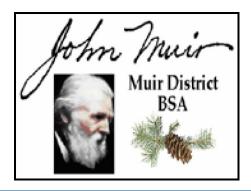
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## Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for September 2021!



### September 2, 2021 District Roundtable via Zoom

The September 2021 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: September 2, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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If you have any questions, please contact Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, <a href="mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com">muircommissioner@gmail.com</a>

This was announced on 6/24/2021.



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.

#### **Cub Scout camps:**

Registration will open soon for an inexpensive half day Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Herms on August 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 <a href="mailto:janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net">janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net</a> or Ed at <a href="mailto:janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net">janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net</a> or a satisfication of the council calendar and at: <a href="mailto:janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net">janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net</a> or a satisfication of the calendar and at: <a href="mailto:janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net">janetmcdonald5000@sbcglobal.net</a> or a satisfication of the calendar an

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 <a href="2021 Adopt Your School Worksheet">2021 Adopt Your School Worksheet</a>—ways to start, or strengthen existing, relationships with schools near pack meeting locations. More resources are available at the council website at: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/recruiting-resources/">https://ggacbsa.org/recruiting-resources/</a>. We also have hard copies of most of the items mentioned on the website, contact Alan at <a href="mailto:alan.young@scouting.org">alan.young@scouting.org</a> 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: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/popcorn/">https://ggacbsa.org/popcorn/</a>.

#### **District Recognition and Camporee**

We are looking at the District Recognition event on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:alan.young@scouting.org">alan.young@scouting.org</a>.

#### **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 <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/donate/">https://ggacbsa.org/donate/</a> to make your secure gift.

Yours in Scouting,

#### **Alan Young**

Muir District Director Golden Gate Area Council, BSA

800 Ellinwood Way Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 P 925.674.6102 C 408.564.3385 alan.young@scouting.org www.ggacbsa.org





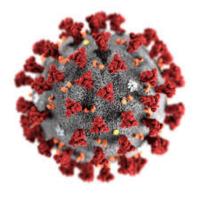
#### **Commissioners Wanted**

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: <u>muircommissioner@gmail.com</u>

This was updated on 8/02/2021.





### COVID-19 State & County Guidance Update August 02, 2021

On **July 28, 2021**, the California Department of Public Health revised the Face Covering Guidance in light of the *surge of positive testing rates from the Delta Variant*. Also, on **August 2, 2021**, the Contra Costa County Health Department released an updated Health Order regarding the Use of Face Coverings. Please see the full state guidance including the Updated County Health Order for Face Coverings here: <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-</a>

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GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## **COVID-19: Back to Masks**

This was announced on 8/02/2021.

## **Golden Gate Area Council Scouters**

The Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma are jointly reinstating an indoor mask mandate, regardless of vaccine status, effective August 3, 2021. The Golden Gate Area Council prioritizes the health and safety of our members and their communities above all else; therefore we are reinforcing to our membership that this mandate includes all indoor Scouting activities. We encourage you to take advantage of the beautiful late summer Northern California weather by conducting Scouting activities in the great outdoors.

In compliance with the local county mandates the Golden Gate Area Council requires:

- Masking at all indoor functions regardless of vaccine status in the seven counties listed above.
- Masking at all indoor GGAC facilities, regardless of county, which includes indoor facilities at all GGAC camps.

## 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 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: <a href="mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com">patrickj0208@yahoo.com</a>!

#### **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.



## 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, September 1, 2021 at 7 pm* via Zoom!

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Welcome to the.... Yerba Buena Lodge, Wek-Wek Village Contact Info:

<u>abhimokkapati@gmail.com</u>

(925)-204-9685

Troops 262, 317, 364, 370, 429, 444, 484, 1351, 1994
Village Meeting, Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 7:00-8:30 pm

We encourage all members new and old to take part and join in as we start the new year with a brand new lodge. We will be having a kickoff meeting on Zoom. With your help we can make this the best year ever! Feel free to contact me with any questions!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112?pwd=Q1pYSFpHa1ZIVmVSYlA 2bmhyVGRFQT09

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**Note**: when emailing <u>wekwek.yerbabuena.oa@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.

This was announced on 8/17/2021.



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**eNews** - Special Edition

#### **GGAC Welcomes...**

#### Mike Hale, Golden Gate Area Council Scout Executive!

The Golden Gate Area Council's (GGAC) Scout Executive Selection Committee unanimously recommended the hiring of Mike Hale as our next Scout Executive. We are excited about the depth of Mike's professional Scouting experience and look forward to the leadership and commitment he brings to sharing the values of Scouting with the young men and women in our area.

Full article here: https://conta.cc/3gdFTfH



Mike Hale signing the offer to become our new Scout Executive.

This was announced on 6/24/2021.

## 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 <u>MBC DEAN</u> to resend the notice

Merit Badge Counselor Dean's email: <a href="mailto:ronfedele@jazzyjelly.com">ronfedele@jazzyjelly.com</a>

This was announced on 7/16/2021.



### **Updated 2021 BSA Guide to Advancement**

Check out the latest release here: <a href="https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf?">https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf?</a>
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xLjAuMTYyNjQ1MjAwNC42MA. Please share amongst your fellow Scouters in your Units.

#### 1.0.3.0 Significant Changes

Almost every section of this guide has received some minor or major revisions since the last edition. Readers are encouraged to carefully review the entire guide, especially those topics frequently referenced. In particular, the following sections merit close review:

Section 4 – Mechanics of Advancement

Section 7 – The Merit Badge Program

Section 8 – Boards of Review: An Overview for All Ranks

Section 9 – The Eagle Scout Rank

Section 10 – Advancement for Members with Special Needs

Index – (Much improved and expanded)

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: <a href="https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-membership-fee-increase-details-and-faq-updated-6-4-2021/?">https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-membership-fee-increase-details-and-faq-updated-6-4-2021/?</a>

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## **2021 BSA National Membership Fees**

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

**EFFECTIVE** 



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** 



ONE-TIME



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: <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=IwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTYY

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: <a href="mailto:patrickj2800@gmail.com">patrickj2800@gmail.com</a> 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 Carl Bodin at <a href="mailto:carl.bodin@gmail.com">carl.bodin@gmail.com</a>.



#### **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/

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: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org">https://ggacbsa.org</a>.

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

## 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**

Associate Development Director Golden Gate Area Council, BSA

800 Ellinwood Way Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 925.674.6105 arnel.jaime@scouting.org www.ggacbsa.org





## **Popcorn Orders!**

Friendly reminder from GGAC to make sure you place your popcorn order by Monday, August 23rd!! <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/popcorn/">https://ggacbsa.org/popcorn/</a>

- Popcorn Brochure: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/.../GGAC-Popcorn-Product-Brochure-and...">https://ggacbsa.org/.../GGAC-Popcorn-Product-Brochure-and...</a>
- Fillable Popcorn Order Form: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/.../GGAC-Popcorn-Order-Form-fillable.pdf">https://ggacbsa.org/.../GGAC-Popcorn-Order-Form-fillable.pdf</a>
- 2021 GGAC Popcorn Presentation Slides: <a href="https://ggacbsa.org/.../08/GGAC-KO-2021-Presentation.pdf">https://ggacbsa.org/.../08/GGAC-KO-2021-Presentation.pdf</a>
- Trails-End Training Videos/Materials: <a href="https://www.trails-end.com/leaders/training">https://www.trails-end.com/leaders/training</a>
- GGAC Facebook Group: https://facebook.com/groups/1170354193154670/

#### Help Your Scouts Sell Over \$1,000 in Under 8 Hours

• CLICK HERE: <a href="http://image.trailsend.com/.../01caa810-7ea1-4435-bf52...">http://image.trailsend.com/.../01caa810-7ea1-4435-bf52...</a> to download a how-to guide to share with your Scouts about how they can fund their entire year of Scouting in under 8 hours! When broken down into achievable time commitments, the goal seems much more attainable to both Scouts and parents. Check it out today!

#### Trails-Fnd Webinars

- NEW KERNEL WEBINARS <a href="https://www.trails-end.com/webinars">https://www.trails-end.com/webinars</a>: An intro to the world of popcorn for all new Popcorn Kernels! Offering in depth training of the Trail's End Portal, Trail's End App & Best Practices to help get you started on the right foot! 45 Minute Training + Q&A
- RETURNING KERNEL WEBINARS <a href="https://www.trails-end.com/webinars">https://www.trails-end.com/webinars</a>: Training on updates to the Trail's End Portal, Trails End App and Best Practices for 2021. 30 Minute Training + Q&A



### **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**.



### **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 08/16/2021.



## Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Remains OPEN

Pleasant Hill Scout Shop remains OPEN. Please visit GGAC Scout Shop (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.

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

- 1. 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: <a href="https://scoutingwire.org">https://scoutingwire.org</a>.

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



## Wood Badge 2021

We are hosting two Wood Badge sessions this year.

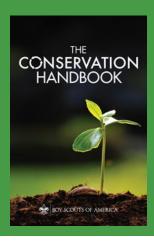
**Autumn Course**: 9/17-19 & 10/9-10, 2021 **Fall Course**: Sep 24 - Sep 26, 2021

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: <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 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 <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 Diver
https://youtu.be/OlgbaWi8QUs.



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

- Dylan Patrick Lynch, T484B, 7/22/2021.
  - Project Name: "CVCHS Pipette Stands".
  - Project Description: This project included GoFundMe fundraising, construction of 16 pipette stands and two first aid kits with supplies. The pipette stands are made of PVC pipe; they will hold pipettes during labs performed by the Clayton Valley Charter High School Medical Academy. Previously there were no stands, which meant the potential for contamination of the pipettes and the table, as students would lay pipettes on the table. That also made the table very crowded. The pipette stands stands give the academy a safe and convenient way to store the pipettes during labs, and when not being used. The project also included making and supplying two lab first aid kits, one for each classroom. The first aid kits provide a good amount of first aid supplies in case anything goes wrong during a lab.
- Xander Alexio Zapata Vivo, T317, 7/29/2021.
  - Project Name: "Dogs4Diabetics Toy Dog Assembly".
  - Project Description: The project included fundraising by email requests, and

assembly of 200 wooden toy dogs for use in the Dogs4Diabetics "Buddy Dog Program". The toy dogs were precut, but needed to be screwed to the base, and four wheels screwed onto the bottom of the base. These dogs were give to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, for distribution to Northern California children's hospitals. The purpose of the toy dogs is to raise awareness of the Dogs4Diabetics program, in which dogs are trained to serve the diabetic. The young children and families receiving the toys received a booklet explaining their opportunity to obtain a service dog that is trained to alert, go for supplies, or go for help when the diabetic's blood sugar level is out of balance.

#### 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 <u>available online</u>.

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- Sea Scouts BSA (all Adult Leaders)
- Exploring (Advisor and Associate Advisor)

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