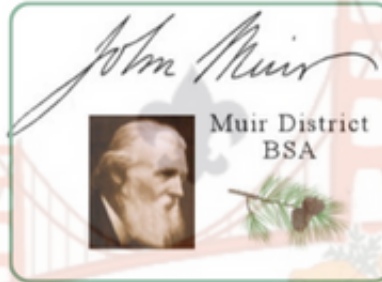


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## **September 7, 2023 District Roundtable In-Person!**

The September 2023 Roundtable is scheduled for *Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:30 PM* in-person at Morello Hills Christian Church, 1000 Morello Hills Dr, Martinez, CA 94553.

Hot topic for this Roundtable will be regarding Age Appropriate Guidelines. The Cub Scout and Scouts BSA breakouts will both be on Scout uniforming.

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

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This was announced on 8/24/2023.



## **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](mailto:muircommissioner@gmail.com).

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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](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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The graphic features a blue-to-yellow gradient background. At the top, the title "Pathfinder Patch Design Competition" is written in blue. Below the title are two circular logos: the top one is the "Highlander All Star Good Deed" logo, and the bottom one is the "Golden Gate Area Council" logo. In the center is a large white circle with a blue border, containing the text "Your Patch Design here" at the top and bottom, and "6" diameter" in the middle. To the right of this circle is a dark blue circle with the white text "More information and competition rules". At the bottom of the graphic, a blue text box contains the text: "The Golden Gate Area Council is looking for a patch design that will represent the new Pathfinder Hike Series".

## **Pathfinder Patch Design Competition**

GGAC is looking for a patch design that will represent the new Pathfinder Hike Series. This is the new program that the Council is transitioning to from the previous hike programs (The Highland and Rim Rover Series).

Please forward to your Scouts. Submit designs to [silver\\_beagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:silver_beagle@sbcglobal.net) no later than September 17, 2023.

## [Submission instructions](#)

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### **GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

#### **New Leader Onboarding Guide**

Here is a newly designed Leader Onboarding Guide available at the GGAC website which shows *step-by-step* how to:

- Register as a BSA volunteer,
- Where to take Youth Protection training,
- Where to take the required AB 506 Mandated Reporter Training,
- How to complete the Live Scan background check,
  - and what the Unit Leader needs to do to properly and completely process a new volunteer's application online.

## [Leader Onboarding Guide](#)

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## 2023 Annual Membership Fees

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FOR ALL  
NEW  
MEMBERS

NATIONAL \$80/YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20.
COUNCIL \$68/YR	
NATIONAL \$50/YR	 For all Exploring youth and adults.
NATIONAL \$60/YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).
COUNCIL \$44/YR	
NATIONAL \$30/YR	Scoutreach participants in kindergarten through age 20.
	
NATIONAL \$25/YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers.
	

## NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)  
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

## UNIT CHARTER FEE

\$100/YR

For all new and rechartering units.

## SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE



\$15/YR

## 2023 Council Program Fee Changes to Membership Renewal.

Changes to the Council Program Fee (CPF) are based on the June Consumer Price Index's 12 month change for each year, but are capped at 8%. Beginning August 1, 2023, it will be increased by 2.9%. Click the link to read more about the CPF, set at \$68 per youth and \$44 per adult in our traditional programs (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts).

The typical member renewal process will also change as of August 1, 2023. Fees will no longer be prorated. For new members, the anniversary date will be the month they joined. For existing members, the anniversary date will be the 2023 recharter date. Expect more information in the coming weeks about these process changes.

[More information & Infographic . . .](#)

This was announced on 5/24/2023.



## **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>.

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## **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.

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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).

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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## **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](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com)!

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## ORDER OF THE ARROW

### **Congratulations to our newly inducted Ordeal Honor Members from the June 2023 Yerba Buena Lodge (GGAC) Induction!**

- Ben S. – Troop 429B
- Jake S. – Troop 429B
- Naty Sigurani – Troop 429G
- Sophia S. – Troop 429G
- Kevin Slovick – Troop 429B

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

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>

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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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email us at  
[wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com](mailto:wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com).

This was updated on 8/24/2023.



**UPDATE: Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California has a 2 year expiration date.**

If you were to log in to <https://account.mandatedreportertraining.com/authentication/login> and review your AB 506 Mandated Reporter Training status, you will notice *there is now an expiration date 2 years after you completed the initial training*. Please make sure to complete the AB 506 Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers again before your respective AB 506 certification expiration date. **Note:** the Live Scan background check is currently NOT required every two years (supposedly just once and done).

Mandated Reporter Training is required in addition to our BSA Youth Protection Training. Volunteer leaders must complete the 2 hour training (or take it again before the expiration date) and upload their certificate here: <https://californiascouting.org/ggac/>.

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

**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 (if you haven't done so already).

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

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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 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

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%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwliwidG9nZ2xlIjpmYWxzZX0%3D>

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

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**SCOUT SHOP**  
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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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## **Wood Badge 2023**

5 SPOTS LEFT for the Fall 2023 GGAC Wood Badge!  
Register for both weekends to attend Wood Badge.

Weekend #1 of 2: Sep 15-17, 2023

Weekend #2 of 2: Oct 14-15, 2023

Click on the buttons below to register or check the Training website for more information: [Wood Badge](#)

[Register Now!](#)

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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 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](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.

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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: Carolyn Paulson: 925-586-4358, [cdpaul1@hotmail.com](mailto:cdpaul1@hotmail.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, [muirdistricteaglechair@gmail.com](mailto:muirdistricteaglechair@gmail.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)

Frank Solla - District Executive, [frank.solla@scouting.org](mailto:frank.solla@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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