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2019



CENTENNIAL

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LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL 1919-2019



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

A CENTURY OF SCOUTING, THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES



Congratulations to the Long Beach Area Council on reaching a century of service to Long Beach and the surrounding area! To assist in developing the year-long celebration, the Long Beach Area Council established a Centennial Committee to oversee planning activities for the centennial year. We will be celebrating our past accomplishments and look toward the next 100 years.

We have come a long way since the Council opened its first office in April 1919 with a handful of Scouts in the Red Cross Building at the corner of Long Beach Boulevard and Third Street. Have we grown! Our Council also includes the cities of Lakewood, Signal Hill, Bellflower and Avalon. Today we are focused on continued growth to propel us into our second century!

Since May 2017, a group of community leaders and Scout enthusiasts that make up our Centennial Committee have met monthly providing the leadership to deliver on our three "C's," **Celebrate, Connect and Community**. Engaging the area communities in a variety of events and activities throughout 2019 is how we have chosen to celebrate this anniversary. To spread the word about our anniversary, the Centennial Committee has created a speaker's bureau. If you would like someone to come to your group meeting to share the story of our past and future, contact Scout headquarters.

Our anniversary theme "**Tradition Meets Tomorrow**" emphasizes that building on our century of strength we are looking toward the future. Our centennial coincides with some exciting changes in Scouting, welcoming girls into Cubs and Scouts to join their sisters already engaged in Sea Scouts and Venturing. As a Girl Scout myself and the mother of two Eagle Scouts, I could not be prouder of the efforts made by the Scouts BSA to make Scouting a family affair.

Our job is not done! The Centennial Committee will continue to guide the activities of 2019. We hope to see you and your families at our year of Scouting events, including our anniversary gala in May. Check out our calendar of events in this supplement. Together we can help today's youth grow into tomorrow's community leaders.

A Century of Scouting, the Adventure Continues! Join Us!

Sincerely,

Geraldine Knatz
Chair of the LBAC Centennial Committee

CENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE

- Geraldine Knatz - Centennial Committee Chair
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2019 CENTENNIAL

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100th ANNIVERSARY YEAR EVENTS

JANUARY

12 - Kick-off Breakfast for Scouters at The Grand Long Beach Events Center

FEBRUARY

28 - Council Recognition Dinner for Eagle Scouts, Quartermaster, Venturing Summit Award and Adult District and Council Leader Recipients - The Grand Long Beach Events Center

MARCH

Weekends - Council and Unit Service Projects

APRIL

2-30 - Exhibit on Long Beach Scouting at the Historical Society of Long Beach
13-14 - LB Grand Prix. Scouts will be working a Scouting Booth in the Exhibition Hall
27 - Sea Scout Reunion at the Long Beach Sea Base

MAY

9 - Centennial Gala Event at the Long Beach Arena

JUNE

1 - Scout-O-Rama: our council's largest "open house" showcasing various activities presented by Scouting units at the Long Beach City College Liberal Arts Campus

JULY

5 - Raingutter Regatta
13 - Tribe of Tahquitz Reunion at Camp Tahquitz

AUGUST

17 - Scouting Alumni Event, Long Beach Yacht Club

SEPTEMBER

Various Recruitment Events by units to take place this month

OCTOBER

18-20 - Camporall
26 - 24th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour presented by the Historical Society of Long Beach

NOVEMBER

9 - Scouting For Food
9 - Veteran's Day Parade

DECEMBER

7 - Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

For current event info, go to www.longbeachbsa.org/100

BSA TIMELINE



Boy Scouts of America Incorporated

1910

Eagle Scout Rank Established

1911

First Scout Troop Formed in Long Beach

1912

First Charters to Councils Issued

1913

First Scout Sunday Observed

1914

A LOOK BACK

A QUICK GLANCE AT OUR HISTORY

1910 - BSA Incorporated

- 1912 - The First Scout troop was formed in Long Beach
- 1919 - The Long Beach Council of the Boy Scouts was chartered with 150 Scouts in six troops.
- 1922 - The Long Beach Council is renamed the Long Beach District Council
- 1923 - The first Sea Scout ships were chartered in Long Beach
- 1925 - Land was donated in Idyllwild for a permanent camp that became Camp Tahquitz
- 1925 - Tribe of Tahquitz was formed to support the new camp
- 1933 - Long Beach Earthquake strikes killing two local Scouts
- 1937 - First National Jamboree. Long Beach sends one troop to Washington DC
- 1941 - Ten acres of land donated by Will J. Reid to create a weekend camp in North Long Beach
- 1943 - Scout units in Bellflower transferred from Los Angeles Council to Long Beach Council
- 1944 - Long Beach District Council is renamed to Long Beach Area Council
- 1953 - Long Beach sends seven troops to the 3rd National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch
- 1954 - The City of Lakewood is incorporated becomes part of the Long Beach Area Council
- 1954 - Current Scout Office at 37th and Elm Streets is opened, a gift of the Craig Family
- 1956 - The first Scout-O-Rama was held at Vets Stadium featuring Roy Rogers and his horse Trigger performing
- 1957 - 640 acres of mountain property located in Barton Flats is acquired for \$225,000
- 1959 - Camp Tahquitz moved from Idyllwild to the new property in Barton Flats
- 1963 - Successful capital campaign raises \$563,000 to develop the new Camp Tahquitz and a new Sea Scout Base in the Long Beach Marina
- 1966 - Long Beach Sea Base is dedicated
- 1967 - Long Beach sends a Boy Scout unit to the World Jamboree in Idaho
- 1972 - Cub Day Camp Summer Program is inaugurated at Will J. Reid Scout park, Camp Tahquitz Lake is developed along with a wooden climbing wall
- 1992 - C.O.P.E. course and horse program introduced at Camp Tahquitz. Learning for Life program is developed in Long Beach as a schools-based values curriculum augmenting the traditional Scouting program
- 1999 - Council celebrates 80th anniversary
- 2000 - Camp Tahquitz and the Tribe of Tahquitz celebrate 75th anniversary
- 2002 - New climbing tower at Camp Tahquitz
- 2010 - Long Beach Area Council celebrated the Centennial of the Boy Scouts of America. The council celebrated the anniversary by sponsoring several key events, including participation in the Pasadena Rose Parade, flag raisings at area city halls on February 8 (the BSA anniversary date), The Long Beach Grand Prix - featuring "Scout Alley" and Indy Car Driver Alex Lloyd, a Centennial Camp-O-Ree at Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, Scout-O-Rama/Eagle Reunion/Campfire at Rainbow Lagoon, A Shining Light and a "Get in the Game" Geocaching course at Will J. Reid Scout Park.
- 2012 - Puvunga Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is formed
- 2014 - Long Beach hosts the International Sea Scout Koch Cup Regatta. Pedestrian Bridge across Highway 38 installed at Camp Tahquitz. Two new bathroom/shower buildings built at Camp Tahquitz
- 2016 - Long Beach hosts for the second time the International Koch Cup Regatta
- 2018 - Funding is complete for new Dining Hall at Camp Tahquitz, First Girl Cub Scout Dens are formed
- 2019 - First girls are enrolled in the Scouts BSA program in separate all female troops
- 2019 - Long Beach Area Council celebrates 100 years

For more detailed history and more historical photos visit us at www.longbeachbsa.org/100



PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

In 2019 we are celebrating every piece that has helped create the big picture of the rich history of the Long Beach Area Council Boy Scouts of America. Every piece, big and small, is important and has led us to our bright future. During the month of December, we published a series highlighting important pieces in the Long Beach Business Journal. These pieces featured several stories that show the diversity of our programs. From the story about the First Scouts in Long Beach to the story about Carina and Milan who recently joined Scouting. These pieces serve to remind us of where we have been and where we are going. We want to thank the Long Beach Business Journal for helping us commemorate this important milestone.



First Handbook
for Scoutmasters
Issued

1915

Congressional
Charters Issued
(BSA Chartered by Congress)

1916

"Help Win
The War"
Slogan Used

1917

First Service Club
Sponsorship -
Rotary

1918

Long Beach
Council Chartered
by BSA

1919

The Willows
In-Town Camp
Opened

1920

Council Split
into
Four Districts

1922

WHAT WE DO



EAGLE SCOUTS STILL SOAR

Eagle Scout is a designation carried for life; it signifies the finest character and deft leadership. Long a measure of success among young people, the Eagle Scout award is the highest rank attainable in the Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Since 1919, more than 3,700 young men have earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Long Beach. Nationwide, that number is roughly 2.5 million since the award's inception.

In the past eight years, an impressive 505 local Scouts have completed their Eagle Scout Project -- an extensive community service project that requires planning, management, problem solving, and communication. A typical project takes 150 hours from start to finish.

Scouting's legacy of service in Long Beach is strong. From libraries to parks, schools to hospitals; community beautification and blood drives, environmental improvements to helping those in need -- Eagle Scout projects truly demonstrate the best in today's youth. We look forward to young women joining the ranks of Eagle Scouts.



Name Changed to Long Beach District Council
First Sea Scout Ship Organized in Long Beach
International Left-Handed Clasp Adopted

1923

Camp Tahquitz
Opened in Idyllwild
Tribe of Tahquitz Formed

1925

First Summer
Camp at
Camp Tahquitz

1926

First Eagle
Palms
Awarded

1927

Cub Scouting
launched by
BSA

1930

2018 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

75 Eagle Scouts

86 Girls Joined Cub Scouting

558 Boy Scout Achievements Earned

768 Cub Scout Achievements Earned

2,664 Merit Badges Earned

24,103 pounds of food collected

More than 42,240 hours of service
to our community

2018 MEMBERSHIP

UNITS

Packs.....	69
Troops.....	53
Crews.....	12
Ships.....	6
Posts.....	12

Total Units.....152

YOUTH

Cub Scouts.....	1629
Boy Scouts.....	1028
Venturers.....	94
Sea Scouts.....	46
Learning For Life.....	74
Exploring.....	302

Total
Membership.....3099

Registered
Adult Volunteers.....1351



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018

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Raymond Espinoza (OA)



First Silver
Beaver
Awarded

1931

Long Beach
Earthquake

1933

First National
Jamboree held in
ash. D.C.

1937

Philtum Scout
Ranch Opened in
New Mexico

1939

Will J. Reid Scout Park Created
Sir Baden-Powell Dies and is Buried in Kenya
ebelos Rank Established

19

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make a difference over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



Cub Scouts. For youth ages 5-10.

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best "right now" selves and grow into their very best "future" selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today

-- and for life. Cub Scouting aims to promote character development, citizenship training, personal fitness, and leadership.



Scouts BSA. For youth ages 11-17.

This is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. With exposure to a uniquely hands-on learning experience and the opportunity to earn merit badges reflecting each Scout's budding interests, youth unlock a world of discovery and forge a path for the future.



Want to find out more about Scouts? Go to: [bsa.org](#) type in your zip code and ask for your local Council website: [bsa.org/council](#)



ScoutReach. For youth ages 5-20.

ScoutReach is the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting. Today, young people are faced with many challenges as they often live in fragile families and disintegrating neighborhoods. ScoutReach meets the developmental needs of youth in urban settings. By emphasizing ethics and moral values, Scouting addresses many of the social concerns of

parents and youth in our country. Scouting prepares urban and rural youth to be leaders, to accept responsibility, and to care about principles and causes beyond their own self-interest. Our biggest asset in urban and rural neighborhoods is a well-defined program based on values, learning-by-doing, fun, and positive role models.



Name Changed to Long Beach Area Council

1944

National Jamboree held in Irvine, CA

1953

Scout Service Center Opened

1954

First Scout-O-Rama Held at Veterans Stadium
First District Award of Merit Awarded

1956

ethical and moral choices

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EXPLORING

Exploring. For youth ages 14-20.

Exploring provides exciting activities and one-on-one mentorship for you looking to discover their future. The program provides students with an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of career fields and network with professionals already working in those fields. Youth get hands-on experience to determine whether or not a particular career field is right for them. Youth develop valuable networking contacts with professionals working in their selected career fields, and they get to know other youth with their same

interests and aspirations. Most Exploring programs align with the school calendar and begin in the fall, while some also offer summer activities, annual conferences, internships and other events.

- Police Explorers • Long Beach Search and Rescue
- Homeland Security / CBP • Animal Care Services



ME IN

Want to have a youth join your unit? Visit outscouting.org and call (562) 427-0911 to join. Visit www.longbeachbsa.org



Venturing. For youth ages 14-20.

Make friends, discover the world, and explore passions. This is where adventure comes to life. This is where teens rappel off cliffs, perfect their shot, design robots, kayak into sunsets, explore faith, and volunteer at animal shelters. The options are limitless. Each activity provides an opportunity to shine and to learn more about the

world and one's self. Venturing is a youth-led and youth-inspired program. Youth acquire life skills and gain experiences that will prove to be valuable regardless of future endeavors.



Sea Scouts. For youth ages 14-20.

Sea Scouts is a specialized program, organized to address a youth member's quest for knowledge about boating skills and knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scout units, called "ships," focus on sailing and cruising on either sailboats, power vessels or paddle sports. Sea Scouts learn to operate and maintain the vessels, with focus on learning the safe and proper methods of handling them. The program is designated as a "high adventure" program.



Council Purchased
640 Acres in
Barton Flats

Camp Tahquitz
Opened in
Barton Flats

BSA
50th
Anniversary

Explorer
Specialty
Posts Started

1957

1959

1960

1961



PROPERTIES

- CAMP TAHQUITZ -

Since opening in Barton Flats in 1959, Camp Tahquitz has served hundreds of thousands of youth from greater Long Beach, Southern California, and several western states, by making available the finest possible camping experience in an incomparable setting. At 6,500 feet elevation, the camp offers clean air and an agreeable climate amid rolling green meadows, thick forests of cedars, oaks, and pines -- including some of the world's tallest Ponderosa pine trees. Its location offers many spectacular views of the mountains above and the valley below as well as an abundant variety of birds, mammals and other wildlife.



The program is varied, offering a wide range of outdoor activities -- archery, rifle shooting, wing; canoeing, climbing & rappelling, nature studies, horseback riding, camp crafts, and more. Our location on the edge of the San Geronio Wilderness Area offers many opportunities for challenging hikes through the magnificent backcountry and the highest point in Southern California, Mt. San

Geronio. Camp Tahquitz is staffed by members of the Tribe of Tahquitz, our local council honor society.

- SEA BASE -

The Long Beach Sea Base is one of the premier waterfront Scouting facilities in the country. It is located at 5875 E. Appian Way in beautiful Belmont Shore, under the 2nd St Bridge. All activities are conducted within the confines of the Sea Base and Alamitos Bay Marina. The facility is open to all Scouting units and provides programs such as paddle boarding, canoeing, rowing and kayaking. Various sailing programs are taught during the year for beginners and advanced students. In addition to on the water programs the facility is used for overnight weekend camping, Eagle courts, Cub events and Training.

The Long Beach Sea Base is also home of the Long Beach Sea Scout Squadron. The Sea Scouts have several large vessels in the fleet that are used to provide high adventure marine programs on the water. Sea Scouts is a specialized program, organized to address a youth member's boating skills and promote knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scout units, called "ships," focus on sailing and cruising either sailboats, power vessels or paddle sports.



ARCHERY IN LONG BEACH

Eight years ago, Andrew picked up a bow and arrow for the first time as a Cub Scout in Long Beach Pack 67. Then he told his parents he wanted a bow for his birthday. His parents had a better idea: "We told him we would get him proper archery lessons," says Andrew's dad, Gary.

In January 2016, Andrew started breaking state and national records. He was so good, in fact, he joined the Cadet division -- for anyone 17 or younger -- at age 13. So good in fact, he earned a spot on the USA Archery Team!

Just months ago in September, Andrew competed for Team USA in Cortina d'Ampezzo, in northeastern Italy. He took home 6th place in the world, making him the highest ranked U.S. archer in his division.

Andrew is now a Life Scout in Troop 67. He is a sophomore at Millikan High School in Long Beach. Great job, Andrew!

Scout Office Selected as One of Seven Most Beautiful Buildings in Long Beach
Neil Armstrong Speaks at Eagle Scout Dinner

Sea Scout Base Dedicated in Long Beach Marina

World Scout Jamboree Held in Idaho

SUPPORT

We invite you to partner with us in our centennial celebration. **You** are an important piece of our puzzle and there are many ways for you to find a place to "fit in."



CELEBRATE

Your financial support will help us continue to provide leadership skills, character education, and outdoor experiences to our diverse community in the cities of Long Beach, Signal Hill, Bellflower, Lakewood, and Avalon. When you make a donation to the Long Beach Area Council you are supporting a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization rated on Charity Navigator with the highest 4-star rating.

To make a donation: visit us online at www.longbeachbsa.org/donate or mail a check to: 401 E. 37th Street, Long Beach CA 90807
Attn: Marc Bonner – 100 Years

CONNECT

Want to start a Scout unit or volunteer your time? We can "**Scout You In!**" It's a great place for adults to learn and grow while fostering our next generation of leaders.

Go to: beascout.org and type in your zip code and find a unit close to you and ask how you can help. Or call (562) 427-0911 and ask how to join.



COMMUNITY

All youth ages 5 - 21 are welcome in our programs. Help them hone their interests or help them discover new passions. All of our programs teach ethical leadership skills and life skills that can be applied to the 21st century work force.

To join a local unit go to: beascout.org and type in your zip code and find a unit close to you. Find one that meets your needs and that can fit into your schedule.



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 9

Centennial Gala Celebration

Open to all community, family, and friends.

Sponsorships, table rates, ad info
at www.longbeachbsa.org/100gala

Cub Day Camp Started at
Will J. Reid Scout Park
Project SOAR Conservation Project Inaugurated

1972

Camp Tahquitz &
Tribe of Tahquitz
50th Anniversary

1975

United
States
Bicentennial

1976



Tiger Cub
Program
Started

1983

FUTURE



SEA SCOUTS IN LONG BEACH

For almost 100 years, the Sea Scouting program in Long Beach has been an important youth program for the city and our community. Sea Scouting provides growth opportunities for its members to acquire knowledge through instruction in water safety and practice in boating skills. Youth make outdoor memories, provide service, and gain leadership skills as well as knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Carina and Milan recently joined Sea Scout Ship 501. They are on a **three-month** apprentice program called Poseidon. Upon graduation, they **will earn full-membership status on the Sea Scout Ship "Conquest."**

The two sisters are excited about the opportunities open to them both in Sea Scouting and in joining Troop 303 as Scouts. Outdoor adventures, fun, and hands-on experience are what they enjoy most in Scouting.



STEM

"Throughout my Scouting career, I've seen some remarkable things. Recently, I witnessed another: the first all-girl patrol at Camp Tahquitz. I've seen a big supporter of girls joining Scouting. I believe the program is strong enough to benefit all kids. Every kid gets something different out of Scouting. Now these girls have the opportunity to get what they want out of it. More power to them. Quite frankly, it's about time." *Spring*

"I really like building robots. I learned this at Scout camp. I want to go to college to study robotics because I want to make a difference and help other people."



GIRLS

"I can't think of better training for future careers than being a Scout. From planning skills to problem solving, communication, and project management, Scouting prepares young people for life. With over 130 career and hobby interests through the merit badge program, to career mentoring, Scouting is the premier program for youth development."

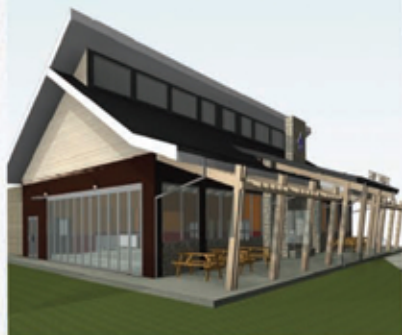


CAREERS

Varsity Scouting Started	Boy Scouts of America 75th Anniversary	Women Allowed to Serve in Troop Leadership Positions	Learning for Life Started	Venturing Started	ScoutReach Program Started
1984	1985	1988	1991	1998	2005



VISION



CAMP DINING HALL

"As screen-time and technology become more prevalent, especially within our inner-city, the need to get kids outdoors will only increase. Scouting provides this outlet. The ScoutReach program will continue to be relevant meeting the needs of under-served youth in our community."

"I envision a summer camp bustling with youth, both boys and girls of all ages, eager for a hearty lunch after a morning full of challenging, fun experiences. A new dining hall at camp will be a game-changer. We've outgrown our current kitchen capacity. I'm very much looking forward to new opportunities that this new center will bring for generations to come."



SCOUTREACH



LEADERSHIP

"If there is one thing Scouting instills, it would be leadership. No matter the profession, a Scout will do the right thing, serve others, and be active in his or her community. Many of our own community leaders honed their leadership skills in Scouting."



SCOUTREACH IN LONG BEACH

Scouting in Long Beach is as diverse as the population itself. In 2005, the ScoutReach program was formed to make Scouting available to at-risk youth in town. Now in its thirteenth year, ScoutReach continues to provide underserved youth with a quality program at no cost to the family.

Participants enjoy the same Scouting program as everyone else: unmatched outdoor experiences, meaningful community service projects, and leadership opportunities that develop strong character. Youth see the sunrise from a mountaintop, learn to set up a tent, cook a meal while camping, paddle a canoe, and fold the American flag—in nearly all instances for the first time in their young lives.

Ashley, 33, explained why she finds ScoutReach valuable for both her and her son, Timothy, age 6. "Scouting is showing my son outdoors- and life-skills he would not otherwise learn." She adds, "Without Scouting, I would not have gone camping or fishing with my son. In the three months we've been involved, I have seen positive growth."

BSA Centennial

2010

Order of the Arrow Pavunga Lodge Formed

2012

Council Sold Will J. Reid Scout Park

2013



Girls Allowed to Join Cub Scouts

2018

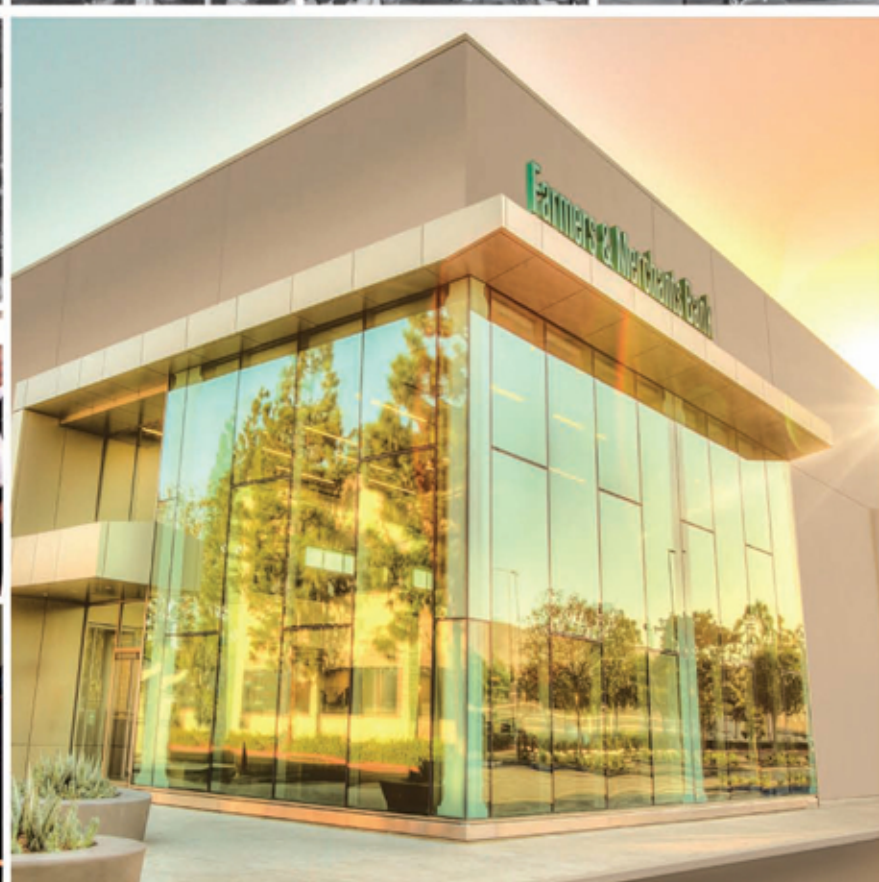
Girls Allowed to Join Scouts BSA Long Beach Area Council Centennial

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