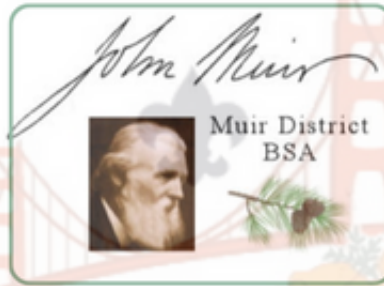


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**Happy New Year!**



## **February 2, 2023 District Roundtable In-Person!**

The February 2023 Roundtable is scheduled for *Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:30 PM* in-person at Holy Cross Lutheran Church; 1092 Alberta Way, Concord, CA 94521.

Join with other unit and district leaders for discussion of future events, news about the Council and/or District, and to share and learn from other Scouters. Let's all try to bring someone new to Roundtable this month!



## **Commissioner's Corner**

Do you know someone who has been involved in Scouting for a few years and who frequently has good advice to offer about improving the program or solving challenges? Perhaps someone who was really involved in leading in Cub Scouts but isn't as in demand in a Scouts BSA Troop now? Or a Scouts BSA leader who has turned the reins over to someone new? These people have tremendous experience to be Unit Commissioners and support other units. They can be excellent counselors for Scouting units to help those units solve their own challenges.

So, do you know someone like this, or are you this person? Reach out to Steve Loyd, District Commissioner to talk about opportunities to continue helping. [muircommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com).

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## **Commissioner's College is Feb 25th, 2023**

2023 Commissioner College is virtual, so you can attend a great day of learning without having to take off your pink bunny slippers! This training event is for all adults interested in helping Scouting units succeed, whether you're a Commissioner or not. Learn more and register at <https://www.norcalcommissioner.org/>.



## Celebration of Life for Debbie Roark (invitation for memorial service below)

After 4 years of battling gastrointestinal cancer, Debbie Roark passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

Debbie served in numerous district and council positions such as NYLT Course Director, Camporee Director, Eagle Project Review Chair, and Day Camp. She completed Wood Badge as a member of the Bobwhite Patrol and has been inducted into the Order of the Arrow. For her contributions to the Muir District, she was honored with the District Award of Merit in 2013.

Debbie also volunteered in many leadership positions with Pack 366 and Troop 465. Scouting was a big part of her family's life - being married to an Eagle Scout (Mike) and as a mother to two additional Eagles (Austin and Casey).

Ever the fighter, Debbie's favorite quote throughout her cancer journey was, "I googled my symptoms, turned out I just need to go camping."

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(Gone Home symbolism) – In the Scouting community, we honor, grieve and share the news of a long-time scout leader in the tradition of Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Olave Baden-Powell by using the *trail symbol* for "gone home." Lord Baden-Powell has the symbol on his grave as a gentle reminder of our humanity and humility. It has become traditional over the past century that when Scouters pass away, we say they have 'GONE HOME'. Their spirit remains with us always and forever.

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Below is the invitation for Debbie Roark's Celebration of Life Memorial Service scheduled on January 28, 2023 at 5:00 pm at Living Way Church - 3979 Chestnut Ave, Concord, CA 94519.

*Celebrating the life of  
Debra May Roark*



Received May 9, 1969 in Walnut Creek, California  
Returned: January 21, 2023 in Concord, California

**Celebration of life will be held on  
January 28, 2023 at 5pm at  
Living Way Church, 3979 Chestnut Ave, Concord**



## **Congratulations to our three 2022 Muir District nominees for the Adams Award!**

- David Moore, T444B
- Katherine Ruhl, T484G
- Grant Snyder, T1351

Their Eagle Projects will represent Muir District and be considered to represent Golden Gate Area Council in competition for the Glenn A. & Melinda Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Karen Hansen

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"The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award (ESSPY) to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout candidate to a religious institution, school, community or other entity through completion of an Eagle Scout project.

Examples of projects that have been selected for the ESSPY include projects that benefited underprivileged children, recognized veterans, were international in nature, and have required significant time and resources."

More information on the Adams award here: <https://eagles.ggacbsa.org/adams-award/>

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## **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](mailto:nicole.ruvalcabo@scouting.org).

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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](#).

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### **LEAD 2023 – Still time to Register!**

[Register now!](#)

[More information](#)



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Contra Costa County Superior Court



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# COVID-19: Future Updates at [ggacbsa.org/covid](https://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](#).

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## 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://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 February 2023!**

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 7 pm at the Concord Library (conference room): 2900 Salvio St. Concord, CA 94519.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/WekWek.Village>

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### **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>

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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.

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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 Carl Bodin at [carl.bodin@gmail.com](mailto:carl.bodin@gmail.com).



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## 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

Sherri Ruhl; [sherri\\_ruhl@hotmail.com](mailto:sherri_ruhl@hotmail.com) is our new Eagle Board of Review Chair for

Muir District effective January 1, 2023.

Mrs. Hansen has retired from the Eagle Board of Review Chair position.

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### **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 \(ggacbsa.org\)](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.

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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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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/>

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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](https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CIS-Merit-Badge-Update_June-16_2022_Fdekovic_Mnygren-1.pdf)

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**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](mailto:spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com)

District Eagle Project Approval: Carl Bodin: 415-816-7307, [carl.bodin@gmail.com](mailto:carl.bodin@gmail.com)

District Eagle Board of Review: Sherri Ruhl: 925-681-9566, [sherri\\_ruhl@hotmail.com](mailto:sherri_ruhl@hotmail.com)

## District Committee Leadership

Carl Bodin - District Chair, [carl.bodin@gmail.com](mailto:carl.bodin@gmail.com)

Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, [muircommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com)

Monica Holland - District Executive, [monica.holland@scouting.org](mailto:monica.holland@scouting.org)

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## 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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