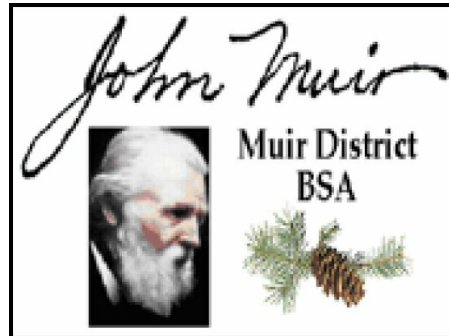


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for May 2022!



May 5, 2022 District Roundtable via Zoom

The May 2022 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: May 5, 2022 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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Every month on the First Thu, until Dec 1, 2022, 8 occurrence(s):

May 5, 2022 07:30 PM

Jun 2, 2022 07:30 PM

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Aug 4, 2022 07:30 PM

Sep 1, 2022 07:30 PM

Oct 6, 2022 07:30 PM

Nov 3, 2022 07:30 PM

Dec 1, 2022 07:30 PM

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



District Executive's Corner

1. Every event and meeting should be open and used as recruitment opportunities.
2. Cub day Camp is confirmed at the Sea Base in Martinez: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-MUDayCamp2022>.
3. Please register for Tiger cub Safari & Cub Scout camping: <https://ggacbsa.org/cub-scout-camping/>.
4. Please register for Summer Camp at Royaneh: <https://royaneh.ggacbsa.org>
5. Who would like to participate in putting out flags in Clayton between June 22 and July 2? A sign up sheet for all units will be available for those who want to participate. Email me at monica.holland@scouting.org to give a date. Times are flexible and the goal is to have all 2000 flags out before or by the 2nd of July.

Yours in Scouting,

Monica Holland | Muir District Executive

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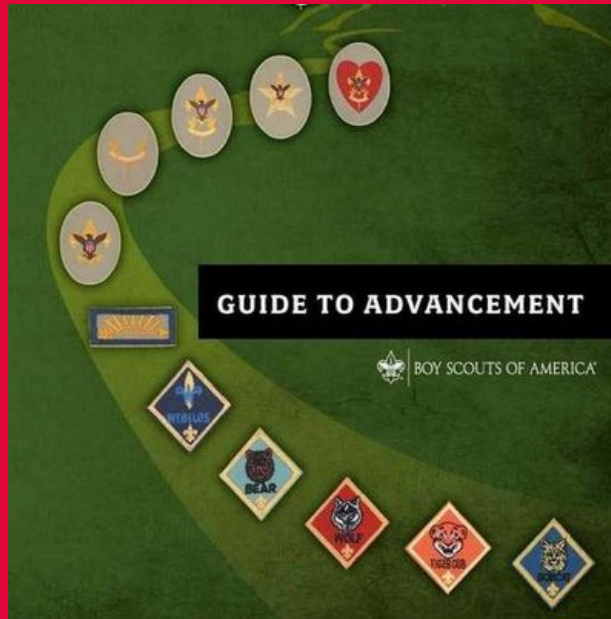


Commissioners Wanted

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

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.

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

This was announced on 3/24/2022.

[Muir District Instagram page](#)
[\(@muirdistrictbsa\)](#)



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.



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

COVID-19: Future Updates at ggacbsa.org/covid

- Check out GGAC's [COVID Update](#) page for our latest COVID-19 guidance. If you have any questions, please email us at: [Safety at GGAC](#).

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>

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 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 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 is on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom!

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on *Wednesday, May 11, 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

(925)-204-9685

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

**Village Meeting, Wednesday, May 11, 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! This will be a hybrid meeting at



Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112
Passcode: WekWek



Note: when emailing wekwek.yerbabuena.oe@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.

OA Wek-Wek Unit Elections 2022

Scan the QR code located on the bottom right corner of flyer below to sign up your Troop for OA Unit Elections! Sign up link here: <https://forms.gle/eVbfaSY22iUJ6nvQA>

UNIT ELECTIONS 2022



**SIGN
UP BY
MAY!**



OA Village Event Hosted by Wek-Wek

See the updated flyer below; event is now May 15, 2022 (*date may be subject to change*). Register by emailing: wekwek.yerbabuena.oe@gmail.com.



District Hike
OPEN TO ALL UNITS

ROCK CITY RELAY

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

When: Sunday, May 15, 2022 3:30-5:30 PM

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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Questions, comments, concerns
email us at
wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com.



AB 506: 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 see this email for details regarding an upcoming GGAC Live Scan on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the GGAC Service Center: <https://conta.cc/3k1Z0e5>.

We appreciate your patience and assistance as we join all California Youth Service Organizations in improving youth protection.

Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California (complete ASAP if you have not already)

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.

AB 506 Background Information

Youth protection is a core value of the Golden Gate Area Council. The Mandated Reporter Training and Live Scan background check requirement of California law AB 506 adds layers of protection to our already robust BSA Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse policies.

All California 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 affect all adult volunteers, all employees, and many of our families. These requirements have been 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:

- Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California
- Fingerprinting

More details can be found at: <https://californiascouting.org>

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=IwARONRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuigV7WzfG3IJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTYY>

Please share to all your Units and Volunteers.

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.



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.

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%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwIiwidG9nZ2xlIjpmYWxzZX0%3D>

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



Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scout!

- Jared Matthew Cook, T370, 4/19/22
 - Project Name: Sequoia Middle School Benches
 - Project Description: Construction and installation of four 6' backless benches, supported by concrete, in the school's drop off and pick up area. The project gives

students a comfortable, more attractive place to wait to be picked up. Prior to the project, students would stand or sit in the dirt under trees beside of the pick up lane. Ashby Lumber donated concrete, molds, and all of the nuts and bolts, in response to the Scout's request. Metal supporting the boards was donated by a scrap yard. A sequoia tree is etched on each bench, along with the school's name, and "Eagle Scout Project 2019, Troop 266" The benches were placed in a symmetrical way under the trees, providing a crisp, clean presentation.



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.



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/>.



Summer NYLT

June 12 - June 18, 2022
Rancho Los Mochos

Registration is open

[Register](#)



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/>

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:

- 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 for counselors which will be announced as they become available..



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



Scout leaders. To be registered as TRAINED in your role, you need to complete the following courses

- Basic Position-Specific Training
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- Hazardous Weather
- YPT Youth Protections

[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: 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

Quick Links

Muir District subdomain (website)

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

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