

The Varsity Letter

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January 100% Varsity Scout Leader Huddle



Elder Allen Haynie Keynote Speaker

This year we are honored to have as our keynote speaker Elder Allen Haynie, our Area Seventy. Elder Haynie is a former Young Men president, Bishop's Counselor, Bishop and Stake President. He is a long time supporter of the Boy Scout program in the church. He is especially known for his support the high adventure aspects of scouting. He graduated from Brigham Young University and then clerked for Judge Clifford Wallace of the 9th Circuit. He practices law with his brother in the law firm of Haynie and Haynie in Rancho Bernardo.

There will be a special meeting with Elder Haynie at 6:30 pm in the Relief Society Room of the Penesquitos Stake Center. He would like to meet with all of the Stake Young Men Presidents and their Counselor over Varsity Scouts.

The Huddle will begin at 7:00 pm. We will have a dutch oven dinner ready to go at 6:00 pm as well as displays in the Cultural Hall.

The 100% Huddle has a great tradition to being the best Varsity meeting of the year. With our Area Seventy as a keynote speaker, we are assured of another great meeting.

Those who are invited and encouraged to attend are Bishops, Bishop Counselors over Young Men, Ward Young Men Presidents and their Counselor over Young Men. Varsity Couches, asst. Coaches,. Stake Young Men Presidents and Counselors over the Varsity Program. Any members of the Ward Varsity Committee are invited to attend if they wish.

Stake Presidents and their Counselor over the Young Men are welcome to attend.

As with our past 100% Huddles, units are encouraged to bring a dutch oven dinner to share. They can be cooked at the Huddle site or brought fully cooked. We also would like to invites units to put up displays in the Cultural Hall. Displays can be on a High Adventure trip or about a cool piece of equipment the unit made. Please let Barry Baker know that you are going to participate. He can be contacted at:

iambarrybaker@gmail.com

The Huddle is held at the Penisquitos Stake Center. 12835 Black Mountain Road, San Diego. You can find a flyer on page six of this issue of the newsletter.

2012 Varsity Activity Dates & Contact Information

Huddles:

100% Huddle -	January 19th
March Huddle -	March 15th
May Huddle -	May 17th
August Huddle -	August 16th
October Huddle -	October 18th

Varsity Leader Training

March 9th-10th
Felicitia Stake Center

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• Ed Jones: edjonesheating@hotmail.com

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April 28th
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• Andy Schmidt:
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Mountain Man Rendezvous

September 14-15th

• Lon Atkinson:
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The Program Method

The method of developing the Varsity Team program is what makes Varsity Scouts so effective for the Teacher age young men. It is a program designed by the young men to meet the interests and needs of the young men and carried out by the young men, all with Varsity Coach advise and guidance. The elements of the programming method are in order:

1. Conduct a Varsity Scout Individual Interest Survey.
2. Team profile or hit list
3. Brain Storming by the Team
4. Conduct Resource Survey among adults
5. Develop Annual Plan
6. Calendaring the Plan, accounting for other competing calendars.
7. Submit to the Team Committee for support
8. Correlate with other Young Men programs and Ward Activities
9. Obtain Priesthood leadership approval
10. Announce to parent at Parents' Night
11. Advertise the plan (calendars to Team Members and post in the Ward Bulletin).
12. Assign Team members responsibility for conducting various parts of the plan.
13. Do it
14. Evaluate the plan – after action evaluation
15. Start over again

To assist you in developing the Team program the following handbooks may be downloaded at our Varsity Website.

- Varsity Playbook & Addendum
- Program Features
- Varsity Scout Guidebook

<http://varsity.sdicsa.org/resources.html>

Bowling Program Feature



I have had a difficult time getting excited about this Varsity Scout Bowling Program Feature. There is a Bowling Program Feature manual and that is about all. When I went to the internet for help, I found lots of information about Bowling Leagues and how to get involved and participate in them.

As with most sports, there are both amateur and professional bowlers. In some bowling centers, amateurs leagues bowl 24 hours a day. All professional bowlers begin the sport by participating in these amateur leagues.

The last time I went bowling, I was with my 18 year old girlfriend and she beat me. That was over forty years ago. But the more I thought about Bowling, the more I realized that it would work great for a Varsity Team. Considering that most of the boys haven't ever bowled in their life. And there is a lot we can teach a young man as we learn about bowling. Really.

Team talk can be a regular part of practice. Use it for education and personal development. Team members should be encouraged to talk about such things as rules of the game, principle of team play, team tactics, and concepts of fair play. These rules, principles, tactics, and concepts apply to everyday life as well as to the sport of bowling.

These discussions should be a regular segment of practice as well as taking place at any appropriate time.

Team meetings can be use for education and personal development. Some of the things that you can do are to have a guest speaker come in and talk about such things as rules of the game, principle of team play, team tactics, and concepts of fair play. Showing and talking about the equipment that a player uses when bowling will make it even more interesting.

The rules, principles, tactics, and concepts apply to everyday life as well as to the sport of bowling. These discussions should take place before you ever get onto lanes.

Warm-up and conditioning exercises al low for loosening the muscles and help in avoiding injuries. Vary the pace and type of exercise. Questions should be asked to stimulate thinking about proper eating hab its and the importance of exercise throughout life.

Teaching fundamentals is essential in the sport of Bowling. Take time to teach basic and plan simple drills to reinforce the points.

Of course to finish off the feature you need to take the boys bowling. Googling Bowling Alleys in San Diego, I found ones in Kearny Mesa, EL Cajon and at Viejas Shopping.

The Viejas Bowling Alley is small, but has great prices.

I am sure there are one or two more in San Diego. Going Bowling will take a little effort but will provide a great Team Activity.



Help Wanted: Varsity Rendezvous

Our great camp cook, Kathy 'Black Kettle' Madsen is hanging up her apron and spoon. This leaves a great opportunity for someone to take over this challenging, yet fun adventure, cooking for the 2012 Varsity Scout Blackfoot Fort Mountain Man Rendezvous. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please contact the Ol' Booshway:

Booshway@VarsityRendezvous.com

... I use the skills that I learned while earning merit badges and my Eagle rank in my schooling, especially in the business area. I have listed Scouting and my Eagle rank when applying for academic honor societies, and I will be able to use it for other things. Scouting is a great tool to help me and other young men in schooling and in preparing for a mission, a career, and life in general. Through my experiences I have found that Scouting and the Duty to God program go hand in hand and both have helped me in the learning process of life.

Hikimai Johnson
The New Era

Gathering Time Activity: Snatch the Hat

Requires two teams. The two teams face each other in two lines. Try and line them up by size. Tallest scouts across from each other and so forth.

A hat is placed in the center of the field or room. The Coach yells 'GO' and a Scout from each team runs out to the hat. Turns are taken by starting at the "tall" end of the line and so on to the end--then begin again.

The object is to get away with the hat and bring it across your own line without being tagged by the opponent. If you touch the hat you may be tagged and are out of the game. Or if your opponent gets away with the hat you are out also. Eliminate until one team is wiped out.

This is one of the very best Scout games, either for Indoor or outdoor work.

Three Keys to Effective Risk Management:

1. Every Varsity Scout in the team commits to having a safe experience.
2. Every Scout understands and follow team guidelines established to minimize risk.
3. Every Varsity Scout has a say in recognizing and dealing with risks that arise during a an activity.

100% VARSITY HUDDLE

January 19, 2012

**Penasquitos Stake Center 12835 Black
Mountain Road, San Diego**

THE SPECIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Elder Allen Haynie, Area Seventy

6 : 0 0 p m :

Dinner & Displays-Cultural Hall

6 : 3 0 p m :

**Special Meeting with Elder Haynie for
Stake Young Men Presidents and their Counselor
over Varsity Scouts:
Relief Society Room.**

7 : 0 0 p m :

100% Huddle-Cultural Hall

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

**Varsity Scout Coaches & Assistants,
Ward Young Men Presidents & First Counselors Bishopric &
Committee Members over Varsity Scouts.
Stake Young Men Presidents and Counselor over Varsity.**