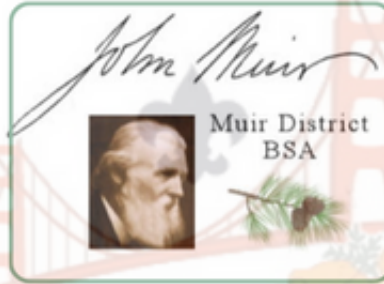


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Muir Newsletter December 2022

11/28/2022

New Email System: Hubspot

As you may have noticed, this issue of the monthly Muir Newsletter is formatted a bit differently than the last ones. That is because GGAC is switching from Constant Contact to Hubspot (alternative mass mailing system). Rest assured, these monthly newsletters will still have the same high quality and reliability you know bringing everyone the news/information you should and/or need to know.



December 1, 2022 District Roundtable In-Person!

The December 2022 Roundtable is scheduled for this Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 PM in-person; location TBA.

Be on the lookout for a separate update via email and on our Facebook Group which will confirm the location.

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 – Troop 1351's Farm Wagon Restoration & Rebuilding Service Project

There is an old Farm Wagon near the “Welcome to Martinez” sign on Alhambra Avenue that our scouts have been restoring and rebuilding. The Scouts in Troop 1351 started reaching out for donations back in February of 2022 and worked in stages through the spring, taking a break for most of the summer and recently completing and mounting the Farmers’ Market sign in early October. They got donations of materials and expertise from members of the community to restore and rebuild the wagon to last for decades to come. Along the way they learned skills relating to carpentry, painting, iron working (getting professional help to straighten the wagon tongue), sign making and more! They are still planning to build a period-appropriate “buckboard” seat for the top but the project is otherwise done.

- **Note:** first two photos are "before" and third photo is "after" the service projects.

Photos courtesy of: Tim Harrington & Carlota Canari







GGAC Eagle Rank Process Update

Attention Muir Eagle Coaches and scouts working on Eagle Scout: Eagle Scout Rank applications MUST NOW be 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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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





Muir Friends of Scouting Campaign

We had an enjoyable year of Scouting in Muir. We have begun to rebuild programs including restarting our District Camporee and door-to-door collection during Scouting for Food. Thank you for your past support of our program, which has allowed us to expand our positive impact in the community.

To continue your support, go to Support Muir

Scouting: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/023/appeal/5681>.

Donors through 2022 will be entered into a drawing for complementary tickets for a family of four to go to <https://roaringcampgold.com/>.

Yours in Scouting,

Carl Bodin
District Chair

Monica Holland
District Executive



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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 December 2022!**

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 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>

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[Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scouts!](#)

- Lucas Viray, T317, 10/25/22
 - Project Name: United Sportsman Inc. Improvement Project
 - Project Description: Proposed to rebuild sign and three shotgun racks of artificial wood but Sign was replaced before beginning of project and artificial wood was deteriorated. Lucas and beneficiary agreed to build 5 racks of redwood instead. Shotgun racks allow for guns to be stored safely. Lucas placed memorial signs honoring Tony Steers who was father of two of Lucas's teammates and a supporter of Lucas's Trap shooting team.

- Katherine Ruhl, T484G, 11/1/22
 - Project Name: My Little Pony Rescue Project
 - Project Description: The scout sold honey from her family's bee hives, had a honey lemonade stand, and posted a gofundme page. This project built six wood-framed platforms that provide insulation and allow water to drain through layers of soil, sand, gravel, and mats, The platforms provide a safe, level surface, to help prevent the mini horses from hoof infections that can happen when horses stand and walk in mud. The scout organized the project as an assembly line, with volunteers working in pairs, moving to the next of six stalls when finished with their designated task. There was an "ax yard" where wood was cut with a saw. There an adult volunteer and assistant measured the dimensions of the stalls, cut, placed, and screwed the wood frames in place. Two volunteers used pickaxe and shovel to break up the ground in each stall. Two others shoveled sand into wheelbarrows that two more volunteers took to each stall. Two others raked the sand to fill small holes. The same process was used for the gravel. A special tool was used to pound down and level the gravel flat. The first tool broke, and there was a long delay while another was procured. On top of the flattened gravel, four volunteers worked together in each stall to place the mats onto the frames, over the gravel, completing the platform.

- Parker Monson Christensen, T444B, 11/8/22
 - Project Name: Tables and Seating Area for Ygnacio Valley Library
 - Project Description: The project built and placed three circular, outdoor metal tables with seating attached, that are low maintenance, at the beneficiary's request. The benches are also resistant to theft, since they each weigh 300 lbs. The seating is designed for adults, and gives easy access to librarians, volunteers, and patrons. The project also constructed, sanded, and installed three redwood planter boxes, 4' x 2' x1'. The planters improve the appearance of the library.

- Andrew James Maras Wulbern, T262, 11/15/22
 - Project Name: Planter Boxes for Monte Gardens Elementary
 - Project Description: The project built and painted fourteen new planter boxes for the school hallways, building them larger than the existing, decaying planter boxes. Plants in good health were transplanted to the new planter boxes. The project included disposal of overgrown plants, and old planter boxes.

- Oliver John Maras Wulbern, T262, 11/15/22
 - Project Name: Clayton Valley Charter High School Ultimate Bench
 - Project Description: This project removed a splintery, four-sided bench around a tree, replacing the support structure. It involved building, painting, and installing new four-sided bench seating. It was painted to match the poles in the school hallway, making the bench more stable, reducing chances of a splinter, and extending the usefulness of the bench. The new bench will improve both function and appearance. It benefits the school by making a place for students to place their backpacks, for staff and students to rest, for weight class to use for tricep dips, as part of a video assignment or prop for video animation class, for the academy of art to print on it, or as a small club meeting spot.

 - Suhas Mokkalpati, T370, 11/22/22
 - Project Name: Sequoia “Garden Renovation”
 - Project Description: This project is a renovation of the Sequoia Middle School Garden, tended by the Earth Club. The renovation includes weeding, adding a new planter bed, expanding the irrigation system, and installing two 2’ x 4’ varnished benches. The project allows the students to grow more fruits and vegetables, and gives the students and staff who tend the garden a place to rest while gardening.
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Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Information

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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 \(ggacbsa.org\)](https://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/>.

2023 National Scout Jamboree GGAC Contingent

[Register](#)

[Jamboree information](#)



Golden Gate Area Council 2023 National Scout Jamboree

Council Contingent Information

The 20th BSA National Scout Jamboree (NSJ) will be held at the **Summit Bechtel Reserve** in scenic West Virginia. This is the third NSJ to feature high-adventure outdoor activities for the *Boy Scouts of America*. Join **Scouts** from around our Council to experience white water rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, rappelling, mountain-biking, skateboarding, shooting sports, zip-line challenge courses and much more!

Dates: Friday, July 14 – Saturday, July 29, 2023 (including DC area tours & travel)
The Jamboree is onsite at the Summit Bechtel Reserve July 19 – July 28, 2023

Cost: \$3,900 (estimated) for Adults Leaders, Scouts & Venturers. – Initial Deposit of \$485
Due upon registration

Council pricing includes the BSA Jamboree fees, travel and tour expenses, NSJ hat and neckerchief, select Contingent patches, duffel bag, and 2 T-shirts. Participants are responsible for two complete BSA uniforms (required), and spending money for the tour and Jamboree.

Tour: Washington, DC and National Capital area highlights, before traveling to NSJ.

Contingent: Each Troop unit consists of 32 Scouts and 4 Leaders, so positions are limited!
Currently, plans are to send 2 Boy and 1 Girl Scout troop, and 1 Crew - depending on sign ups

Eligibility: Scouts must be First Class rank, have completed 6th grade or be 12 years of age by July 19, 2023, but not have reached their 18th birthday before July 28, 2023. Additionally, young adults (18-20) are allowed to participate as 'scouts', but cannot share tents with youth. All participants must have current BSA membership, meet the minimum physical BMI standards (see Jamboree website) and complete an online NSJ Personal Health and Medical Record, and participate in pre-Jamboree troop meetings and the Contingent camping weekend.

Commitment: Troop Meetings (typically one per month starting September 2022)
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) Meetings (youth leaders in Spring 2023)
Occasional Parent Meetings (scheduled at Troop Leaders' discretion)
Contingent Camping weekend (likely Memorial Day Wknd, May 2023)
Council Payment Schedule (released in Spring 2022)



More Info & Registration: <https://ggacbsa.org/jamboree/>

Timeframe: **Apply Right Now!!!** Once the Troop youth capacity is full, new applicants will be placed on a wait list.

More Info on the Web:
2023 BSA National Scout Jamboree: <https://jamboree.scouting.org>

GGAC Jamboree Committee Chair: Ray Chan, ray4scouting@gmail.com



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: Karen Hansen: 925-825-9132, eaglechairkarenhansen@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

Quick Links

Muir District subdomain (website)

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

Muir District Facebook Group

Council Facebook Page



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