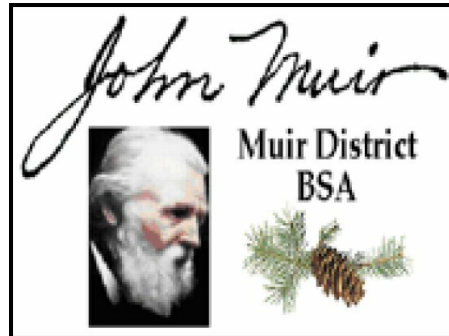


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for July 2021!



NO July 2021 District Roundtable

Enjoy the month off of Roundtable and we'll see everyone on August 5, 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.

Scouts BSA Summer Camp:

General news about Camp Royaneh, Camp Wolfboro, and Wente Scout Reservation is at: <https://ggacbsa.org/summercamp/> . Need a COVID-19 test before heading to summer camp? Here is a resource link for Contra Costa County: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-tested?fbclid=IwAR099GICEK1XYAWHperSV5tiVSMk5R2TcgTsvDF3j6cBcH56uhefaTlrsvs>

Cub Scout camps:

Registration will open soon for an inexpensive half day Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Herms on August 28th. Activities include bb gun shooting, archery, water rockets, and more. We are looking for packs and troops to host activity sites for the Cub Scouts to visit. Expect dens of 8 Cub Scouts at a time for 20 minute sessions. Contact Janet at janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net or Ed at EdGray2010@att.net if your troop has an activity that you can provide for Cub Scouts, or if you are interested in helping to staff the event as individuals. A link will appear on the council calendar and at: <https://ggacbsa.org/cub-scout-camping/> that gives details and a link to register.

This second link also details other outdoor activities for Cub Scouts—a weeklong resident camp for Webelos and Arrow of Lights August 2-7; a weekend for Wolf and Bears from July 16-18; a special Mom and Cub weekend September 24-26; an overnight camp for Cub Scouts who were Tigers between April 2020 and April 2021 on October 2-3; and an overnight opportunity for Cub Scout families who join this fall (October 23-24). Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will have an additional opportunity to camp out at a Webelosree on October 2-3 or October 30-31.

Fall recruiting:

Some of the fall Cub Scout camps above are for families who register this fall.

Our game plan for fall recruiting starts with the [2021 Adopt Your School Worksheet](#)—ways to start, or strengthen existing, relationships with schools near pack meeting locations. The worksheet lists ways for packs to interact with schools and is due back to the service center by July 31st. If the pack completes three of these methods, they will receive a water-powered rocket launcher that's fun for all! Each new Cub Scout will receive a rubber band-launched foam rocket as a gift for joining Cub Scouts. More resources are available at the council website at: <https://ggacbsa.org/recruiting-resources/> . We also have hard copies of most of the items mentioned on the website, contact Alan at alan.young@scouting.org for details, and especially when you need printed flyers, submitting Peachjar fliers, and using geofencing to extend the promotion of your sign-up meeting. We'll have training opportunities in July to go over the resources and training on running an efficient and effective sign up event.

Popcorn:

Need funds for awards, camps, tents, registration fees? The council-sponsored popcorn sales can help. Signups for fall are happening now, and webinars during the summer will show how to set up and track sales to make the administration easier at a pack, troop, crew, ship, or post level. By placing a council-wide order and keeping in communication with other Muir units that are selling, we can move inventory around to meet specific needs and ensure that we don't have a lot of unsold items. Sign up by the end of July to get all of the information—including access to the GGAC Popcorn Kernel Facebook page.

Individual Scout families may sell popcorn to pay for their Scouting adventures if the home unit is not selling. More information is at: <https://ggacbsa.org/popcorn/>.

District Recognition and Camporee

We are looking at the District Recognition event on Saturday, October 9th and the District Camporee in September or October pending availability of a host site. Planning for both events is starting now. If you are interested in joining the planning committees, please contact Alan at alan.young@scouting.org.

Registration for Finding Independent Track (F.I.T.) closes on June 26th. Offered by UCSF in partnership with GGAC, F.I.T. is a nationwide program that encourages contextualization, critical thinking, and interactive and adaptive learning approaches between students and teachers. This interdisciplinary program will challenge mature students in today's world. Information is at: [FIT - finding independent track - GGAC \(ggacbsa.org\)](https://ggacbsa.org) .

Friends of Scouting

There is still time to make a tax-deductible donation to help camp, provide recruiting materials, fund scholarships, support the James Cooper Memorial Garden in growing vegetables for the food bank, and make sure that your pack, troop, crew, ship, or post has help when needed. Muir District is just \$5,000 away from its Friends of Scouting goal. Visit <https://ggacbsa.org/donate/> to make your secure gift.

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Young

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A Message from our Chair

Hello Muir District,

Many of our units are out and moving about. Some have decided to attend a day camp outside of our district, and I know troops are going to summer camp. I hope that many of the units have planned activities during the summer. Everyone is looking to get outside and they are enjoying each other's company.

Now on another note, this will be my last news letter. I will be leaving the position of District Chair and giving that up to Carl Bodin. Many of you already know him due to the fact that he approves Eagle projects.

I have enjoyed my time as District Chair even though it was through challenging times. There was much learned and I hope to carry it forward in any new Scouting endeavors I might have. I have been in your district for the last 34 years and I will miss many of my friends. But the time was right for myself and the rest of my family, the other three generations, to move to a new location. I hope to see many of you as I return for various events. If not, I wish you all well. Know that I

appreciate everything that you do for the youth in our district. They look forward to getting together under your guidance and learning from you and from the other scouts.

For those of you they have not been involved in the district, now is the time for you to think about volunteering in some position. Just as our children are as strong as we provide and teach them, so do our units. The same is true for the district. The district is only as strong as the volunteers make it. And the same goes for Scouting. As long as we have everyone involved and show them their moral compass, they will succeed.

Thanks for your help and support.

Yours in Scouting,

Sheila Rowntree
Muir District Chair
Golden Gate Area Council, BSA

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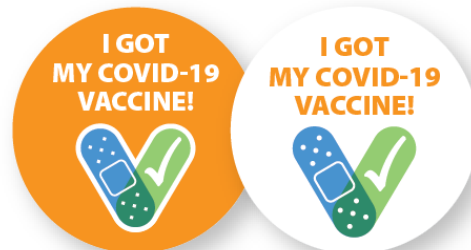
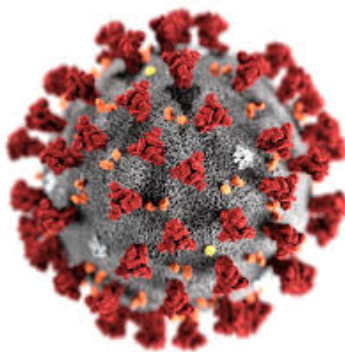


Commissioners Wanted

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: muircommissioner@gmail.com

This was announced on 6/15/2021.



COVID-19 State & County Restrictions Update June 15, 2021

As of **June 11, 2021**, the California State Governor signed Executive Order N-07-21 *officially rescinding prior Executive Orders from March & May 2020*. In addition, the State Public Health Officer officially ordered that the Blueprint for a Safer Economy (color-coded COVID-19 restrictions) **would be retired effective June 15, 2021** and *enacted policies to continue wearing face coverings, follow requirements for "mega events", and follow requirements for K-12 & Child Care Programs*. Please see the full order including the Guidance for Face Coverings here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Beyond-Blueprint.aspx> &
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

In terms of GGAC's COVID-19 update, there isn't one yet but all updates will be posted on this link: <https://ggacbsa.org/covid/>. "Since Scouting is a program built on positive modeling from our youth and adult leaders. As such we know our younger scouts who are not yet COVID-19 vaccine

eligible look to them for guidance on uniforming and masking, therefore, we are still requiring all Scouting participants to remain masked and to provide positive modeling for all scouts in our council." – Last update from GGAC Enterprise Risk Management Committee from April 27, 2021 regarding use of face coverings.

COVID-19 VACCINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Muir District Website (subdomain of Council Website)

Reminder: we have a [website for our District](https://muir.ggacbsa.org)! 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 Facebook page.

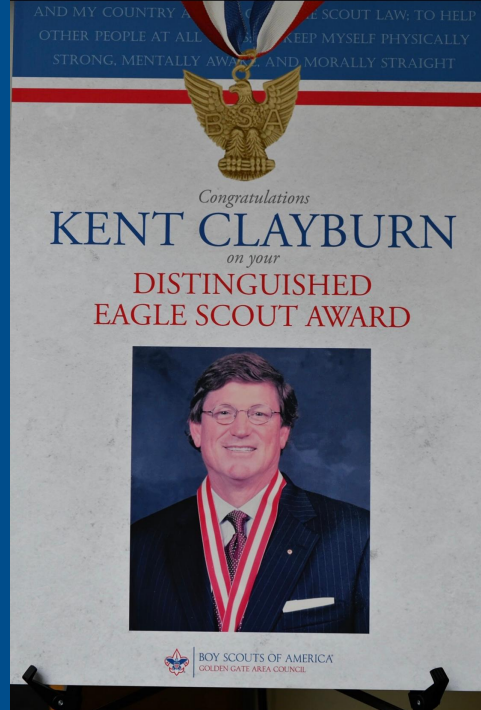
If you have any feedback on what we should have on our District website or OA web page, please let Patrick Jaime, District Communications Chair know at: patrickj0208@yahoo.com!

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.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Muir Scouts in Action
Scouts BSA Troop 484 G Conducts Flag Ceremony at Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Reception for Kent Clayburn on June 10, 2021.



On June 10, 2021, the Golden Gate Area Council's National Eagle Scout Association hosted a Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Reception for honoree Kent Clayburn. There to conduct the Flag Ceremony and *represent the Muir District* was **Scouts BSA Troop 484G**! The event was recorded live via a modified Zoom link accessible by email from the Council.

(Excerpt from the <https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/awards-and-recognition/distinguished-eagle-scout-award/>):

"The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) was established in 1969 to acknowledge Eagle Scouts who have received extraordinary national-level recognition, fame, or demonstrated eminence within their field, and have a strong record of voluntary service to their community. It is NESA's highest honor.

Only Eagle Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout rank a minimum of 25 years previously are eligible for nomination.

Since its establishment in 1969, the DESA has gained prominent standing among Scouting recognitions. Previous recipients include President Gerald R. Ford, several governors and senators, military flag officers, university presidents, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies, and nationally known lawyers, educators, and doctors.

The selection of recipients is made by the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Committee, comprised of members who are also DESA recipients. Not all nominations acted upon by the award committee are approved. A substantial percentage of nominations are declined."





(Photo by courtesy of: Arnel Jaime)

Come join us for our Village Open Mic Night Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 7 pm - 9 pm at Kings Valley Christian School. Register here:

<https://forms.gle/G5gjxgboo2ytzRS69>!

Order of the Arrow Open Mic Night

Looking to start your Scouting Summer off on the right foot? Join us for a night of family friendly fun, as we celebrate the Great Outdoors and come together with our own version of an open mic night.

Scouts can perform skits, songs, and stand up in order to win the gold.

Packs and Troops of all ages are welcome to join. Pizza and snacks available for purchase

Register to participate here:

<https://forms.gle/G5gjxgboo2ytzRS69>

When: June 30, 2020, 7 PM- 9 PM

Where: 4255 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA 94521

Items to Bring: Camping Chair, Headlamp, Face Mask, COVID-19 Pre Screening Form



Questions? Contact us at wekwek.verbabuena.aa@gmail.com and remember to cc our advisers Arnel.Jaime@scouting.org and patrickj0208@yahoo.com

Contact us at wekwek.verbabuena.aa@gmail.com if you have any questions. Note: please CC Village Adviser at arnel.jaime@scouting.org and Assoc. Adviser at patrickj0208@yahoo.com for YPT if you send us emails.



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, July 7, 2021 at 7 pm* via Zoom!

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

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

Passcode: WekWek

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Every month on the First Wed, until Apr 6, 2022, 10 occurrence(s)

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/j/87078695112.../tZMtcOGupz4rG9ZLConYNQ.../ics...>

Note: when emailing wekwek.verbabuena.aa@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.

OA Wek Wek Village Design Contest

Hello Scouts of Muir District!
Looking to showcase your artistic skills and make your mark on Scouting's National Honor Society?

Wek-Wek Village is hosting a contest for our next t-shirt and patch design.

Draw or create a design using digital editing or by drawing it yourself.

Your design must include the following:

- The phrase "WWW"
- The phrase "Wek-Wek"
- An arrow
- A falcon
- BSA logo



All designs are due by June 30, 2021! Email us your design at wekwek.verbabuena.oe@gmail.com

Questions? Contact us at wekwek.verbabuena.oe@gmail.com and remember to cc arneljaime@gmail.com and patrickj0208@yahoo.com

Email us at wekwek.verbabuena.oe@gmail.com to send us your design submissions.

Note: 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 5/24/2021.



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) above was 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)).



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Calling all Merit Badge Counselors . . .

You may be at risk of being de-listed from the official list of Merit Badge Counselors. Council recently sent an email to all known Council Merit Badge Counselors inviting them to renew as counselors. For those not responding, their accreditation as MBCs will be cancelled at the end of June, and their names will no longer appear in Scoutbook as registered and trained counselors. If you wish to continue as a counselor, please respond. If you did not receive an email, first check your Junk Mail folder. Still nothing? Then contact **MBC DEAN** to resend the notice

Merit Badge Counselor Dean's email: ronfedele@jazzyjelly.com

This was announced on 6/04/2021.

BSA National Membership Fee Changes 2021

Follow the link below for details about the BSA Membership Fee increase coming later this year. Link here: https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-membership-fee-increase-details-and-faq-updated-6-4-2021/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer692021&utm_medium=email&utm_content=



2021 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2021

FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

\$72/YR

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



\$45/YR



Participants age 10 - 20.

\$45/YR



All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2020

ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

\$75/YR

For all new and rechartering units.

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.
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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=IwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuigV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTYY>

Please share to all your Units and Volunteers.



VOA Adult Volunteers Wanted

If you have youth/adult experience in Venturing (especially in leadership), the GGAC Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) wants you! We are looking for adults registered in Venturing or those with some Venturing experience to occupy Associate Advisor positions and Committee positions. Please contact VOA Advisor Patrick Jaime at: patrickj2800@gmail.com if you're interested and for more information.

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%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwIiwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%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 www.ggacbsa.org/donate

BRIONES, DIABLO SUNRISE, HERMS, & MUIR DISTRICTS

announce...

CUB SCOUT FIELD DAY!!!



CAMP HERMS – El Cerrito

Saturday, August 28th, 2021

Morning Session: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Afternoon Session: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Cost:

\$15 per session for Cub Scout participating in Shooting Sports
\$10 per session for Cub Scout **not** participating in Shooting Sports
\$5 per session for prospective Cub Scout

*Registration will
be available in July 2021!*

Blast into Scouting with a Rocket Bottle

Rocket at your Joining Event!!!

And Your Pack Gets to Keep it Afterwards!

This launch set comes with everything you need to help your new Scouts Blast into Scouting at your Joining Event!

Best of all, your Pack gets to keep the set after your event!

The Aquapod Rocket Bottle Launcher features easy assembly and flights that can reach up to 100 feet!



Complete the simple checklist below to get a rocket launcher for your event;

- € Complete the 'Adopt Your School' worksheet by July 31st
- € Schedule an in person joining event by September 30 at a location with room for a rocket launch (ask your elementary school first!)
- € Let your district staff member know AT LEAST 3 weeks ahead so we can help promote your event
- € Share your Pack fall calendar with your district staff member
- € Commit to having at least 3 volunteers at the joining event to assist
- € Commit to promoting your joining event however you can





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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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 updated on 05/16/2021.



**Ordering Advancement items
through Scout Shops
(Two options):**

East Bay Scout Shop Permanently CLOSED (as of May 16, 2021).

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 [GGAC Scout Shop \(ggacbsa.org\)](https://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.

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 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

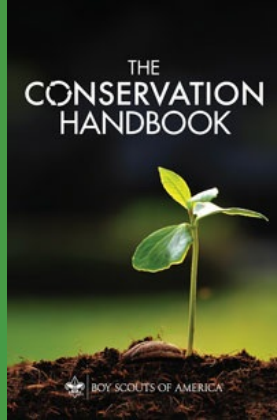
Fall Course

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!

- Emma Rose Leong, T444G, 6/03/2021.
 - Project Name: "St. Bonaventure's Garden Amphitheater Seating".
 - Project Description: This project allowed the church to resume outdoor services during the pandemic. The existing amphitheater benches were uneven and unsafe. There was no wheelchair access. The project originally planned to level, repair, repaint, and re-use the existing benches but the beneficiary requested benches of heart redwood. New benches were built. Scout requested that sealant should be used instead of paint to allow for natural beauty of the wood. A designated ADA compliant pad of decomposed granite was added to allow a wheelchair-bound person to park safely and participate in services.
- Timothy Ling-Kit Chan, T1994, 06/10/2021.
 - Project Name: "Cubbies for Kids".
 - Project Description: Create two 46"x 66" cubby shelves for church's after-school program because they currently have no cubbies to store kids' backpacks. Changed materials from pinewood to MDF because MDF boards were stronger and did not cause splinters and therefore were safer for kids. Initially, some of the shelves were not aligned properly and then needed to be re-aligned with L Ruler. Cubbies were painted to improve their appearance and longevity. Funds were donated by parents and tools were procured from volunteers according to the proposal.

ALL BSA TRAINING IS ONLINE... for now



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](#).

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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