



# ***THE VALLEY TRIBUNE***

*LOST VALLEY – Memories That Will Last a Lifetime*

43 Years of **QUALITY** Camping

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## ***Gearing up for SUMMERCAMP 2008***

### **Summer Camp 2007**

The 2007 summer camp season is over, and we hope you had a great summer camp experience! Summer camp is typically the highpoint of a Troop's annual calendar.

We had a great year with the new Archeology/Indian Village area, LVSR (our own radio station), and "The Valley Road CD".

Keeping the Scouting Motto, we are starting to prepare for summer camp. 2008 will mark Lost Valley's summer camp 45th anniversary.

### **New SSRLV Webpage**

We are in the process of re-designing the website at [SSRLV.ORG](http://SSRLV.ORG). You will still be able to sign-up for merit badges there, but we're going to add more forms and information. You'll be able to access merit badges and program areas, get downloadable Leader guides, "The Valley Road CD", and links to LVSR radio. You should start to see changes by the end of September. Since we will be working on the website during the off season check back often!



### **LVBO – Lost Valley's Bemies Observatory**

Because of Lost Valley's remote location, away from the city lights, we have some of the darkest skies in Southern California.

Combine the dark skies with an observatory with two telescopes, a 14" Newtonian, and a 10" Schmitt-Cassigrain, and you have a rare opportunity for Scouts to observe planets, nebulas, globular clusters, and galaxies outside of our own.

If you are looking for the darkest skies may we suggest the weeks of June 29<sup>th</sup> or July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Scouts can take part in either Star hikes, or the Astronomy Merit Badge with an overnigher at the observatory Tuesday and Thursday nights.

We also suggest Scouts bring a red flashlight or headlight, and a pair of binoculars, for a night they will not soon forget!



### **LVSR – Lost Valley's Radio Station**

Memorial Day Family Camp 2007 marked the beginning of Lost Valley's own radio station, LVSR. During the summer LVSR broadcasted News, Weather, segments about Lost Valley history, Astronomy, Amateur Radio, and our own Steve-o and Dingo Show. Commercials ranged from reminders to drink water, to songs about the observatory, and even a message from our Camp Chaplin about our Duty to God. This could be heard around camp, as well as streamed over the internet.



For 2008 we're continuing to improve. We'll even have more updates and information about Summer Camp 2008 so tune in often.

To listen to the audio stream go to [LVSR.RADIO.ORG](http://LVSR.RADIO.ORG) and go to the streaming page. If you have any comments or suggestions please email [lvrradio@gmail.com](mailto:lvrradio@gmail.com)

## **ADVANCEMENT CORNER**

### **First Class Center**

In the past we have offered walk-in course for Scouts to come in receive assistance from our Staff in rank advancements.

In recent Scoutmaster survey's a need for a more structured course has been expressed. To address both "styles" of instruction we are preparing a double session course that will teach all the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second, and First Class requirements during the week. We will also keep two sessions open for walk-ins. Between Irvine & Grace Scout Skills areas we will stagger the structured course, so it will be available in the morning on one side of camp, and afternoon on the other side of camp. Stay tuned for further information.

### **Trail to Eagle**

In 2007 we conducted a pilot program during week #5 of Scouts that were preparing for their Eagle Scout Rank. We also surveyed the Adult Leaders about Eagle Preparation with about 75% of the respondents saying we need to offer more Eagle Required Merit Badges. They also wanted a Trail to Eagle program.

Over the next month, the summer staff management, staff of this years pilot Trail to Eagle Week and representatives of the Council Advancement and Camping committees will be meeting to review the pilot program and make necessary revisions in the program. Our combined goal is to provide an excellent program that allows boys to learn how the process of advancement to Eagle works, the specific steps involved, and the ability to start the last few merit badges needed for the Eagle award.

If you have any suggestions please email [BSA.SSRLV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BSA.SSRLV@GMAIL.COM)

## **Evenings at Lost Valley**

In the past years we have had Troop/Patrol sessions after dinner. The SPL would schedule activities in a lottery style. In our Adult Leader surveys many troops wanted a more open schedule. So evenings will be a little bit different this year.

First – We're moving the camp wide game from Wednesday evening to Friday afternoon to give troops additional free time Wednesday.

Second – All traditional program areas will be open evenings. Scheduling will be done with tickets available at the Trading Post for the areas and the times. A Scout will receive two tickets for him and his buddy.

Third – We will have special Merit Badges available in the evenings. These are pilot Merit Badges to see if we add them in future years. Some of the pilot Merit Badges include;

**RADIO** – We'll have an Amateur Radio Station capable of talking worldwide. We also have LVSR and Scouts will actually be producing their show on LVSR to be heard in camp, and worldwide on the internet!

**AVIATION** – We'll teach the basics of aviation and have the scout build their own glider. We are also looking into having a Friday session flying!

For more information: [SSRLV.ORG](http://SSRLV.ORG) or email [BSA.SSRLV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BSA.SSRLV@GMAIL.COM)



## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS**

*Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*  
By Richard Louv

[What is the] extinction of a condor to a child who has never seen a wren? –Naturalist Robert Michael Pyle.

Director of Camping, Marty Cutrone brought to our attention this book that is "A wake-up call for parents, educators, and anyone who cares about children and the future of our society".....*Last Child in the Woods* should be required reading for anyone who lives with or works with children..."

Within the space of a few decades, the way children understand and experience nature has changed radically. Today, kids are aware of the global threats to the environment—but their physical contact, their intimacy with nature, is fading. This is the first book to bring together a body of research indicating that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development and for the physical and emotional health of children and adults. Louv offers practical solutions to heal the broken bond.

A lecture by **Richard Louv** is scheduled at Chapman University on Friday October 12, 2007 at 7:00p.m. Tickets are \$10. Available at The Acorn Naturalist Store at 155 El Camino Real in Tustin, CA or at REI Stores in Santa Ana and Huntington Beach. Call 714-708-3885 for more information or [www.insidetheoutside.org](http://www.insidetheoutside.org)