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## Save the Dates!

**Saturday, March 12**

Cub Scout Tour of  
Mission San Luis Rey

**Saturday, March 19**

Prince of Peace Abbey Visit  
All are welcome!

**Sunday, March 20**

Palm Sunday

**March 27**

Easter Sunday

**April 4**

Deadline for Nomination For Adult  
Awards: Bronze Pelican & St. George

**April 16**

Scout Fair  
Qualcomm Stadium  
Visit the CCS Booth!

**April 30**

A Day at the Seminary  
For those registered in the  
Boy Scout program

**May 7**

AAD & PPXII Boards of Review  
for those registered in classes.



**June 8**

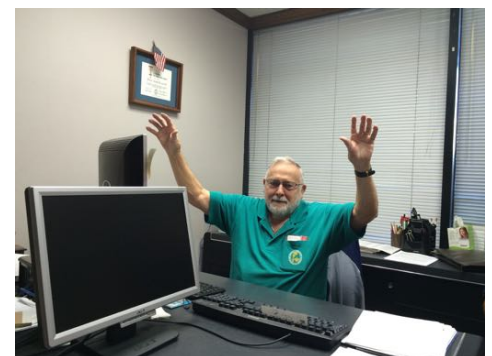
Religious Emblem Ceremony  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Coming Soon!

2016-2017

Religious Emblems Counselor Training

All scouts must work with a certified Emblems Counselor to earn a Catholic religious Emblem. We need adult Catholics to attend our training to help scouts earn their emblems! Check our website for date & time for training.



**Hallelujah! -  
Our CCS office is the best!**

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# Catholic Scouts In Action

## Order of the Arrow Fellowship - Camp Balboa



**Keefe**



**Al Garcia**



**Dana Carter**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Ramona



**Ben Castro**

## At Training!

## Scouter Receives the Eagle Scout Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award

## Celebrating the Christmas Season!



**Jason & Ben**  
T722  
St. Francis of Assisi



**Pam Dixon**  
Saint Patrick  
Carlsbad



**Anthony Brillo**  
Mission San Luis Rey



**Jim Hunter**

## New Order of the Arrow Vigil Catholic Scouters!

## Anna Marie Earns the OA Founder's Award!



**Tina Ninteman**  
Johnathon



**Tom Ritz**



**Jim Renzi**



**Anna Marie Castro**  
Steve Swanson



## Meet Our Committee Chair Karen Beard

Karen Beard stepped in a few years ago to serve as the Catholic Committee on Scouting Committee Chair. She has done a tremendous job!

Under her leadership just in this past year, our committee has revamped our religious emblem program, had a very successful Cub Scout Hike, brought back both the Cub Scout Retreat and the Boy Scout Retreat and increased attendance at our Scout Fair booth.

Under Karen's leadership we also earned the 2015 National Catholic Committee Quality Diocese Award.

Karen brings a sense of purpose and drive to her job as committee chair. She has helped us move forward with our programs and is always available to answer questions and to help.

Thank you Karen for your dedication to CCS! Here's to another great Scouting year!

### Tell us about your family

**Karen:** My husband, Neal, passed away in 2005. We have 2 children, both are married and live in San Diego County.

### 2) Can you give us a little background about your involvement with CCS?

**Karen:** I started with CCS when my son was in Boy Scouts and wanted to work on his emblems, approximately 1998. I have been a counselor for both Cub Scout and both Boy Scout emblems. I was the CCS Secretary, Vice-chair and now Committee Chair.

### 3) Tell us about your career and/or volunteering experiences.

**Karen:** I am a registered nurse and work for the State of California. I was a volunteer when Neal was involved with the ELKS and with boy scouts.

### 4) What do you do in your free time?

**Karen:** I like to read.

### 5) Why should someone join the Catholic Committee on Scouting?

**Karen:** They should join CCS to help us to provide youth the ability to earn their religious emblems.

### 6) Tell us about your Scouting experiences?

**Karen:** I started as a committee member for my son's troop. I was troop committee chairman. I went to training and became an assistant scout master. I trained in sea scouts and started a ship for a short time. also participated in CCS events.

### 7) What would people be surprised to learn about you?

**Karen:** I work for Audits and Investigations for the State of California.

### Rapid Fire Questions:

**What three things besides food and water would you want on a deserted island?**

**Karen-** Books, Clothing, Radio

### What makes you happy?

**Karen -** My family

### What is your favorite CCS event?

**Karen -** Boy Scout Retreat

### Paper or Plastic?

**Karen-** Paper

### How long have you been in Scouting?

**Karen:** Since approximately 1995

# Religious Emblems!



"A Scout is Reverent." "Duty to God." More than just phrases found in Scouting, these are words our Scouts live by on a daily basis. To help them grow in their faith, Catholic Scouts have four Religious Emblem programs available for them to earn.

Scouts can earn:

Light of Christ (Designed for 6-7 year old Cub Scouts)

Parvuli Dei (Designed for 8-10 year old Cub Scouts)

Ad Altare Dei (Designed for 13-14 year old Boy Scouts and Male/Female Venture Crew Members)

Pope Pius XII (Designed for Male/Female Venture Crew Members and Boy Scouts 15 years and older)

All scouts MUST use a certified counselor to earn their religious emblem. Certified counselors can be found on our website at: [ccsbsa.weebly.com](http://ccsbsa.weebly.com)

Programs begin in the Fall of 2016.



### Calling All Catholic Cub Families!

During the year, CCS holds many activities geared just for the Cub Scouts and their families. This includes our Cub Scout Old Town Hike, Cub Scout Retreat, and our Cub Scout Mission Tour.

In addition, did you know we have two Catholic religious emblems just for Cub Scouts? Both the Light of Christ and the Parvuli Dei emblems are available for a Cub Scout to work on with his parents and/or guardians at home. Remember, the program begins again in the Fall of 2016 and you must register with a counselor BEFORE beginning the program. Our emblem counselor list can be found on our website at: [ccsbsa.weebly.com](http://ccsbsa.weebly.com)

Remember, the Cub Scout Mission Tour of San Luis Rey will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Registration forms can be found on our website. Hope to see you there!

### Old Town Cub Scout Hike

Recently, Cub Scouts and their parents from all over San Diego and Imperial counties came together to hike 5-miles through Old Town and the Presidio.



Kudos to Hike Chair Mark Castro, Jr. and his team of volunteers that included: Anna Marie Castro, Ben Castro and Mary Margaret Kissel on a job well done.



Special thanks to Cub Scout Pack 720 from Carmel Mountain who came early and helped pick up trash from the park.



Hope to see you at the next hike planned for November of 2017!

### Cub Scout Retreat

A few weeks ago, our Cub Scout Retreat was held at Camp Balboa in San Diego. The retreat was a huge success with Cub Scouts making rosaries, doing many art projects, singing, games, and learning new prayers. Also, Scout Chaplain Father Alex stopped by and taught them how to pray using sign language!

A huge **thank you** to Cub Retreat Chair Debbie Oberg for stepping up to make this event happen. Also, special thanks to Debbie Lenart and Anita Kyamko-Yap for volunteering the entire day. You all did an outstanding job!

It was a great day full of laughter and fun! Don't let your son miss out on the next Cub Scout Retreat planned for early 2017.



# 2016 Boy Scout Catholic Retreat



Our annual Boy Scout Catholic Retreat was held in February at Camp Balboa in San Diego. Scouters and sixty-five Boy Scouts joined together to make this a very successful weekend. Scouts came together to learn more about their faith by going to seminars, playing interactive games, working as patrols, and attending Mass. They also did a camp service project for Camp Balboa.



Looking at the photo to the left you will see a group of the scouts getting ready for the big airplane throw down! Look carefully, in the back, you will see Father Alex.

Adults that attended the retreat spent the day in Catholic Leadership Development. This is a training course to prepare leaders to use Scouting as a form of youth ministry. Thanks to the facilitators that helped with this training!

Thanks to 2016 Boy Scout retreat chair Bob Dixon and the retreat team which included: Karen Beard, Anna Malone, Pam Dixon, Kathleen Ritz, Paul Melcher, Mary Margaret Kissel and Tom Ritz. They did an outstanding job! Special thanks to our youth retreat team members: Tommy, Chris, and Ben. They helped lead all the games and activities and were great leaders and motivators!

Special thanks to our Scout Chaplain Father Alex de Paulis. This retreat would not have happened without his dedication and support. He was everywhere during the retreat! He led seminars, officiated at Mass, helped with the games and basically gave spiritual and moral support the entire weekend! Thank you very much, Father Alex!

# CCS News You Can Use!

Welcome!

The CCS Committee would like to welcome Dave Hodges as our new 2016 BSA Staff Partner.

## Adult Awards

April 4th is the deadline to nominate a deserving adult for either the Bronze Pelican or St. George award. Award nomination forms can be found on our website.

**Bronze Pelican** - The Bronze Pelican Award is a Diocesan award presented to adult scout volunteers who have served the religious dimensions of Scouting and the Catholic community in Scouting programs for a minimum of three years or those who have served Scouting for a long period of time as a Scout leader, Committee Leader, or District or Council Member.

**St. George** - The St. George Emblem is awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting to those adults who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through Scouting.

Applications for awards and prior recipients of both awards can be found on our website. Don't let a deserving adult miss out - nominate them!



## You Are Invited!

Our next Catholic Committee on Scouting meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th. The meeting will be held at 10am at: 3350 E Street, San Diego and is open to all adults in our diocese. Help us better serve our Scouting youth by getting involved!