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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for August 2020!



August 6, 2020 District Roundtable via Zoom

The June 2020 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 at 7:30 PM, via a Zoom link. This link will be released soon on our *Muir District – GGAC Facebook Group Page*

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Rowntree - District Chair, rowntreesheila@att.net



Muir District Director's Message on behalf of the council

See the below COVID-19 update from the Golden Gate Area Council.

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Young | District Director

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Golden Gate Area Council Statement on Scouting Activities during COVID-19 -Updated July 8, 2020

Scouts, Scouters and Alumni,

The Golden Gate Area Council has been monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic closely. As a council, we serve units across six counties and have properties in an additional four counties. Many of you have asked us for guidelines on how we recommend you conduct your Scouting activities now and as we move forward. In reviewing our 10 counties where we serve scouts and or have property, (Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, Solano, Sonoma, and Tuolumne) the discrepancy in what is allowed in each county is so great that if we adopted one sole council policy we would be prohibiting activities allowed in others. The fundamental guidance from all public health agencies backed up by regulatory health orders requires stay at home and use of protective measures such as face coverings and social distancing. Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and state and county regulations for further details regarding permitted activities.

As such, we would like to provide the following general guidance regarding resumption of in person Scouting activities:

- The Unit Key Three (Unit Leader, Committee Chair and Chartered Organization Representative) should determine what activities and in person gatherings are permitted for the county in which the unit is chartered.
- The Key Three should then work with the adult committee to determine if the unit is prepared to begin in person meetings or activities.
- If consensus exists among the adult committee members, the Key Three should consult with the Executive Officer of the Chartered Organization partner to secure their support for the resumption of in person meetings or activities.
- It is the responsibility of the unit's Key Three and adult committee to understand and ensure all state/county restrictions and required Covid-19 safety precautions are taken. Units traveling to other counties/states/destinations for camp/activities are responsible for knowing and adhering to the restrictions and precautions of those areas.
- Units following the restrictions and administering the precautions are covered by the BSA insurance program.
- In addition to precautions required by states and counties we ask you to incorporate the processes included in BSA's Restart Scouting Checklist as you resume unit activities.

We thank you for your continued support and adaptability in these unprecedented times. Your leadership and the leadership you provide your Scouts will be something they remember for the rest of their lives. As always, we subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives and ask that you remind your scouting family to do the same. We're in this together and together our Scouting family will grow and prosper.

Websites:

Boy Scout of America: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>

State of California: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Alameda County: <http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx>

Calaveras County: <https://covid19.calaverasgov.us/#gsc.tab=0>

Contra Costa County: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2180>

Lake County: <https://lake-co-ca-coronavirus-response-lakecoca.hub.arcgis.com/>

Mendocino County: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus>

Napa County: <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2739/Coronavirus>

San Francisco County: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>

Solano County: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus.asp>

Sonoma County: <https://socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/health-orders/>

Tuolumne County: <https://covid19portal-tuolumne.hub.arcgis.com/>

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A Word from our Chair

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!

Greetings from your District Chair.

Our first week of Scouting for the new year is extremely important for each and every leader. Each unit should be represented by more than one person. Also, pay close attention to the all District online Conference.

Thursday, August 6 - Roundtable 7:30 pm

- Learn how Council can facilitate recruiting for you
- Let's discuss the new membership fees
- Cubs know which schools you will recruit from-May lose a recruiting opportunity if not there
- All leaders will be shown Graphics for recruiting
- How will popcorn be handled
- How will International night be handled
- POPCORN!

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN-UP FOR ALL DISTRICT ONLINE SUMMIT.

(Scroll down this Newsletter to "**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ALL DISTRICT ONLINE SUMMIT!**" for more information).

- Saturday, August 8 from 8:45am to Noon
 - Promo flyer here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RvdtmjI3cf3lay4ayWoqikjJ06zmjNrV/view?usp=sharing>

- o Registration link here: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztAqcu6urDooGt2LiPLRV2oDU8I_0PrLyQC

See you soon!

Yours in Scouting,

Sheila Rowntree
Muir District Chair
Golden Gate Area Council, BSA
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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: alan.young@scouting.org

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 Sheila Rowntree at rowntreesheila@att.net.

Muir District News

If you or other members of your unit would like to receive the latest information regarding Scouting in our community, please check out our Muir District – GGAC Facebook group page by following the link below:

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



New Council Website and Facebook page

Check out the new Golden Gate Area website at <https://ggacbsa.org> and the new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GGACBSA/>. In migrating the legacy councils' Facebook profiles to GGAC, we lost a lot of followers (they don't automatically migrate). Please be sure to like the page and posts on the page to help rebuild the follower list.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ALL DISTRICT ONLINE SUMMIT!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020

AGENDA ATTACHED

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAqcu6urDooGt2LiPLRV2oDU8I_0PrtLyQC

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

 	 ALL DISTRICT ONLINE SUMMIT Attracting Volunteers at the District Level Strategies & Action Plan 8:45 AM Check-In 9:00 – Program Starts August 8, 2020
8:45-9:00 AM	Check In Online
9:00 – 9:30 GENERAL SESSION	Opening General Session Welcome, Introductions, Logistics – Steve Lack, GGAC VP Keynote: Start With Why – Simon Sinek Video
9:30 – 10:20 GENERAL SESSION	GENERATION X – The District Volunteer & Scouter Generation Values, Traits and Communication Style and finding their WHY? Kent Campbell & Panel of Gen X ers
10:20-10:25	BREAK
10:25-10:35 AM GENERAL SESSION	THE ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT ACTION PLAN
10:35-11:00 BREAKOUT SESSION	District Breakouts Create District Specific Action plan for Recruiting District Volunteers Where, When How and Sharing your WHY
11:00 11:05	BREAK
11:05 – 11:45 GENERAL SESSION	DISTRICTS SHARE THEIR ACTION PLAN (2 Minute Reports)
11:45 Noon GENERAL SESSION	Closing General Session Wrap-Up and Call to Action GGAC President Dan Walters

Notes:

2020 ONLINE ALL DISTRICT SUMMIT 8-8-20



2020 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
RENEWING
MEMBERS
(RECHARTER)

See the **new announcement about the updated Registration Fees** from the *Golden Gate Area Council* on the pdf here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uOFLSEQBQ0xfo29RkH6ZMsB6vCawamtC/view?usp=sharing>

BSA has new registration fees that will go into effect in August for new members and at the time of recharter for existing members. The Golden Gate Area Council is committed to ensuring that every youth has an opportunity to be a Scout, so please speak with your district staff members if the BSA registration cost is a barrier for any family. Thank you for delivering the promise of Scouting to youth of the GGAC!

[Details here](#) | [FAQs here](#)



Friends of Scouting 2020

FOS Update

- Thanks to our generous supporters, our current Friends of Scouting (FOS) donation total is \$12,562.30, which is close to 30% of our district goal! As some of you may know, Scout Councils do not receive any funds from the national organization and rely on its own fundraising activities to support operations. Contributions through FOS account for almost 35% of the Council's budget, making it very important to support this fundraising campaign. Here are some ways to make a donation:
 - Schedule an online unit presentation with your District Executive, Alan Young. Contact Alan Young via e-mail at alan.young@scouting.org
 - Use the online giving feature by using one of the following links:
 - For a one-time donation or pledge, or make installments for the rest of the year,
 - follow this link: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/023/appeal/2610>
 - or text **scoutnow** to (844) 615-4269
 - For recurring donations,
 - Follow this link: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/023/appeal/2611>
 - or text **scouts4ever** to (844) 615-4269
 - Participate in the Councils' Founder Patch program. Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/023-GGACFoundersCampaign2020> to order a collector series patch to commemorate our Council merger. Make sure to credit your unit when you place your order and the amount will go towards the unit and district FOS total.

Arnel Jaime | Associate Development Director

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This was announced on 6/17/2020.



Golden Gate Area Council Founder Patch
(the one in the center)

New Golden Gate Area Council patches are being produced. Keep in touch to find out when they arrive. If you want a special keepsake and have not had a chance to donate to the 2020 Friends of Scouting campaign, you may do both in the coming months. Visit the bottom of this link: <https://ggacbsa.org/donate/> to donate to the 2020 GGAC Founders Campaign. A \$100 donation or higher levels will help keep Scouting going in Muir District and will net you a *Founder version of the Golden Gate Area Council shoulder patch*. We just hit the 50% mark of our modified \$23,000 FOS goal and can use some help to get closer to goal.



Popcorn Fundraiser for 2020

Need a fundraiser? Get in on a bonus round of extra commission for the month of July through on-line sales. It starts with registering your pack, troop, crew, or post on the Trail's End popcorn system at: <https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?council=ba3b795f-f21c-11e5-a5eb-0632e198f0a5&campaign=e47c5e40-09e2-11e9-9936-127eedb020aa>. Storefront sales may be limited this fall. Some packs and troops have been selling on-line in July to test the viability of this sale. A handful of units sold over \$20,000 in the second weekend of July

If you have any popcorn questions, please feel free to contact me at michellewojack@gmail.com.

Yours in Scouting,
Michelle Wojack
Council co-Kernel



SCOUT SHOP

Official Retailer of the BSA



Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Officially Re-open (as of June 29, 2020)

For now, we are open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (with a mandatory lunch break from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm) on Monday – Friday only and our **social distancing protocol is as followed:**

- You must wear a face covering to enter our store *unless you meet the exemptions* as allowed by the State's Health Department found [here](#).
- Maximum building occupancy *is limited to 4 people total* until further notice.
- Remain 6 feet apart at all times while inside our store.
- If you sneeze and/or cough, do so into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, into your elbow.
- Do not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.
- **DO NOT ENTER** our store *if you have any COVID-19 symptoms* found [here](#) including a cough or fever.
- Both the bathroom and fitting room *are closed to the public*.
 - Customers wanting to try on Uniforms or other clothing items may do so (on the outside of their clothing they are wearing).
- Hand sanitizer is available at the front counter *and is encouraged to be used when coming in and leaving*.

Note: in accordance with the current county health orders [HO-COVID19-18](#), [HO-COVID19-22](#), and [HO-COVID19-24](#), *Scout Shop Employees are responsible for ensuring that the Social Distancing Protocol is being followed*. If we observe anything that puts our employees or other customers at risk at anytime, **we will ask you to leave to prevent any potential transmission and spread of the virus**.

For customer safety, we have implemented the following:

- We've implemented rigorous cleaning routines throughout the day including high-contact surfaces.
- Prior to beginning every shift, all team members must complete an Employee Health Screening to ensure they are ready and able to work safely.
- Every team member is provided with facial coverings to use during their shifts and are asked to frequently wash their hands.
- Social distancing markers are placed in every Scout Shop.
- All items worn and not purchased WILL be stored in the back room for one full business day.
 - After one full business day, the items may be placed back on the sales floor.
- All product returns are being disinfected or quarantined for five business days before returning to the sales floor.
- Cash (although currently accepted as a form of payment) *is advised to be limited in use as Credit/Debit Cards and Checks are much safer in minimizing the risk of virus transmission*.
- We have updated our payment systems to need fewer signatures and to accept contactless pay to include Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay.

For those not aware, the previous Scout Shop Manager – Chris Salyerds has been resigned *and is no longer the manager*. **The new manager is Irving Willis** and his email is Irving.Willis@scouting.org. Please contact him if you have any questions and special order requests including custom unit numerals, flags, name tags, etc. Due to COVID-19 and limited staff working at the National Distribution Center, all special orders *are and will continue to be delayed* and the expected time of deliveries **are uncertain**.

Ordering Advancement items through Reopened Scout Shops

Click this link to place advancement orders with local Scout Shops that have reopened: <https://www.jotform.com/gpetza/advancement-order-form>

There is a shipping option and a "pick-up at store" option currently available.



DIGITAL TOOLS TO HELP IN SCOUTING RECRUITMENT

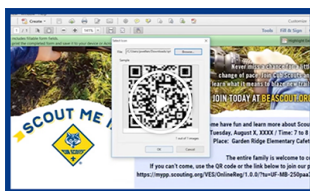
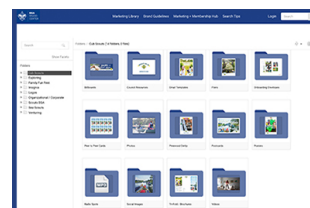
BSA has some great digital tools and assets you can use in your unit recruitment efforts. Whether you are going virtual or live with your recruitment, these tools can help you get the word out and drive excitement to join.

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BSA Brand Center

Customizable recruitment materials are available for easy download and use by your unit. Simply grab and go! Within minutes you can select an option, customize it with your unit's information, and start reaching out to families in your community. From flyers to social media artwork... From photos to video clips... Check out BSA's Brand Center for materials to help your unit recruit this fall.

[Go to the Brand Center »](#)



Online Registration QR codes and URLs

Did you know that your unit has its very own online application? The QR code and URL that link to this application can be copied from the Invitation Manager tool on My.Scouting. You can use the QR code and URL on paper or virtual flyers that you send to prospective members. Learn more about how to download and use QR codes and URL in a short video tutorial and start using them today!

[Learn More »](#)

Right now is a great time to get ready for your fall recruitment. Log in to My.Scouting and download your QR code and URL today to get started.

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NATIONAL RECRUITMENT WEBINAR

Geofencing, Search, Social Media, Peer-to-Peer Recruiting

Thursday, July 23 at 8:00 p.m. ET / 7:00 p.m. CT

[Register »](#)





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/> .



BSA Churchill Plan and What it Means for Scouting

This was announced on 7/17/2020.

To better clarify more about the next steps for the *26 Churchill proposed recommendations for the BSA*, take a look at the official response, explanation from the National Leadership, **and a survey on how you can give your feedback** on these proposals found here: <https://scoutingwire.org/understanding-the-churchill-plan-and-what-it-means-for-scouting/?fbclid=IwAR0D9RQJ19ZsD6gQflpsig5xbCBuoKaa5I1P6nfJZDkZqeEjO19WFIMopxk>. **These surveys are available until Monday, August 31, 2020 so please share this** so that the National Executive Committee can receive all pertinent feedback.

Note: this survey is *completely anonymous* with the exception of entering your Council name at the end.

In case you cannot find the link for providing your feedback on the proposals, here is the

link: https://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eeMmv4fWZ1dlh9X. Reminder: **these surveys are available until Monday, August 31, 2020.**



Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

This was announced on 4/08/2020.

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=IwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTYY>



Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Questions and Answers**

This was updated on 5/14/2020.

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/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer5202020&utm_medium=email&utm_content=



Adopt-Your-School forms and Fall Recruiting

Fall recruiting—There's still time for packs to return their Adopt Your School worksheet to alan.young@scouting.org . JULY 31 IS THE DEADLINE!

Worksheet can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yyV1HXAzy6zcao7OZ1wrgtHZRuKQuyH2/view?usp=sharing>

Creating a relationship with schools close to your traditional meeting location helps in offering the program to prospective new youth members and leaders.

There is recognition for packs that complete the worksheet—eligibility for FREE PINEWOOD DERBY CARS FOR EACH NEW YOUTH APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 31! Completing 3 relationship-building activities with your school will earn an Adopt-A-School recognition for pack members. If the pack has membership growth by October 31 (more Cub Scouts than December 31 of 2019), every registered Cub Scout will receive a Pinewood Derby car kit—see the AYS Incentive Form for details here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cvVh6rAMIULhTWGBjx7ZkN6K-I6MNERf/view?usp=sharing>.



Summer Camp CANCELLED This Year

This was announced on 7/02/2020.

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in California and in accordance with local county health orders, the Golden Gate Area Council *has cancelled the previously scheduled Summer Camp sessions at Wente Scout Reservation and Camp Royaneh.*



Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scouts!

- Abhiram Mokkaapati, T370, 7/16/2020.
 - Project Name: "Sequoia Middle School Garden Renovation"
 - Project Description: This project included site preparation, by weeding, clearing brush, dirt and mulch, assembling beds, prepping tarp, adding tires, adding fresh bed soil, planting hop bush for the living fence restoration, assembling fencing, re-mulching, installing irrigation system with timer, adding stakes, testing irrigation, planting, and watering. The project helps create a more colorful, self-sustaining garden environment, restores the living fence, adds space for more planting, and supplements the vegetable and fruit output of the garden.
 - Abhiram Mokkaapati is our July nominee for the Adams Eagle Project Award!
- George Simpkins, T484, 7/23/2020..
 - Project Name: "ARF Scratching Posts".
 - Project Description: GoFundMe fundraising; received materials donations from Home Depot and Carpet One. At the request of the Beneficiary, this project built four 4 1/2 foot tall scratching posts, each with multiple platform levels, for cats to use to keep their claws healthy and for entertainment. The scratching posts were built with plywood bases, 4 x 4 wood frames, covered by carpet and sisal fabric. The project included fundraising, requesting material donations, cutting wood, screwing frames together, cutting and attaching carpet with carpet tape, attaching sisal fabric with staples.

ALL BSA TRAINING IS ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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](https://www.mdscbsa.org/hazardous-weather-training/).
<https://www.mdscbsa.org/hazardous-weather-training/>

This change affects [basic position-specific leader training](#) 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)

This was announced on 7/14/2020



2021 National Jamboree Officially POSTPONED

Last week, the National Executive Committee, at the recommendation of National Jamboree Leadership, approved the action to postpone the 2021 National Jamboree. Like you, we are filled with immense sadness to not gather at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The safety of Scouts and Scouters is our first responsibility. We are looking forward to celebrating the best of Scouting in the future.

Dr. Glenn Ault
Jamboree Chairman

Daniel Busby
Jamboree Director

Al Lambert
ACSE, Outdoor Adventures



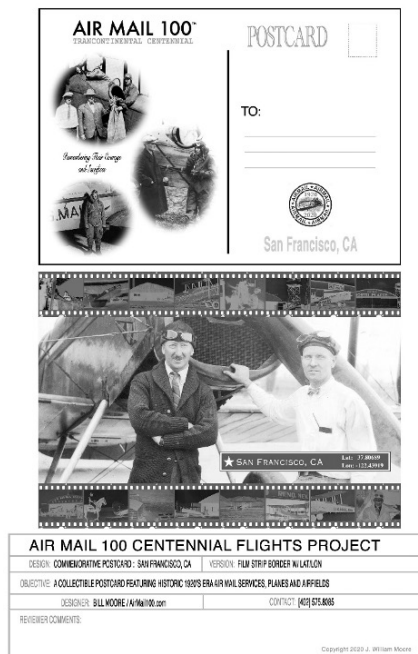
2021 National Scout Jamboree Update

It is with great disappointment we announce that the 2021 National Jamboree has been postponed.
For further information please [CLICK HERE](#) for the postponement Frequently Asked Questions.
For information from Bryan on Scouting, [click here](#).

Help commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of transcontinental airmail service in the USA!

The Golden Gate Area Council will receive 300 postcards that Scouts may send to friends and family to honor the reenactment.

Full information can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e6-2NKBKSIP4cowX-oCJ-uGu0enyxR6z/view?usp=sharing>



Scouts may address cards, affix 35 cents in postage and return them to get a special cancellation after the series of flights end on the morning of September 11th at Buchanan Airport in Concord see: ongoing updates will appear on the Muir District Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497627480390>



BSA's Family Fun Fest via Facebook Live

If you like funny pets, rockets and astronauts, Pinewood Derby cars, movie make-up artists and backyard camping then you'll love Family Fun Fest! It's outdoor adventure you can have online!

This very special online-only event is just for families like yours! There will be cool hands-on activities, interviews with amazing people, opportunities to make your community better with a service project.

And you can join in on the fun with activities you can do at home – like building your own pinewood derby car! We'll post lists of items you'll need here and on Facebook so you can build your own adventure!

If you're a Cub Scout you'll love it! If you want to find out about all the fun and cool things Scouts do – this is your chance! It's always more fun with friends – so Invite your friends to join you online for Family Fun Fest! Watch a promotional video at: <https://www.scouting.org/familyfunfest/>.



Cub Scout NOVA Awards

There is *one last class available this summer*. Wolves to Arrow of Light rank may register for the Out of This World Nova award which explores topics in astronomy. This Nova Award class meets on August 8 and August 15 via Zoom.

Registration is \$20. For details and registration, visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-GGACSumSTEMCub2020>



Scouts BSA NOVA Awards

Hello World is the last STEM Nova Award offered this summer. This award delves into Technology through computers and coding. The class will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday via Zoom starting on Monday, August 3rd.

Registration is \$20. Information and details are at: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-GGACSumSTEMScoutsBSA2020>



Exploration Camp—on-line merit badges with Camp Wolfeboro staff and other counselor

Scouts BSA members might have limited opportunities to attend summer camp in 2020, but they still have a way to earn merit badges and awards!

Scouts will register individually for their Merit Badges taught by your favorite Camp Counselors. There is a weekly \$25 registration fee and then a cost per Merit Badge which may be different depending on if we need to mail you additional materials for the class. Each Scout will be mailed a T shirt and patch with their first registration.

Classes are one hour a piece for 5 consecutive days. You may take as many as you like, in this last week. Session 8 is Monday August 3 through Friday, August 8 and **registration is this weekend**.

Details and registration is available at: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-ExplorationCamp2020>



“Philmont Scout Ranch Surplus Trail Meals Available”

Every year, Philmont sells off its excess food not used by Scouts participating on treks. With the season being cancelled this year, the sale has started early. If you are interested, visit: <http://www.toothoftimetraders.com/Surplus-Trail-Meals/2021/Dept> .”

Muir Scouts Recognition!

Pack 317 celebrated our scouts and all their hard work with a drive-thru Graduation Ceremony in June! In collaboration with their Chartered Organization, Life Church, they were able to provide an event that met current County Health requirements and also allowed their scouts and families to enjoy their typical end-of-year Pack traditions!





Muir-Briones Day Camp 2020 (This event is TBD)

For updated event information, please contact Alan Young; alan.young@scouting.org



Leave No Trace Trainer Courses

Currently still scheduled for October 17-18, 2020.

Participants in this 16 hour (plus an overnight) **LNT Trainer Course** learn about **Leave No Trace**, **TREAD Lightly!** and **Wildland Ethics** including teaching techniques necessary for disseminating these critical **Outdoor Ethics** skills to their Scouting units.

At the completion of the course, all participants will be recognized by the **Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics** as Leave No Trace Trainers and qualified to train Scouts and the community-at-large to be conservation minded.

This course is open to adults and youth (Scouts BSA or Venturers) who are at least age 14 by the first day of class if they are currently registered with the BSA. Completion of this course is highly recommended for Scouts who wish to hold the **Outdoor Ethics Guide** position of responsibility and for unit leaders who want to implement Outdoor Ethics effectively within their unit.

The LNT Trainer course will run from 8:00 a.m. Saturday through 1 pm Sunday. The "early bird" price is \$35 through Friday, 8 days before the course and

\$45.00 thereafter with a maximum of 20 participants. Refunds for elective cancellation follow the council refund policy found here: <https://www.mdscbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/MDSC-Refund-Policy-1.1.19.pdf>; no elective refunds are available the last week before a course. Link for registration Can be found here: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-LNTT2020>). Registrants will receive further details by email.

This course will be entirely outdoors, in a quasi backpacking format involving an overnight campout and a day hike. Participants will plan, bring and cook their own meals and each participant will be required to give a ten minute presentation using the skills they have learned and materials they prepared before the course. Learn more about Leave No Trace at www.lnt.org.

Questions can be directed to Lillian Remer, course director, at remer@astound.net.

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