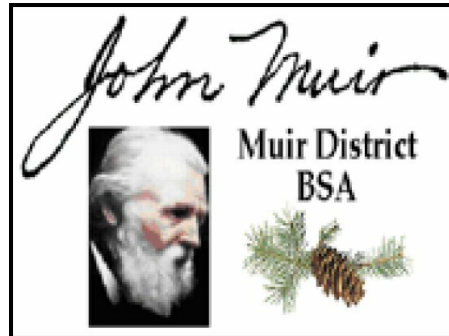


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**Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for January 2022!**  
**Seasons Greetings, Happy Holidays!!!**



**January 6, 2022 District Roundtable via Zoom**

**The January 2022 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, January 6 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.**

*(New Zoom link coming soon; check our Facebook Group page for updates.)*

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, [muircommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com)



### **New Muir District Executive**

Thank you very much to Alan Young for serving as our District Director since early 2020! More information coming soon regarding Muir District's newest District Executive.

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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](mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com)

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## **LEAD 2022 Registration Is OPEN!**

[Click here to register!](#)

# Leadership Education and Discovery

Golden Gate Area Council's ultimate training event

- ▶ We said there would be choices - looking for more topics? Here's a sampling of classes addressing more topics. Follow the Registration link to view the complete Class Catalog.

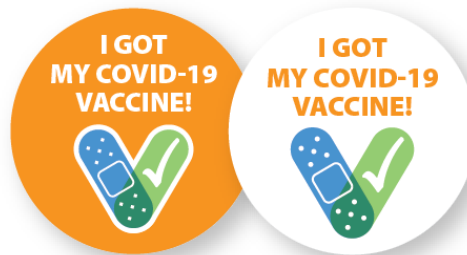
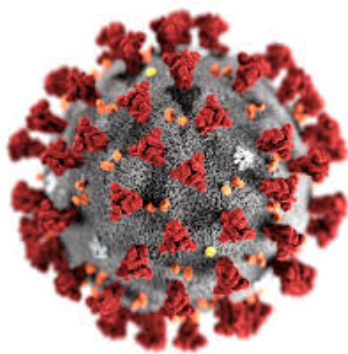


Saturday, January 29, 2021 8am - 5pm - Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill

[More information & Registration](#)

[Complete course catalog](#)

This was announced on 12/13/2021.



## COVID-19 California Face Covering Guidance Update December 13, 2021

On **December 13, 2021**, the California Department of Public Health released an updated statewide Face Covering Guidance *requiring all individuals to wear a face covering in all indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status from December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022*. Please see the full Guidance here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

This was announced on 09/14/2021.

## 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->



## **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](#) ! 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

#### **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.



(coming soon) and Unit contacts which  
redirects to beascout.org.

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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...>

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

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

Contact Info:

[abhimokkapati@gmail.com](mailto:abhimokkapati@gmail.com)

(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.

Wek-Wek Village is back more active than ever!

Make sure to join us as we kick off 2022!

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112?pwd=Q1pYSFpHa1](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/7ZMtcOGupz4rG9ZLConYNQ.../ics...>

**Note:** when emailing [wekwek.verbabuena.aa@gmail.com](mailto:wekwek.verbabuena.aa@gmail.com), please CC Village Adviser at [arnel.jaime@scouting.org](mailto:arnel.jaime@scouting.org) and Assoc. Adviser at [patrickj0208@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com) for YPT if you send us emails.

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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](mailto:ronfedele@jazzyjelly.com)

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This was announced on 12/16/2021.



### **IMMUNIZATION POLICY UPDATE PAUSED**

The Immunization Policy that was announced last month is on *pause* as of December 2021. More information on the effective date will be posted when available. . . **[Read more](#)**

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This was announced via GGAC eNews on 12/18/2021.



# GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## eNews Special Edition Announcing New Youth Protection Measures in 2022

GGAC Scouting Family:

Youth protection is a core value of the Golden Gate Area Council. We are pleased to update you with the latest news on California law AB 506, which adds new layers of protection to our already robust BSA Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse policies.

**All youth service organizations** (e.g. church groups and sports teams) are required to meet AB 506 standards as of January, 2022. The BSA already meets some requirements with our two deep leadership policy and by having a clear process for mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse incidents.

Two of the AB 506 standards will affect all adult volunteers, all employees, and many of our families. These requirements will be added to the BSA registration process and enhance our current background check. Anyone who supervises or has direct contact with children for more than 16 hours in a month or 32 hours in a year will undergo:

- Fingerprinting
- Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California

Mandated Reporter Training will be required **in addition to** our BSA Youth Protection Training. We have previously updated you on our council's YPT policy, which requires that all registered adults 18 and over maintain YPT compliance for their entire registration period.

All California BSA councils are working together to implement these requirements consistently and in a timely fashion. Our youth members require the commitment of all adults involved in the Scouting program to keep them safe. Thank you for your dedication to this core value and for protecting our youth.

We will share further details about these new processes as they are established in the coming weeks to months at [California Scouting](#) and through our regular GGAC eNews updates. We appreciate your patience and assistance as we join all California Youth Service Organizations in improving youth protection.

Yours in Scouting,

**Dan Walters**  
Council President

**Mike Hale**  
Scout Executive

**Michael Allison**  
Council Commissioner





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

### **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](mailto: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->



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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

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



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

- John Thomas Knapp, T444B, 11/30/2021
  - Project Name: Moravia Park and Rec Stairway and Railing Project
  - Project Description: This project replaced the deteriorating wooden staircase railing leading down to the LaSala Trail in the Hacienda de las Flores Park. The old wood railings were too large to grab, unstable, and did not follow the elevation changes of the steps. Over 40 volunteers worked on it over two weekends. Included were railings and posts, concrete footings, a metal handrail that followed the elevation changes of the steps, and repair to unstable concrete steps. These changes made the steps safer, meeting accessibility guidelines, allowing more people to visit the gardens.
- Nathan Edward Myers, T484B, 12/07/2021
  - Project Name: Fixing Up the Street View
  - Project Description: The project created a cleaner look on the corner of Concord Blvd and Denkinger Rd., providing a more inviting place for the school to place a sign to promote the school. The project included cleaning, weeding, and leveling the area, preserving the property by laying cinderblock cornerstones. Weed blocking fabric was laid, trenches were dug, plants were put in, and bark was spread.
- Joshua David Tompkins-Nutt, T484B, 12/14/2021
  - Project Name: Big Break Bee Hotel Project
  - Project Description: This project included assembling 10 Bee Hotel kits with tubes inside, consulting with naturalists at the park, and placing the Bee Hotels away from walking paths, using straps or nails. The project aids the Solitary Bee, which is native to California, in propagating the species by providing safe places to lay their eggs. Inside the hotels, the project provided bamboo and cardboard tubes. Female Solitary Bees lay eggs in tunnels such as hollow plant stems, holes in trees, or Bee Hotels. The naturalists in the park will use the Bee Hotels to teach about Solitary Bees, life cycles, and pollination. Solitary Bees do not have a hive or a queen bee, nor do they make honey, but they are our main pollinators.

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This was updated on 12/22/2021.



## **Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Has MOVED**

***The Pleasant Hill Scout Shop will be CLOSED on Christmas Day.***

The Scout Shop in Pleasant Hill is 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.

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## 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

This was announced on 11/24/2021.



### **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](mailto:advancement.team@scouting.org).

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

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This was announced on 12/22/2020.



### Adventures in Cub Scouts

This guide [Adventures in Cub Scouts - GGAC \(ggacbsa.org\)](#) 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](#).

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**ALL BSA TRAINING IS ONLINE... but do REGISTER for LEAD 2022 for IN-PERSON TRAINING!**

[Click here to register!](#)



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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#### **Working on Eagle? Here are your contacts:**

District Advancement Chair: Bill Spalding: 925-586-9136, [spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com](mailto:spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com)

District Eagle Project Approval: Carl Bodin: 415-816-7307, [carl.bodin@gmail.com](mailto:carl.bodin@gmail.com)

District Eagle Board of Review: Karen Hansen: 925-825-9132, [eaglechairkarenhansen@gmail.com](mailto:eaglechairkarenhansen@gmail.com)

#### **District Committee Leadership**

Alan Young - Outgoing District Director, [alan.young@scouting.org](mailto:alan.young@scouting.org)

Carl Bodin - District Chair, [carl.bodin@gmail.com](mailto:carl.bodin@gmail.com)

Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, [muircommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com)

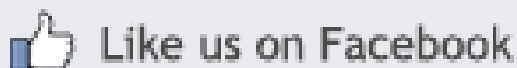
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#### **Quick Links**

Muir District subdomain (website)

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

**Muir District Facebook Group**



**Council Facebook Page**



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