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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for February 2020!



February Roundtable Update

We have potential locations for our District Roundtable, but we are still trying to get a commitment for a location. Until further notice, we will not have a Roundtable this February 2020.

In the meanwhile, please share our Facebook group titled "Muir District - MDSC" to your families (if you haven't already) to stay up-to-date with District news!



A Word from our Chair

Hello Muir District, I am honored to be your new District Chair. I am excited to work with you as we continue to bring the Mission of the Boy Scouts of America to the youth of the Muir District.

As some of you may know, I have been involved in the Scouting program for almost 40 years. While many of those years were involved in working directly with youth, time was also spent volunteering on many committees at both district and council levels. Recently, I have just returned from attending Sea Base on a conference about recruiting Scouts with special needs into our scouting programs. I look forward to sharing that with you.

We have so many capable Scouters in the Muir District and I look forward to serving with you.

Yours in Scouting,

Sheila Rowntree
Muir District Chair
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Commissioner's Minute

Below is a list of Commissioner Positions that you can volunteer for in the District. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested or have any questions!

Round Table Commissioners: Roundtable commissioners are responsible for the monthly Roundtable in the district. Roundtables are monthly meetings where scout leaders from all units attend. When skillfully executed, the roundtable experience will inspire, motivate, and enable unit leaders to provide a stronger program for their youth. There are two main purposes of Roundtables. First, to provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – the know-how that makes for a successful unit. And second; to provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renews the desire to serve youth. Major responsibilities include: COMMISSIONER MANUALS: SECTION TITLE JUNE 2018 4

- Recruit and train a staff of Assistant Roundtable commissioners to put on quality roundtables for unit personnel.
- Plan and conduct monthly roundtable programs using the National roundtable guidelines.
- Make arrangements for roundtables, including meeting places, equipment and supplies.
- Conduct regular critiques to determine how roundtables can be improved.
- Use Commissioner Tools to enter roundtable attendance.

Unit Commissioner: Many unit commissioners serve more than one type of unit. One might serve a Cub Scout pack, a Scouts BSA troop, Venturing crew, Sea Scout ship or an Explorer post in the same chartered organization. Other unit commissioners may serve only packs, only troops, only crews, only ships or

only posts or clubs. Check with your commissioner leader or coach to see how your district is organized. The unit commissioner is a Scouting generalist whose passionate overriding mission in Scouting is to help units better serve more youth through scouting. Specific responsibilities COMMISSIONER MANUALS: SECTION TITLE JUNE 2018 3 include just 5 things. Listed under each are suggested methods for accomplishing the responsibility.

1. Supporting unit growth and retention through the Journey to Excellence.
 - a. Use the Unit Service Plan to help guide units to continuous improvement.
2. Making meaningful unit contacts that capture in commissioner tools their strengths, needs, and a unit service plan that enables continuing improvement.
 - a. Serve as the unit leader's friend and coach.
 - b. Offer encouragement and support.
 - c. Use a detailed collaborative assessment with the unit's leaders at least two times per year to review the unit's strengths and needs.
 - d. Create a Unit Service Plan based on the detailed collaborative assessment.
3. Linking unit needs to district operating committee and other resources.
 - a. Use members of the district operating committees to help meet the needs of your unit(s). As a unit commissioner you are not expected to know everything.
 - b. The district operating committee can provide access to subject matter experts who can address the unit's specific need.
 - c. Engage other resources (for example; from another unit) when needed.
4. Supporting timely unit, district, and council charter renewals.
 - a. Facilitate the on-time annual charter renewal of all assigned units using Internet Rechartering or the traditional paper rechartering method.
 - b. See that a completed charter renewal application is returned to the council service center.
 - c. Present the new charter at an appropriate meeting of the chartered organization.
5. Supporting unit leaders by delivering effective roundtables that provide program ideas relationship development, and timely communication.
 - a. Unit commissioner can promote roundtable attendance in their assign units.

Assistant District Commissioner: A district may have one or more assistant district commissioners. Each is responsible for an assigned share of the units in the district and the unit commissioners who serve those units. Assistant district commissioners are often assigned a geographic area of the district. They work closely with the district commissioner and district executive. Major responsibilities include:

- Become familiar with the vision the district commissioner has created and understand your role in fulfilling the vision.
- Recruit enough unit commissioners to serve their assigned units and area.
- Conduct personal coaching and orientation sessions for unit commissioners.
- Maintain regular contact with their unit commissioners to provide guidance in unit service needs.
- Meet with their team of unit commissioners at the monthly district commissioner meeting to plan specific actions to help units be more successful.
- Serve units with no assigned unit commissioner.
- Help unit commissioners evaluate and improve their unit service performance.
- Assist unit commissioners in using Commissioner Tools, including adding entries for commissioners who are unable to add their own.
- Track charter renewal status of all their units.
- Use Commissioner Tools to review the health of the units; review commissioner activity in recording contacts and creating unit service plans; and monitor roundtable attendance.
- Be sure to recognize the accomplishments of the commissioners in your charge.

Thank you, Yours in Scouting,
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Order of the Arrow Unit Elections

Unit Leaders, please contact your Wek Wek Chapter Election Team Leader Patrick Jaime at patrickj0208@yahoo.com to schedule your unit elections. Elections must be held by the end of February 2020 so please schedule the election as soon as possible. Please see the attached forms:

1 - 2020 Unit Election Info for Unit Leader: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tfPhlZbYNismMRu02-5kupaitlox-71>

2 - 2020 Unit Election Request Form: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1G2_b9MWPKi-BNVVx6mkqumk6Ht2m_6td

3 - 2020 Nominee for Election Information Form: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1r--_2H7j4hyBq65IETjuUJjKUrth0DT-C

4 - 2020 Unit Election Report: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1cYiBMf36IKis869rTA2HwM6cz3wo68MU>

5 - 2020 Adult Unit Nomination Form: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dVC1RGi91YWxSnJlwHrgEgIL8rHARpBw>

Friends of Scouting Training Sessions

What is Friends of Scouting and why is it important to have a successful campaign? Find out as I conduct a teleconference training on January 29 and 30 at 7 pm for this year's Friends of Scouting Campaign. Please have your unit FOS Coordinator, Committee Chair, or anyone interested email me at arnel.jaime@scouting.org so I can reply with dial in instructions and additional information/material relevant to the training. You only need to attend one training.

Muir District Dinner

- March 21, 2020 is our District Dinner. It will be at the Concord Senior Center from 5 – 8 pm. In order to prepare and make this event a continuing success, we need your help.
 - For the Dinner program, please submit your Unit Scouter of The Year awardee to your District Executive, Charlie Crockett at charles.crockett@scouting.org. We also welcome advertising in the program. Please see the attached files for registration.
 - We also need a team of youth or adult volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up.
 - This dinner is also a district fundraiser. If you are interested in donating an item for auction, please contact Stan Jungenberg at stan.jungenberg@aryzta.com

Below are the forms to download and print as pdf:

FOS Table Sponsor form: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1j5xrFX5sg36kh6nLeHI3NouetQ7iGvPm>

Muir Unit Scouter of the Year form: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1PZAuU7ZqYsLBYcvFy94ZWu853zTEJ5B1>

District Award of Merit nomination form: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1vAejkTQKzMzR9iFDgJJ0GhDvH-voPx3C>

Muir District Camporee

- Muir District Camporee is April 25 - 26, 2020 is our District Camporee. It will be at Sugarloaf Open Space, in Walnut Creek. More details to follow. For more information, contact Stan Jungenberg at stan.jungenberg@aryzta.com.



IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

Note: if you have already submitted your background check authorization form to the Council Office when you received this email from BSA, then you can disregard this reminder.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is committed first and foremost to keeping youth safe. Part of that commitment includes continually updating our youth protection policies to help ensure we are always on the forefront of youth safety.

As you know, one of the BSA's many barriers to abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the adult volunteer application process. **The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs.**

Please complete the process listed below at your earliest availability to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders. **Please note that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.**

1. Review the two separate disclosure documents linked below that are being provided to you separately for your review. They are titled "Background Check Disclosure" and "California State Law Disclosures (Non-Credit)."
2. Once you have reviewed them, print the separate document titled "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization." Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature. *Note: A print signature is required for this document. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.*
3. Turn in the signed "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form promptly to your unit leader or local council service center.

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or local council service center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to keeping youth safe and for helping them learn, grow, and thrive through Scouting programs.

[Background Check Disclosure](#)

[California State Law Disclosures \(Non-Credit\)](#)

[Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization](#)

(This is the one you actually submit to the Council)



Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scouts

Aidan Fidele, T444, 12/30/2019. Project Name: "PHS Theater Renovation Project". Project Description: GoFundMe fundraising, building a technical equipment storage cabinet, placing it in a small alcove in the backstage area, and installing clothing racks in the costume storage room, which is under the lobby. Four clothing racks were installed: two 8' long racks, on different levels on the same wall, a shorter multilevel rack along a 4' section of the wall, and on another section of the wall a 6' long rack mounted high for longer garments. The technical equipment storage cabinet benefits the Pittsburgh High School Choir, and the clothing racks will be used by the Pittsburgh High School Thespian Society.

Note: Aidan Fidele is actually *the 18th and Final Eagle Scout of both 2019 and the last Decade in the Muir District!* Congratulations Aidan!

Seth Cronin, T317, 1/2/20. Project Name: "Willow Pass Benches". Project description: Building three benches for the tennis and pickle ball league, in Willow Pass Park. This project included removing vegetation and roots with a ditch witch, digging and preparing the ground, building frames and pouring concrete to create three concrete pads. Chicken wire was used to strengthen the concrete, and expanding sleeves to better grip the concrete. Three redwood park benches were secured to the concrete pads.

Note: Seth Cronin is conversely *the 1st Eagle Scout of both 2020 and this Decade in the Muir District!* Congratulations Seth!

Mark McDonald, T492, 1/23/2020. Project Name: "Dogs For Diabetics Toys". Project Description: This project included: building 250 toy dogs on wheels, to give to hospitals, Ronald McDonald Houses, etc., to help raise awareness and money for the buddy dog program that Dogs4 Diabetics has for those who are too young or can't own a service dog. (program@dogs4diabetics.com). Dogs in the buddy dog program are specially buddy-trained to the needs of the buddy, to alert on low/high blood sugar, to go get help from someone, to calm and emotionally support the buddy, to go get supplies (test kit, glucose, meter, etc.). The project included tracing the toy dogs on blocks of wood, using a band saw to cut them out, sanding to smooth edges. Then labeling bags, screwing toy

dogs into bases for painting and staining, removing screws, attaching wheels to bases, attaching bases to toy dogs, air cleaning completed toy dogs with a blow dryer, and placing toy dogs in labeled bags.

Note: Mark McDonald is our *January nominee* for the *Adams Eagle Scout Project Award*! Congratulations Mark!



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 NEW (April 2018) *Hazardous Weather Training* (SCO_800). This training is [available online](https://www.mdscbsa.org/hazardous-weather-training/).

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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)

LEAD - January 25, 2020



Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-LEAD2020>

Join your Fellow Scouters on January 25, 2020, from 8am to 5pm, for a complete day of learning, fun and experience.

L.E.A.D. is Mount Diablo Silverado Councils' ultimate training event for Scout Leaders, Parents, Venturers and Senior Scouts.

L.E.A.D. offers over 130 classes across 5 colleges:

- Cub Scouts
- Scouts BSA
- Venturing
- Outdoor Education
- Continuing Education

The day is broken up into 6 sessions. Some classes are 1 session, others, such as CPR certification, are 3 sessions, while even others, like position specific leader training can cover all 6 sessions.

Are you NEW to Scouting? Well, we have classes for you!

- Merit badge counselor training
- Position specific training and Den leader training
- Cub Scouting 101, Scouts BSA 101, Gear 101
- Lion Cubs 411, Webelos 411
- Scout book, how to
- Den chief training

Are you an EXPERIENCED Scouter and want to learn some new skills, learn how to work with your youth more efficiently, and/or learn how to increase the FUN in Scouting? Well, we have classes for you too!

- STEM for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturers
- Where to go Camping, Hiking or Backpacking in Northern California or beyond
- Religious Emblem programs
- High adventure camps, National Jamborees, and World Jamborees
- Cooking - Dutch oven, portable meals, and alternative cooking methods
- Pinewood derbies, Campfires, and Team Building games
- Basics - Boards of reviews, unit finance, and retention

Register early and bring a friend for a "Great Day of Scouting"!!! Learn, Explore and Enjoy!

Registration is open NOW! Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/023-LEAD2020>

Questions: Contact Wendy LaBerge,
L.E.A.D 2020 Course Director, at
WendyScoutsBSA@gmail.com or 707-246-6438.



The BSA NYLT Conference presents what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW and what a leader must DO, by applying modern leadership and team development theories in a co-ed environment.

Participants camp, work, play and learn – living a month in the life of a model troop/team/crew condensed into an intense week long or

two weekend conference. They experience the stages of team development, practice from a “toolbox” of leadership skills and learn that leadership requires vision, goals, and planning.

Participants learn how to be a leading influence in their own unit; discovering resources, methods, games and new skills to make unit meetings, treks and other activities more exciting and worthwhile. They also develop skills that help them emerge as leaders outside their units – at school and in the community.

Who may attend?

Qualified candidates will meet the following criteria...

- Young men and women are at least 13 years of age or completed eighth grade.
- Scouts BSA that have achieved the first class rank.
- Currently serve in a youth leadership position, or possess the skills and ambition to undertake a role in leadership.
- Have completed Troop/Crew Leadership Training in their unit.
- Are comfortable with long-term camping.
- Are endorsed by their unit leaders as exhibiting maturity, a positive attitude, focus and aspirations to serve through leadership.

Note: To enable broad council participation and the best youth experience, the number of participants from each unit may be limited. Additional reservations and out-of-council registrations are subject to availability.

Register on the Council Website at <https://scoutingevent.com/023-WinterNYLT2020>

Save the Date: Muir-Briones Day Camp 2020 – July 6-10

Muir-Briones Day Camp is looking for key staff volunteers for 2020.

- Day Camp Director (Sept 2019 – July 2020)
- Communications Coordinator (Sept 2019 – July 2020)
- Volunteer Coordinator (April 2020-July 2020)
- Food Service Manager (June 2020-July 2020)

Descriptions:

Day Camp Director – Reports to the District Executive (staff member of the council), Must attend Camp School (Training which is good for 5 years), Is part of the Council Day Camp committee that meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month, has overall responsibility for Day Camp, Supervise the volunteer personnel and operating details of the camp.

Pre-Camp Duties: Prepares camp budget, Locate and Secure Camp Location (location Agreement), hold meetings with key staff, pack reps and troop reps, opens up camp registration on Jan 1, conducts Volunteer training, updates standards binder, Orders supplies, puts together daily prize program and orders prizes. Assigns scouts to dens based on rank, tries to keep scouts from the same pack same rank in a den together.

During Camp: Accreditation including show the accreditation team around camp, answers questions, goes over Day Camp binder. Supervises set and take down of camp, leads the opening and closing ceremonies along with Program Director, Daily prize program and takes care of problems arising at camp.

Communications Coordinator - Promotes day camp attendance and volunteer recruiting at: Roundtables, Pack meetings, Troop Meetings, Schools, Newspapers/Social Media/On-Line News. Communication with Parents about camp including hours, sign-in, pick-up, what to bring, what is expected.

Unexpired current Youth Protection Certificate

Fill out an Adult Application if not registered with you Pack, Troop or Crew.

Volunteer Coordinator – Assigns adult and Jr. Helpers to tasks at camp. Collects volunteer paper work including, medical forms, shooting forms, Youth Protection, leaders guide signature, Adult Applications and Youth Applications for Jr. Helpers (if not already registered).

Food Service Manager - This person needs a food handler's card and will be responsible for camp kitchen. Duties include picking up donated fruit and Vegie's on Saturday before camp, Pick up (buying) popcorn and snow cone supplies as need from Cash and Carry, picking up (buying) hot dog lunch supplies at Sam Club on Thursday night of camp, Picking up (buying with donated gift cards) volunteer breakfast items from Safeway. You will be supervising kitchen volunteers with coffee and hot water making, preparing veggies and fruit, popping popcorn, making snow cones, washing and sanitizing dishes and machines.

Attention Webelos and Arrow of Lights

**Come Visit Troop 444 and Earn Your Earth
Rocks! Adventure Pin**



Come visit Troop 444's meeting on January 28, 2020, and learn about geology, learn how to identify rocks and minerals, and earn your Earth Rocks! Adventure Pin. This will also count as visiting a Boy Scout Troop Meeting for Requirement 2 of the Arrow of Light Scouting Adventure. A professional geologist will also be available to answer questions regarding geology and career opportunities in the field of geology.

When: Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 7:00 pm
Where: St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord
How Much: Free.

Please RSVP and direct questions to Robert Kitay at (925) 413-8604 or rjkitay@prodigy.net.

Muir Scout in Action

Eagle Scout and Venturing Summit Award Recipient *Patrick Jaime* from the Muir District is representing at the **Region level!** Patrick was recently appointed to serve as the 2019-2020 Western Region VOA Vice President of Communication on January 12, 2020.



Below is the official press release from the Western Region Venturing Officers' Association:

We are excited to announce the selection of Patrick Jaime to fill the vacancy of the office of 2019-2020 Western Region VOA Vice President of Communication. Patrick will be serving in this role effective immediately.

Patrick Jaime joined Venturing at the age of 14 to serve as a leader, apply what he learned from Scouting, and to constantly challenge himself. He is from the Mount Diablo Silverado Council in Pleasant Hill, California, and served most recently as the 2018-2019 Area 3 VOA President.

Patrick has both attended and staffed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE), attended National Leadership Seminar (OA NLS), and completed Wood Badge with his 2 beads. Patrick is an Eagle Scout with 120 merit badges and 19 Eagle Palms, a Venturing Summit Award Recipient, and both a Council and Area Venturing Leadership Award Recipient. He is also a Vigil Honor Member of the Ut-In Sélica Lodge and has served as a lodge officer. Patrick is currently a second-year student at Diablo Valley College and is on track to graduate with an Associate's Degree in Administration of Justice. Patrick is looking forward to transfer to a 4-year university in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and further pursue a career in law enforcement.

Patrick plans to utilize the Region VOA's Communication Team to keep Venturers informed through social media, newsletters, and websites to share opinions and positive feedback. Please join us in congratulating Patrick!

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, cbodin@usa.net

District Eagle Board of Review: Karen Hansen: 925-825-9132, eaglechairkarenhansen@gmail.com



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District Communications Contact

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

District Committee Leadership

- **Charlie Crockett** - District Executive
charles.crockett@scouting.org
- **Stan Jungenberg** - District Chair
- **Paul Steelhammer** - District Commissioner

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