

GOLDEN WEST

CALENDAR

October

Round Table	11
Commissioner Meeting	16
District Committee Meeting	17
O.A. Chapter Meeting	18

November

Round Table	08
OA Chapter Meeting	15
Commissioner Meeting	20
District Committee Meeting	21
Charter Turn in	30

December

Round Table	13
Commissioner Meeting	18
Committee Meeting	19
O.A. Chapter meeting	20

Golden West Advancement

Summer is now past. I hope your unit has had or will soon hold a court of honor. It is always great to get to wear the new merit badges and ranks you have earned at summer camp. Make sure you sew the badges on your sash or shirt immediately so you can show them off to your fellow scouts.

I would like to bring up the subject of adult recognition. Scouting is a volunteer organization. We all volunteer to help our sons and daughters become leaders in Scouting. The program is for our youth. We offer our time, energy, and resources without the expectations of reward - and this is how it should be. Over the years Scouting has seen fit to say thank you to its volunteers by offering some small recognition for what we give to Scouting. Now is the time to submit recommendations to the Scout office for District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver and Sparkplug awards. They are due by the end of October. These awards tell others of your dedication to Scouting, and the training you have taken to become a trained leader. We have made a commitment to our youth to seek training so that they may experience the Boy Scout program as it was intended. These awards are a way of saying thank you to each other.

For more information on these awards, please contact your Commissioner.

Mark Blomquist

It's Popcorn Time!



Scouting for Free?

Would your Scout's like to increase their den and pack activities? Would your scouting families like it all to be for free? It really can be! Every group has the opportunity to get involved with the popcorn fundraising campaign through Trails End. It's really very easy and your group can receive many benefits. Once your packet is received, your group simply starts selling the products to friends, family, neighbors and community contacts. Your group can then earn 30% commission on every product they sell plus really neat prizes! That can really add up!

At the same time, it allows our Scouts to be a part of a successful team; their group really can't lose! It also encourages them to interact with their community and share their scouting spirit. They improve their communication skills. It helps them be responsible by following through from the initial sale to the product distribution and collection of funds. It builds their self-esteem as they work to earn really cool prizes. AND BEST OF ALL, it gives each Scout the opportunity to have all the benefits of scouting for FREE!

<i>Key Dates:</i>	<i>September 22nd</i>	<i>Kick-off</i>
	<i>October 19th</i>	<i>Sale ends</i>
	<i>October 23rd</i>	<i>Popcorn and Prize orders are due</i>
	<i>November 2-3</i>	<i>Units pick up popcorn & begin distribution</i>
	<i>November 16th</i>	<i>Popcorn money is Due!</i>

If you have any questions, please call Paricia Barton at 436-1339 or Bob Collins at 320-2100 ex 116

Cub Scout Day Camp a Success!



Cub Scout Day Camp was held July 16-20 at VFW Post 8900

We had 65 Scouts that raced around having fun doing archery, leather craft and many other fun activities.

I want to thank all the adults that took the time to help make the camp run smooth.

We would like to say "A Special Thank You" to Scott Holm, Debra Scherr and all of the Boy Scouts from Troops 95 and 130 that helped with the stations.

I hope to see everyone at our 2008-Day Camp.

Daphne Ferguson

Golden West Camp Director