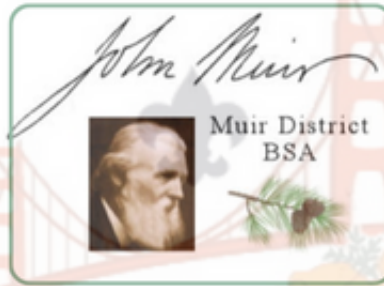


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Muir Newsletter January 2023

12/22/2022

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays!



January 5, 2023 District Roundtable In-Person!

The January 2023 Roundtable is scheduled for this Thursday, January 5 at 7:30 PM in-person at Salvation Army Church; 3950 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA 94521.

This will be our Calendaring Event as well. Please come prepared to provide all your known events and Court of Honors for the year of 2023. We would like to make sure to plan socials and events around all the important things you all have going on. Thanks for all you do and we hope to see you all at Roundtable in January!

Reminder: we intend to rotate roundtable locations between a Martinez, Clayton, and Concord location so that some are close and some a little further away equally for everyone.

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.

Muir Scouts in Action – Be a Santa to a Senior

Troop 444, Troop 364, and Pack 317 were all "present" at the City of Concord's Be A Santa To A Senior event on Sunday morning, December 11, 2022. The Scouts did a wonderful job wrapping presents for seniors in Concord who are not able to visit family or who have needs during the holiday season. Who doesn't like wrapping presents? Especially when doing so fulfills the Scout Oath, Law, and Slogan in such a meaningful way.

Photos courtesy of: Craig Mizutani

More photos can be found on our Facebook Group.





Contact Information Change for Arnel Jaime

As many of you know, I had changed careers and am no longer working for the Golden Gate Area Council. I am still active in Scouting as a volunteer and wanted to share my email where you can contact me for Scouting related matters. That email address is arnel.scouting@gmail.com.

Thanks,



Local Solution for a Regional Crisis

Arnel Jaime

SSVF Program Manager

925.338-2779 SHELTERInc.org

[PO Box 5368, Concord, CA 94524](mailto:arnel.scouting@gmail.com)



GGAC Eagle Rank Process

Attention Muir Eagle Coaches and scouts working on Eagle Scout: Eagle Scout Rank applications are sent to Golden Gate Area Council for approval signature by Nicole Ruvalcabo. Nicole's email is nicole.ruvalcabo@scouting.org.

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](#).

LEAD 2023 – Registration OPEN

[Register now!](#)

[More information](#)

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NEW IN 2023:
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Saturday, January 28, 2023

Diablo Valley College

Registration Now Open! <https://scoutingevent.com/023-LEAD2023>



Keynote Speaker:
Hon. Benjamin T. Reyes II
Contra Costa County Superior Court





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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 available. There are Unit contacts which redirects to beascout.org.

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

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 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.



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Next Wek-Wek Village Meeting will tentatively be hybrid (Zoom & in-person) on January 2023!

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7 pm via Zoom! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112...>

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112
Passcode: WekWek

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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/WekWek.Village>

Wek-Wek Village Merchandise for sale!

Purchase orders for Wek-Wek Village Merchandise are open for the upcoming holiday season! Show some Arrowman pride! Don't have to be an active OA member to purchase. Click the picture or on this link to order today: <https://forms.gle/F2488vuefBt6Y5oX9>



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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 – 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=IwAR0NRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuisgV7WzfG3IJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTY>
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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 at carl.bodin@gmail.com.



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%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwliwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%3D>

If you are not receiving the Council eNews, you may subscribe here: <https://share.hsforms.com/1SAx-4jdpRreiwThejz8U7Qcwum3>



New Muir Eagle Scout Board of Review Chair

Mrs. Hansen is retiring from the Eagle Board of Review Chair position. Sherri Ruhl;

sherri_ruhl@hotmail.com will be our new Eagle Board of Review Chair for Muir District starting in 2023.



SCOUT SHOP
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Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Information

Buy 2 or more pairs of Thorlos socks and get 25% off!

Thorlos official uniform hiking socks are specifically designed to provide protection for hikers from blisters, foot pain, or discomfort. They have various levels of padding based on your needs while also offering superior resilience, softness, durability, and moisture-wicking for drier, better-feeling feet. Made in the USA. Offer ends 12/31/22

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 \(ggacbsa.org\)](http://ggacbsa.org) for information before you go. Store hours (including lunch break), available items, how to order ahead, and other useful tips are there.



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/>.

This was updated on 09/20/2022.



GGAC Process for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

Updated information here: <https://ggacbsa.org/citizenship%20in%20society/>

All Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs have received an email from May or June 2022 from the Council Advancement Committee with information about the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge.

The Scoutmaster should:

- Review the Citizenship in Society requirements.
- Review the Scout's record of completed merit badges.
- Discuss cohort participation with Scout and parent. Determine readiness.
- Complete the on-line form to submit a virtual blue card: <https://forms.gle/rxgjH2zU8b8aofyf8>
- Ensure the parent is connected to Scout in Scoutbook as all communication and Merit Badge sign-offs will occur through Scoutbook

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

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)

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, carl.bodin@gmail.com

District Eagle Board of Review: Sherri Ruhl: 925-681-9566, sherri_ruhl@hotmail.com

District Committee Leadership

Carl Bodin - District Chair, carl.bodin@gmail.com

Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com

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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