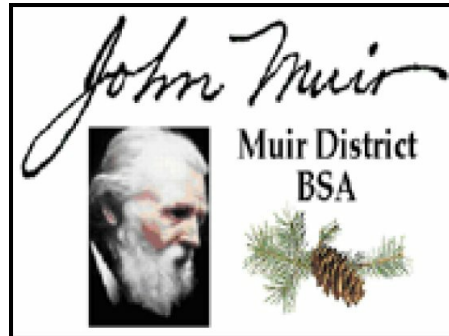


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for August 2022!



August 4, 2022 District Roundtable via Zoom

The August 2022 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 at 7:30 PM, via Zoom. *Stay tuned for information regarding in-person Roundtables...*

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: August 4, 2022 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86753742607?pwd=eTk2NVNkUFJkQ3kvNHNmRmNnUXVvUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 5374 2607

Passcode: 170393

Every month on the First Thu, until Dec 1, 2022, 5 occurrence(s):

Aug 4, 2022 07:30 PM

Sep 1, 2022 07:30 PM

Oct 6, 2022 07:30 PM

Nov 3, 2022 07:30 PM

Dec 1, 2022 07:30 PM

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com



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: muircommissioner@gmail.com



District/Council upcoming events (2)

- **Save the Date - Muir District Recognition Event – “Iron Chef Cook Off!”**
 - When: *August 20, 2022, time TBD*
 - Where: Morello Hills Christian Church, 1000 Morello Hills Dr, Martinez
 - Who: All Muir District Units (Packs & Troops)
 - Why: Recognize your Unit Scouter of the Year; recognize the District Award of Merit recipient; show off your outdoor cooking skills.
 - Nomination forms here:
 1. District Award of Merit -
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vAejkTQKzMzR9iFDgJJ0GhDvH-voPx3C/view?usp=sharing>
 2. Unit Scouter of the Year -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uUnPhIRAfAHpJGxZaaq_q0t7jAr tfvRi/view?usp=sharing
- Cooking method is not limited to Dutch Oven. Consider foil cooking, reflector oven, other alternative cooking methods. Please prepare enough for six people. Prizes will be awarded for main dish, side dish, dessert, alternative cooking method. RSVP with your category choice ASAP to Eileen Ladarre, ejladarre@yahoo.com.

- If August 20 is a red-flag warning day (or Spare the Air Day) and we cannot burn charcoal, alternative plans will be announced.

- **Registration is open for our Pack camping trip Aug 5th (4pm) -7th (11am) at Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore.**
 - This is a great opportunity for Scouts to get together to practice camping skills, have fun together (including Archery) and add another activity towards their Summertime Award.
 - Cost is \$25 a person (Venmo: @Devon-Minson (last 4: 6117), PayPal: <https://paypal.me/CubPack262Clayton>) and registration closes at 10am on July 29th. Please include number of Scouts, adults and siblings with registration.
 - If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mark Hall at 925.672.6029 or scouts@halls.net.

This was announced on 5/24/2022.

July 2022 Merit Badge Counselor Renewal Process (courtesy of Courtney Mizutani).

Attention Merit Badge Counselors:

Renewals for merit badge counselors expiring on June 30 will be for 6 months as the Council has chosen to move non-unit participants to a January 1 renewal date to match the regular unit recharterers.

In order to renew, Merit Badge Counselors will need Youth Protection Training that is current through 12/31/2022 and completed AB 506 Training and LiveScan. Please see <https://californiascouting.org/> to access the required training and to find information on the LiveScan process.



New BSA Adult Application Form

Please use this Adult Application moving forward:

<https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/BSA-Adult-Application-524-501-2022.03-fillable-form.pdf>



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

eNews Special Edition Membership Renewal Fee Structure for 2022

July 20, 2022

Golden Gate Area Council (GGAC) Community:

The national fee structure for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is being updated as of **August 1, 2022**. Overall, there are modest increases to unit charter/affiliation fees (\$25 increase) and minor increases in the cost of registration for youth members (\$3) and for a *Scout Life* magazine subscription (\$3).

The value of Scouting is undeniable for those within the program and the greater public, and the BSA is committed to continuing to offer this unmatched opportunity to young people and families nationwide.

As costs on many daily goods and services continue to rise dramatically, the BSA has worked to keep its membership fee as low as possible. However, these external pressures continue to have an effect, and the annual national membership fee must be increased to address the fiscal realities necessary to continue delivering a safe and quality Scouting program.

To ensure the organization has the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the following national membership fee structure will take effect **August 1, 2022**.

- **\$75** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants (\$3 increase)
- **\$45** for Exploring participants (no change in cost)
- **\$30** for council-paid memberships (no change in cost)
- **\$45** for all adult volunteers (no change in cost, includes cost of **National Council** background check - the separate LiveScan check to meet AB506 requirements is **not included** in this fee.)
- **\$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee (\$25 increase)
- **\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts (Not pro-rated, no change in cost)
- **\$15** for Scout Life magazine; this is the first price increase since 2005 (\$3 increase)

The national membership fee helps cover the cost of essential services, including program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, criminal background checks, youth protection,

and the development of intellectual property for national, council, and unit programs. As BSA moves forward, the organization will continue to look at the membership fee structure and how we deliver the Scouting program for future generations.

In addition to the national fees, GGAC charges a council program fee at the time of registration. The CPF is designed to support the basic services that a unit receives from GGAC. The vast majority of the fee (85%) is intended to support program and activities. It is an anchor that allows GGAC to build on those services with additional income from fundraising streams, activity fees, popcorn sales, and endowment revenue. Exploring members are not currently required to pay the CPF. The GGAC Executive Board is evaluating the current CPF and will take action at the August board meeting if any changes are necessary, but the fees remain the same for now (\$66 youth, \$42 adult).

Across the country and in each of our communities, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make in youth today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow.

Our dedicated volunteers, staff, and Scouting families make this possible. Thank you for continuing to support one of the most valuable opportunities available to young people today.

Dan Walters
Council President

Mike Hale
Scout Executive

Michael Allison
Council Commissioner



COVID-19: Future Updates at ggacbsa.org/covid

- Check out GGAC's [COVID Update](#) page for our latest COVID-19 guidance. If you have any questions, please email us at: [Safety at GGAC](#).

Muir District Website (subdomain of Council Website)

Reminder: we have a [website for our District](#)! Please go and check it out! Currently, the Zoom information for both the District Roundtable and the Commissioner & Committee Meetings are posted on the Home page. Advancement information such as the Life to Eagle Process, Guide to Advancement, and COVID-19 Advancement is

Wek-Wek Village, Order of the Arrow web page

We also have a web page linked to the Muir website for the Wek-Wek Village, Order of the Arrow! It is located under the "OA tab at top in the Menu bar or you may go to: <https://muir.ggacbsa.org/wek-wek-village/>. That web page will have recent announcements, upcoming meetings/events, Village leadership roster, and a link to their

available. There is also District contacts (coming soon) and Unit contacts which redirects to beascout.org.

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

Facebook page.

If you have any feedback on what we should have on our District website or OA web page, please let Patrick Jaime, District Communications Chair know at: patrickj0208@yahoo.com!

Muir Scouts in Action or Scouting Activities Submissions

If you have any pictures or videos of **Muir District Scouts in Action** (service projects, heroism, etc.) or **Scouting Activities** (BSA derbies, training, blue and gold, court of honor, etc.) please email them to patrickj0208@yahoo.com and include a copy of the Medical Record (**Part A**) release for each Scout so that they can be recognized/featured in the District Newsletters!

We also accept any submissions of notable Scouting-related recognitions, awards, or news of Scouts/Scouters.



Next Wek-Wek Village Meeting will be in-person on August 2022!

Date, time, and location details will be posted on our Facebook page. Stay tuned for further updates via the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/WekWekVillage>

OA Wek-Wek Unit Elections 2022

Scan the QR code located on the bottom right corner of flyer below to sign up your Troop for OA Unit Elections! Sign up link here: <https://forms.gle/eVbfaSY22iUJ6nvQA>



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

AB 506: Live Scan background check (complete ASAP if you have not already)

A Live Scan background check (the digital version of inked fingerprinting) is required for all volunteers and staff. Live Scan replaces previous background checks; all volunteers will have to complete this once.

We appreciate your patience and assistance as we join all California Youth Service Organizations in improving youth protection.

Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California (complete ASAP if you have not already)

Mandated Reporter Training is required in addition to our BSA Youth Protection Training. Volunteer leaders must complete the 2 hour training and upload their certificate at California Scouting by February 28, 2022.

More details can be found at: <https://californiascouting.org>

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=IwARONRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3IJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTY>

Please share to all your Units and Volunteers.

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 Carl Bodin



Muir District News.

Want to get some late breaking Scouting news or post an event? Then join our Muir District Facebook Group page. Follow the link below, answer a quick question regarding your Scouting experience, and you will gain access to the group page. Don't forget to share this with members of your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497627480390/>

Latest/past District Newsletters can be found on our website's home page by clicking the "News" tab on the menu bar or go here:
<https://muir.ggacbsa.org/news/>

Council News

Check out the Council website for the latest Council news, and updates:
<https://ggacbsa.org>.

Latest/past Council e-News can be found here: <https://ggacbsa.org/#elementor-action%3Aaction%3Dpopup%3Aopen%26settings%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwIiwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%3D>

If you are not receiving the Council eNews, you may subscribe here:
<https://forms.gle/6qFq1oTcjC3dkhEa8>



Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scout!

- Hari Pathanjaly, T444B, 7/12/22
 - Project Name: Temple Cabinets
 - Project Description: Construction of six 3'x2'x3' cabinets for the scout's place of worship. The six cabinets are important because the Shiva Murigan Temple is the center of the Hindu community in Contra Costa County. The cabinets will be used to store Hindu idols, because the Temple is expanding their grounds and renovating. They need this storage in preparation for the renovation. The cabinets doors are the same thickness of wood as the cabinets, to prevent warping, and the scout added corner braces to the top and bottom of each cabinet, for greater structural support.



SCOUT SHOP
Official Retailer of the BSA

Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Information

The Scout Shop in Pleasant Hill is open and waiting for you to come purchase all your supplies! 508 Contra Costa Blvd. Suite K2, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Please visit [GGAC Scout Shop \(ggacbsa.org\)](https://ggacbsa.org) for information before you go. Store hours (including lunch break), available items, how to order ahead, and other useful tips are there.



SCOUTINGWIRE

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/>.

Leave No Trace Trainer Class October 22-23, 2022 @ Rancho Los Mochos

Email Course Director Lillian Remer for any questions or for more information at: remer@astound.net

[Register](#)



Leave No Trace Trainer Class October 22-23, 2022 Rancho Los Mochos

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

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 who are at least age 14 by the first day of class; all must be 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.

Check-in is 7:30 am Saturday, October 22 in the Deadwood Camp of Rancho Los Mochos. The course will run from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 22 through 1 pm Sunday, October 23, 2022. The "early bird" price is \$40 (through Friday, October 8) and \$45.00 thereafter with a maximum of 20 participants. Refunds for elective cancellation are 70 to 80% per Council policy and no elective refunds are available after October 8, 2022. Link for registration is available on the Golden Gate Area Council Website <https://www.scoutingevent.com/023-LNTTFall2022>. Participants will receive further details by email in early October. **All Covid safety requirements of Contra Costa & Alameda Counties, The Golden Gate Area Council and the BSA will be observed including possible mandatory masking.**

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 fifteen minute presentation using the skills they have learned and materials they prepared before the course. Learn more about Leave No Trace at www.lnt.org.

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



2023 National Scout Jamboree GGAC Contingent

[Register](#)

[Jamboree Information](#)



Golden Gate Area Council 2023 National Scout Jamboree

Council Contingent Information

The 20th BSA National Scout Jamboree (NSJ) will be held at the **Summit Bechtel Reserve** in scenic West Virginia. This is the third NSJ to feature high-adventure outdoor activities for the *Boy Scouts of America*. Join **Scouts** from around our Council to experience white water rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, rappelling, mountain-biking, skateboarding, shooting sports, zip-line challenge courses and much more!

Dates: Friday, July 14 – Saturday, July 29, 2023 (including DC area tours & travel)
The Jamboree is onsite at the Summit Bechtel Reserve July 19 – July 28, 2023

Cost: \$3,900 (estimated) for Adults Leaders, *Scouts & Venturers*. – *Initial Deposit of \$485 Due upon registration*

Council pricing includes the BSA Jamboree fees, travel and tour expenses, NSJ hat and neckerchief, select Contingent patches, duffel bag, and 2 T-shirts. Participants are responsible for two complete BSA uniforms (required), and spending money for the tour and Jamboree.

Tour: Washington, DC and National Capital area highlights, before traveling to NSJ.

Contingent: Each Troop unit consists of 32 Scouts and 4 Leaders, so positions are limited! Currently, plans are to send 2 Boy and 1 Girl Scout troop, and 1 Crew - depending on sign ups

Eligibility: Scouts must be First Class rank, have completed 6th grade or be 12 years of age by July 19, 2023, but not have reached their 18th birthday before July 28, 2023. Additionally, young adults (18-20) are allowed to participate as 'scouts', but cannot share tents with youth. All participants must have current BSA membership, meet the minimum physical BMI standards (see Jamboree website) and complete an online NSJ Personal Health and Medical Record, and participate in pre-Jamboree troop meetings and the Contingent camping weekend.

Commitment: Troop Meetings (typically one per month starting September 2022)
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) Meetings (youth leaders in Spring 2023)
Occasional Parent Meetings (scheduled at Troop Leaders' discretion)
Contingent Camping weekend (likely Memorial Day Wknd, May 2023)
Council Payment Schedule (released in Spring 2022)



More Info & Registration: <https://ggacbsa.org/jamboree/>

Timeframe: **Apply Right Now!!!** Once the Troop youth capacity is full, new applicants will be placed on a wait list.

More Info on the Web:

2023 BSA National Scout Jamboree: <https://jamboree.scouting.org>

GGAC Jamboree Committee Chair: *Ray Chan*, ray4scouting@gmail.com

This was updated on 06/30/2022.



[GGAC Process for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge](#)

All Scoutmasters have received an email from May or June 2022 from the Council Advancement

Committee regarding a registration link for Scouts to sign-up for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge. **Please have your Scoutmaster forward the email/link to all Scouts in their Troop now that this Merit Badge is Eagle-required as of July 1, 2022.**

Please see the following link for the June 16, 2022 GGAC update for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge: https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CIS-Merit-Badge-Update_June-16_2022_Fdekovic_Mnygren-1.pdf



Eagle Rank Extensions

If you have any Life Scouts who are nearing age 18, please have him or her visit the links here: [Eagle Rank Extension - Guide](#) & [Eagle Rank Extension - Form](#).

MANY BSA TRAININGS ARE MOSTLY ONLINE



Scout leaders. To be registered as TRAINED in your role, you need to complete the following courses

- Basic Position-Specific Training
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- Hazardous Weather
- YPT Youth Protections

[Basic position-specific leader training](#) is 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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Working on Eagle? Here are your contacts:

District Advancement Chair: Bill Spalding: 925-586-9136, spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com

District Committee Leadership

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Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com

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

Monica Holland - District
Executive, monica.holland@scouting.org

Quick Links

Muir District subdomain (website)

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

Muir District Facebook Group



Council Facebook Page



Muir District Instagram page

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