



# Peace Light from Bethlehem



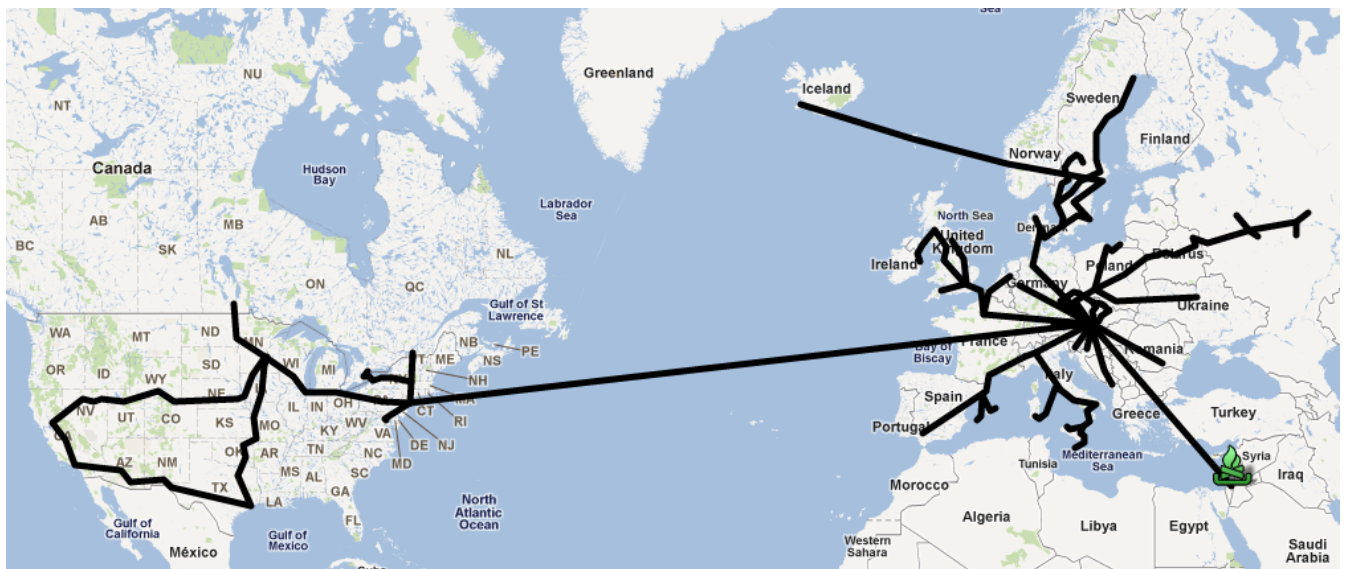
## Oso Lake Scout Camp

21131 Los Alisos Blvd, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

**Thursday 12/15/11 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

For over a thousand years lamps have been continuously lit in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem. For the last 26 years, a child from Upper Austria has lit two blast proof miner's lamps from a grotto lamp. These lamps are then transported to Vienna, where the living flame is distributed at a Service of Dedication to Scouts and Guides from across Europe. From Vienna, these Scouts and Guides take the Peace Light back to their communities, where they share the Peace Light at rail stations, churches, and scout meetings. By Christmas, the Light reaches nearly every country in Europe.

Since 2002, Austrian Airlines has flown the miner's lamps containing the Peace Light from Vienna to New York City. Scout Leaders light their lanterns from the miner's lamps in New York and spread out across the United States and Canada to share the Peace Light. See the map below to see how far the Peace Light spreads.



# Orange County Distribution Ceremony

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm is your opportunity to take the Peace Light home with you. Bring an oil lamp or enclosed candle to Oso Lake Scout Camp and we will share the Peace Light with you. Once you have the Peace Light, take it back to your community! You could:

- Take the Light to your local place of worship and share it with the congregation
- Share the Light at a Pack Meeting or Troop Court of Honor
- Use the Light as part of your family holiday celebrations

These are only a few suggestions - The Peace Light is what you make of it.

## How can our group take part?

Everyone is invited to come out to Oso Lake to be a part of this event – individual families, neighbors, friends, scout units, everyone. We'll have a campfire, sing a few songs, and share the Light in a brief but meaningful ceremony. All you need is a way to collect the Peace Light flame, usually a kerosene lamp or other lantern, and a way to transport it safely back home.\*

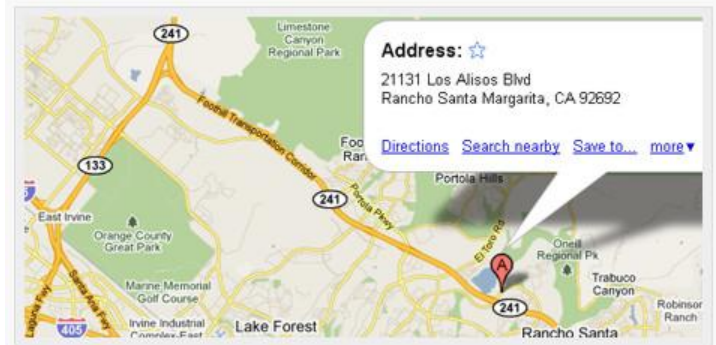
For the ceremony, we're inviting each unit to send an honor guard of three scouts:

- A Flag Bearer – carries the flag of your unit
- A Light Bearer – carries the lantern/candle/etc for your unit
- A Wish Maker – makes a wish for peace as part of the ceremony

*The honor guard should wear the full uniform for your scouting organization.*

If your unit would like to participate in the ceremony, please email: [david.ruiz@peacelight.org](mailto:david.ruiz@peacelight.org)

## Maps & Directions



**From El Toro Road and the 5 Freeway.** Exit the freeway and head east on El Toro Road (towards Saddleback Mountain). Continue on El Toro Road past Muirlands, past Jeronimo, past Trabuco, past Santa Margarita Parkway. Turn right on Margurite Parkway. Turn left on Los Alisos Blvd. Stay on Los Alisos Blvd. until you go past the 241 Toll Road. After you go past the 241 Toll Road, make the first left hand turn and you will see the lake as you go down the hill. Follow the road to the camp.

**From the 241 Toll Road-** Exit on Los Alisos Blvd and head North. Turn left at the first driveway and you will see the lake. Follow the road to the camp.

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More information available at **PeaceLight.org**

\* Safety rules when transporting the Light:

- 1) Where possible Lanterns and Kerosene lamps should be contained in a canister following the pattern promoted by the Peace Light Organizers.
- 2) Ensure that there are at least two people in the car, one to concentrate on driving and the other to look after the light.
- 3) Minimize the risk of fire and travel within reach of a fire extinguisher.
- 4) Refueling of lanterns or changing of nightlights should not be carried whilst the car is moving. On a long journey, plan your stops to refuel the lantern.
- 5) Keep the light away from all fuels and other combustible materials.