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Muir Newsletter December 2024

11/24/2024



December 2024 District Roundtable & Commissioners
<u>Meeting</u>

The December 2024 Muir Commissioners Meeting & Roundtable is scheduled for *Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM* in-person **location TBA**. Be on the lookout for a separate update via email and on our Facebook Group will which will confirm the location. The Commissioner's meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Topics for this December's Roundtable are:

• For all: Fundraising

If you have any questions for Roundtable, please contact Arnel Jaime - District Commissioner, <u>arnel.scouting@gmail.com</u> and Mark Hall - Roundtable Commissioner, <u>scouts@halls.net</u>.

Future District Roundtable & Commissioners Meeting <u>Topics</u>

Note: unless otherwise stated, the Muir Commissioners meeting will be 7:00 pm 30 minutes before the start of the monthly Roundtable. District Committee meetings will remain on the 3rd Thursday of the Month via Zoom (unless otherwise stated).

- January 2025:
 - For all: International night; contact Tracy Peters at pacificflyer1@gmail.com



District Commissioner's Corner

- Scouting For Food 2024
 - Thank you to all Scouts and Scouters for doing your Good Turn by helping out at this year's Scouting for Food! Your efforts help provide food for families in need.

Renewal News

- The Council has rolled out renewals for our individual leaders for the unit and district levels. For additional information, please follow the links here:
 - Membership Renewal information <u>https://ggacbsa-</u> 21688059.hs-sites.com/membership-renewal
 - For Leaders http://ggacbsa-21688059.hs-

sites.com/individual-membership-renewal-1

- For Parents <u>http://ggacbsa-21688059.hs-</u> sites.com/individual-membership-renewal-0
- Commissioners and District Committee Members Wanted
 - Are you interested in providing a better program for the youth of our district? Please let me know via email at <u>arnel.scouting@gmail.com</u> so we can create a team that can meet this challenge.

Yours in Scouting,

Arnel Jaime Muir District Commissioner Golden Gate Area Council, Scouting America

(925) 451-0330 | <u>arnel.scouting@gmail.com</u> https://ggacbsa.org

This was announced on 10/24/2024.

GGAC Adventure Pass for Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA (both flyers below)

Get ready for a year of fun, learning, and unforgettable adventures with the brandnew **Adventure Pass Program** from GGAC - the Golden Gate Area Council, Scouting America. Whether you're a current Scout or looking to join, this all-inclusive program is your gateway to the ultimate Scouting experience at an unbeatable value! The Youth Adventure Pass offers incredible benefits for individual Scouts while the Family Adventure Pass is perfect for families with multiple Scouts.

Why Choose the Adventure Pass?

With the Adventure Pass, you and your family gain access to a year of exciting Scouting activities, leadership development, and outdoor adventures, all while

supporting the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

Passes are valid for 12 months from the date of registration or renewal, so you can start your adventure anytime!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make the most of your Scouting journey. Sign up for the Adventure Pass today and embark on a path filled with learning, friendship, and fun. Adventure awaits!

- Cub Scouts <u>https://ggacbsa-21688059.hs-sites.com/cub-scout-adventure-pass-2024</u>
- Scouts BSA <u>https://ggacbsa-21688059.hs-sites.com/scout-adventure-pass-2024-0</u>



Introducing the Adventure Pass for Cub Scouts

we're thrilled to announce the launch of the brand-new Adventure Pass Program from the Golden Gate Area Council - Scouting America! Designed to provide incredible value and unforgettable experiences, the Adventure Pass is your ticket to a year filled with excitement, learning, and outdoor adventures. Choose the plan that best suits your needs and get ready to make memories that will last a lifetime!

The Cub Scout Adventure Pass . . .

is perfect for individual youth members looking to maximize their Scouting experience. With access to special discounts, event credits, and exclusive savings, this pass ensures you get the most out of your Scouting journey.

The Cub Scout Family Adventure Pass ...

offers unbeatable value for families with multiple youth members. Enjoy all the benefits of the individual pass but for all the Kids in your family, and with no limits on the number of youth included! This is the ultimate way to bring your whole family together for a year of adventures, community service, and fun in the great outdoors.

Why Choose the Adventure Pass Program?

with the Adventure Pass, you're not just signing up for a membership: you're investing in a year packed with enriching activities, leadership opportunities, and the chance to create lifelong friendships. From day camps to council events, this pass opens the door to a world of exploration and growth for our Scouts and their families.

Ready to embark on this adventure?

Enroll in the Adventure Pass Program today and make the most of what Scouting has to offer.

All passes are valid for 12 months upon becoming a registered Scout or renewing registration.

Adventure Awaits - Don't Miss Out!

Cub Scout Adventure Pass Per Youth \$475/year or 12 monthly payments of \$40

- S85 Scouting America Membership
 S86 Scouncil Program fee
 S15 Scout Life
 S200 Friends of Scouting
 S100 towards Day Camp
 S50 Diacount for a District or Council Event
 10% off at Council Trading Post
 S1,000 Total Value

Scan OR Code to Choose Your Package



Cub Scout Family Adventure Pass

Youth Family Members (max 2 youth \$749/year or 12 monthly payments of \$63

- S85 Scouting America Membership S86 Council Program fee S15 Scout Life S100 Friends of Scouting S100 towards Day Camp S100 towards Day Camp S00 Discout for a District or Council Event 10% off at Council Trading Post



Introducing the Adventure Pass for Scouts BSA

Get ready for a year of fun, learning, and unforgettable adventures with the brand-new Adventure Pass Program from GGAC - the Golden Gate Area Council, Scouting America. Whether you're a current Scout or looking to join, this all-inclusive program is your gateway to the ultimate Scouting experience at an unbeatable value! The Youth Adventure Pass offers incredible benefits for individual Scouts while the Family Adventure Pass is perfect for families with multiple Scouts.

Why Choose the Adventure Pass?

with the Adventure Pass, you and your family gain access to a year of exciting Scouting activities, leadership development, and outdoor adventures, all while supporting the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

Passes are valid for 12 months from the date of registration or renewal, so you can start your adventure anytime! Don't miss out on this opportunity to make the most of your Scouting journey. Sign up for the Adventure Pass today and embark on a path filled with learning, friendship, and fun. Adventure awaits!

Ready to embark on this adventure?

Enroll in the Adventure Pass Program today and make the most of what Scouting has to offer! All passes are valid for 12 months upon becoming a registered Scout or renewing registration.

Adventure Awaits - Don't Miss Out!

Scouts BSA Adventure Pass

Per Youth \$795/year or 12 monthly payments of \$66 ng America Membership | Enjoy the full ber • \$85 S h national and council resources. cil Program Fee | Supports high-qu \$68 Counc Scouting activities.
\$15 Scout Life | Stay updated with the latest Sco nds of Scouting | Help support local Sc and initiatives.
\$375 towards GGAC Summer Camp or NYLT | Attend your fa GGAC Summer Camp or the National Youth Leadership Training new skills and make lifelong memories. punt for a District or Council Event | Save on local Se + \$50 Dis events throughout the year. • 10% off at Council Trading Post | Get all your So S1.000 Total Value

Scan OR Code to Choose Your Package



Scouts BSA Family Adventure Pass Youth Family Members (max 2 youth) \$1249/year or 12 monthly payments of \$104

 S85 Scouting America Membership | Comprehen membership for each registered Scout in your family. \$68 Council Program Fee | Keep your family eng-tier local Scouting programs. \$15 Scout Life | A subscription for each family m the Scoution box. the Scouting loop. • \$200 Friends of Scouting | A shared contribution to bo Scouting efforts. Scouting efforts. • \$375 towards GGAC Summer Camp or NYLT | Use this credit for any of your family members to attend camps or leadership training. • \$50 Discount for a District or Council Event | Enjoy family savings on all eligible events. • 10% off at Council Trading Post | Gear up your whole family with

This was announced on 10/24/2024.

GGAC Fall 2024 Recruiting Incentives

Online order form for patches and hats - https://scoutingevent.com/023-90284

Scouting 🛠 America Golden Gate Area Council Fall 2024 Recruiting Incentives

New Cub Scout Welcome Kit From National Council

- Sent to *ALL New Cub Scouts who register online between 8/1/24 10/31/2024
- Registration must be completed online @ BeAscout.org!
 Designed to help with immediate engagement and encourage
 peer-to-peer recruiting with our new Cub Scout families.

Cub Scout Welcome Kit includes

- Cours version ext in Rickages
 Cub Scout Welcome Card With instructions on Recruiting
 Friends to join them in Cub Scouts
 4⁺ Car Magnet
 Water Bottle Sticker
 Scout Life Mini Magazine
 Recruiter Strip Redemption Card



- Pack must have at least one leader attend Fall Recruitment
- Pack must have at least one leader attend Fall Recruitment training at least once (in-person or virtually)
 Pack completes 2 Sign-Up nights and the first was held at the echool. If you cannot book your school(s), then please let your District Executive know so that another plan can be strategized in order to help your pack succeed at this goal.
 Pack has 10% youth membership growth over December 31, 2023 according to the data in my.scouting.org ONLY



Requirements to receive Free Pinewood Derby Cars for all Cub Scouts in the Pack – from The Golden Gate Area Council Cub Scout Recruiter Patch **Cub Scout Recruiter Patch**

- Scout Recipients must be able to name their new recruits found on the pack roater in my.scouting.org ONLY (transfers and multiples do not count)
 Scout Recipients can earn the Silver Border patch for 3 new recruits and the Gold Border patch for 5 new recruits in my.scouting.org ONLY
- Youth are eligible to receive more than one patch as long as the recruits can be verified as completely registered in the GGAC





JOIN CUB SCOUTS



This was updated on 8/24/2024.



UPDATED: Mandated Reporter Training & Live Scan background check information on the Council website (click button or web link below).

If you have completed the January 2023 or later version of the mandated reporter training, you no longer need to take it again ("one and done"; does not expire). Also, we no longer need to use the California Scouting website to upload the certificate as the Council receives the certificates from the new <u>website</u>.

https://ggacbsa.org/youth%20protection/

AB 506 & Live Scan Information

This was updated on 8/24/2024.

MANY Scouting America TRAININGS ARE <u>MOSTLY</u> ONLINE



Hazardous Weather Training (online)

Reminder: all "direct contact" leaders are required to take Scouting America's Hazardous Weather Training to be considered fully trained in their position. Here's who is a "direct contact" leader:

- Cub Scouts Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and Assistant Webelos Den Leader
- Scouts BSA Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster
- Venturing Advisor and Associate Advisor
- Sea Scouting Skipper, Mate
- Exploring Advisor and Associate Advisor

Dates

Hazardous Weather Training is available at any time online as part of the Training section of <u>My.Scouting.org</u>. If you've never visited this site before, you'll need to click the "create account" button and then follow the instructions; have your BSA membership ID number handy.

Location

There is no physical location as the course is only offered online through the Training section of <u>My.Scouting.org</u>.

Cost

There is no fee to complete Hazardous Weather Training.

Registration

You do not have to pre-register for Hazardous Weather Training. Simply log in to <u>My.Scouting.org</u> and visit the Training section to take the course.

Renewal

All direct contact leaders must renew this training every two years.

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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
- Youth Protection Training

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)

This was announced on 8/24/2024.





Youth Protection Buddy System Update – Effective September 1, 2024

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

Accommodation

The older youth Scouting America programs (Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Exploring) encourage leadership development, growth, and independence by recommending that youth share accommodations with other youth (must be the same gender per Barriers to Abuse). However, we also recognize that exceptional circumstances may warrant a parent or legal guardian sharing accommodation with their same-gender child if the parent/legal guardian meets all leader registration requirements.

Youth siblings of the same gender may share sleeping accommodations regardless of age with permission from their parents or legal guardians. Campsites **must** be arranged to separate genders adequately. This separation could be achieved through natural barriers, physical distance, or by the campsite being divided, so long as the separation achieves privacy for both adults and youth, **as well as by gender**. Adult leaders are responsible for establishing the barriers and reminding Scouts that members of one gender must not enter the tent/housing of another.

The Buddy System

The buddy system is designed to provide an additional layer of safeguarding by ensuring no youth member/participant is alone and that a buddy can get help in an emergency. The buddy system is used whenever members/participants are outside the line of sight of qualified adult leadership and specific activities where the buddy system is required for participation. Of note:

- The adult unit leadership oversees and approves buddies.
- Buddies are two and can also be three to prevent members or participants from being alone.
- If the original pair for a buddy group is mixed gender, a third youth/participant must be added (for a buddy group of 3).
- Youth siblings of the same gender may serve as buddies regardless of age with permission from their parents or legal guardians.
- Except for siblings, the age gap between buddies must be at most three years for all non-sleeping activities and no more than two years for all sleeping accommodations.
- When exceptional circumstances warrant, a parent or legal guardian may serve as a buddy of their own child for both Scouting activities and sleeping arrangements, but youth buddies meeting the above criteria, if available, are always preferred.

Participation by Parents and Legal Guardians

Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to participate in Scouting activities with their children. However, to meet youth protection policies, some participation—including all overnight activities—requires the parent or legal guardian to be a registered adult in their child's unit.

*See and note the Cub Scout Exception *Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception:* Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the "<u>How to</u> <u>Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide</u>" that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.

Scouting Recruitment Postcard

Please share this recruitment postcard with QR code to all Packs & Troops; courtesy of our District Executive Natalie Hannum.



This was updated on 6/22/2024.



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 Scouting America's 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 ensue the photos are Scouting appropriate.

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 (Scouting America derbies, training, blue and gold, court of honor, etc.) please email them to <u>patrickj0208@yahoo.com</u> and include a copy of the Medical Record (<u>Part A</u>) 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.

Register NOW for LEAD 2025 on January 25, 2025!

LEAD 2025 Registration

LEAD 2025 Information



This was updated on 2/22/2024.



Calling all Muir Eagle Scouts to join the GGAC Eagles <u>Nest!</u>

The GGAC Eagles Nest is an Eagle Scout community that launched on June 4, 2023 and since then, we are already 580+ members strong. This network of Eagle Scouts provides an opportunity for you to connect, learn, and grow alongside like-minded individuals who share your passion for Scouting. Now is the perfect time to join *and it's free*.

Earning the Eagle Scout award is a significant accomplishment that demonstrates exceptional leadership, character, and service to others. If you have earned this prestigious rank and are looking for ways to connect with other Eagle Scouts, consider joining the Golden Gate Area Council's Eagle's Nest. This group is open to all Eagle Scouts who reside, work, are registered, or were once members of the

<u>GGAC or any of its legacy councils</u>. Celebrate your achievement by joining the Eagle's Nest today and connecting with a community of fellow Eagle Scouts.

As a member of the Eagle's Nest, you'll gain access to various benefits and perks designed exclusively for Eagle Scouts. Here are a few highlights:

- Stay Informed: Receive timely emails with Eagle Scout-specific updates, news, and events.
- Connections: Connect with fellow Eagle Scouts through gatherings and events created for networking and fellowship.
- Get Eagle Gear: Enjoy early access to GGAC Eagle Scout & Eagle's Nest gear to display your achievement proudly.
- Showcase Your Success: Add your photo to our <u>Digital Eagle Scout Wall</u> and place a marker on our <u>Eagle Scout Project Map</u>.

Click Here to Join the Eagles Nest Today!

Feel free to contact me for any Eagles Nest-related inquiries!

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle

Patrick Jaime

Council NESA Committee | Muir District Eagles Nest Ambassador Golden Gate Area Council, Scouting America

(925) 451-6944 | <u>patrickj0208@yahoo.com</u> <u>https://eagles.ggacbsa.org</u>



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! <u>https://www.facebook.com/officialscoutsbsa</u>.



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 <u>nicole.ruvalcabo@scouting.org</u>.

If you have any Life Scouts who are nearing age 18, please have him or her visit the links here: <u>Eagle Rank Extension - Guide</u> & <u>Eagle Rank Extension - Form</u>.

Muir District Website (subdomain of Council Website)

Reminder: we have a <u>website for our District</u>! 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 Virtual 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: <u>https://muir.ggacbsa.org/wek-wek-village/</u>. 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: <u>patrickj0208@yahoo.com</u>!



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Next Wek-Wek Village Meeting will be next month.

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

<u>Wek-Wek & Iowac Village December 2024 Skating Night</u> <u>event</u>

The Wek-Wek and Iowac Villages (Muir District and Diablo Sunrise's Order of the Arrow) will be hosting an Ice Skating Night on December 11, 2024! Contact Sherri Ruhl, Chapter Adviser to RSVP and for more information: sherri_ruhl@hotmail.com.



District Committee Positions

Calling all adults over 21 years of age! If you are interested in or would like to learn more on how you can help Scouting in our area, contact our District Commissioner Arnel Jaime at <u>arnel.scouting@gmail.com</u>.



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! <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497627480390/</u>

Council News

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

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



Congratulations to our Newest Muir Eagle Scout!

- Justus Samuel Ernst; T484B, 10/28/2024
 - Project Title: Beautify Concord High
 - Project Summary: Scout transformed 2 grass/weed planting areas at Concord High School into garden landscapes to feature native, drought tolerant, pollinator friendly, and low/no maintenance plants using "sheet mulching", installing drip irrigation, planting 2 fruitless olive trees. Scout

wished to beautify the campus, increase school pride, and teach students about sustainable and environmentally friendly gardening, including the science of decomposition (sheet mulching). Scout used donated natural mulch and compost from Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery. Scout had to overcome various challenges including school district approval (7 months), wrong deliveries, supply shortages, leaking sprinklers, and surprise sprinkler heads. When an extra work day needed to be added, scout asked his teammates from the Cross Country team to assist spreading the mulch.



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 <u>GGAC Scout Shop (ggacbsa.org</u>) 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: <u>https://scoutingwire.org</u>.

From giving your new Den Leader instant meeting plans: <u>https://scoutingwire.org/this-new-video-series-delivers-the-ultimate-den-leader-experience/</u>.

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, <u>https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/</u>.

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: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSca_YGcCVSBSxU-XIKSNhcmrZjr12UkrajElWcAcy2CSuRKcw/viewform</u>
- Ensure the parent is connected to Scout in Scoutbook as all communication and Merit Badge sign-offs will occur through Scoutbook.

Working on Eagle? Here are your contacts:

District Advancement Chair: Carolyn Paulson: 925-586-4358, cdpaul1@hotmail.com

District Eagle Project Approval: Carl Bodin: 415-816-7307, carl.bodin@gmail.com

District Eagle Board of Review: Sherri Ruhl: 925-681-9566, <u>muirdistricteaglechair@gmail.com</u>

Muir District Key 3 Leadership

(Vacant) - District Chair,

Arnel Jaime - District Commissioner, arnel.scouting@gmail.com

Natalie Hannum - District Executive, natalie.hannum@scouting.org



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