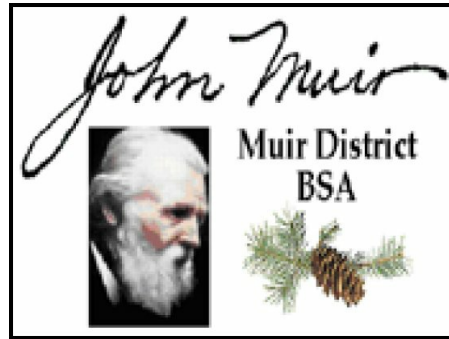


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for May 2021!



May 6, 2021 District Roundtable via Zoom

The May 2021 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: May 6, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93269387328?pwd=cW5QTfZOCgXNYlBnaXhQMElTWmI3dz09>

Meeting ID: 932 6938 7328

Passcode: 805390

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If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Rowntree - District



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 <https://ggacbsa.org/covid/> . 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: [\(22\) Scouting Out of Covid - YouTube](#) .

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: <https://eagles.ggacbsa.org/eagle-projects-map/> . 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 alan.young@scouting.org to tell your

preference. Secure on-line donations may be made at <https://ggacbsa.org/donate/>. 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 <https://beascout.scouting.org/> 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: <https://ggacbsa.org/recruiting-resources/>.

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: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/modular-design/>. This Adventure follows similar concepts as the Protect Yourself Rules Preview and Yo-Yo Preview Adventures <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/>.

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 : [Cub Chat Live!](#) and is a good companion to the Cub Scout Volunteers private Facebook group [Cub Scout Volunteers | Facebook](#), and the Den Leader Tips & Tricks Videos [Den Leader Tips and Tricks](#).

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

Scouts BSA:

If your troop or crew are attending **summer camp** at Royaneh, Wente, or Wolfeboro, you will want to get your information at: <https://ggacbsa.org/summercamp/>. 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 [Time Extensions to complete top awards](#) 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: <https://yerbabuena.ggacbsa.org/>.

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Young

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A Message from our Chair

Hello Muir District,

How exciting it is to see so many of our young people, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers, Sea Scouts all out and in the out-of-doors! This is something that has been missing for quite a while. With everyone getting outside more, people will see that Scouting is alive. Be sure that everyone is wearing Scouting T-shirts with the unit number or some kind of scouting shirt to let the community know that we are there for them. Remember this is a great recruiting tool.

Also, remember that we are striving to have an in-person roundtable the month of June. Please read carefully each month to see if we can accomplish this.

Remember stay safe and we look forward to getting together in the new future. Let us all Escape the Great Indoors.

Yours in Scouting,

Sheila Rowntree
Muir District Chair
Golden Gate Area Council, BSA

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rowntreesheila53@gmail.com
<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>



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: muircommissioner@gmail.com

**Muir District Website (subdomain
of Council Website)**

Reminder: we have a [website for our District](#)!

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

We also have a web page linked to the Muir

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>

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 Facebook page.

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!

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 patrickj0208@yahoo.com and include a copy of the Medical Record (**Part 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 Wek-Wek Village, Order of the Arrow on their Induction weekend and Service Project on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17, 2021!

Congratulations to our new Ordeal and Brotherhood *candidates* who completed their respective Induction ceremonies and became **members** on April 16-17. Thank you to our Village Chief and his Vice-Chiefs, Induction Team, and adult Adviser staff for scheduling and holding unit elections, and having the Village service project. Special thanks to our project sponsor, Mr. Bob Barker who allowed us to hold the service project at his garden who he built for Scouts to use and learn about gardening. Below are some photos taken from the hike. The rest are available here: <https://www.facebook.com/WekWek.Village/>.

The event was conducted in accordance with local health orders. Social distancing/face coverings were maintained and Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklists were filled out prior to the start of the hike.

Stay tuned via email, web page, and our Facebook page for announcements on our next events/activities as well as Unit Elections/Inductions.





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® ORDER OF THE ARROW

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, May 5, 2021 at 7 pm* via Zoom!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112...>

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

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Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112.../tZMtcOGupz4rG9ZLConYNQ.../ics...>

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

This was announced on 01/20/2021.



National Statement on COVID-19

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority.

Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be informed by expertise from agencies, including the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

We expect that everyone in Scouting will follow the guidelines listed below, which are based on the CDC's guidance. In addition, we have instructed local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, in order to implement appropriate protocols to help keep members, volunteers, and employees safe.

- Isolate if you are sick, and do not attend any activity/meeting/event if you, anyone you live with, or anyone you have recently been around feels unwell.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from people who do not live with you. (properly executed Scouting cohorts at council camps may be an exception).
- Avoid crowds.
- Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Meet outside if you can.
- Wear a face covering or mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid international travel if possible.
- Do not attend any activity/meeting/event if you or anyone you live with has been tested for COVID-19 or another illness and do not have the results back yet.

Units should look to their council regarding whether/how to conduct in-person meetings and activities. If in-person gatherings are permitted, be sure to follow all applicable guidelines and use your council's version of the [Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#) before attending.

We are taking similar steps as a national organization as we continue to evaluate and adapt to the current environment with the best interests of our members, volunteers, and employees in mind.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure that young people continue to benefit from Scouting while protecting the health and safety of our families, friends, and communities.

Resources:

- [Restart Scouting Checklist](#)
 - [Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#)
 - [BSA COVID-19 FAQ](#)
 - [Camping COVID-19 Resource Center](#)
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
 - [World Health Organization](#)
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[Use These Updated Forms to Support a SAFE Scouting Experience.](#)

Prior to any service projects, use the [SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist](#) and simplified [SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines](#).

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).

Editor's note: the article below was provided by Karen Hansen and the scholarship essay context is sponsored by Mercer Partners Wealth Management.

It's that time of year again...

2021 Annual Essay Scholarship Contest

"What does fiscal responsibility mean to me?"

That is the question that **Mercer Partners Wealth Management** would like to pose to graduating high school seniors. Answers must be submitted in a 300-500 word essay and received by **Friday, May 21, 2021**.

Two winners will be awarded a **\$1000 college scholarship**. (One entry per high school senior.) For more information and to download an application form [click here](#).

Completed entries may be faxed or emailed to:

Mercer Partners Wealth Management

This was announced on 3/11/2021.



BSA YPT Update (March 11, 2021):

Update found here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/#tr>. 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=IwARONRPaBsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

Please share to all your Units and Volunteers.

Muir District's One and Only Western Region Venturing Leadership Award Recipient!
Patrick Jaime

Congratulations to **Patrick Jaime** on being awarded the Western Region Venturing Leadership Award for 2021!

View the original announcement here: <https://blog.ggacbsa.org/wr-venturing-leadership-award/>.

The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) honors Venturers and Venturing Advisors who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The VLA may be awarded in the Council, Area, Region, and National levels. The Western Region covers all of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and parts of Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Texas as well as the countries of Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand.

Patrick is the first *and will be the only* Scout/Scouter who has received 3 of the 4 VLAs (was awarded Council, Area, and Region) in the Muir District. **Note:** Areas and Regions will be reorganized into Territories by mid 2021 hence the Area and Region VLAs will be discontinued.

The Region VLA is denoted by the green and white ribbon medal on Patrick's neck.



This was announced on 12/22/2020.



General Support

Need support at 2AM? The Golden Gate Area Council User Support Page came about through your questions [User Support - GGAC \(ggacbsa.org\)](https://ggacbsa.org). There is a lot of FAQ-format information as well as a way to route questions to more efficient responses. (Leaving a voicemail on the general line will lead to a wait before that voicemail box gets cleared out during our current Stay-At-Home period.)

Another contact through the service center is calling Alan at 925-674-6102 or through email at alan.young@scouting.org.

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/325497627480390/>

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/>

Council News

Check out the Council website for the latest Council news, and updates:

<https://ggacbsa.org>.

Latest/past Council e-News can be found here: <https://ggacbsa.org/#elementor-action%3Aaction%3Dpopup%3Aopen%26settings%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwliwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%3D>

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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 www.ggacbsa.org/donate

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:

<https://ggacbsa.org/donate/#FoundersCampaign> 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 alan.young@scouting.org.

[Unit Scouter of the Year Nomination Form](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf)
<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.

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Marketing Resources

April 2021

The latest Marketing Resources for Units, Districts, and Councils are now available! Click on the link below to check them out!

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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 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 [click here](#) to visit our CPF page where you can find the Registration Assistance Request Form.

This was last updated on 01/01/2021.



Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Updated Hours of Operation (as of January 1, 2021)

The Scout Shop is open as a retail entity (similarly your unit's Christmas tree pick up, mistletoe sales, etc. could be too). Please visit [GGAC Scout Shop \(ggacbsa.org\)](http://GGAC Scout Shop (ggacbsa.org)) for

Ordering Advancement items through Scout Shops (Two options):

1. Email PleasantHillScoutShop@scouting.org and 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

information before you go. Store hours (including lunch break), available items, how to order ahead, and other useful tips are there.

For the time being, we are open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on Tuesday – Friday & 10:30 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday (store will close for lunch break from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm everyday) and we are closed Sunday and Monday.

order(s).

2. Click this link to place advancement orders with local Scout Shops that have reopened: <https://www.jotform.com/gpetza/advancement-order-form>. 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.



SCOUTINGWIRE

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: <https://scoutingwire.org/this-new-video-series-delivers-the-ultimate-den-leader-experience/>.

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, <https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/>.



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

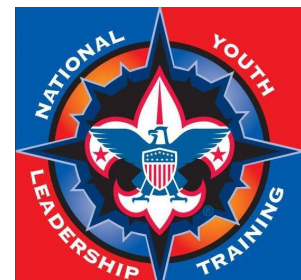
Click on the buttons below to register or check the Training website for more information: [Wood Badge](#)

Autumn Course

Fall Course

REGISTER NOW FOR NYLT!

June 13-19, 2021 at Rancho Los Mochos ONLY - 196 Scouts max. Registration has been made available since mid-January - check the Council website [Youth Training](#) page. Updated regulations associated with COVID may result in changes. We will keep you posted, and make a final decision on each course no later than 30 days before the scheduled course date.



Please direct Scouts & Crew interested in taking NYLT to register as soon as possible after Unit Leader approval. Slots fill up quickly. If you have a Scout in your Unit who has completed NYLT and is interested in serving on Staff, please have them contact us at:

[GGAC - NYLT](#).

Note: **June 7-12, 2021** at Camp Herms is already completely booked.

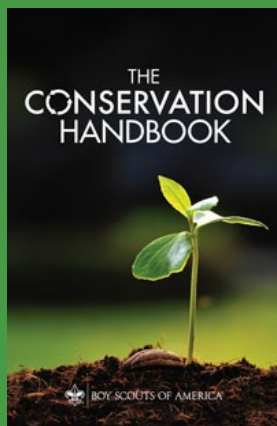


GGAC Summer Camp Apparel Pre-Order NOW!!

Orders accepted until May 16th...and with \$20 flat rate shipping you can buy gear for the whole family!

[Click here to start shopping.](#)

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: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/>.

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 [Guide to Advancement \(GTA\)](#), 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 advancement.team@scouting.org.

Link below: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/#advancement>

This was announced on 12/22/2020.



Adventures in Cub Scouts

This guide [Adventures in Cub Scouts - GGAC \(ggacbsa.org\)](https://ggacbsa.org) 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 Diver - <https://youtu.be/0lqbaWj8QUs>.



Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scouts!

- Bjorn von Ehrenkrook, T484B, 4/8/2021.
 - Project Name: "The Bughouse Project".
 - Project Description: Construction of an 8'x10' shed with a workbench, with individual exhibits for different types of bugs, which the school will use for after school and summer garden programs. The project included leveling the area, laying down a concrete pad, building the structure with compartments for habitats within, plus building a workbench. The bughouse fulfills the light, temperature, and size needs of the bugs, while protecting students from injuring themselves or the bugs, keeping unwanted persons out. The students will be able to view bugs in multiple stages of life, watch them grow, and visually learn. Construction included a concrete slab, plywood, 4 x 4 wood posts, 2 x 4 wood beams, Plexiglass, metal screen door, metal hinges, small plastic knobs, corrugated fiberglass roofing, nails, screws, paint, L brackets, re-bar, sill plate bolts, wood closure strips, and corrugated sealed nails.
- Collin Douglas Howison, T370, 4/15/2021.
 - Project Name: "Salvation Army-Courtyard Landscape".
 - Project Description: Soaking the ground well, using chainsaw and stump grinder to remove old, overgrown plants including Juniper bushes in the courtyard garden, adding compost, planting smaller, drought-resistant, long-lasting perennials that allow light to shine through the church's windows, and spreading mulch. The church won't have to repeatedly buy plants when some of them die. The project replaced the old irrigation system with a drip irrigation system to save water, and to prevent watering the sidewalk. The scout decided to add to his project, making the front of the church look nice, by adding compost, planting some extra plants and spreading mulch.

- William Earl McAdam, T484B, 4/22/2021.
 - Project Name: "Auto Room Painting and Repairing".
 - Project Description: Sanding down metal countertops, painting all walls and cupboards, rearranging tools for better efficiency, applying a non-skid surface to the auto shop storage room floor to repair large cracks. The project improves the appearance, safety, and the efficiency of tool use for the auto shop room.
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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 [available online](#).

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