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**Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for December 2020!**



**December 3, 2020 District Roundtable via Zoom**

**The December 2020 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.**

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: Dec 3, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Monthly: [https://zoom.us/join/jvceCrpjpGNwwz--VJezYotoHwex0\\_BSJ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrrD0jGdySsxuPRowqAl\\_oXenxiGZeY1KiwWoThZ5ZxnPGfZNGqV6Cljv](https://zoom.us/join/jvceCrpjpGNwwz--VJezYotoHwex0_BSJ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrrD0jGdySsxuPRowqAl_oXenxiGZeY1KiwWoThZ5ZxnPGfZNGqV6Cljv)

If you have any questions, please contact **Sheila Rowntree** - District Chair, [rowntreesheila@att.net](mailto:rowntreesheila@att.net)

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**This was announced on 10/24/2020.**



### **Muir District Director's Message on behalf of the council**

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

Yours in Scouting,

**Alan Young**

*Muir District Director  
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## **GGAC COVID-19 Policy Update**

(Effective since October 5, 2020)

An October 5th document updates guidance on Scouting activities as restrictions currently ease in the Bay Area, [https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GGAC\\_COVID\\_AllowableActivities\\_09-15-2020.pdf](https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GGAC_COVID_AllowableActivities_09-15-2020.pdf). Note that Camp Herms, Rancho Los Mochos, and Camp Royaneh are open for small-group daytime activities and for overnight Household Family Unit camping. An associated document on the GGAC council website for den or patrol

activities is: <https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GGAC-COVID-19-Den-and-Patrol-Service-Based-Activities-Guidelines.pdf>.

For all general inquiries regarding this policy please contact Joe Barton, Director of Support Service - Properties at: [joe.barton@scouting.org](mailto:joe.barton@scouting.org)

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## A Word from our Chair

Greetings from your District,

What a time we are living in. So many of us have remained close to home. The desire to get together is pulling at everyone's heart strings. Yet, we must remain vigilant and stay the course to control this terrible disease. I am looking for a book that is someone's personal first hand account about the Spanish flu. If anyone out there knows of one, let me know. I would love to read to see what was the same and what was different.

Even though we are not meeting in person, it is important to let people know how much we respect and are thankful for the help that they are giving us as we deliver our program to our youth.

Silver Beaver nominations are due *December 4, 2020*; District Award of Merit nominations are due *January 15, 2021*; Outstanding Unit Committee Members are due *January 15, 2021*. People are out there doing a fantastic job trying to help you deliver the program. Let's give them a pat on the back to show them how much we do appreciate them. **The forms are at the end of this letter.**

Popcorn is still for sale. It's going to be for sale for the holidays. Scouts can still earn credit. By selling \$200 of popcorn, they will receive a \$10 Amazon card.

Look for news from the Council about guidelines for meetings and outings. We need to be thinking about patrol size and den size get-togethers. This need to be outdoor events. Contra Costa has gone back to purple (widespread) in the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy. So, it's important to keep up with the new guidelines with can be found here: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-orders>

Sad news, next year's summer camps may not happen again. Plans are being made for in person or virtual zoom meeting type camps. Units, you can plan your own summer camps this year. Start planning now so you can deliver that quality summer camp program for the youth.

Yours in Scouting,

**Sheila Rowntree**

*Muir District Chair*

*Golden Gate Area Council, BSA*

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<https://ggacbsa.org>

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Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form: [filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf)

District Award of Merit Nomination Form: [filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf)

Unit Scouter of the Year Nomination Form: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/161jsE-EyISemM07NIPNBDE\\_9q\\_8HSkHw/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/161jsE-EyISemM07NIPNBDE_9q_8HSkHw/view?usp=sharing)

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**This was announced on 09/24/2020.**



## District Commissioner's Corner

Hello Muir District! I'm happy to be taking on the role of District Commissioner and look forward to supporting many of you in ensuring that our units have what they need in leaders, training, and guidance to provide a great program for our youth. I'd like to thank Paul Steelhammer for all the time and effort he devoted to this role before me, thank you Paul!

While it has become cliché to note that we're in challenging times, it doesn't make it untrue. Engaging our Scouts attention is difficult when the normal cadence of activities has changed and recruiting brings on new challenges as well. However, we all know that while things likely won't return to the normal we were accustomed to, they will improve and we'll get through this. In the meantime, this is a great time to focus on activities that do still work and to build up some capabilities in our unit and district leadership so that on the other end of this experience we can all come out strong.

I encourage you to look around your unit and see how you can engage a new parent in a role, maybe with the added benefit that the slower pace of activities will provide an easier transition. We're also looking for those to help make an impact across many units by helping at the District Committee as well as on the District Commissioner team. If you'd like to learn more reach out to Alan, Sheila, or myself.

Welcome to Fall 2020, let's make the most of it! I hope you all keep those spirits up and stay safe!

Yours in Scouting,

**Steve Loyd**

*Muir District Commissioner*

*Golden Gate Area Council, BSA*

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<https://ggacbsa.org>

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## **Future Email Communications from District/Council *will be* from Constant Contact**

All the content from the Muir District Newsletter will be the same with some formatting modifications based on the new program/software. However, the entire emailing list will NOT be transferred over and only the Unit Key 3's whose information is based on recharterers, will be emailed the newsletters. If anyone else would like to stay informed of what is going on with Scouting in the Muir District, please email me at [patrickj0208@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com) or be on the lookout for an email from Constant Contact allowing you to "opt-in or subscribe". Once that email is sent out, it will be emailed again a few days later and it will be shared on our [Facebook Group page](#). The process for submitting or contributing content for the District Newsletter will not change. If you would like to contribute items to the Muir Newsletter or the Muir Facebook Page, please contact **Patrick Jaime**, [patrickj0208@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com) by the *21st of every month* so that it can be added to the outgoing newsletters.

Below is the message from the Council regarding the change in our email service provider from Mailchimp to Constant Contact:

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## Email Service Provider Update/Correction

The GGAC Communications Committee has received a number of questions about the change in email service provider and want to address a few important concerns with our initial message.

1) We are not planning to cut our general email list from the subscribers that open and read our messages. The email master list does need to be cleaned from email errors and from users that have not opened any of our emails since June 1, 2020. If you regularly open our emails, you will continue to receive them.

2) There was **an error** in the email copy. Our primary notification list will include district/council level volunteers, our professional staff, and the **Unit Key 3** - the uniformed leader, committee chair, and chartered organization representative for each unit. We maintain a separate email list for our Commissioner Corps.

3) We will communicate options starting after November 1, 2020 to allow for other interested members, volunteer leaders, and families to subscribe to our mailing list through our e-news, our social media accounts, and at [ggacbsa.org](http://ggacbsa.org).

Ideally, the Unit Key 3 will share our communications to their unit membership/families through whatever method they currently use to communicate with their members. We are ultimately creating the platform for an email communication strategy that will ensure that news can accurately filter from the council through the districts and to the units.

Thank you!

Dr. Joe Barton  
Vice President of Communications  
GGAC BSA

Joe Barton  
Director of Support Services/Communications Professional Staff Advisor  
GGAC BSA

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**This was announced on 6/18/2020.**



## **S.A.F.E. Restart Scouting Checklist**

The Checklist *That Must Be Used* for Holding Any In-Person Meetings/Activities

"As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/ volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities."

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>



### **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: [steve@loydzone.com](mailto:steve@loydzone.com)

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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 Sheila Rowntree at [rowntreesheila@att.net](mailto:rowntreesheila@att.net). We are looking for a Finance Chair, Membership Chair, Activities Chair, Merit Badge Dean, and Popcorn Chair.

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### **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/>

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### **RecharTERS!**

We are trying to get as many recharTERS in by December 4<sup>th</sup> as possible so Masouda has a chance to do the final processing by the end of the year. If you have questions, please contact your Unit Commissioner, or Alan (at [alan.young@scouting.org](mailto:alan.young@scouting.org) ).

**IF YOUR UNIT IS SUBMITTING FINANCE ASSISTANCE FORMS FOR FAMILIES WHO NEED HELP WITH REGISTRATION FEES, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> IS THE DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>!**

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This was updated on 10/16/2020.



### Golden Gate Area Council Founder Patch

New Golden Gate Area Council *Founder* patches are now available. 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. Visit the bottom of this link: <https://ggacbsa.org/donate/#FoundersCampaign> 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.

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### Friends of Scouting Update

2020—Muir District is only \$1,300 away from its goal! If you, Scouting Alumni, or others who you know can help us get over the top please refer to the top left part of the page at: [ggacbsa.org/giving/#giving-more-ways](https://ggacbsa.org/giving/#giving-more-ways). The site includes the Founder's Patch Campaign (commemorative patches for various donation levels), the virtual Wine and Gift Auction December 3-December 7 and other ways to keep local council resources available for units.

2021—Kickoff meeting Thursday, December at 5:30PM via Zoom. Log-in information available soon. Topics include 2021 Goal Setting, Team Organization, Resources, and Planning for Success

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## Harvest in the Vineyards December 3 - December 7, 2020

Register today to SUPPORT SCOUTING while having fun by participating in this amazing auction featuring one of a kind vacations, wines, experiences, and oh did we mention WINE!

WINE LOVERS, COLLECTORS, ENTHUSIASTS & BEGINNERS!!!!

[More information and Registration](#)

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### Virtual Cub Scout Campfire December 4, 2020 at 7:00pm via Facebook Live

COVID put an end to our traditional District campfires this year but we did manage a couple of Council campfires in the spring and summer. And now, as winter draws on, we're planning one more to put this troublesome year behind us, remember the good times we've had, and make our plans for the new year. Check out the video above, put on your creative (director's) hat and make a video contribution to this event. Or, maybe you already have one to share. Got something to share?

Click the link below.

[Video Share](#)

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**GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
**eNEWS SPECIAL EDITION**  
**Bar Date - update**

November 17, 2020

Dear Scouting Family,

As the national organization reaches a significant moment in its bankruptcy case, the Golden Gate Area Council wants our Scouting community to know that we share in the Boy Scouts of America's heartfelt support for victims of past abuse in Scouting.

Tens of thousands of individuals submitted claims in advance of the November 16<sup>th</sup> deadline set by the court in the national organization's Chapter 11 case. We are moved by their bravery. Millions of youth across our country have benefited from Scouting for more than 100 years, but the number of individuals who have been affected by past abuse is devastating.

Following the November 16<sup>th</sup> deadline, the next step will be for third-party advisors to review the claims in order to uphold the integrity of the process, while the national organization works to develop a plan of reorganization to fund the proposed Trust.

It is important to note that while any instance of abuse is one too many, the overwhelming majority of abuse claims filed in the national organization's bankruptcy case relate to allegations of abuse that occurred before our modern youth protection policies were put in place more than three decades ago.

We want to underscore what many of you already know: the safety and protection of the children in our programs is our absolute top priority. The BSA has multi-layered safeguards in place, all of which act as barriers to abuse, and I can assure you that our volunteers and staff members take these measures extremely seriously. I encourage you to review our [safety policies and procedures](#) to better understand our commitment to youth safety and ask that you share this information with friends, neighbors, and family members who ask about this topic. Some helpful resources include our [Youth Safety Infographic](#) and [Video](#).

The Golden Gate Area Council remains committed to delivering Scouting's unparalleled experiences to young people throughout our communities, and we thank you for your continued support. If you have any other questions about the policies in place to keep kids safe in Scouting today, please feel free to contact us at 925-674-6150. If you have questions about the recent news regarding the national organization's bankruptcy case, please reference [this FAQ](#).

Yours in Scouting,

Dan Walters  
Council President

Paul Shimotake  
Council Commissioner

John Fenoglio  
Scout Executive

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This was announced on 7/24/2020.



### **New Council Website and Facebook page**

Check out the Golden Gate Area Council website at <https://ggacbsa.org> and the 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.

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This was updated on 11/02/2020.



### **2020 Registration Assistance Program**

The generosity of donors contributing to our Friends of Scouting campaign paired with our Council Program Fee has made it possible for the Golden Gate Area Council to create a Scout registration assistance fund. The purpose of the fund is to ensure that every youth has the opportunity to participate in our program by offsetting registration fees.

Registration assistance requests are available to families based on need, and are submitted through a member of the unit key 3. While assistance can be requested up the full amount of the council CPF and national registration costs, we encourage units to determine if the families or units can contribute any portion of the cost. This will make it possible for us to extend the funding to as many Scouts as possible.

Please [click here](#) to visit our CPF page where you can find the Registration Assistance Request Form. For recharter, assistance requests are due by November 15th.

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See the **announcement about the updated Registration Fees** *from the Golden Gate Area Council* on the pdf here: <https://ggacbsa.org/cpf/>

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](#)

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### **Popcorn Fundraiser for 2020**

The safest way for your Unit and Scout to sell popcorn in 2020 is through the Online Direct sale method! Online sales will feature the SAME products sold in traditional sales at traditional retail prices (plus extra products available - i.e. chocolate products are ONLY available online). Scouts will receive DOUBLE Trail's End Rewards also. Online Direct now allows Scouts to record a sale in the app and will ship directly to the customer (No handling of product or cash).

Talk to your Unit Popcorn Kernel for more info and then:

1. Download the new Trails-End 2.0 app!
2. Register your scout (username & password)
3. Share your link!
4. Start taking orders!

Online Direct is an easy and safe way for your scout to fundraise for his/her scouting adventures!

If your Unit would like to sell and has not signed up - please contact [michellewojack@gmail.com](mailto:michellewojack@gmail.com) for questions and to register!

Yours In Scouting,

**Michelle Wojack**  
*District Popcorn Kernel*  
*Golden Gate Area Council, BSA*

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<https://ggacbsa.org>

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## Scouting for Food

- Muir District collected 949 pounds of food for the food bank so far this year. Scouts in Golden Gate Area Council collected 54,800 pounds of food plus a significant amount of cash to help others

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This was announced on 9/24/2020.



## Fall Recruiting

Now is the time to offer families a chance to join our programs.

The council website outlines a lot of resource materials available for packs (especially) and other units to recruit new leaders and youth members at: <https://ggacbsa.org/recruiting-resources/> We can pay to send out electronic flyers to elementary schools that use Peachjar. With 3-weeks notice of your recruiting event, we will also be able to boost the promotion through geofencing to target local families with Scout-aged children. The traditional yard signs (for heavily trafficked areas), parent orientation guides, flyers, and friend-to-friend invitation cards are also available.

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This was updated on 10/24/2020.





### Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Updated Hours of Operation (as of November 1, 2020)

For the time being, we are open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on Tuesday – Friday & 10:30 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday (store will close for lunch break from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm everyday) and we are closed **Sunday and Monday**.

*Reminder: the manager is Irving Willis and his email is [Irving.Willis@scouting.org](mailto: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.*

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### Ordering Advancement items through Scout Shops (Two options):

1. Email [PleasantHillScoutShop@scouting.org](mailto:PleasantHillScoutShop@scouting.org) and attach your *Purchase Order with the Advancement Report*. Please indicate what you would like to add to your order such as rank cards and parent pins. Also, **please specify when you would like to pick up your order(s)**.

2. Click this link to place advancement orders with local Scout Shops that have reopened: <https://www.jotform.com/gpetza/advancement-order-form>. Please attach the relevant *Advancement Report(s)* to the online form.

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

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### Scout Shop Thorlo Socks Promo

From November 9, 2020 through January 2, 2021, you can purchase two or more pairs of Thorlo socks and receive 25% OFF your sock purchase!

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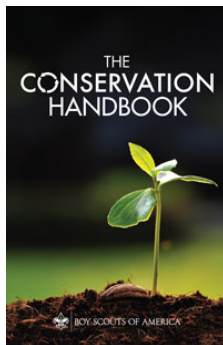
### Powerful Cub Scout leader resources

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->

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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### **Conservation awards program changes:**

The Hornaday Award will be replaced by the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award. More information will be unveiled on November 1st at: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/>

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### **Summer Camp 2021**

Reservations for Scouts BSA summer camp at Wolfeboro, Wente, and Royaneh are being taken for the 2021 season. In working within fluctuating COVID-19 guidelines, booking will not be at full capacity. If your troop or crew are interested in a live program, it makes sense to reserve a site early. Staff applications are also being received.

Planning for Cub Day Camp will start in January.

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This was announced on 8/01/2020.



### **Journey to Excellence revised for COVID-19**

Unit JTE Scorecards have been updated for COVID-19. Check out the revisions below!

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/?fbclid=IwAR1ZqqAhkmiVR9YJhwy7xKih8Wym7Vbqb8QSIrgmTaDGj->

**Note:** troop members that participated in *Exploration Camp* or *STEM camp* would count as the "council-offered alternatives" referred to in the modified troop JTE, or *another council's virtual camp* that had **a weekend's duration**. Consult your District Director at [Alan.Young@scouting.org](mailto:Alan.Young@scouting.org) for further clarification.

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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=IwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

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This was last updated on 8/30/2020.



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

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](mailto: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=](https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer5202020&utm_medium=email&utm_content=)

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## Advancement & Recognition

If you are a Scout who is nearing age 18 and it looks like you may need an extension to work on your Eagle Scout rank after your birthday, it will help greatly if you start completing the form well before your birthday. Similarly, completing most of your Eagle Scout Rank Application and getting the "Council Verification" early will ease your anxiety. Contact [Mark.Woodman@scouting.org](mailto:Mark.Woodman@scouting.org) to request an extension.

Applications for the Silver Beaver Award (the highest award that a council may bestow to a volunteer Scouter) are being accepted now. The selection committee will be meeting in mid-December, so time is critical to complete and submit the form [filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf).

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This was announced on 10/24/2020.



## **Special Note about the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts**

As of October 1, 2020, there have been young females who have started to pass their Eagle Scout boards of review (EBoR). The Boy Scouts of America have previously stated that *they will not recognize* a "First Female Eagle Scout" and instead, all females who pass their EBoRs from October 1, 2020 up to February 8, 2021 will all be part of the **Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts**. More information can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/inaugural-class-of-female-eagle-scouts/>

With that said, please disregard any headlines from the news, articles, or posts you may see on social media or on the internet that says, "First Female Eagle Scout". All Councils, Districts, Troops, or the individual female Eagle Scout **should be posting their verbiage as**, "Congratulations (female Eagle Scout's name) for passing her Eagle Board of Review and joining the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts!".

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## YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

YPT Training Reminder

Hello Scouters seasoned and new. It is Youth Protection Training, aka YPT, time! For all seasoned Scouters please log into your accounts and make sure your YPT is up to date. To our new Scouters the steps to get your YPT done is below. This is the first step before you can be a leader.

It's a GREAT day for Scouting!

**Jeannine Cherene**

*Muir District Training Committee  
Golden Gate Area Council, BSA*

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<https://ggacbsa.org>

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New Adults & Adult Leaders:

- 1) Log on to [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org), create account if you don't already have one.
- 2) Left side near the top, click Menu, next to Scouting logo, to open drop down menu to open My Training to access Youth Protection Training aka YPT!
- 3) START COURSE. Allow about 1 1/2 hours for this course. Print the certificate when complete and attach to your Adult Application and turn it in to the Council office or to a designated person with your Pack or Troop.

**To clarify:** when you get to the YPT site, it gives you choices of a 72 minute (which is Mandatory) and a 45 minute which says recommended. *You must take the 72 minute MANDATORY version of YPT to be compliant.*

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## **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](#).

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)
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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](#).

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## "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.toothoftimetradars.com/Surplus-Trail-Meals/2021/Dept> ."

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## Working on Eagle? Here are your contacts:

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If you would like to contribute items to the Muir Newsletter or the Muir Facebook Page, please contact **Patrick Jaime**, [patrickj0208@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com) by the *21st of every month* so that it can be added to the outgoing newsletters.

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