

LEADER'S GUIDEBOOK



“Be A Scout” Fair 2024

**A diverse adventure
for all!**

Our Mission

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Scout Oath

“On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

The Value of Scouting

Discovery is at the heart of Scouting. Whether it’s a campout, derby car race, or hike on the trail, we believe every adventure helps us uncover a little more about ourselves. We build the foundations for humility and compassion—strengthening character through actions—to prepare youth for a lifetime of leadership.

Prepared. For Life.

Scouting teaches youth to confront any challenge with whole hearts and clear minds—to live their lives without regret, never back down, and do their very best!

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**“Be A Scout” Fair 2024
Mission Vista High School
April 13, 2024
10 AM to 4 PM**

The traditional Scout Fair is an annual community-wide event presented by the San Diego - Imperial Council (SDIC). Its purpose was to showcase the Scouting program and values to our community with an emphasis on current Scouts. This “Be A Scout” Fair has an emphasis on providing the community with information and hands on activities in the pursuit of recruiting membership. This will be a great diverse recruiting opportunity for every current Scout to bring a friend to the event to be able to participate in Scouts BSA programs.

Basic Scout Fair Information

FREE Event

This event will be a free event. .

Location:

The “Be A Scout Fair” will take place at Mission Vista High School, 1306 Melrose Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057. The location is easily accessible via Highway 76 from either Interstate 15 or Interstate 5.

Scout Fair Website Now Online!

Access all the information you need at www.sdicsa.org/ScoutFair/. Check out the website to see what’s being planned at this year’s Scout Fair.

Register online to host a Unit Scout Fair booth, host and/or participate in the Dutch Oven or Cardboard Oven Cook-off, be a Parking Director, be an Environmental Conservation Technician, and to register for participation in the Merit Badge Alley and the San Diego 500 Pinewood Derby.

Parking:

The school has ample parking but please carpool to allow ample parking for the public who will be attending.

Food:

Catering Trucks will be on site to provide all food-for-purchase services.

Alcohol and Tobacco:

Scouts BSA policy and Vista Unified School District do not permit alcohol or smoking at the event.

Courtesy & Safety:

Please do your part to ensure a safe, accident-free “Be A Scout” Fair. San Diego - Imperial Council is host to the community at this event; Scout participants must exemplify the Scout Law at all times. NO PETS WILL BE ALLOWED, with the exception of service animals.

Scout Fair Areas

Adventure Loop Escapade:

This is an opportunity for Cub Scouts to earn various adventure loops. If you are interested in providing an adventure loop workstation, check the adventure loop box on the online website. Questions on adventure loops, please contact Paula Trubitt or Vanessa Kampnich: Email: htrubitt@hotmail.com or vanessakampnich3@gmail.com

Dutch Oven (Scouts BSA) & Cardboard Oven (Cub Scouts) Cook-off

The Dutch Oven & Cardboard Oven Cook-off is an opportunity to sample some delicious and delectable treats and add ideas to your outdoor cooking experience. Visit different cook-off participating Troops and Packs to sample their unique treats. This is your opportunity to share your mad cooking skills and ideas with others! To be a part of the cook-off, mark the appropriate box in the online registration portal. Questions? Email: ScoutFairChair@sdicbsa.org

Cub Land:

Cub Land features dozens of exciting games to challenge your skill and many crafts to make and take home. Questions on Cub Land, please contact Paula Trubitt or Vanessa Kampnich: Email: htrubitt@hotmail.com or vanessakampnich3@gmail.com

High Adventure:

The High Adventure area is where you will find equipment and ideas for achieving a more challenging and rewarding Scouting experience. Learn about High Adventure camps, bases, and activities, including the adventures that await you and your Unit at Philmont Scout Ranch, Bechtel Summit, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, and Jamboree, to name a few. Participants can learn about the equipment and training necessary to put on a “high adventure program” of your own. To discuss your activity or for more information contact: John Saxer at jsaxer@cox.net or John Marsden marsdenmaster@yahoo.com.

Information Midway:

The Midway features exhibits and displays from our corporate partners, Council Committee, and major event booths.

Pioneering /Action Quest:

From monkey bridges to climbing a wall, the Pioneering /Action Adventure area features innovative and exciting challenges as you try your skill on creations made by other Units using rope, lashing, knots, and wood. For more information (or to host a Pioneering/Action project) contact: ScoutFairChair@sdicbsa.org

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Accelerated:

STEM is all around and the BSA has various activities cultivating and including the NOVA and SUPERNOVA awards. For more information contact: Jason Costarakis at jcostarakis@albiroenergy.com

Order of the Arrow:

The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 to serve a useful purpose: to cause the Scout Oath and Law to spring into action in all parts of the nation. To this day, the Order is dedicated to this high purpose. From High Adventure to ceremonial celebrations. For more information contact: Vincent McCarthy at vjmccarthy@ucdavis.edu

Public Safety:

Learn from the experts through interactive displays and hands demonstration to give you a really close-up look. First Responder agencies will show off their agency's equipment as well as talk about their youth programs.

Merit Badge Alley

Merit Badge Alley:

Registration with a fee of \$10 is required to participate in merit badge sessions. Scouts may choose a merit badge for the morning and/or afternoon sessions. Each class will have a maximum class size, as set by the merit badge counselor.

- Merit Badge sessions begin at 9:00 am (other events begin at 10:00 am).
- Sessions for a merit badge will be filled prior to the Fair. Sorry, no walk-ins.
- Scouts must bring a signed merit badge card (blue card) that is completely filled out, a pen or pencil, and a merit badge worksheet (available at <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/list.asp>).
- Review the list of merit badges being offered and the requirements that should be completed prior to the Fair.
- Scouts must bring proof of completion of requirements to finish prior to Fair.
- Scouts who do not bring proof of prerequisites will earn a PARTIAL for most merit badges offered.
- Scouts should arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled class with any required materials, the merit badge worksheet, and their signed blue card.
- Troops that register to run a booth at the Scout Fair will have priority to register for merit badge classes. Upon registering, they will receive a link to register for the merit badges.

Merit Badges Offered: -

- Emergency Preparedness
- Personal Management

- Public Speaking
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Traffic Safety
- Cooking

For more information contact: Doris McCarthy at doris.mccarthy@sdsu.edu.

For general questions on “Be A Scout” Fair, contact:

Scout Fair Chair	Linda Latimer	(760)310-5814 ScoutFairChair@sdicbsa.org
Staff Advisor	Dan Marks	(619) 244-6397 Daniel.Marks2@scouting.org

Opportunities to Participate



Each Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship and Post is highly encouraged to sponsor a booth at the “Be A Scout” Fair. This is your opportunity to show off your unique unit, market it to new potential Scouts, and have our community participate in fun Scouting activities. Keep It Simple, Make It Fun. By involving all the Scouts and parents in your unit, booth preparation and set-up, booth staffing, and take down can be shared to keep it simple and fun. Each Unit is responsible for providing all of their own gear, supplies, tables, Shade/canopies, and chairs. Highlight your unit by showing a display of activities your unit has done and places your unit has gone.

NOTE TO ALL LEADERS:

The assigned unit leader who will be at the Be A Scout Fair event will need to have in their possession the BSA Med A and Med B forms for all of their Unit’s Scouts/Participants/Adults at the event. Further, each assigned unit leader will need to turn in a copy of the Med A form for each Scout/Participant/Adult to the “Information Booth” as part of the check-in process. This is required for all Scouts/Participants/Adults who will be either visiting or participating in any part of the Be A Scout Fair event.

NOTE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS:

Set up: All vehicles must be out of the fair area prior to 9:00 am

Booth Break down: Booths should not be closed until 4:00.

No vehicles will be allowed in the fair area until 4:30 pm.

Safety Note: All booths including the use of climbing, rappelling, riding apparatus or any other booths that may have a question of safety must be authorized first. Submit your plans and idea to the Scout Fair Staff Advisor via Dan Marks at the San Diego-Imperial Council Service Center. Some booths may require certified people. Please refer to the “Guide to Safe Scouting” for safety guidelines.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED, FROM PARKING DIRECTORS TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TECHNICIANS. FROM 8AM TO 4PM. PLEASE SIGNUP ON THE WEBSITE!

Opening Ceremony:

Bring your American and Unit flags for a ‘Massing of the Colors’ starting at 8:45 am near the front entrance of the “Be A Scout” Fair.

How to Organize a “Be A Scout” Fair Booth



Getting Started:

- Units must name a Booth Coordinator/Manager.
- Pick an idea/activity that your unit will showcase.
- Register your booth online at <http://sdcbsa.org/ScoutFair/>
- Start planning today and get your participation activity ready.
- Practice the activity with the rest of your unit and have the Scouts ready to teach.
- This will be a great diverse recruiting opportunity for every current Scout to bring a friend to the event to be able to participate in Scouts BSA programs.

Regulations:

- Standard booth size is 10' x 10'. Larger space (20' X 10') may be available upon request. Contact Scout Fair Chair for space availability.
- One adult booth supervisor should be on duty at all times.
- Only charcoal and propane stoves are permitted. Please indicate on your application if your activity will require you to use either. (Note: all fires must be contained and supported above ground)
- Electricity and water is severely limited. Design a powerless booth and plan on bringing your own water.
- Bring your flag or banner to identify your unit and sponsor.
- Bring your own tables, chairs and sunshades or dining flies.
- Activities and displays using tents will need to be self-supporting.
- Any Unit that is not able to field a booth may participate by performing volunteer service during the day of the “Be A Scout” Fair. Parking Directors and Environmental Conservation Technicians are needed. Register online. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Booth Breakdown will not start until 4:00.

No vehicles will be allowed in the fair until 4:30.

Booth Set-up:

On Saturday, April 13th, the set-up will be from 8:00am to 10:00 am. All vehicles (including trailers) must be removed from the Fair area by 9:00 am. If your booth set-up will require additional time, you must submit a written request to the Scout Fair Chair to make special arrangements, no later than April 2.

Booth Ideas:

Here are some ideas for your booth; you can come up with your own too!!! Have an activity that is related to Scouting that the public can also do. Remember to support a diverse activity. Make it alive and fun! Involve the people that are at your booth and have marketing materials to promote your Unit. All Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear the Scout uniform.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |

NOTE!!! Booths cannot sell, charge, or ask for donations as part of your booth activity.

Booth Coordinator/Manager Responsibilities:

Congratulations!!! If you have been selected as your Unit Booth Coordinator/Manager, you will have the opportunity to join a wonderful team of volunteers and professionals in one the most fun activities in Scouting. The following list provides the step-by-step process needed to accomplish your new assignment:

- Fill out the Booth Participation information online no later than April 2.
- Contact everyone involved in preparing your exhibit and give assignments.
- Make sure that a Scout Leader is in charge at the booth at all times.
- Make a list of what to bring: Canopy, tables, chair and all the supplies your unit will need to run your booth.
- Rehearse your participants before the “Be A Scout” Fair to better communicate your message.
- Allow unit members time off to visit other exhibits, wander around the “Be A Scout” Fair, and attend Merit Badge Workshops (preregistration required).
- Submit your information before April 2 to be recognized in the “Be A Scout” Fair Program.

San Diego 500 Pinewood Derby

It is that time to get your cars ready for your pack's Pinewood Derby and also the San Diego 500 Pinewood Derby. The race will be held at the "Be A Scout" Fair on April 13th.

All information regarding the San Diego 500 Pinewood Derby, along with car specifications, requirements, race rules and contact information for the 500 team can be found at:

<https://www.sandiego500.org/>.

