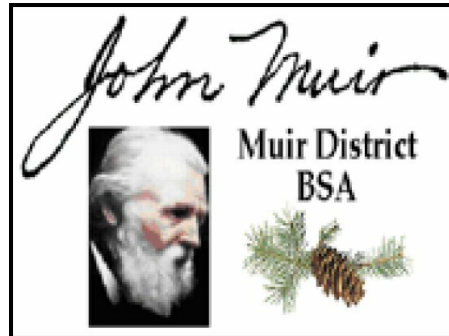


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## Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for April 2022!



### April 7, 2022 District Roundtable via Zoom

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

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: April 7, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86753742607?pwd=eTk2NVNkUUFJkQ3kvNHNmRmNnUXVkUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 5374 2607

Passcode: 170393

Every month on the First Thu, until Dec 1, 2022, 9 occurrence(s):

Apr 7, 2022 07:00 PM

May 5, 2022 07:00 PM

Jun 2, 2022 07:00 PM

Jul 7, 2022 07:00 PM

Aug 4, 2022 07:00 PM

Sep 1, 2022 07:00 PM

Oct 6, 2022 07:00 PM

Nov 3, 2022 07:00 PM

Dec 1, 2022 07:00 PM

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



### **Welcome to our New Muir District Executive**

Monica Holland is our new District Executive! Feel free to contact her at [Monica.Holland@scouting.org](mailto:Monica.Holland@scouting.org) for any of your Scouting-related inquiries.

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### **Commissioners Wanted**

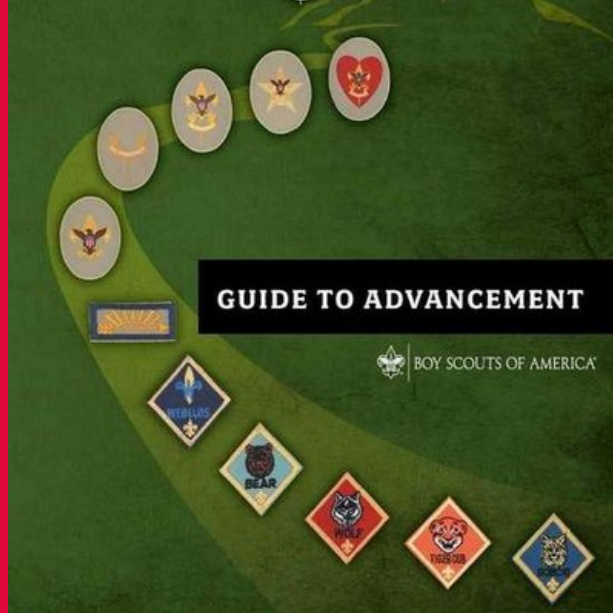
If you are a Scouter or parent interested in helping units grow and prosper, consider becoming a Commissioner! The overall vision of the Commissioner Service is for every member of the BSA to have a great Scouting experience.

If you are interested, please contact: [muircommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com)

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This was updated on 03/01/2022.

**UPDATE: Current COVID-19 modifications to rank requirements and merit badge requirements have ended as of March 1, 2022.**



"As always, the BSA's top priority is the health and safety of all youth participating in BSA programs. In 2020, the BSA instituted several modifications to rank requirements and merit badge requirements ("advancement modifications") to accommodate activity restrictions necessitated by COVID-19. Effective March 01, 2022, those modifications will be removed, and the standard rules for advancement and merit badges will again become effective."

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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## **NEW: Muir District Instagram page** (*@muidistrictbsa*)



# Instagram

As of mid-March 2022, the Muir District now has a functioning and active Instagram

account! This account, like our Facebook Group, is managed by authorized Administrators to ensure that all content being posted is consistent with the social media guidelines and other policies (such as Youth Protection) of the Boy Scouts of America and the local council.

So that we can better appeal to a wider ranged audience, the intent of our Instagram page will be to post photos of Scouts in Action, anything Scouting newsworthy, and Scouting-related promotional materials (like flyers) relevant to our District/Council. Please note that Instagram is primarily a photo-posting social media application best used on your mobile devices.

Although you can access Instagram on your computers, it is more "user friendly" (easier to use) on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. With that said, every post is limited to 2,200 characters and URL links are NOT clickable on those posts. Please check our Facebook Group and District website for clickable URLs.



## COVID-19: Wear Face Coverings

**Note:** This was announced on 8/02/2021 and is **STILL ACTIVE** until officially announced by the Council as otherwise. The health and safety of our members remains to be the BSA's top priority.

### Golden Gate Area Council Scouters

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 the face covering requirement includes all indoor Scouting activities.*

The Golden Gate Area Council requires:

- Masking at all indoor functions regardless of vaccine status.
- 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

#### 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



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>

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](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com)!

### **Muir Scouts in Action or Scouting Activities Submissions**

If you have any pictures or videos of **Muir District Scouts in Action** (service projects, heroism, etc.) or **Scouting Activities** (BSA derbies, training, blue and gold, court of honor, etc.) 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.



### **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, April 6, 2022 at 7 pm* via Zoom!

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

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

Passcode: WekWek

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

Contact Info:

[wekwek.yerbabuena.oe@gmail.com](mailto:wekwek.yerbabuena.oe@gmail.com)

(925)-204-9685

Units 262, 317, 364, 370, 380, 429, 444, 484, 1994

**Village Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
from 7:00-8:30 pm**

We encourage **OA unit representatives and their advisers**, as well as *all members new and old* to take part and join us to stay informed on any OA updates and exciting OA activities being planned in the Muir District!



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112?pwd=Q1pYSFpHa1ZlVmVSYIA2bmhyVGRFQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

Passcode: WekWek



Every month on the First Wed, until Apr 6, 2022, 1 occurrence.

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.oe@gmail.com](mailto:wekwek.yerbabuena.oe@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.

## **OA Village Event Hosted by Wek-Wek**

See the flyer below.



Muir District OA Hike  
OPEN TO ALL

## ROCK CITY RELAY

Where: Rock City Park,  
S Gate Rd, Danville, CA 94506

When: March 27, 2022 8:30-10:30 AM

What to Bring: \$10 per car for park  
entry, sturdy hiking boots, water,  
compass, Med Forms A and B

Distance: 4-5 miles, moderate (with  
stairs and elevation gain)

Find arrowmen hidden at various rock  
attractions located throughout the  
park and make your way back to  
complete the hike!

RSVP and Contact Us at  
[wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com](mailto:wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com),  
and cc our advisers  
[Arnel.Jaime@scouting.org](mailto:Arnel.Jaime@scouting.org) and  
[patrickj0208@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com).

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### Wek-Wek Village Merch Pre-Orders

Pre-Orders for Wek-Wek Village Merchandise is now open! Show some Arrowman pride! Don't have to be an active OA member to purchase. Click the picture or on this link to order today:

<https://forms.gle/F2488vuefBt6Y5oX9>





**SALE  
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**WEK-WEK VILLAGE**  
YERBA BUENA LODGE

**WEK - WEK  
VILLAGE  
MERCHANDISE**

LIMITED EDITION

Order yours today at  
<https://forms.gle/F2488vuefBt6Y5oX9>

Questions, comments, concerns  
email us at  
[wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com](mailto:wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com).

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](#)

This was announced via GGAC eNews on 02/17/2022.





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

February 17, 2022

### **GGAC Scouting Family**

Youth protection is a core value of the Golden Gate Area Council. We have an update on the Live Scan background check requirement of California law AB 506, which adds layers of protection to our already robust BSA Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse policies.

As noted in previous communications, all youth service organizations (e.g. Scout units, church groups, and sports teams) are required to meet AB 506 standards as of January, 2022. Two of the AB 506 standards affect all adult volunteers, all employees, and many of our families.

### **Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California (complete before February 28)**

Mandated Reporter Training is required in addition to our BSA Youth Protection Training. Volunteer leaders must complete the 2 hour training and upload their certificate at California Scouting by February 28, 2022.

### **Live Scan background check (complete before April 30)**

A Live Scan background check (the digital version of inked fingerprinting) is required for all volunteers and staff. Live Scan replaces previous background checks; all volunteers will have to complete this once.

Please follow Step 3 at [California Scouting/GGAC](#) and use your web browser's pdf reader to open the Live Scan Request Form. Only the "Applicant Info" section needs to be completed. (Note: if your default settings are to open pdf files in Adobe Acrobat, the form may not be populated with our council's unique routing number)

Continue to refer to the California Scouting site, developed by all California councils, to follow the steps necessary for your training and Live Scan background check. It is imperative that you complete steps 1-3 by April 30, 2022. Local information will continue to be available at [GGAC Youth Protection](#). We appreciate your patience and assistance as we join all California Youth Service Organizations in improving youth protection.

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=IwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuigV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

Please share to all your Units and Volunteers.

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### **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.

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### **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

### **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%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwiwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%3D>

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

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



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

- Ryan Michael Emoto, T370, 3/15/2022
    - Project Name: Veterans Memorial Building LED Light Channel Project
    - Project Description: The building interior has padding along the walls. This project constructed a wood channel with a plexiglass lid, installed it along the padded walls, with color-changing LED strip lighting inside the channel. The project also features a cork strip along the channel. The strip lighting makes the Veterans Memorial Building more attractive to those renting it for special occasions, plus personalized decorations may be hung on the cork.
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This was updated on 1/24/2022.



### **Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Information**

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 \(ggacbsa.org\)](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.

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## SCOUTINGWIRE

### **Powerful Cub Scout leader resources**

A lot of useful content is being posted on Scoutingwire at: <https://scoutingwire.org>.

From giving your new Den Leader instant meeting plans: <https://scoutingwire.org/this-new-video-series-delivers-the-ultimate-den-leader-experience/>.

To a host of other ideas like leading Zoom meeting for Cub Scouts, Virtual fall recruiting (including



## GGAC Volunteer Celebration 2022

[Register NOW!](#)

# Volunteer Celebration

Saturday, April 2, 2022 - 3:00pm

Alameda County Fairgrounds

Our annual recognition event honors the hard work of all our dedicated volunteers! Everyone is welcome to attend as you will highlight the achievements of each program and district of our council.

**\*\*\*\*\*DON'T DELAY - TIME'S RUNNING OUT \*\*\*\*\***  
**Registration closes at 11:59pm, Sunday, March 27**  
**We will NOT be able to accommodate any walk-in registrations**

**Special Recognition**  
2020 & 2021 Spirit Beaver recipients  
Willis C. Spurgeon Award  
Norman Award  
Gold Award  
Whitney Young Jr. Award  
and many more

### **Special Event**

Amphitheater seating  
Boxed refreshments  
Commemorative pin  
FREE parking  
Easy access from freeway

## GGAC Crab Feed!

Please join us for a Golden Gate Area Council Crab Feed at the Hayward Veterans Memorial Building on Saturday April 30, 2022 from 4:00PM-7:00PM. For Tickets/Sponsorships visit: <https://ggacbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2022-crab-feed/2899983>





JOIN US FOR A



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL

# CRAB FEED

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 • 4:00PM - 7:00PM**

*R.S.V.P. by April 19th*

**Hayward Veterans' Memorial Building • 22737 Main St., Hayward**

Guest Speaker: TBD & Opportunity Drawing Auction

*Crab, Pasta, Salad, Bread & Dessert (Bar: Beer, Wine, Water & Soda)*



## TICKETS/SPONSORSHIPS:

***Ticket to the Crab Feed:*** (\$80) admission to the Crab Feed

***Couples Discount w/ Drink Tickets:*** (\$190) includes two admission tickets and four drink tickets

***Red Rock Crab Sponsor:*** (\$750) table of eight, four drink tickets, one drawing tickets & ad in program

***Dungeness Sponsor:*** (\$1400) table of eight, eight drink tickets, three drawing tickets & four custom GGAC coasters set (of 4)



## Summer NYLT

**June 12 - June 18, 2022  
Rancho Los Mochos**

Registration is open

[Register](#)

This was updated on 02/15/2022.



**Citizenship in Society Merit  
Badge**

**GGAC Process for the  
Citizenship in Society Merit  
Badge**

BSA announced the launch (back in November 1, 2021) of the Citizenship in Society merit badge, its newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program (ages 11-17).

BSA released this Merit Badge on November 1, 2021. Included in the release were:

- A requirements document for scouts (there will not be a pamphlet);
- A requirements document for Merit Badge Counselors; and
- A Guide for Merit Badge Counselors.

Scouts will be required to earn this badge if they do not complete all other Eagle Scout rank requirements (through a unit leader conference) except an Eagle Scout board of review by June 30, 2022. After this date, the 21 merit badges will include 14 required.

More information here:

<https://blog.ggacbsa.org/citizenship-in-society/>

This merit badge's sessions will be group sessions set up by the council.

If anyone is interested in being a Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor, they need to be:

- recommended by the Muir District Advancement Chair (Bill Spalding: [spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com](mailto:spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com)) who will then refer their name to the GGAC Advancement Chair,
- attend the required orientation/training conducted by GGAC,
- and after that they will meet with the GGAC Advancement Committee's subcommittee for Citizenship in Society.
- Then they will be able to counsel the badge (with a second counselor) under the system established by the GGAC Advancement Committee.

There will be training sessions over the next 3 months for counselors.

## Scouting Activities in Muir

It was a great night for Scouting for Pack 380 after running their Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 20, 2022! Good to see some in-person activities are coming back and happening.

If any Units (Packs or Troops) has any photos of activities they have done, please see the *Muir Scouts in Action or Scouting Activities Submissions section* (located in the top half of this newsletter) for the instructions to get your photo submissions added to the future District newsletters!



## 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 MOSTLY ONLINE



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

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

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

Monica Holland - District  
Executive, [monica.holland@scouting.org](mailto:monica.holland@scouting.org)

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### Quick Links

**Muir District subdomain (website)**

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

**Muir District Facebook Group**



Like us on Facebook

**Council Facebook Page**



Like us on Facebook

**Muir District Instagram page**

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