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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for November 2020!



November 5, 2020 District Roundtable via Zoom

The November 2020 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: Nov 5, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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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 policy update from the Golden Gate Area Council.

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Young

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(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. Note that Camp Herms, Ranchos 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



A Word from our Chair

Hello Muir District,

It seems like some days things will never return to normal. But our Council, the Golden Gate Area Council, has been striving to keep the program going for our youth. And, while it seems that things are going slow at our council office, professionals are working very hard to help the volunteers bring the program to our youth.

Let's think about how this last year has gone in our FOS efforts. Many of our units did not have the opportunity to have their Friends of Scouting presentations. This might be a time to complete that process. I realize that with the fee increase, many of you have a tighter budget. For those of you that can, any donation five, ten, or more is a great help. Let's take time to make that donation to the Council; a check to the council to complete our FOS. One fact that you may not be aware of is that our professionals also give to FOS. Muir District is only \$3,000 from goal, so we are not that far away.

Yours in Scouting,

Sheila Rowntree Muir District Chair

Golden Gate Area Council, BSA

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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

steve@loydzone.com
https://ggacbsa.org



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

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. We are looking for a Finance Chair, Membership Chair, Activities Chair, Merit Badge Dean, and Popcorn Chair.

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/

Recharter packets are now available!

Recharter paperwork to reregister your pack, troop, crew, ship, or post is now available. While the process is on-line, we have a packet of support documentation. Please contact Steve Loyd stevenloyd@gmail.com or Alan Young alan.young@scouting.org to get your packet.



Congratulations to Karen Hansen for receiving her 25-year anniversary pin for service to the Boy Scouts of America!

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.

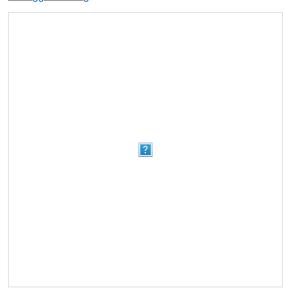
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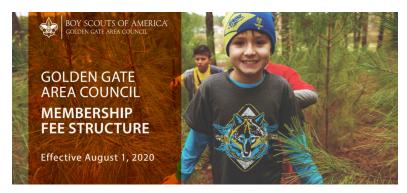
This was announced on 7/24/2020.



New Council Website and Facebook page

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

This was announced on 8/01/2020.



2020 Council Program Fee

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



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 for questions and to register!

Yours In Scouting,

Michelle Wojack District Popcorn Kernel Golden Gate Area Council, BSA

michellewojack@gmail.com https://ggacbsa.org

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.

This was updated on 10/24/2020.



For now, we are open from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm on Monday - Friday & 10:00 am - 3:00 pm on Saturday (store will close for lunch break from 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm everyday) 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 50% capacity until further notice.
 - o Families are exempt but overall occupancy must be limited as much as possible.
- 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.
- Please stand on the blue "x" floor markers when waiting in line indoors and 6 feet apart outdoors.
- The bathroom is closed to the public.
- The fitting room is open but <u>must ask for Scout Shop Employee assistance</u> prior to entering.
 - A Scout Shop Employee will be aware of who is using the fitting room at all times. All items worn and not purchased WILL be stored in the back room for one full business day.
 - Fitting room will be disinfected before & after use.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the front counter and is encouraged to be used when coming in and leaving.

<u>Note</u>: in accordance with the current Contra Costa County health orders <u>HO-COVID19-22</u> and <u>HO-COVID19-28</u> as well as applicable State Public Health Orders & guidances, *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.
 - o 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.

Reminder: the manager is living-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 Scout Shops (Two options):

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





BSA Uniform Promo

The Uniform Promotion has been extended till October 31, 2020! Families can get 25% off any uniform bottom when they buy a uniform top from the same program.

The sale includes Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA uniforms — both youth and adult. You can even pair the discounted bottoms with the newly updated Scouts

BSA men's shirt and Scouts BSA boy's shirt.

The sale's only rule is that the top and bottom must be from the same program, meaning you can't pair a blue Cub Scout shirt with green Scouts BSA switchbacks.

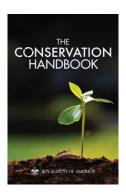


Powerful Cub Scout leader resources

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/.



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/



Journey to Excellence revised for COVID-19

This was announced on 8/01/2020.

https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/?fbclid=lwAR1ZqqAhkmiVR9YJhwy7xKih8Wym7Vbqb8QSIrgmTaDGjqa7VD8gGUakDg

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 for further clarification.



S.A.F.E. Restart Scouting Checklist

This was announced on 6/18/2020.

"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



Youth Protection During COVID-19: Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

This was last updated on 4/22/2020.

"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=lwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3IJE2wf7xcc67gfRz47QkyTYY



Questions and Answers

This was last updated on 8/30/2020.

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 <u>Guide to Advancement (GTA)</u>, 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/?
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Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scouts!

- James Kyle Arona, our October nominee for the Adams Award: T444, 10/15/2020.
 - o Project Name "St. Bonaventure Shade Sails".
 - Project Description: Fundraising community members, St Bonaventure parishioners, and at Panda Express. Panda Express fundraiser cancelled due to civil unrest, rescheduled. COVID-19 shelter in place mandates caused delays and limits on workers. Collaboration with architectural and engineering experts, consulted beneficiary for changed desired layout as scout designed, diagrammed, and made prototype mechanism. The old shade sails were tied to poles by hand using ladder, were blown by the wind, and sagged, creating a safety hazard, a temptation for students to hang on them, loosening them and making them wear out faster. The new sails implemented a ratcheting pulley system that facilitates attachment and removal of the sails, levels them, raises them higher, making them safer. The new sails cover more of the courtyard, protecting people from the sun, encouraging more outdoor events



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!".



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

jeannineden5@gmail.com https://ggacbsa.org

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New Adults & Adult Leaders:

- 1) Log on to 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.

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

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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)

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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the postponement Frequently Asked Questions."

For information from Bryan on Scouting, <u>click here</u>.



"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."

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

District Communications Contact

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

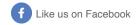
District Committee Leadership

- Alan Young District Director, alan.young@scouting.org
- Sheila Rowntree District Chair, rowntreesheila@att.net
- Steve Loyd District Commissioner, <u>steve@loydzone.com</u>

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