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California Inland Empire Council
Mt. Rubidoux District

TRAINING POST

May 2016

April was a busy month for training. All courses have been covered in Facebook or Monday Memo. Here are a few more details:

The first official cluster course for Cedar Badge was staffed by teams from districts Arrowhead, Five Nations, Mt. Rubidoux and Temescal. Each team was assigned a program element weeks in advance of the course in the hopes they would practice. We had 65 Scouts in 1-patrols, forcing us to conduct most of the course in round-robin to better manage numbers. The course filled at 60 – the cap – two weeks before the start. I credit the early registration fee that ended three weeks before and the late fee jumped up by \$12. Despite the higher fee, 12 Scouts signed up. I hope to do a cluster course in the Fall and hope the same staff will come back. Here is a video of the training course: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrGR3G2BHPU>

The hybrid version of Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) at the Mt. Rubidoux/Five Nations camporee was so successful that we will do it again in the fall. Michael McBride really made this training work as good as it did. He has some more ideas to make the online portion better. This hybrid approach to BALOO is offered only by Mt. Rubidoux District.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL) had a unique feature: Four of the 10 presenters were merit badge counselors. The other presenters are also counselors but they have lots of experience in training. I have long advocated to use that resource for activities such as this. It worked so well, that I will do it again next year. Otie Braden, the counselor for Mammals Merit Badge, presented the session on “Animal Identification.” Many thanks to merit badge counselors Lyle Hill (camping), Brian Paquette (knots) and Dennis Kent (cooking). And shout-outs to our district's top trainers (and counselors, too!): Rick Pohlers, Judy Graeber, Keith Banks, Summer Pearson and Bijan Sharifi-Tabesh.

Specific Training for Scoutmasters in John Vineyard's courtroom is doing so well that I have cancelled the September half-day class. John continues to have great success with the coaching approach. He recently had a class of 10 finish the training. He will start a new one soon.

This wraps up Training for the season. Up on deck:

Cedar Badge ILST, Sept. 30-Oct. 1

BALOO, Nov. 5

Den Chief Leader Training, Nov. 5

Thanks for all that you do!

Excelsior!

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