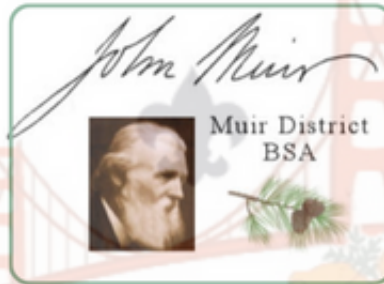


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NO July District Roundtable; see you in August!

Enjoy your summer break from Roundtable! The August 2023 Roundtable is scheduled for *Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM* in-person, location TBD.

If you have any questions for Roundtable, please contact Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com and Mark Hall - Roundtable Commissioner, scouts@halls.net.



District Executive's Message

Hello Muir District Leadership,

I just wanted to send a big thanks you to the units who came out and supported in Kids Fest Pack 262 Mark Hall, Z Hai, and David Kubeck, Pack 380 Nick Selby , and Pack 444 Trinity Murphy. Troop 364 Kent Campbell and Sherri Ruhl 484 took on shifts as well. A big thank you to Steve Loyd, our awesome District Commissioner, who took the time out of his busy schedule to make us a spinner. We now have a spinner to use for all kinds of recruitment opportunities. Please continue to go out and give Scouting your best. Our next big recruitment is coming up soon. Don't miss out on Muir District Kite Day. Come and use this opportunity to get your units out there and signed up for Scouting.

Monica Holland | Muir and Diablo Sunrise District Executive

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This was announced on 3/24/2023.



Commissioner's Corner

Expand your Registered Leader Roster

Starting in September of this year there will be new national requirements for overnight Scouts BSA outings. Every adult in overnight attendance at a Scouts BSA event will have to be a registered leader. Most often this will mean registering as an Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member, as the Merit Badge Counselor role will not count towards this requirement.

To get ahead of these requirements, review your roster, think about what adults participate in overnight activities, and ensure that they are (or become) fully registered.

Reach out to Steve Loyd, District Commissioner for any related questions.
muircommissioner@gmail.com.

This was announced on 2/24/2023.



Muir Packs and Troops Photo Submissions

Greetings all Muir Packs & Troops! The Muir District wants to recognize and promote you and the activities you do via this FB group. If you are a member of this

FB group, please post photos of your Pack/Troop participating in Scouting activities and include a brief article. I will limit these posts to once a week with exceptions for special events (Blue & Gold, Scout Sunday, Summer Camp, etc.).

As always, please adhere to BSA YPT policies including not tagging/writing the names of Scouts under age 18, make sure to get consent from the parents/guardians of Scouts before posting photos, and ensure the photos are Scouting appropriate.

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Muir Scouts in Action or Scouting Activities Submissions

At the same time, 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.

This was announced on 5/24/2023.



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Scouts BSA Troop social media content & resources

Not sure if you are aware but National does have an active Scouts BSA Facebook page with all sort of content and resources for Troops. These posts cover content from camping, advancement, program, training, and more based on real time updates. For example, there will be several posts about camping and merit badges during Summer Camp season.

Check it out below and like/follow if you are not already!
<https://www.facebook.com/officialscoutsbsa>.



Youth Protection Barriers to Abuse Update – September 2023

The Boy Scouts of America has an update on the new “Barriers to Abuse” standards (specifically the Adult Supervision section) set to take effect September 1, 2023.

Please see this [link](#) for the details.

Please share to all your Packs, Troops, units, and fellow volunteers.



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](#).

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!



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

**Next Wek-Wek Village Meeting will tentatively be hybrid
(Zoom and/or in-person) on August 2023!**

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 7 pm; location TBD.

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/WekWekVillage>

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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**GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL
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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.

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

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 or Troop!

<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

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Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scouts!

- Samuel Chankaramangalam John, 484B, 05/09/2023
 - Project: Fixing School Tables
 - Project Description: Replaced the wood on picnic tables at the school. Sourced new wood, sanded, stained the wood with a waterproof sealant and installed new table tops. Had to coordinate with twin sister who was working on the benches for the picnic tables.
- Ivana Mary John, 484G, 05/09/2023
 - Project: Bookshelf and Bench Project for Contra Costa Christian
 - Project Description: Replaced the wood on picnic benches at the school. Sourced new wood, sanded, stained the wood with a waterproof sealant and installed the new benches. Built two bookcases. Had to coordinate with twin brother who was working on the tables for the picnic tables.
- Jack Manning Wilson, T484B, 05/15/2023
 - Project: Bench/Storage bins for the Antioch Animal Shelter
 - Project Description: The Antioch Animal Shelter requested that the scout builds 2 storage benches, which will benefit the shelter by storing all of the dog leashes, waste bags, and toys for the dogs. Storage benches are in the outside play area for the dogs and will keep items dry and organized.
- Zachary David Malmstrom, T370, 06/06/2023

- Project: Scouting for Books
 - Project Description: The project organized a large book drive that benefited the East Bay Children's Book Project. Their goal is to build literacy by giving books to children who have little to no access to books. Scout ran a book collection in a similar fashion to Scouting For Food. The goal was to collect 1,000 books for underprivileged kids, for the East Bay Children's Book Project. He provided bins at two schools, and one bookstore to collect donations. Volunteers also distributed fliers throughout my neighborhood asking for book donations, and helped collect and sort the books. They collected nearly 2,400 books and successfully delivered them to the East Bay Children's Book Project.
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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.



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 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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSca_YGcCVSBSxU-XIKSNhcmrZjr12UkrajEIWcAcy2CSuRKcw/viewform
- Ensure the parent is connected to Scout in Scoutbook as all communication and Merit Badge sign-offs will occur through Scoutbook.

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, muirdistricteaglechair@gmail.com

District Committee Leadership

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

Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com

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

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Muir District Facebook Group

Council Facebook Page



Muir District Instagram page

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