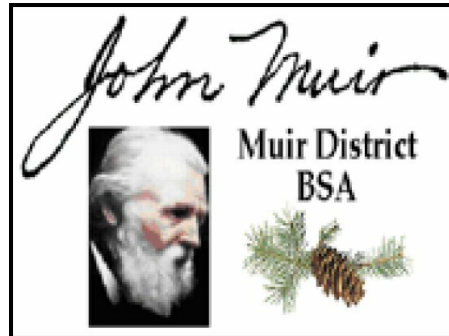


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for November 2021!



November 4, 2021 District Roundtable via Zoom

The November 2021 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: November 4, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Every month on the First Thursday, until Dec 2, 2021, 2 occurrence(s)

Nov 4, 2021 07:00 PM

Dec 2, 2021 07:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: [https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcvceCrpiwpGNwwz--VJezYotoHwex0_BSJ/ics?](https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcvceCrpiwpGNwwz--VJezYotoHwex0_BSJ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrrD0jGdySsxuPRowqAl_oXenxiGZeY1KiwWoThZ5ZxnPGfZNGqV6Cljv)

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



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:

Friends of Scouting—Muir District is just \$3,000 away from raising its Friends of Scouting goal for 2021. All of these donations are tax deductible and go towards supporting local Scouting—recruiting materials, camp properties and program costs, office and Scout shop space, scholarships for families who need a hand up to join the program, and direct support from District Executives and District Directors. If your family can help us reach the goal at the \$250 level or higher, we have a Friends of Scouting shoulder patch for you. Safe on-line donations may be made at: <https://ggacbsa.org/donate/>.

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.

Scouting for Food—Door hangers are scheduled to be available in mid-October. The actual collection is on Saturday, November 13th. Muir District has two drop off points set up. One is at the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano at 4010 Nelson Ave in Concord; the other, Contra Costa County Farm Bureau at 5554 Clayton Rd, Concord

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 \(scouting.org\)](https://www.bsa.org/Internet-Rechartering-2.0). 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=IwAR0UCvE6lqb86LYvkmom1EFfTTRCoBHOpwOZA34RfQ8HwOtJCVOQG9AIEos>

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 Awards.** 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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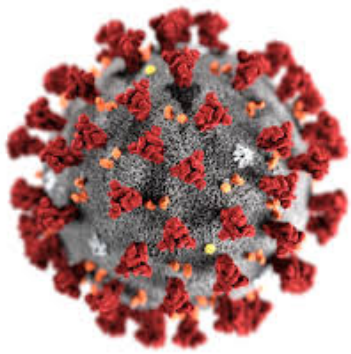


Commissioners Wanted

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 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.



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, November 3, 2021 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:
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(925)-204-9685

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

**Village Meeting, Wednesday, November 3, 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

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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?pwd=Q1pYSFpHa1ZlVmVSYIA2bmhyVGRFQT09>

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.

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 7/16/2021.



Updated 2021 BSA Guide to Advancement

Check out the latest release here: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf?_gl=1*492l8p*_ga*MTEyODc1MjYwNS4xNjI2NDUyMDA0*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTYyNjQ1MjAwNC4xLjAuMTYyNjQ1MjAwNC42MA. **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: 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



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

\$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 updated on 9/24/2021.



BSA YPT Update (March 11, 2021):

As we transition from both virtual to in-person events/meetings, we should review the basic BSA Youth Protection policies from time-to-time (frequently to keep it on fresh on our minds).

Adult Supervision

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))

All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))

- In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
- Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.

Refer to this link for more information <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/#tr>. Updates are denoted by a red diamond next to the respective Q&A.

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=IwARONRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3IJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

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%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



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 08/16/2021.

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



Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Remains OPEN

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.



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/>.

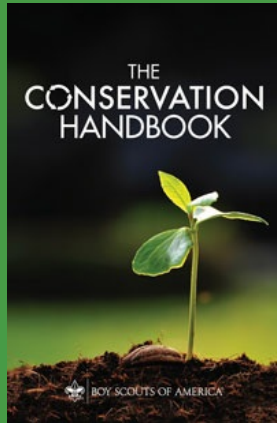


LEAD 2022

Save the Date: January 29, 2022!

Check out the flyer here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nn2TkdnO8ONc07ZBmnZi8pD9-YUetXwm/view?usp=sharing>

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>.

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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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:

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>

Muir District Facebook Group



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Council Facebook Page



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