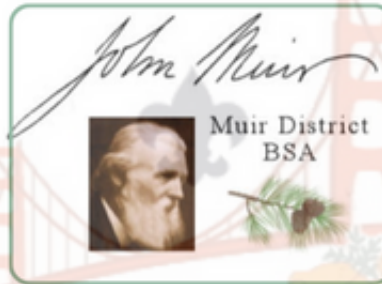


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## **January 4, 2024 District Roundtable In-Person!**

The December 2023 Roundtable is scheduled for *Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 7:30 PM* in-person **tentatively** at Morello Hills Christian Church, 1000 Morello Hills Dr, Martinez, CA 94553. Another email will be sent out soon that will confirm the location for Roundtable as well as a post on our Facebook Group.

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



## **Please welcome Arnel Jaime as our new Muir District Commissioner**

As a volunteer Arnel has been a Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Venturing Crew Adviser at the unit level. In the Muir District, he has been an OA Chapter Adviser and Nomination Committee Chair. As a Commissioner, Arnel has been a Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, has earned the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, and is a thesis away from earning his Doctorate of Commissioner Science.

As a former Scout Professional, Arnel filled numerous roles as a District Executive, Development Director, and District Director.

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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.



*"All Aboard for Scouting!"*

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# **LEAD 2024**

## **LEADER EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY**

**LEAD 2024 Registration is OPEN and Early Bird pricing ends on December 31, 2023 (regular pricing starts January 1, 2024)!**

[Register Now!](#)

[More information](#)

# RECHARTER 2024

Online Recharter using Internet Advancement  
opened on October 2, 2023



- Units must recharter before 12/31/2023 or risk having to use a whole new process.
- We encourage registering before 11/15/23 to give yourselves time to remedy any errors.
- We recommend unit leaders reach out to their District Leadership team - especially to Commissioners - for assistance.

## 2023 Annual Membership Fees

EFFECTIVE

**AUGUST**  
**1**  
2023

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 <b>who are not already registered volunteers</b> .

## 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

## 2023-24 GGAC Program Fees

[Recharter resources](#)

This was announced on 9/24/2023.





## [Calling all Muir Eagle Scouts to join the GGAC Eagles Nest!](#)

The GGAC Eagles Nest is an Eagle Scout community that launched on June 4, 2023 and since then, we are already 250+ 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 [GGAC or any of its legacy councils](#). 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 [Digital Eagle Scout Wall](#) and place a marker on our [Eagle Scout Project Map](#).

Take advantage of this opportunity! Join the Eagles Nest before December 31, 2023, to secure your spot as an Inaugural Member.

[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 NESAs Committee | Muir District Eagles Nest Ambassador*

*Golden Gate Area Council, BSA*

(925) 451-6944 | [patrickj0208@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickj0208@yahoo.com)

<https://eagles.ggacbsa.org>



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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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## **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

**Next Wek-Wek Village Meeting will tentatively be hybrid  
(Zoom and/or in-person) on January 2024!**

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

This was updated on 10/24/2023.



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

The State of California passed AB506, which took effect on January 1, 2022. In 2023, the State updated the policy such that the Mandated Reporter training must be retaken every two years. In addition, the state has a *new higher quality version of the training*. This new training can be accessed from the California Scouting website: <https://californiascouting.org/training>.

The GGAC Executive Board has decided to treat this Mandated Reporter training like YPT requiring all adults to have a valid Mandated Reporter certificate for the entire registration period (through December 31, 2024). Therefore, most adults must retake Mandated Reporter training before they are eligible to recharter with their unit. **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 are interested in or would like to learn more on how you can help Scouting in our area, contact our District Nominating Chair Arnel Jaime at [arnel.scouting@gmail.com](mailto:arnel.scouting@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%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwliwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%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 \(ggacbsa.org\)](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.

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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 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)

Arnel Jaime - District Commissioner, [arnel.scouting@gmail.com](mailto:arnel.scouting@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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