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



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

The September 2020 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, September 3 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](mailto:rowntreesheila@att.net)



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

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

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Young | District Director

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### COVID-19 News briefings

Need to know how COVID-19 is affecting local Scouting? Check out the updated news on the Golden Gate Area Council (GGAC) website at: <https://ggacbsa.org/news-briefings/#covid-updates>. If your pack, troop, crew, post, or ship wants to share ideas for activities, please post them on the [Muir District Facebook Group page](#). For unit activities, please check with your chartered organization and unit Key 3 leadership and follow the [Restart Scouting Checklist](#) and local health guidelines.

### Wildfires and Golden Gate Area Council camps

As of this writing at 2:30 PM on Monday, both Ranchos Los Mochos and Camp Royaneh have not had fires within camp borders. Fires are within a mile of both camps' doorsteps. Thank you to the firefighters and other first responders who are working to save lives, structures, and other treasures from harm. Updates are being posted to the council Facebook page at [GGACBSA](#).

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## A Word from our Chair

Hello from your District Chair. As we start the new year, many exciting things along with many changes are happening in all of our families. The same is true for Scouting.

We welcome Steve Loyd as our new District Commissioner. His team is ready to help the units. We have some ideas for things that are going to be happening this year in the district. You are going to see new faces. We, the District Committee, are here to serve you. Come to Roundtable and let us know how we can help. Without you, the program will not exist. We have a lot of Scouts that want to be involved and look towards you for inspiration and guidance. We also want to help you with your recruiting.

I hope that we are all adjusting to the opening of the new school year. It will bring a lot of challenges to all of us. I know that's been hard at times to keep our spirits up. But if we put on a happy face, that smile will spread to everyone else.

See you at Roundable.

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: [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).

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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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## Muir District Uniform Closet (as of 8/18/2020)

Need a uniform shirt or bottom to last a few years before it's outgrown? If any of the items listed might fit the bill, please send email to Eileen Ladarre, [ejladarre@yahoo.com](mailto:ejladarre@yahoo.com), to make delivery arrangements. First come, first served.

Uniform Inventory List found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nT2OXjBWX927usDY34NVdmXbu6ottleb3/view?usp=sharing>

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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 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/>

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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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## **Friends of Scouting 2020**

### FOS Update

- As of Aug. 24, our FOS contributions/pledge total is at \$13,343.96. If you would like to consider making an additional gift, you can also do so by celebrating our Council merger through our Founder's Patch campaign. Copy this link to purchase a patch:
  - <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/023/appeal/3308>

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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

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## 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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## Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to earn the Charles H. Townes Supernova Award opportunity:

There are a few opening left for Webelos or Arrow of Light Scouts to earn the Charles H. Townes Supernova award this fall. On-line classes on Mondays in September and October will help up to 30 Scouts earn this challenging award. Details are towards the bottom of the page at: <https://stem.ggacbsa.org/#townes>

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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.

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This was announced on 7/01/2020.



### 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](#) 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.
  - 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](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 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.

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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-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/>.

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## **UPDATE: Moving Some Churchill Recommendations Forward**

**This was announced on 8/12/2020.**

See the official announcement here: [https://scoutingwire.org/update-moving-some-churchill-recommendations-forward/?utm\\_source=scoutingwire&utm\\_campaign=swvolunteer8122020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=](https://scoutingwire.org/update-moving-some-churchill-recommendations-forward/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer8122020&utm_medium=email&utm_content=)

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"Recommendations that were paused for possible consideration of implementation in the future, include:

- Establishing a fee-based structure for councils in place of the National BSA collecting membership fees from councils, and
- Creating a non-traditional membership category for families that is focused on experiences, rather than advancement.

The Management Team will be reviewing those two recommendations while they are on pause for how they may be beneficial to the Movement in the future.

The NEC also agreed that the following three recommendations will not be considered at this time:

- Combining Sea Scouting into Exploring,
- Ending all youth programs at the age of 18, and
- Sunsetting the Learning for Life curriculum

Although we are not moving forward with these recommendations, we will continue the dialog that prompted the recommendations to ensure that we continue to benefit as a Movement from the evaluation and analysis conducted by the Churchill teams that studied those areas."

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**Note:** moving forward, all official BSA Churchill Updates and other official announcements will only come from [scoutingwire.com](https://scoutingwire.com). If they are posted on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Reddit, etc., they are only official *if it matches* [scoutingwire.com](https://scoutingwire.com). (As always, please direct all questions/inquiries to: [PR@scouting.org](mailto:PR@scouting.org)).

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

**This was announced on 8/01/2020.**

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-qa7VD8gGUakDg>

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**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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## **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>

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## **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=IwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

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

### **Questions and Answers**

**This was last updated on 6/25/2020.**

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](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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## **Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scout!**

- Thomas Candido Petty, T444, 8/13/2020.
    - Project Name: "Benches and Bike Rack for Fisher House".
    - Project description: Installation of a free-standing bike rack to help Fisher House foster exercise, for those families staying there while their family's injured service member is at the Travis Air Force Base hospital. Building three benches for the porch and two side tables. Fundraising included GoFundMe and a Rocco's Pizzeria fundraising night. Planning included preparing written instructions for construction, and making a list of names, driver licenses of drivers, car license plate numbers and insurance, submitting ahead of time so that visitors could have permission to enter the base. The project included cutting wood, drilling pocket holes, assembling benches, filling in screw holes with putty, staining benches and tables with Minwax wood finish. Special challenges due to COVID-19: It took more time to "meet" with his Eagle Coach. Travis AFB was quarantined due to the virus. As it opened, restrictions on visitors required only the scout and his father to deliver the benches and tables. The scout had to arrange use of a trailer to transport them.
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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  
jeannineden5@gmail.com

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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 72 min which is Mandatory and a 45 min which says recommended. *You must take the 72 min 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 7/24/2020.

## Help commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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>

<b>AIR MAIL 100<sup>th</sup></b> TRANSCONTINENTAL CENTENNIAL		<b>POSTCARD</b>	
 Bendley, The George and Leggett		TO: _____ _____ _____  San Francisco, CA	
			
<b>AIR MAIL 100 CENTENNIAL FLIGHTS PROJECT</b>			
DESIGN: COMMEMORATIVE POSTCARD: SAN FRANCISCO, CA		VERSION: FILM STRIP BORDER ILLUSTRATION	
OBJECTIVE: A COLLECTIBLE POSTCARD FEATURING HISTORIC 1909 ERA AIR MAIL SERVICES, PLANES AND AIRPILOTS			
DESIGNER: BILL MOORE / APM100.com		CONTACT: KAT STEARNS	
REVIEWER COMMENTS:			
<small>Copyright 2020 J. William Moore</small>			

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 11<sup>th</sup> at Buchanan Airport in Concord see: ongoing updates will appear on the Muir District Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497627480390>

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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.toothoftimetraders.com/Surplus-Trail-Meals/2021/Dept> ."

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

For updated event information, please contact Alan Young; [alan.young@scouting.org](mailto:alan.young@scouting.org)

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## 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](http://www.lnt.org).

Questions can be directed to Lillian Remer, course director, at [remer@astound.net](mailto:remer@astound.net).

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## Working on Eagle? Here are your contacts:

District Advancement Chair: Bill Spalding: 925-586-9136, [spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com](mailto:spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com)

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District Eagle Board of Review: Karen Hansen: 925-825-9132, [eaglechairkarenhansen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com) by the *21st of every month* so that it can be added to the outgoing newsletters.

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## District Committee Leadership

- **Alan Young** - District Director, [alan.young@scouting.org](mailto:alan.young@scouting.org)
- **Sheila Rowntree** - District Chair, [rowntreesheila@att.net](mailto:rowntreesheila@att.net)
- **Steve Loyd** - District Commissioner, [steve@loydzone.com](mailto:steve@loydzone.com)

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