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Pio Pico Newsletter

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'Twas the Campout Before Christmas

By Kimberly Gilbert
With Apologies to Clement C. Moore

'Twas the campout before Christmas, and all through the Pack.
All the parents were sleeping, each one in their sack. The wet
socks were hung up on a half-hitch taut line, in hopes they'd be
sorta dry by den hike time.

The Cubs were all snuggled in cold weather mummies,
With too many s'mores stuffed down in their tummies.
And Ma on the air mattress and I on my cot
Had just settled down – without pillows; we forgot.

When outside my tent there arose such a noise,
I sprang from my cot thinking, "Oh, those boys!"
So, I grabbed my flashlight with the non-slip grip,
And fumbled with my front door so hard to unzip.

The moon shone through the treetops so clear and so bright, I
could see like the daytime even though it was night. And what
to my red, weary eyes should appear,
But a blue and gold sleigh and a pack of reindeer.

A little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
Much faster than Eagles his den of deer came.
He held up two fingers and called them by name.

"Now, Tiger! Wolf, Bear! Now Weeb and Low!
On Bobcat! On Den-Chief! On Den-Leader! Go!
To the top of the tent, to the dining fly yon,
Now hurry up, hurry up, hurry up. Go on!"

As lightning bugs flit and light like a fairy
On a soft summer breeze that moves through the prairie,
So up to the fire ring the reindeer did glide
With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas inside.

'And then in a twinkling, I heard them all munch.
On all of those carrots left over from lunch.
As I turned on my flashlight and tried to turn round,
I tripped on my tent line and fell to the ground.

And there stood St. Nick – he was dressed all in khaki!
With his red wool patch jacket that looked kinda wacky.
A bundle of goodies he had flung on his back.
He looked like a den chief just opening his pack.

His eyes – how they twinkled! His dimples – how merry!
His cheeks were like hot coals, his nose like a berry.
His lips they were holding a "Hot Hands" aglow,
Which lit up his beard which was white as the snow.

His kerchief was wreath green and rolled nice and tight.
For any good Scout he was surely a sight!
He had a broad face and a round little tummy.
That shook when he laughed like a big red squid gummy!

He was chubby and plump – a right jolly, old Scout,
And I laughed and I smiled for I hadn't a doubt.
A wink of his eye and a two-fingered sign
Soon let me know I would be just fine.
He said not a word but went straight to his work
He filled all the wet socks and then turned with a smirk,
And laying two fingers aside of his brow,
He gave a big belch after sampling our chow!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his pack gave a shout,
(Confirming to me he was really a Scout).
But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all and to all, a good night!"



Happy Holidays Pio Pico District Leaders and Parents! As the new year approaches, let us take a moment to look back at all the wonderful times we had with our scouts. We should always remember the challenges we had to face during the hard times and embrace the great strength from those outcomes and let us take those moments with us into the New Year. Let us look back at the wonderful memories that we were able to share with our youth at summer camp, remember our Eagles that are embarking on new adventures as young adults, and recognize the leaders who worked tirelessly side by side to make the Scouting movement memorable.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS MONTH IN PERSON AT ROUNDTABLE AND LET US CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY CHEER TOGETHER IN THE HOLIDAY TREAT EXCHANGE!

Pio Pico
Holiday Treat Exchange

December 20, 2023

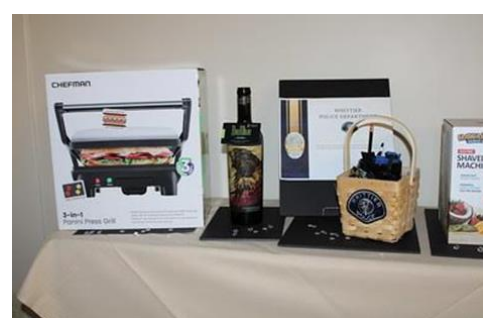
Please bring at least a dozen treats that show your Winter Traditions to share with other Scouters!

Starts at 7 PM
13222 Bailey St., Whitter
(Enter Social Hall on Friends Ave)

Good Scout Dinner Award

The first post-pandemic Good Scout Dinner Award was held on November 2, 2023, for the Pio Pico District at the Whittier Doubletree by Hilton Hotel after a hiatus. The Good Scout Dinner Committee left the supporters in awe while they worked together trying to solve the Diamond Heist Mystery. Lots of bidding and friendly discussions were held as participants bid on live and silent auction items. The Pio Pico District had the pleasure of honoring the amazing work of the Whittier Police Department for their extraordinary dedication and commitment to the City of Whittier and Santa Fe Springs. Thank you, Eric Arentsen, VP of Operations who spoke on behalf of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council and who also had some kind words for Pio Pico and the event. Also, representing the Greater Los Angeles Area Council were Maricela Orendain, Area Leadership Manager and Unit Coordinator Cameron Summers.

We are so happy to announce that this event raised \$16,000.00 to help keep Scouting programs alive in the Pio Pico District and Greater Los Angeles Area Council. *Special thank you to the Good Scout Dinner Award Committee, especially Sally Grimaldy and Mary Gaither who worked countless hours to make an unforgettable evening GSDA. We hope to see you there next year.*



Pio Pico Spring Camporee!

Date: April 19- 21, 2024

Location: Prado Park

Cost: \$30.00

Please sign up via- [Scouts of the Roundtable](#)



To participate in the upcoming Camporee like the knights of old, we kindly request that you register as a Scout Unit rather than individual registrations. This will help us streamline the process and ensure a seamless experience for everyone. Upon successfully registering your unit, a comprehensive email containing essential information for the Camporee will be sent your way.

We'd like to emphasize that there won't be any day-use option available for this event. Hence, we kindly ask you to include all attendees, including Scouts and accompanying leaders, within your unit's registration. Let's embark on this thrilling adventure through time together and make lasting memories at this Medieval Themed Camporee!

Location: Prado Regional Park, [16700 Euclid Ave, Chino, CA 91708](#)

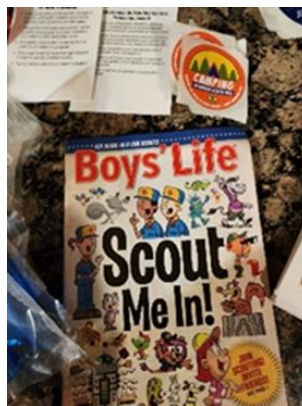
Fee: \$30.00 per person (no refunds)

Recruitment Materials

If you want any of the items below, please email Virginia or Cameron Summers.

There are wristbands, flashlights, stickers, Boys Life minis, and recruitment envelopes. Please Contact Virginia Wetzel for more details: varcourt@twc.com

Or reach out to Cameron Summers: Cameron.Summers@scouting.org



Roundtable falls on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Roundtable is now meeting in person, and we want to see you there! Tables will be set up with fliers and information to share.

Remember, Roundtable is for everyone!

Next roundtable meeting will be on:

December 20, 2023

We meet at 7pm at the First Methodist Church
13222 Bailey St. Whittier, CA 90601.

We hope to see you there!



Congratulations **Rockie Mooney** for being a part of the class of 2023 Silver Beaver Recipients!

Dinner will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Quiet Cannon, 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA 90640

To celebrate this honor with Rockie please register at [Council Annual Dinner](#)

Mickey Award Nomination- Unit Leader of Year

The Mickey Award is a special award presented to a unit leader or leaders who have demonstrated outstanding service within their unit. **The limit is two Mickey Award nominations per unit.** This award will be presented at the Pio Pico District Annual Awards Dinner on March 2, 2024. *Please make sure that your honoree will attend the dinner to receive the award.*

Nomination forms must be received by: **January 17, 2024**

Roger Reynolds
6709 Washington Ave. #576
Whittier, CA 90601
Or email to:
reynolds461@gmail.com

If you have any questions regarding the Mickey Award, please reach out to Roger Reynolds

2023		December				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas Pio Pico District!	26	27	28	29	30	31
01	02	Notes: No District events happening this month. Happy Holidays Pio Pico!				

SAVE THE DATES:

- January 17, 2024- Mickey Award Deadline
- January 20, 2024- Pio Pico Merit Badge/Cub Scout Adventure Day**
- January 24, 2024 – Council Annual Dinner
- April 19-21, 2024 – Pio Pico Camporee
- March 2, 2024 -Pio Pico District Dinner

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01	02	Notes: No training happening for this month- Happy Holidays!				

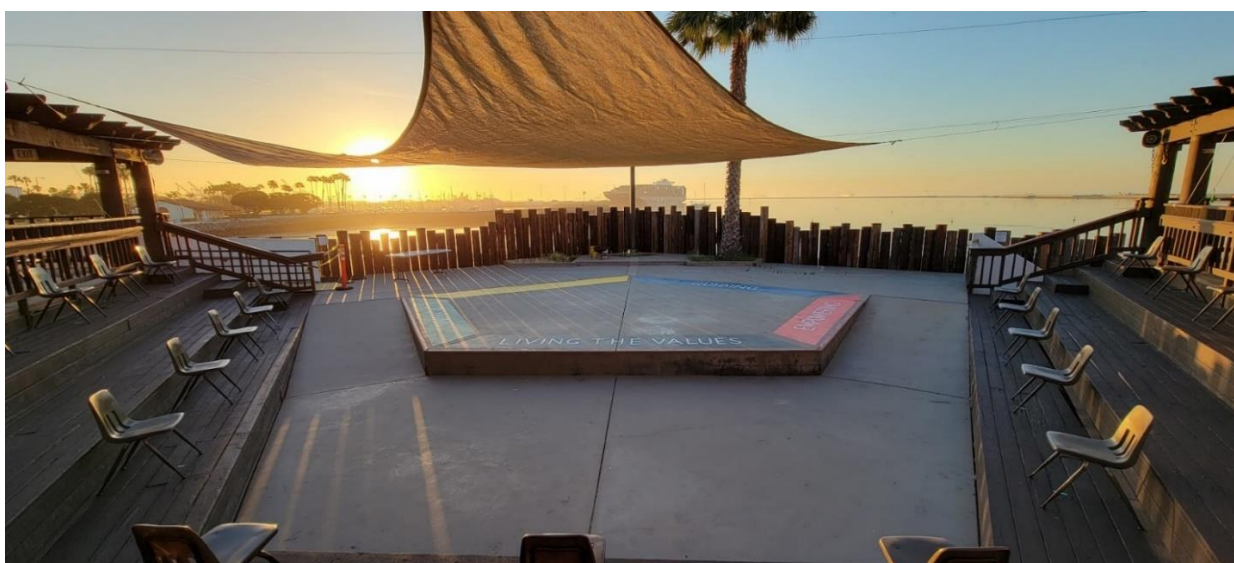
SAVE THE DATES:

- 01/02/2024- H.A.T Meeting @ Cushman
- 1/08/2024- Snow Shoeing & Cross Training
- 1/13/2024- Cross Country Skiing Field Experience
- 1/20/2024- Snow & Ice Travel Field Experience
- 1/24/2024- Snow Shoeing Field Experience
- 02/03-4/2024- Winter Camping & Travel Experience

Council Training Dates:



WOOD BADGE- Registration is already closed but it will be back next year!



[Wood Badge Registration and Info](#)