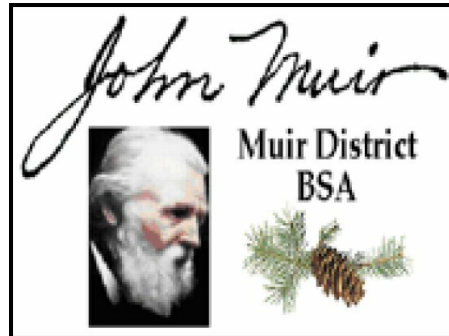


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## Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for February 2022!



### February 3, 2022 District Roundtable via Zoom

**The February 2022 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.**

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: February 3, 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

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Every month on the First Thu, until Dec 1, 2022, 11 occurrence(s):

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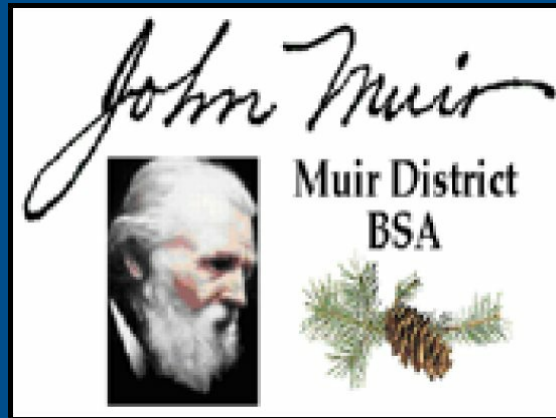
If you have any questions, please contact Steve Loyd - District



### **New Muir District Executive Announced**

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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### **District Recognition Event Poll (please respond by *February 1, 2022*)**

Everyone: how would you prefer to have your *District Recognition Event* this year? Please respond to our Facebook post ASAP and let us know if you have any questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497627480390>

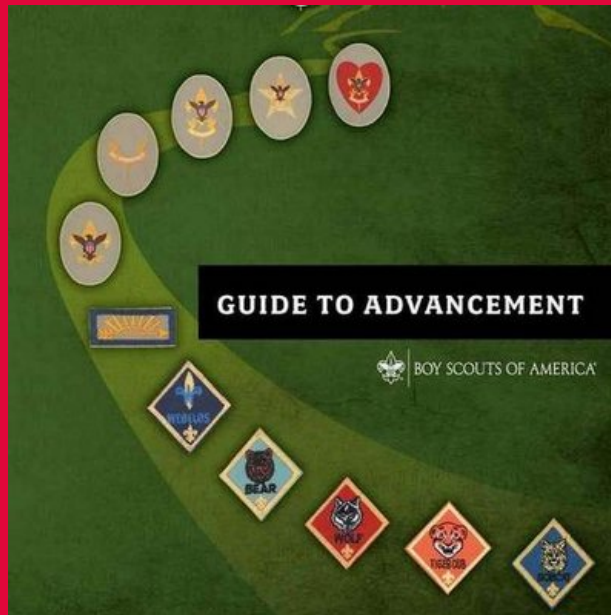


### **Commissioners Wanted**

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)

**UPDATE: Current COVID-19 modifications to rank requirements and merit badge requirements to end by 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.

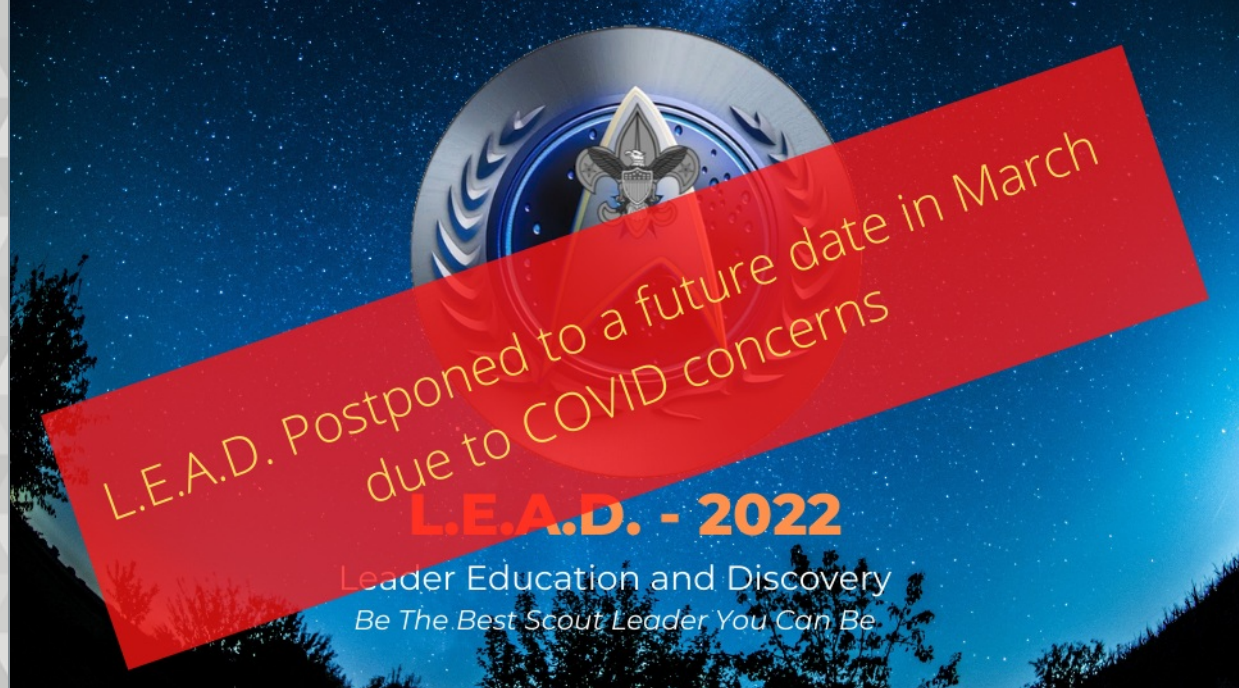
Please send additional questions to [advancement.team@scouting.org](mailto:advancement.team@scouting.org).

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

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**L.E.A.D. 2022 is POSTPONED**  
(see below for the Course Director's message)





"We are sorry to inform you that LEAD has been postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. It will NOT be on January 29, so please do not come to DVC on that date. Another email will be sent once the new date (hopefully early in March) has been confirmed.

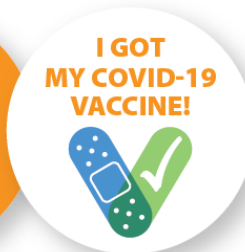
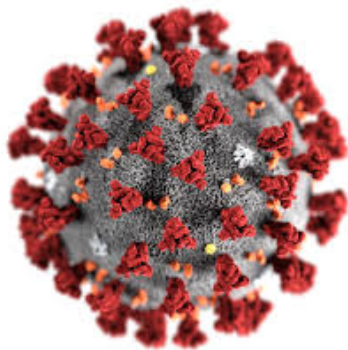
We understand if you cannot make the new date. Registration fees will be refunded if you have a scheduling conflict. Please wait until the new date is announced before requesting a refund.

Thank you for your flexibility. We hope to see you at LEAD in March!"

Courtney Mizutani, LEAD 2022 Course Director

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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>

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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-23c48c566922.filesusr.com/ugd/84606e\\_5b347d41f96e4be48d32f8b0c991dff3.pdf](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](#) !

**Wek-Wek Village, Order of the  
Arrow web page**

We also have a web page linked to the Muir

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>

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](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.



### 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, February 2, 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:

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

(925)-204-9685

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

**Village Meeting, Wednesday, Feb 2, 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.

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=Q1pYSFpHa1ZlVmVSYIA2bmhyVGRFQT09>

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Every month on the First Wed, until Apr 6, 2022, 3 occurrence(s)

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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](mailto:wekwek.yerbabuena.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.

## **Wek-Wek Village 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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSjzHtAFFSY-a3OFgQN7MiZeUekq\\_0AnKOKH06dnmxIBIXA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSjzHtAFFSY-a3OFgQN7MiZeUekq_0AnKOKH06dnmxIBIXA/viewform)

# THE WAIT IS OVER

People will stare. Make it worth their while.

## WEK-WEK VILLAGE MERCH

Buy your limited edition hoodie or polo today

**PREORDER TODAY**

Insta: @wek\_wek.yb

\*All Checks Payable to Arnel Jaime due on delivery.  
Link in caption\*



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 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 [monica.holland@scouting.org](mailto:monica.holland@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-activities/?fbclid=IwARONRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuigV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

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%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkxliwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%3D>

If you are not receiving the Council eNews, you may subscribe here:  
<https://forms.gle/6qFq1oTcjC3dkhEa8>



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



- Dominic Christian Vines, T484, 1/18/22
    - Project Name: Playground Project at Turner Elementary
    - Project Description: The project includes three parts. The first is replacing 92 broken, cracked, rotten wood awning slats, with redwood slats. The awning provides shady sun protection for students eating lunch. The project also includes preparing, and repainting 3 ball walls, repairing flashing and taking care of nails coming out that damaged balls. The third part of the project included preparing and painting rusting tetherball poles. Benefits of the project: Sun protection for students, increasing the “life” of the balls, the ball walls and the existing tetherball poles.
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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 \(ggacbsa.org\)](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/>.

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## **Wood Badge – Spring 2022**

### **Weekend 1 at Camp Herms**

Fri, Mar 25: 7:00am - Sun Mar 27: 5:00pm

### **Weekend 2 at Los Mochos**

Fri, April 22: 7:00am - Sun, April 24: 5:00pm

Both sessions mandatory to complete

[Register](#)

## Golden Gate Area Council Volunteer Celebration 2022

Join us as we celebrate all our volunteers and  
recognize the 2020 & 2021 Silver Beaver  
Honorees.

Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 5:00pm  
Veterans Memorial Building, Pleasanton



[Register](#)



## Summer NYLT

June 12 - June 18, 2022  
Rancho Los Mochos

Registration is open

[Register](#)



## Friends of Scouting Workshop at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Dr, Pleasant Hill CA 94523.

It will be on *Saturday, February 5, 2022 and run from 9:00AM – 12:00PM.* Contact Carl Bodin at [carl.bodin@gmail.com](mailto:carl.bodin@gmail.com) for more information. No registration for event required.

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). More information



## 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)



## 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)

## Quick Links

Muir District subdomain (website)  
<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

Muir District Facebook Group



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