more boys to participate. We are very fortunate to have such a rich Native American history in the valley. We encourage you to pass this wonderful educational experience on to your Scouts.



Open Camping at Lost Valley

Calling All Scout Troops, Cub Packs and Dens, Venture Crews, Families, Non Scout Youth Groups, and Adults

Did you know that Lost Valley is available year round except for aquatics and horses? All program areas are available. Your group can rent the cabins, use Beckman Dining Hall, Casey Dining Hall and the Tom Tabb Center for retreats, team building, seminars, training or just plain fun. You may also book our regular campsites to achieve more of an outdoor rustic camping experience.

For groups with more than 50 participants, we offer excellent food service. Depending on weather and the availability of Campmasters/staff, program areas are available, or you can host your own program. We offer conservation projects, hikes, NRA training, specialty weekends including Merit Badge programs in Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation, Fish and Wildlife, and Environmental Science.

For more information and to book your group, contact the camping department, Toni Klemm at 714-546-4990 ext 136.



Cub Scout Programs at Lost Valley

Lost Valley is a GREAT place for Cub Scouts and their families.

Family Camping: Cub packs and dens are encouraged to take advantage of open camping at Lost Valley. Tent camping or cabins are available along with food service for groups of 50 or more. Programs such as archery, BB guns, nature hikes and service projects can be provided.

Holiday Family Camp: Bring your pack, den or family to Memorial and Labor day weekends. All program areas are open. Enjoy horse rides, shooting sports, nature programs, the pools, volleyball, horse shoes, mountain bikes, special activities for young campers and adults and don't forget the Big Tex Hay Ride. There is a movie Saturday evening and the entertaining campfire Sunday evening.

Webelos Partner and Pal. Spend the weekend together camping in tents or the cabins working on Cub belt loops and activity pin

advancement. Great food is provided in our dining halls. A cheerful campmaster staff works with boys in the many program areas. Enjoy the evening campfire, entertainment provided by the boys and staff, followed by a trip to the telescope to gaze at the stars. A great weekend, one that your boys will want to come back to year after year.

Cub Resident Camp. Spend four days and three nights having fun, while working on Cub advancement. Camp in the same campsites and tents the Boy Scouts use and enjoy great food in the dining halls. Swim every day in the pool, shoot archery, BB guns, sling shots, enjoy nature hikes, astronomy, introduction to the horses, and the "Mud Slide" Finally, have fun at the Friday evening program, the western BBQ, carnival and stage show with

the Boy Scouts.

To sign up for all of these programs, contact Toni Klemm at 714-546-4990 ext 136. See you at the Valley!

