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Dear Commissioners,

Springtime and Scouting are in full bloom as we enjoy longer days and weather that just makes us want to spend time outside. This month's commissioner newsletter will bring you up to speed on all the goings on for commissioners in Orange County Council.

What Should a Unit Commissioner Be Discussing with Unit Leaders in the Month of May?

- **For Cub Packs**

- Do new Tiger Cub dens have a leader?
- Have new Cubs earned their Bobcat yet?
- Will all boys be attending Cub Day Camp? Now's the time to sign up!



- **For Boy Scout Troops**

- Have new Scouts (who just bridged) earned their Scout rank? On their way to Tenderfoot?
- Is the troop actively promoting summer camp attendance for those not yet signed up?



- **For all units**

- Have parents of new boys been recruited to committee or leadership positions?
- Have those new leaders been trained in YPT? Position-specific training?
- Has the unit picked a date for its program planning conference in late spring/early summer? This is the perfect time of year to plan the program ahead, while reservations can still be made for camping facilities.
- Have service projects and camping trips been reported online?



Upcoming Commissioner Events:

May 15th, Thursday at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Basic Training at the Irvine LDS Stake, 23 Lake St, Irvine, 7:00 PM. Every commissioner serving a unit should take basic training, and this is a perfect opportunity.

September 20th, 2014, Area Commissioner's Conference, LDS Stake center in Burbank, CA. Contact Deputy Council Commissioner Joe Koch at jwkoch@pacbell.net to arrange a carpool and if you are interested in teaching at this event.

March 14th, 2015, Regional Commissioner's College for four councils (Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, Verdugo Hills, and San Gabriel Valley) in the San Gabriel Valley. More information to follow in a future newsletter.

Commissioner of the Month **Josh Dart—Tiburon District Commissioner**



This month we begin a regular feature of the unit commissioner's newsletter—recognition of one of our own who has accomplished something special.

Josh Dart, District Commissioner of Tiburon District has always been a highly engaged, enthusiastic commissioner. This month Josh taught thirty, 11 year-old Scouts an ultralight cooking techniques for backpacking, using a "trail microwave" of freezer bags in silver foil packaging. He shepherded Lomarena Elementary School's new Pack # 763 into existence, training and cultivating new leaders and also helped Pack 1773 recruit its own new set of leaders. He successfully avoided a flooded tent at Tiburon's Camporee and still found time to find new unit commissioners for Packs 702 and 734.

Better still, Josh is a father of 4 “awesome” (his word) children, of which three are boys. Though he grew up here in Orange County, Josh speaks three languages: English, Spanish, and Portuguese. As a boy in pack and troop 1180 in Anaheim Hills, LDS Anaheim 10th Ward, he earned both the Arrow of Light and the Eagle rank. A former Lost Valley summer camp staffer, he has completed almost every Scout leader training available, started scout pack 1850, been a Cubmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, and Webelos den leader. Professionally, Josh is in the software business. His philosophy on life: he loves the words “impossible” and “cannot”, because they imply a challenge to be overcome.

Congratulations, Josh, our commissioner of the month.