### Shooting Sports:

No "official" word yet from the NRA Foundation Grant (approx.\$5300) including which includes 2 new semi-auto shotguns and replenishment of ammo, targets, cleaning supplies, storage & tools.

SoCal NRA Request: Camp Emerson has been asked (and Pat has accepted) to store "emergency/contingency" .22RF ammo for various SoCal NRA programs. Aammo will be kept separate from camp supplies and made available to any youth/women's shooting event sponsored by the NRA that has exhausted or cannot replenish their needed ammo supplies

We have received 1 new large Archery Target butt (more to come) and 3 replacement centers for the smaller target butts, 48 aluminum arrows, and arrow repair supplies (glue, fletchings and nocks).

Roadway to Archery Range still needs repair due to runoff damage

A Woodbadge project to install stairs at the Archery Range is complete.

Smaller canopy at Archery Range has been damaged by wind.(repairable)

Several other improvement projects to both ranges have yet to be funded or started:

Water & Electricity to Archery Range Drinking Fountain & Wash Basin Interior & exterior working lights Wash Basin at the Rifle Range (BSA required camp standard) Replacement fencing around BB Range & South side of Rifle Range Additional storage shed to replace "Mouse House"

A first-of-its-kind Sea Scout Shooting Weekend is in the works for Camp Emerson. Our camp is the only camp currently equipped and designed to handle the new Sea Scout Shooting Award. Sea Scouts from San Diego, Newport Beach, Long Beach and Henderson, NV have all expressed interest in attending. Our 2 Council Sea Scout Ships will also attend.

Local *Friends of NRA* Dinners are scheduled for 3/21 & 3/28. Council *should* be present to support their fundraising as we (CIEC) have received over \$230,000 in the last 22 years from them. Rancho Cucamonga's Red Hills Country Club, 3/21 Riverside Marriott Hotel, 3/28 Tickets MUST be purchased on-line NOT at the door. \$75/plate For Tickets: www.Friendsofnra.org and follow the prompts.

### **CIEC Conservation Committee:**

2015 goals - identify short term and long term conservation projects and direction for Camp Helendade and Camp Emerson. Create a management plan and direction for our stewardship.

### **Outdoor Ethics Committee:**

College of Outdoor Ethics was presented at University of Scouting February 2015.

#### **District Camping Chairs**:

It is our expectation that each district will have a Camping Chair in 2015 to represent their district at Camping and Outdoor Program Committee meetings.

Greyback District: Working on setting up a good program for National Trails Day. Promoting Camp Emerson and Helendade work weekends.

### Cahuilla Lodge, Order of the Arrow:

2015 Lodge Chief and his LEC were on hand at University of Scouting to perform the opening Flag Ceremony.

Annual Lodge Banquet was a huge success. A great time was had by all. Next year's banquet is scheduled for January 23, 2016.

NOAC 2015: Contingent leaders are working diligently to ensure we have the best experience for our contingent members. We continue to raise funds in order to help our youth contingent members.

The special edition Boseker Scout Reservation 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CSP to match the special edition flap is now being sold. Proceeds will be donated to the capital fund.

June Ordeal Induction weekend will be held at Camp Wrightwood due to Camp Emerson not being available June 20-22.

Section Conclave will be held at the Orange County Outdoor Education Center, October 9-12, 2015.

### Aquatics and Fishing Committees:

Efforts continue to identify qualified members to organize these committees.

### High Adventure Team:

CIEC HAT Chair, Rich Maschner, had to reschedule his visit Camp Emerson due to work demands. We still plan to have an active mountain biking program in place for summer camp 2015.

### National Trail's Day 2015:

Cahuilla Lodge and the Conservation/Outdoor Ethics Committees have committed to work together to promote National Trails Day by presenting a number of outdoor activity options throughout the council on June 6, 3025. Flyers are being distributed at Roundtables and via email.

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Projects are being added to the National Trails Day website.

### Camp Helendade:

February 28<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to weather. Next service day is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Rogers removed and sent to the dump the tires that were collected by the January work crew. Cost was \$5/tire.

.22 Rifle Range has been inspected (unofficially) and will require only minor work to make it operational. No major vandalism has occurred there. However, we are not advertising any program capability at camp at this time.

### General Updates:

All committees were at the 2015 University of Scouting, with Midway presentations and instructors for classes.

Boseker Scout Reservation, Camp Emerson, service projects were identified and will now be discussed with the Properties Committee, Cahuilla Lodge and prioritized:

Improve the entrance to camp so first impression is not of a tired, run down camp. Repaint totem poles by the entrance.

Repair the campfire bowl at Tahquitz Bowl.

Update fencing around tented campsites, consider putting some fencing at the far edge of the campsites which would also help with the temptation to play in the creek.

Create a large colorful map of the camp and place it near the parking lot so everyone knows where their campsite is.

Build a fire danger sign – use available BSA plans.

Acquire and install energy efficient washers and dryers for the staff to help reduce our water bill.

Replace the three tree flagpoles with metal ones.

Install fencing around the ranges.

Finish getting water to the drinking fountain at the archery range.

Finish painting the new camp office door.

- Finish the doorway to the health office.
- Add a bottom bunk to cabin 18.
- Install a light on the back porches of cabins 14 & 15.

Build a little free library (bookshelves).

Fix seating at Tahquitz Bowl.

Paint the down spout for the storm drain (next to Tahquitz Bowl).

Clean the stage area around Bear Trap Bowl.

Fix the eaves on the east end of the Main Lodge.

Remove remaining scrap wood from the parking lot.

Install rain gutters outside over the old food serving line.

"Mouse House" has been knocked down but debris still needs to be broken up into smaller pieces and hauled to Sheep's Canyon landfill. Idyllwild Transfer Station WILL NOT accept construction/demolition debris.

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The University Of Scouting class on Shooting Sports was the largest class in the last 4 years. 13 attendees. The Muzzle-Loading Rifle Class was canceled due to too few sign-ups. The latest Range Safety Officer class was canceled due to Hoss Hartjen's hospitalization

Kurt Wampole will again teach the Pistol Instructor portion of Shooting Sports director National Camping School at Lost Valley Scout Reservation

Pat "Peaches" Rogers will attend a refresher course as Shooting Sports Director at Lost Valley's National Camping School for another 4 year recertification

A private donor has purchased, and the Wednesday crew will install, 2 wall-mounted security safes at Camp Emerson. 1 in the new Camp Office and 1 in the Ranger's Office

May 29-31, 2015 Service Weekend focused on set up of Camp Emerson for Camp Wiley and Summer Camp. All Council Committees, units and individuals are invited to help. Cahuilla Lodge will provide lunch and dinner on Saturday. Draft flyer attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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