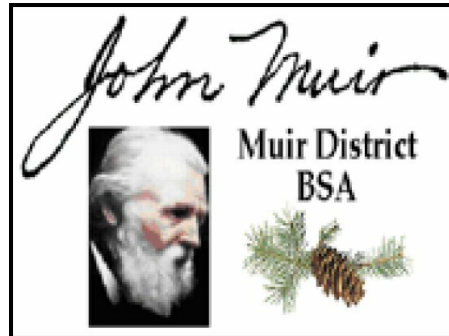


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for December 2021!
Happy Thanksgiving!!!



December 2, 2021 District Roundtable via Zoom

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

Topic: Muir Roundtable

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93269387328?pwd=cW5QTFZOCgXNYlBnaXhQMElTWmI3dz09>

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Dec 2, 2021 07:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
Monthly: https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=98tyKuCrrD0jGdySsxuPRowqAl_oXenxiGZeY1KiwWoThZ5ZxnPGfZNGqV6Cljv

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com



Friends of Scouting 2021

Thanks to a few last minute contributors, we were able to reach our goal for 2021. Thank you for your continued support.

This was announced on 9/24/2021.



Muir District Director's Corner

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

General interest:

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/> .

Golden Gate Area Council activities—Having a challenge finding registration links? You might want to bookmark <https://scoutingevent.com/023> . All of the council's registrations through the Black Pug system appear on this page. By toggling between the council calendar and this event

page, you will be able to keep track of most of the big-scale activities to augment your program.

Recharter—To streamline the process, recharterers will be done on-line for 2022. There is a tutorial located at <https://advancements.scouting.org>. A user guide and FAQ's can be found at: [Internet Rechartering 2.0 | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#). A chart detailing registration fees is located at: <https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/BSA-National-and-GGAC-CPF-Fees-for-2021-2022.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0UCvE6lqb86LYvkmomM1EFfTTRCoBHOpwOZA34RfQ8HwOtJCVOQG9AIEos>

Cub Scout:

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](#).

New Cub Scouts and an adult buddy may get a fall camping opportunity through Cub Camping Connection on the weekend of October 23-24 at Rancho Los Mochos.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can join in the fun at Webelo-ree on Halloween weekend, October 30-31 at Camp Herms. You will be home in time for Trick or Treating.

Scouts BSA:

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 Ranks.** Don't wait until the week before the birthday.

Have a Scout who needs just qualification scores to finish off the Rifle Merit Badge? He or she may do so on Sunday, October 3rd. We have a few spots open. Registration is at: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-riflemb2021>.

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Young

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District Commissioner's Message

It was wonderful to see the overflowing bins of food collected by our units during Scouting for Food. Thank you to all the youth and adult leaders who organize and enable their units to

participate in this great experience for all. May you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

As we get closer to 2022 I'd like to encourage looking at new ways to help our units in the coming year. Here are some Commissioner opportunities for the new year:

- Roundtable commissioners run the monthly roundtable program using monthly resources provided by the national scouting organization. Multiple opportunities here. We expect to return to in-person Roundtables in 2022 and a roundtable commissioner staff will help enable that.
- Unit Commissioners help unit leaders build their programs. If you've been a unit leader in the past and feel like you can help other unit leaders succeed you might be a great Unit Commissioner.

If you're interested in either of these roles, reach out to: muircommissioner@gmail.com

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

LEAD 2022 Registration Now OPEN!

[Click here to register!](#)

Leadership Education and Discovery

Golden Gate Area Council's ultimate training event

L.E.A.D. 2022
Leadership Education and Discovery



To Boldly Go ...



- ▶ This event is for you if you are a Scout Leader, Parent of a Scout, Venturer or a Senior Youth
- ▶ We offer choices - at least a110 of them!
- ▶ Learn some new skills and how to work with your Youth more efficiently.
- ▶ Learn how to increase the FUN in Scouting

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 29, 2021 8am - 5pm

Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill

Registration information coming soon

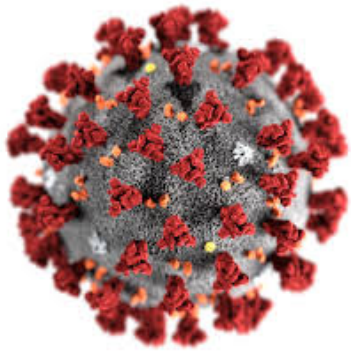
What others have said about previous L.E.A.D. sessions . . .

"Network with other Scouts – no more reinventing the wheel."

"BSA training teaches you what you need to be a Scout Leader. L.E.A.D. gives you the tools to be a great leader."

"An excellent way to learn about new gear, techniques, and changes in BSA policies."

This was announced on 9/14/2021.



COVID-19 County Health Order Update September 14, 2021

On **September 14, 2021**, the Contra Costa County Health Department released an updated Health Order requiring people to present a *proof of vaccination* or *negative test result* to gain entry into a high-risk business such as restaurants, entertainment venues where food or beverages are served, fitness facilities, and other specified businesses. Please see the full County Health Order here:

https://813dcad3-2b07-4f3f-a25e-23c48c566922.filesusr.com/ugd/84606e_5b347d41f96e4be48d32f8b0c991dff3.pdf



**GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

COVID-19: Wear Face Coverings

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](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.



Next Wek-Wek Village Informational Meeting will be NEXT YEAR (2022). We will still meet every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 7 pm via Zoom!

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on *Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7 pm* via Zoom!

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

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Welcome to the.... Yerba Buena Lodge, Wek-Wek Village

Contact Info:

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(925)-204-9685

Troops 262, 317, 364, 370, 429, 444, 484, 1351, 1994

**Village Meeting, Wednesday, January 5, 2022
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=Q1pYSFpHa1ZlVmVSYIA2bmhyVGRFQT09>

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Every month on the First Wed, until Apr 6, 2022, 4 occurrence(s)

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?pwd=Q1pYSFpHa1ZlVmVSYIA2bmhyVGRFQT09>

Note: when emailing wekwek.yerbabuena.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.

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 **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.



AB 506 . . . YPT . . . and You

California Assembly Bill 506 became law on September 16, 2021. AB 506 requires administrators, employees, and regular volunteers of youth service organizations . . . Read more here: <https://ggacbsa.org/youth%20protection/>.

GGAC specific requirements for YPT Certification

(<https://ggacbsa.org/youth%20protection/>).

All GGAC adult volunteers must be registered with the BSA and be Youth Protection Trained (YPT) to ensure that all adults know how to recognize and correctly report behaviors suspicious for grooming and abuse. On May 19, 2021 the GGAC Executive Board adopted a YPT policy to reinforce our awareness of Youth Safety. GGAC now requires that all registered adults 18 and over maintain YPT compliance *for their entire registration period*. As it is currently possible for YPT to expire during that period, this may require the adult to refresh their YPT training on an annual basis.

My Scouting sends reminders at 90, 60, and 30 days prior to YPT expiration. The BSA is also updating its YPT course materials effective June 1, 2021.

- If your YPT training is not current or will expire before December 31, 2021, you should complete the course as soon as possible.
- If you started the training, but do not complete it by May 31, 2021, you will have to retake the course.
- If your YPT training is current, you do not immediately have to take the updated course, but you will need to ensure compliance with GGAC policy.

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=IwAR0NRpabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

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 Carl Bodin at carl.bodin@gmail.com.



Muir District News.

Want to get some late breaking Scouting news or post an event? Then join our Muir District Facebook Group page. Follow the link below, answer a quick question regarding your Scouting experience, and you will gain access to the group page. Don't forget to share this with members of your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post!

<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>

If you are not receiving the Council eNews, you may subscribe here:

<https://forms.gle/6qFq1oTcjC3dkhEa8>



Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scouts!

- Andrew McDonnold LaVay, T484B, 11/16/2021
 - Project Description: Removing three existing benches mounted on destroyed foundations, at Crystal Ranch clubhouse tennis court. The project required coordination with the Crystal Ranch HOA, and the third party who was resurfacing

the tennis courts. The scout led a group of scouts in removing, cleaning the benches, cutting through and removing existing concrete, digging holes for new foundations, pouring new concrete, and reinstalling three benches with 2" expansion anchor bolts. The reinstallation was done after the tennis courts were resurfaced. The project creates a place for players to keep their belongings while they play, and for others to sit and watch tennis games.

- Ashleigh Paige Christy, T484G, 11/23/2021
 - Project Name: Clayton Valley Parent Preschool(CVPP) Planter Box and Stage
 - Project Description: Build two structures: a planter box, and a stage. The planter box will be a simple, long box with no sharp edges to house four existing plants. The stage will be a raised platform open on three sides with the back wall as a chalkboard. Scout led a group of adults and scouts to saw, drill, and hammer the basic structure followed by attaching metal sheets. The stage provides a new form of entertainment for the children and the planter box functions as a divider.

This was updated on 11/24/2021.



Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Has MOVED

The Pleasant Hill Scout Shop will be CLOSED on Thanksgiving and Black Friday.

The New Scout Shop in Pleasant Hill is now open and waiting for you to come purchase all your supplies! 508 Contra Costa Blvd. Suite K2, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Please visit [GGAC Scout Shop \(ggacbsa.org\)](http://ggacbsa.org) for information before you go. Store hours (including lunch break), available items, how to order ahead, and other useful tips are there.



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/>.

NYLT Winter
Camp Herms



Feb 19 - 21 + Feb 25 - Feb 27, 2022

NYLT Summer

Rancho Los Mochos

June 12 - 18, 2022

2022 Informational Flyer

Register for Winter NYLT



Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

BSA announced the launch of the Citizenship in Society merit badge, its newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program (ages 11-17). The new merit badge . . . [Read more](#)



Health Care Professions Merit Badge

The New Health Care Professions Merit Badge, released on November 10, will replace Medicine Merit Badge. . [Read more](#)

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 \(ggacbsa.org\)](http://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>.



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](#).

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)

Working on Eagle? Here are your contacts:

District Advancement Chair: Bill Spalding: 925-586-9136, spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com

District Eagle Project Approval: Carl Bodin: 415-816-7307, carl.bodin@gmail.com

District Eagle Board of Review: Karen Hansen: 925-825-9132, eaglechairkarenhansen@gmail.com

District Committee Leadership

Alan Young - District Director, alan.young@scouting.org

Carl Bodin - District Chair, carl.bodin@gmail.com

Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com

Quick Links

Muir District subdomain (website)

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

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