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### Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for June 2021!



## IN-PERSON June 3, 2021 District Roundtable (Socially Distant & Safe)

The June 2021 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, June 3 at 7:00 PM, will be IN-PERSON and at Newhall Community Park: 1351 Newhall Parkway., Concord, CA 94521.

Bring your own chair, wear your Field Uniform (or Class A), and bring your face mask as they are still mandatory in California and Contra Costa County.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Young - District Director, <u>alan.young@scouting.org</u>.

This was announced on 4/24/2021.



Muir District Director's Message on behalf of the Council

This note is for all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Skippers, Committee Chairs, District Committee Members, Commissioners, and other interested leaders in Muir District.

#### **General Interests:**

**Updates on COVID-19**—If your unit does not catch the update at the Coordinated meeting, check the summary chart at the bottom of the page at <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/covid/">https://ggacbsa.org/covid/</a>. The chart gives the quick and dirty version of the format of allowable activities by county while the material above the chart cites the source material guidelines to generate the chart. Twin Valley District hosted a "Scouting Out of COVID" meeting that featured Don Kubik, Chair of the council's Enterprise Risk Management Committee that was recorded and posted on YouTube at: <a href="https://www.covid.org/">(22) Scouting Out of Covid - YouTube</a>.

Scouts, Are They Still Around?!—It seems odd hearing this response after you tell someone that you are involved in the Scouting program. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy at promoting the positive aspects of what we do. This summer is an opportunity to change this in a large-picture way (by all means, we should be relaying this type of information to community newspapers and other local news media) through the Summer of Service. This is a planning and tracking program for service projects done by families. This website has information to walk you through the process from ideas to recognition items: Summer of Service | Boy Scouts of America (scouting.org).

Eagle Service Project Service Hours--Are your Eagle Scouts proud of their service projects? Want to help spread the word about good things that Scouts are doing for the community? We are trying to identify the number of service hours provided through these service projects. Scouts (or leaders) and Scouters may enter particulars about their projects completed in the Bay Area. Details and pin setup is on the council website at: <a href="https://eagles.ggacbsa.org/eagle-projects-map/">https://eagles.ggacbsa.org/eagle-projects-map/</a>. These projects may have been done decades ago. We still want the information. Thank you, Karen Hansen for listing some of the recent projects!

Friends of Scouting (FOS)—For families who can help others, we can use the help. Tax deductible donations will be used to subsidized event and activity fees (compare the cost of other summer camps to a Scouts BSA summer camp), help pay upkeep of camp properties, help to provide assistance from service centers, seeds a registration-assistance fund, and more as detailed in a 2.5-minute video at FOS video. Every family should have the opportunity to participate in FOS if they can. Your unit may have a campaign facilitated by a parent, a presentation facilitated by a district leader, or a letter campaign. Please contact Alan at <a href="mailto:alan.young@scouting.org">alan.young@scouting.org</a> to tell your preference. Secure on-line donations may be made at <a href="mailto:https://ggacbsa.org/donate/">https://ggacbsa.org/donate/</a>. Patches are available for pledges at the \$100 and \$240 levels and paid by the end of 2021. If you know of businesses who could help Muir District reach its \$13,000 goal, please get let us know!

#### Can interested families find your program?

Localized ads are currently being run on Facebook to let families know that the Scouting program is active and ramping up. There are two key pieces to this information: accurate information on your unit's pin on <a href="https://beascout.scouting.org/">https://beascout.scouting.org/</a> website (The pin typically has the meeting location and times listed as well as contact information and possibly a public-facing unit website that describes the unit's general activities, goals, and history); and Sharing and Liking the various Scouting posts as you see them to push information out to non-Scouting families. More information will be in the Membership breakout of the Coordinated meeting and at: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/recruiting-resources/">https://ggacbsa.org/recruiting-resources/</a>.

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#### **Cub Scout:**

**New Adventure award for Cub Scouts—**There is a new Adventure award for Bears, Webelos and Arrow of Light-rank Cub Scouts. Learn more about the Modular Design Preview Adventure at: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/modular-design/">https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/modular-design/</a>. This Adventure follows similar concepts as the Protect Yourself Rules Preview and Yo-Yo Preview Adventures <a href="https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/">https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/</a>.

**Resources for Cub Scout leaders**—If you are a leader and on Facebook, Cub Chat Live! Is a relatively new page that addresses current issues. It is at: <u>Cub Chat Live!</u> and is a good companion to the Cub Scout Volunteers private Facebook group <u>Cub Scout Volunteers | Facebook</u>, and the Den Leader Tips & Tricks Videos <u>Den Leader Tips and Tricks</u>.

**Cub Scout Day Camp**—registration is now live for Day Camp at: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/cub-scout-camping/">https://ggacbsa.org/cub-scout-camping/</a>. We are still trying to put together a option along Highway 4. If your pack can help run a station, contact Alan.

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#### **Scouts BSA:**

If your troop or crew are attending **summer camp** at Royaneh, Wente, or Wolfeboro, you will want to get your information at: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/summercamp/">https://ggacbsa.org/summercamp/</a>. In-person camp is progressing and there is still some room for units to register.

If your youth member is getting close to age 18, please refer to <u>Time Extensions to complete top awards</u> for guidelines on **time extensions** to complete Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit Awards. Don't wait until the week before the birthday.

Order of the Arrow—We are actively offering Unit Elections for troops, crews, and ships to recognize those who exemplify leadership with a smile. If you are a former member who wants to re-engage, you might want to pay your 2021 dues by the end of May to be eligible for the first edition "Founder" lodge flap patch. Learn how to keep up with breaking news at: <a href="https://yerbabuena.ggacbsa.org/">https://yerbabuena.ggacbsa.org/</a>.

Yours in Scouting,

#### **Alan Young**

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A Message from our Chair

Hello Muir District,

We have some exciting news...

First, we will be having an in person Roundtable. Having just had an in person meeting with the troop, there was a different vibe in the air. We can experience this feeling

Second, there will be a BIG announcement. You have to be there to hear it.

Third, there is a program planned for Cub Scouts in August. Plans are in the works for a Boy Scout event and also a District recognition event.

Another subject, we know that many of you have struggled financially through this year. But for those of you who can, in any amount, please consider donating today or make a pledge.

If any unit, Venturing, Troops, Packs would like to volunteer to do an event at our Cub event please volunteer on Roundtable night.

Yours in Scouting,

Sheila Rowntree Muir District Chair Golden Gate Area Council, BSA

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### **Commissioners Wanted**

If you are a Scouter or parent interested in helping units grow and prosper, consider becoming a Commissioner! The overall vision of the Commissioner Service is for every member of the BSA to have a great Scouting experience.

If you are interested, please contact: <u>muircommissioner@gmail.com</u>



### **COVID-19 VACCINATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Contra Costa County is now vaccinating 12-16 year olds! Check out the link here to schedule appointments: <a href="https://covidvaccine.cchealth.org/COVIDVaccine/">https://covidvaccine.cchealth.org/COVIDVaccine/</a>

# Muir District Website (subdomain of Council Website)

Reminder: we have a website for our District!

Please go and check it out! Currently, the
Zoom information for both the District
Roundtable and the Commissioner &
Committee Meetings are posted on the
Home page. Advancement information such
as the Life to Eagle Process, Guide to
Advancement, and COVID-19 Advancement is
available. There is also District contacts
(coming soon) and Unit contacts which
redirects to beascout.org.

https://muir.ggacbsa.org

# Wek-Wek Village, Order of the Arrow web page

We also have a web page linked to the Muir website for the Wek-Wek Village, Order of the Arrow! It is located under the "OA tab at top in the Menu bar or you may go to:

https://muir.ggacbsa.org/wek-wek-village/.

That web page will have recent announcements, upcoming meetings/events, Village leadership roster, and a link to their

If you have any feedback on what we should have on our District website or OA web page, please let Patrick Jaime, District Communications Chair know at: patrickj0208@yahoo.com!

Facebook page.

#### **Muir Scouts in Action Submissions**

If you have any pictures or videos of **Muir District Scouts in Action** (service projects, heroism, etc.) wearing masks and observing social distancing, please email them to <a href="mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com">patrickj0208@yahoo.com</a> and include a copy of the Medical Record (<a href="Part A">Part A</a>) release for each Scout so that they can be recognized/featured in the District Newsletters!

We also accept any submissions of notable Scouting-related recognitions, awards, or news of Scouts/Scouters.





# Congratulations to Arnel Jaime on "Keeping his Vigil" and becoming Wek-Wek Village's newest Vigil Honor Member! (the one in the middle bottom row kneeling)

Note: the Vigil Honor is denoted by a red arrow between two red bars and contains a red triangle in the center of the arrow.

Congratulations to the 13 new Vigil members of Yerba Buena lodge among of which was the Wek-Wek Village Adviser: Arnel Jaime! The members completed their Vigil weekend at Rancho Los Mochos. One of the largest induction ceremonies held by either Achewon Nimat, Kaweah or Ut-in Selica Lodges. Special thanks to the cook crew that provided a COVID safe dining experience.

"The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination."





# Wek-Wek Village Informational Meeting is on Every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 7 pm via Zoom!

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on *Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7 pm* via Zoom!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112...

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

Passcode: WekWek One tap mobile

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Every month on the First Wed, until Apr 6, 2022, 11 occurrence(s)

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Jul 7, 2021 07:00 PM

Aug 4, 2021 07:00 PM

Sep 1, 2021 07:00 PM

Oct 6, 2021 07:00 PM

Nov 3, 2021 07:00 PM

Dec 1, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 5, 2022 07:00 PM

Feb 2, 2022 07:00 PM

Mar 2, 2022 07:00 PM

Apr 6, 2022 07:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Monthly: https://us02web.zoom.us/.../tZMtcOGupz4rG9ZLConYNQ.../ics...

**Note**: when emailing <u>abhimokkapati@gmail.com</u>, please CC Village Adviser at <u>arnel.jaime@scouting.org</u> and Assoc. Adviser at <u>patrickj0208@yahoo.com</u> for YPT if you send us emails.



### **Important Information for Summer Camp 2021**

https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/IMPORTANT-INFORMATION-FOR-SUMMER-CAMP-2021-051421.pdf

#### **Editor's Note:**

The email (which has been converted to a pdf link) abovewas sent to all registrants of GGAC Summer Camp 2021 based off the Black Pug registration system. Some of the people who receive this email will include those who may have had an error receiving their email OR did not register for Summer Camp this year. However, there is important information about COVID-19 protocols, what you would need to bring, and conditions for Campers and Drivers to be permitted to camp such as acceptable negative COVID-19 tests (within 72 hours of arrival to camp OR proof of COVID-19 vaccination (copy is permitted).



### **Scouter Code of Conduct**

(excerpt from Bryan on Scouting); full article here: <a href="https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/05/05/whats-in-the-scouter-code-of-conduct-which-every-bsa-leader-agrees-to-follow/?">https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/05/05/whats-in-the-scouter-code-of-conduct-which-every-bsa-leader-agrees-to-follow/?</a>
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When you completed the <u>adult leader application</u> to officially join Scouting, one of the eight "leader requirements" you agreed to meet was this one: "Abide by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Scouter Code of Conduct."

You probably have those first two memorized. But the <u>Scouter Code of Conduct</u>? That code, which <u>we first blogged about in 2017</u>, is a list of 10 things that, as Scouters, we agree to do our best to do.

When you review the list of 10 below, you shouldn't find any surprises there. The Scouter Code of Conduct is just about using the BSA's program as designed, including all of the program features designed to protect youth from harm, abuse or trauma.

In the years since we first covered the code, it has been updated to reflect the BSA's introduction of SAFE, an acronym to help Scouts and Scouters remember which safety points they should incorporate into any activity, including service projects. SAFE, which we blogged about in March, stands for:

- Supervision
- Assessment
- Fitness and Skill

**Equipment and Environment** 

#### What is the Scouter Code of Conduct?

You can read it <u>here</u>: <u>https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouter-code-of-conduct/</u>

This was announced on 3/11/2021.



### **Use These Updated Forms to Support a SAFE Scouting Experience.**

Prior to any service projects, use the <u>SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist</u> and simplified <u>SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines</u>.

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities is our top priority. This checklist can be used for all Scouting service projects (Order of the Arrow, Distinguished Conservation Service Award, Eagle Scout, and individual or unit service). The checklist is not an added requirement for an Eagle Scout service project.

The guidelines document outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders and other volunteers must consider for Scouting service projects that include the use of tools. It is not intended to cover the use of tools integrated into advancement requirements (i.e., merit badges, handbooks, or adventures).

This was announced on 3/11/2021.



## BSA YPT Update (March 11, 2021):

Update found here: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/#tr">https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/#tr</a>. Updates are denoted by a red diamond next to the respective Q&A.

- YPT Barriers to Abuse Clarification for Program Requirements
  - "Q. Can a leader bring their Scouts BSA son or daughter to an opposite

- gender troop activity?
- A. No. Scouts BSA program integrity requires single gender units and single gender buddy pairs.
- In our single-gender Scouts BSA Troops, program activities such as
  meetings and campouts (where there is an expectation the only attendees
  will be youth and their adult leaders) this barrier creates a safer and more
  productive environment by limiting participation to youth of only one gender.
  Other activities intended to include family members of both genders, such as
  award ceremonies, Courts of Honor, and fundraisers may include both male
  and female youth and adult visitors."
- Note: the activity that is done is important to the interpretation (as is "troop"). When conducting in-person Linked Troop (Boy/Girl Troops) meetings, different times and/or different rooms are acceptable. Common announcements would be okay as well, then simply adjourn to different rooms for hands-on activities. Please contact Alan.Young@scouting.org for further inquiries.

This was last updated on 4/22/2020.

# Youth Protection During COVID-19: Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

"As Scouting moves to virtual and online platforms, we offer the following reminders to help keep kids safe. The below guidelines applies to all online Scouting activities and meetings."

https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/?fbclid=lwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTYY

Please share to all your Units and Volunteers.



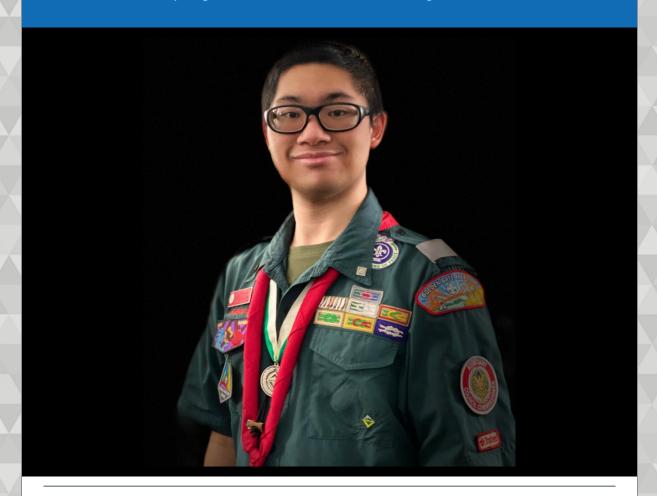
# <u>Congratulations to Patrick Jaime, Muir District's First Scouter to serve as</u> <u>the Golden Gate Area Council VOA Advisor!</u>

View the original announcement here: <a href="https://blog.ggacbsa.org/venturing-officers-association-new-volunteer-adviser/">https://blog.ggacbsa.org/venturing-officers-association-new-volunteer-adviser/</a>.

The purpose of the VOA is to provide support and guidance to maintain and grow the Venturing program. A VOA consists of a team of youth officers who are supported by advisors. It provides leadership experiences that prepare young people for their respective futures and gives them a voice to help strengthen the Venturing program. VOAs collaborate with other committees in providing training for Venturers and Advisors, programming for crews, and monthly or quarterly forums to bring together youth and Advisors. VOAs provide opportunities for adventure,

leadership, personal growth, and service (ALPS). By doing so, they serve to model best practices in programming for local crews and to provide a program resource for Venturers and Advisors throughout the council.

Patrick is the first Scouter in the Muir District to be serve as the VOA Volunteer Advisor for the Golden Gate Area Council. As the GGAC VOA Volunteer Advisor, Patrick plans to support the vision and goals of the Council VOA President and Officers through his team of selected Associate Advisors to ensure VOA operations are executed properly and safely. Patrick joins his Young Adult Programs' counterparts such as Exploring Advisor Stuart Mahler and Sea Scouts Commodore Steven Welch, all 3 of which are under the GGAC Vice President of Young Adult Programs Tamara Sokolov. Patrick is the youngest GGAC VOA Volunteer Advisor at age 21.



#### **District Committee Positions**

Calling all adults over 21 years of age! If you would like to know how you can help Scouting in our area, contact our District Chair Sheila Rowntree at rowntreesheila53@gmail.com.



#### **Muir District News**.

If you or other members of your unit would like to receive the latest information regarding Scouting in our community, please check out our Muir District – GGAC Facebook group page by following the link here:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497 627480390/

#### **Council News**

Check out the Council website for the latest Council news, and updates: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org">https://ggacbsa.org</a>.

Latest/past Council e-News can be found here: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/#elementor-action%3Aaction%3Dpopup%3Aopen%26settings%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwliwidG9nZ2xlljpmYW">https://ggacbsa.org/#elementor-action%3Aaction%3Dpopup%3Aopen%26settings%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwliwidG9nZ2xlljpmYW</a>

Latest/past District Newsletters can be found on our website's home page by clicking the "News" tab on the menu bar or go here: https://muir.ggacbsa.org/news/ xzZX0%3D

If you are not receiving the Council eNews, you may subscribe here: https://forms.gle/6qFq1oTcjC3dkhEa8



### **Friends of Scouting 2021**

GGAC's Friends of Scouting Campaign for 2021 is open! Please check out <a href="https://www.ggacbsa.org/donate">www.ggacbsa.org/donate</a>

This was updated on 01/24/2021.



# **Golden Gate Area Council Founder Patch**

Golden Gate Area Council Founder patches are still available! Click below at this link: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/donate/#FoundersCampaign">https://ggacbsa.org/donate/#FoundersCampaign</a> to donate to the GGAC Founders Campaign.

A \$100 donation or higher levels will help keep Scouting going in Muir District and will net you a Founder version of the Golden Gate Area Council shoulder patch!

# Scouter Recognition (nominations extended)

Below is a link for the Unit Scouter of the Year Nomination form and a link for the District Award of Merit Nomination form. The District Recognition Event has been postponed to Fall 2021 so nominations are also extended. Please submit nominations to <a href="mailto:alan.young@scouting.org">alan.young@scouting.org</a>.

<u>Unit Scouter of the Year Nomination Form</u> https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf

We do not have a location or date yet due to the current gathering restrictions, but I can start collecting the information for our program.

#### **Arnel Jaime**

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### **Eagle Rank Extensions**

If you have any Life Scouts who are nearing age 18, please have him or her visit the links here: **Eagle Rank Extension - Guide** & **Eagle Rank Extension - Form**.

This was updated on 01/01/2021.



### **2021 Registration Assistance Program**

The generosity of donors contributing to our Friends of Scouting campaign paired with our Council Program Fee has made it possible for the Golden Gate Area Council to create a Scout registration assistance fund. The purpose of the fund is to ensure that every youth has the opportunity to participate in our program by offsetting registration fees.

Registration assistance requests are available to families based on need, and are submitted through a member of the unit key 3. While assistance can be requested up the full amount of the council CPF and national registration costs, we encourage units to determine if the families or units can contribute any portion of the cost. This will make it possible for us to extend the funding to as many Scouts as possible.

The Golden Gate Area Council is committed to ensuring that every youth has an opportunity to be be a Scout, so please speak with your district staff members if the BSA registration cost is a barrier for any family. Thank you for delivering the promise of Scouting to youth of the GGAC!

Please <u>click here</u> to visit our CPF page where you can find the Registration Assistance Request Form.

This was updated on 05/16/2021.



# East Bay Scout Shop Permanently CLOSED

# Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Remains OPEN

See email from the Council for more information about East Bay Scout Shop closure: https://conta.cc/3xXvcVW.

Pleasant Hill Scout Shop remains OPEN. Please visit <u>GGAC Scout Shop</u> (ggacbsa.org) for information before you go. Store hours (including lunch break), available items, how to order ahead, and other useful tips are there.

The Pleasant Hill Scout Shop REMAINS OPEN.

# through Scout Shops (Two options):

Email <u>PleasantHillScoutShop@scouting.org</u> a nd attach your Purchase Order with the Advancement Report. Please indicate what you would like to add to your order such as rank cards and parent pins. Also, please specify when you would like to pick up your order(s).

2. Click this link to place advancement orders with local Scout Shops that have reopened: <a href="https://www.jotform.com/gpetza/advancement-order-form">https://www.jotform.com/gpetza/advancement-order-form</a>. Please attach the relevant Advancement Report(s) to the online form.

There is a shipping option and a "pick-up at store" option currently available.



#### **Powerful Cub Scout leader resources**

A lot of useful content is being posted on Scoutingwire at: https://scoutingwire.org.

From giving your new Den Leader instant meeting plans: <a href="https://scoutingwire.org/this-new-video-series-delivers-the-ultimate-den-leader-experience/">https://scoutingwire.org/this-new-video-series-delivers-the-ultimate-den-leader-experience/</a>.

To a host of other ideas like leading Zoom meeting for Cub Scouts, Virtual fall recruiting (including the use of digital applications and payment), and BeAScout tips, <a href="https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/">https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/</a>.



# Wood Badge 2021

We are hosting two Wood Badge sessions this year.

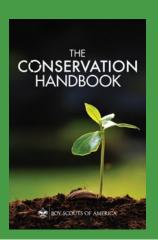
**Autumn Course**: 9/17-19 & 10/9-10, 2021 **Fall Course**: Sep 24 - Sep 26, 2021

Click on the buttons below to register or check the Training website for more information: **Wood Badge** 

Autumn Course

Fall Course

This was announced on 10/13/2020.



# Conservation awards program changes

The Hornaday Award will be replaced by the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award.

#### More information

available at: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/">https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/</a>.

This was updated on 1/14/2021.

# Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Questions and Answers

The following questions regarding advancement have arisen as we deal with closures, cancellations,

or other issues caused by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Although there are difficulties and constraints, advancement can continue. Youth, parents, and leaders should work together to implement creative, common sense ways to facilitate advancement while adhering to the Guide to Safe Scouting and following the rules of Youth Protection training.

Please follow this link to the <u>Guide to Advancement (GTA)</u>, which remains the primary source for information related to Scouts BSA advancement. It is referenced throughout the answers provided here

Please send additional questions to <u>advancement.team@scouting.org</u>.

Link below: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-fag/#advancement">https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-fag/#advancement</a>

This was announced on 12/22/2020.



#### **Adventures in Cub Scouts**

This guide <u>Adventures in Cub Scouts - GGAC (ggacbsa.org)</u> builds on the National BSA video presentations for Cub Scout Core and Elective Adventures. If you are feeling lost on how to guide the Cub Scouts in your den, these resources will lead you out of the woods. If you have kids who want to know how things work, you might visit the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Activities & Awards section at the bottom of the page.

The Golden Gate Area Council STEM Committee will be adding videos that may be used to check

off STEM-related requirements. One of our favorites is making a Cartesian Diverhttps://youtu.be/OlgbaWj8QUs.



### **Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scout!**

- Michael Benjamin Cianfrano, T484B, 4/29/2021.
  - Project Name: "Auto Shop Store Room Restoration".
  - Project Description: This project inspired two more projects in the auto education department of CVCHS by T484B Life Scouts. The project improves the aesthetics and efficiency of the auto shop storeroom. Included: repainting cabinet doors and face frames, walls, floors, and ceiling, with a high gloss white paint. It brightens the space and improves visibility of the work area. Wood countertops were replaced by more durable sheet metal, extending the life of the counters. The scout planned to reorganize and label the tools and parts, but the it was not done, at the beneficiary's request.

#### ALL BSA TRAINING IS ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. To be registered as TRAINED in your role, you need to complete the following courses

- Scoutmaster/ Assistant Scoutmaster Position Training
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- Hazardous Weather
- YPT Youth Protections

#### HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

Please take or update your training before your first outdoor or camping activity.

Since April 2018, BSA has required adult volunteer direct-contact leaders in all outdoor programs to take the most up-to-date (April 2018) *Hazardous Weather Training* (SCO\_800). This training is <u>available online</u>.

This basic position-specific leader training is for:

- Cub Scouting (Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader)
- Scouts BSA (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster)
- Venturing (Crew Advisor and Associate Advisor)
- Sea Scouts BSA (all Adult Leaders)
- Exploring (Advisor and Associate Advisor)

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