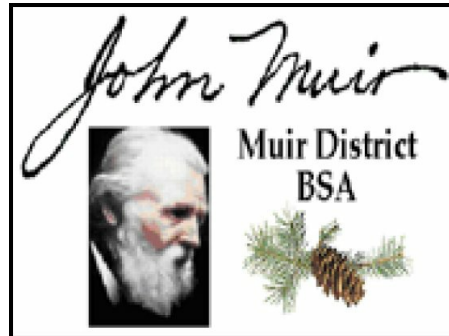


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for March 2022!



March 3, 2022 District Roundtable via Zoom

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

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: March 3, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86753742607?pwd=eTk2NVNkUUFJkQ3kvNHNmRmNnUXVhUT09>

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Dec 1, 2022 07:00 PM

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, 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 for any of your Scouting-related inquiries.



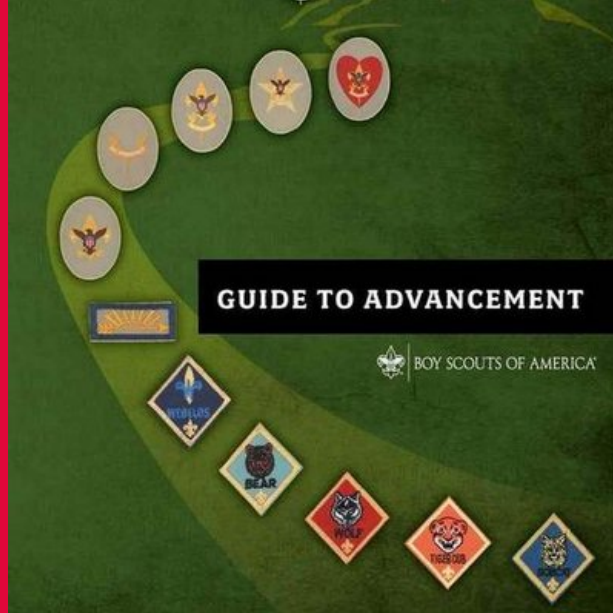
Commissioners Wanted

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 01/24/2022.

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.

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

[L.E.A.D. 2022 is BACK](#)

We're Back!

Saturday, March 5 - Save the date

We've reopened Registration, and there have been some course changes

L.E.A.D. - 2022

Leader Education and Discovery
Be The Best Scout Leader You Can Be

We've reopened Registration and there have been some changes to the courses offered.

<https://blog.ggacbsa.org/l-e-a-d-2022-2/>



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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](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, March 2, 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

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

**Village Meeting, Wednesday, March 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>

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

Passcode: WekWek

Contact Info:

wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com

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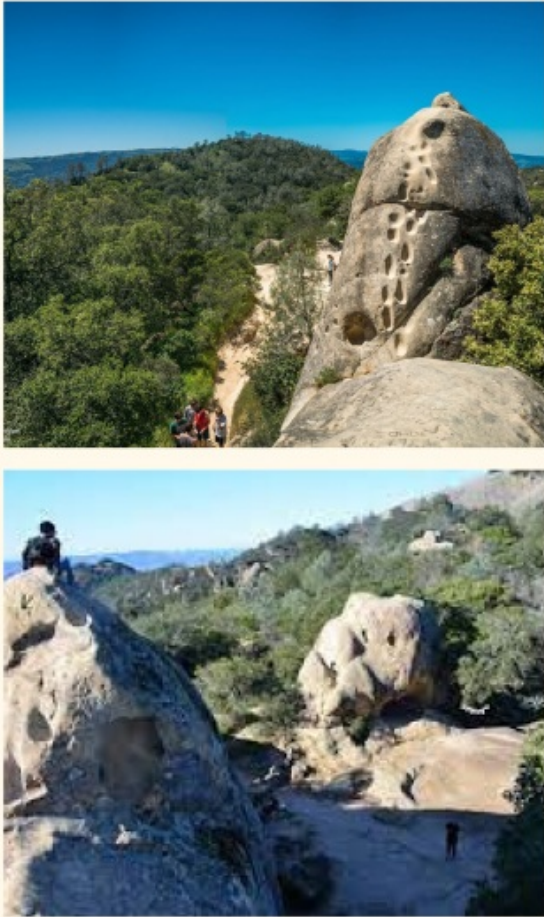
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Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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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,
and cc our advisers
Arnel.Jaime@scouting.org and
patrickj0208@yahoo.com.

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>



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email us at
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.



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

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 Scout!

- Andrew Ian McCann, T444B, 1/25/2022
 - Project Name: Picnic Tables for Faith Missionary Baptist Church
 - Project Description: GoFundMe fundraising. The church requested picnic tables, so the scout led construction of three picnic tables, 7 feet long each. The project meets the needs of the church by providing the following: a space for fellowship outdoors, for elderly members to rest, for seating between services and during potlucks, barbecues, and for Vacation Bible School crafts. This project provides three permanent multi-use outdoor tables desired by the church.

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.



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



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](#)



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

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

GGAC Process for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

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:

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/>

- recommended by the Muir District Advancement Chair (Bill Spalding: 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.



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

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

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

Steve Loyd - District
Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com

Monica Holland - District
Executive, monica.holland@scouting.org

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