



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council

### 2014-2015 Program Catalog

The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council proudly serves over 13,000 youth in nearly 500 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, Venture crews, Sea Scout ships, and Explorer posts with many community chartered partners. The success of the programs that impact so many youth are due to the dedication of 5,500 adult volunteers and involved parents. The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council supports the activities and health of all the unit programs through year-round activities, camps, training, and program support. This catalog shares most of what we offer and will guide your unit in planning a great program for the youth involved.

Our district and council committee's strive to set these dates by June 1, to enable our packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships to plan a unit calendar over the summer. As we all know, however, "stuff" happens and some dates may be unavoidably rescheduled for a variety of reasons. Normally, about 90 days prior to the start of the event, all the details are confirmed and registration opens. Check your district website, council website, email group, and council e-newsletter for the most current information.

Hyperlinks are embedded throughout this catalog. The digital copy of this document can be found on our website. Click on the "download library" tab at the top of the webpage or use the search engine to find the Program Catalog.

Stay up to date by checking out our website: [www.svmhc.org](http://www.svmhc.org) where you can sign up for our weekly e-newsletter. Follow us on social media. All families are encouraged to register an email address so we can keep you updated with the many program offerings in Scouting!

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## **TIPS FOR PLANNING AN EXCELLENT SCOUTING PROGRAM IN YOUR UNIT**

### **Plan what to do**

- Select activities that will help accomplish your unit's goals and help youth complete advancement requirements
- Get all the parents together to brainstorm ideas
- Use Scouting literature such as the **Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide** or **Troop Program Features**, youth books, and Roundtable resources
- Bring personal calendars, school calendars and your chartered organization's calendar to avoid double booking
- Use this Program Planning Catalog for great local activities
- Get ideas from the youth
- Use the **Guide to Safe Scouting** (helps you plan what training is needed and which age appropriate activities are right for your group)
- Brainstorm on large paper or a white board so everyone can see how it all flows together

### **Afford your Program**

- Determine all the expenses throughout the year (registration fees, *Boys' Life* subscription, annual charter fee, unit equipment purchases, summer camp/day camp, Camporee, Pinewood Derby, monthly den, pack, patrol, troop activities, etc.)
- Identify sources of revenue to pay for the expenses (Council Popcorn Sale, Scout-O-Rama card sales, activity participation fees, monthly dues, etc.)
- Share the budget with all the families
- National budget templates are available for **Cub Scouting**, **Boy Scouting**, and **Venturing**.

### **Make it Happen**

- Ensure enough adults in your unit have the right training for the planned activities
- Identify who has what responsibility
- Publish the calendar and share it with every family.
- Make extras for welcoming new families.
- Put it in your personal calendar
- Refer to the unit calendar at every committee meeting
- Evaluate monthly so all your families receive the maximum benefit from Scouting

### **National Resources—New in 2014**

Cub Scout Program Planning Powerpoint: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA\\_Pack\\_Annual\\_Program\\_Planning\\_Conference\\_Guide.zip](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA_Pack_Annual_Program_Planning_Conference_Guide.zip)

Boy Scouts Program Planning Powerpoint: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA\\_Troop\\_Annual\\_Program\\_Planning\\_Conference\\_Guide.zip](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA_Troop_Annual_Program_Planning_Conference_Guide.zip)

**POPCORN SALES****AUGUST-NOVEMBER**

Popcorn! Every year, Scouts hit the streets selling popcorn in front of grocery stores, in their neighborhood, and to friends and family. Scouts set popcorn goals to support their chosen activities for the year, to fund community service and leadership projects, to attend summer camp, or to travel to destinations near and far.

70% of sales support local Scouting (up to 39% directly to Scout units and Scouts)

Details at [www.svmbsc.org/popcorn](http://www.svmbsc.org/popcorn)

**Key Dates:**

June—Kickoffs on June 7 (Camp Chesebrough) and June 26 (Salinas)

August – Popcorn “Universities”: Aug 9, 12, 13, 14, 19,

August 1 – online sales start, Scouts invite friends and family to purchase online for direct shipping

August 25 – Orders Due for “Show and Sell” (consignment/store front sales)

September 12 – Product pick up for “Show and Sell” SALE BEGINS

October 20 – End of “Show & Sell” – deadline to return unsold product

October 22 – “Take Order” sales orders due online

November 7 – “Take Order” product pick-up

December 1 - Money due

**COYOTE CREEK CYCLING CLASSIC****SECOND SATURDAY OF OCTOBER**

Every year, the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council holds a family fun ride for youth and adults of all ages.

This event provides families the opportunity to participate in a 12-, 25-, or 50-mile bike ride along the Coyote Creek bicycle trail. All riders start and finish from Model Airplane Skypark. After your morning ride, you will receive your Coyote Creek Cycling t-shirt, patch and a lunch. This event is open to everyone, of all ages and encourages you to get active and keep a healthy lifestyle.

We look forward to having you join us on Saturday, October 11, 2014 and October 10, 2015.

**HOLIDAY SOCIAL & AUCTION**

The annual holiday social and auction is a fun adult event with fellow Scouting volunteers to get your holiday season started. All proceeds support current programs and growth of Scouting in the council. For more information, contact Michael Wilson (408) 638-8314.

## **SERVICE PROJECTS AND GOOD TURNS**

One of Scouting's foundational principles is "doing a good turn daily." Scouts at all levels of our program participate in good turns and service projects. Some of these are for a rank advancement, the most famous being the Eagle Scout project. Others are being good citizens or environmental programs to make our neighborhoods and communities better places to live.

As part of the Journey to Excellence, sharing your service project and logging it into the national toolbox is important. The council uses this to let others know of our service to others. Nationally, the statistics are important as we identify trends.

Do you know about **Messengers of Peace**? It's relatively new and a way to put a dot on a map with your service project. <http://www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace.aspx>. Do you know about **Scouting for Food**? It's been a project of the BSA for decades. Held in November each year in our council, Scouts drop off door hangers one Saturday and return the next, taking the bags of food to local food banks.

Find out more on all of this at: <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/activities/service-projects/> or Email: [activities@svmbc.org](mailto:activities@svmbc.org)

## **COASTAL CLEANUP DAY**

**3RD SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

California Coastal Cleanup Day, an annual beach and inland waterway cleanup, is the state's largest volunteer event. State-wide, volunteers remove more than 1.2 million pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes, and waterways annually. When combined with the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by Ocean Conservancy and taking place on the same day, California Coastal Cleanup Day becomes part of one of the largest volunteer events in the world. Save the date and schedule your unit's participation along the beaches of our council. For more information, contact Renee Forrest: (831) 287-2016 or [Renee.Forrest@scouting.org](mailto:Renee.Forrest@scouting.org)

## **COUNCIL ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2015**

This annual event recognizes Eagle Scouts and Silver Beaver recipients with a reception, dinner and award ceremony with a featured speaker. Over 500 people attend, representing Scouting programs throughout our council. The Silver Beaver award is the highest recognition for volunteer service at the council level and of course, the Eagle Scout award is the highest a young man can earn in the Scouting program and a true mark of a leader. In 2015, the event will be held in Monterey.

**DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY****FEBRUARY & SEPTEMBER**

Pinewood Derby—no doubt one of the highlights of Cub Scouts. Every district hosts a pinewood derby to extend the excitement of the race amongst several Cub Scout packs. Stay tuned at your district Roundtable for details.

Coyote Creek: Saturday, February 7, 2015

Pioneer: Saturday, February 7, 2015

Polaris: Saturday, February 7, 2015

Quicksilver: Saturday, January or February—To be determined by the host pack

San Benito: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Santa Lucia: Saturday, February 21, 2015

Loma Prieta: Saturday, February 7, 2015

**DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNERS****NOVEMBER, JANUARY & MAY**

Celebrate the dedication of volunteers in your unit and throughout your district. A variety of recognitions are awarded during this evening of adult leader fellowship with the District Award of Merit highlighting the event.

Coyote Creek: November 15, 2014

Loma Prieta: December 6, 2014

Pioneer: Friday, November 14, 2014

Polaris: Friday, November 7, 2014 St.

Quicksilver: Saturday, November 15, 2014

San Benito: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Santa Lucia: Thursday May 7, 2015

**BOY SCOUT DISTRICT CAMPOREE**

Scouts—test your skills in friendly troop competition at the annual Boy Scout Camporee. All troops in each district are invited to a weekend of camping, fellowship and skill competition.

Quicksilver District: April 17-19, 2015 (tentative date—check the newsletter as we get closer)

Coyote Creek District: April 24-26, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout Reservation

Polaris District: April 10-12, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout reservation

Loma Prieta: May 29-31, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout Reservation

Pioneer District: May 1-3, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout Reservation

Santa Lucia: October 10-12, 2014 at Pico Blanco Scout Reservation

San Benito: Welcome to attend any district's camporee

**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN - "FOS"****JANUARY-MARCH**

The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council raises nearly \$5 million to support our 13,000 youth and 5,500 volunteers. The national council provides no funding locally. In fact, 100% of your membership and registration fees go directly to the national council to fund the program development and delivery throughout the BSA. \$1 million of our annual budget comes from individuals, families, and the community in an annual giving campaign called "Friends of Scouting" or FOS.

Annually, every pack, troop, team, and crew participates in the Friends of Scouting Campaign to support the delivery and promotion of Scouting. A member of the district FOS team will visit your unit for a presentation at a unit meeting, court of honor or Blue & Gold dinner to give every family an opportunity to participate with a donation to the Friends of Scouting Campaign.

- Select an FOS coordinator to help manage the campaign within your unit.
- Submit the date of when you want your presentation to happen to the District FOS Chair.

**SCOUT-O-RAMA KICK-OFF &  
SCOUT-O-RAMA ADVENTURE CARD SALES****FEBURARY 28, 2015**

The biggest show of Scouting all year is Scout-O-Rama on May 9 at History Park in Kelley Park in San Jose. Scouts can participate with a booth at the event and in adventure card sales in the two months leading up to the big day. Adventure cards sell for \$10, units keep \$3 for each book sold and Scouts can earn some cool sales incentive prizes. The cards has discounts and deals at many local shops, stores, restaurants, and activity centers. The card is also a family admission ticket to the Scout-O-Rama.

The card sales and booth signup kicks off on Saturday February 28, 2015 at History Park at Kelley Park in San Jose at 10:00 am. Pick up adventure cards for the fundraiser and stake your claim for a booth space.

**SCOUT-O-RAMA****MAY 9, 2015**

The largest Scouting event of the year with over 7,000 participants is held on the Saturday before Mother's Day at History Park. This excellent showcase of Scouting is open to the public and shows off much of what Scouting has to offer. Our best packs, troops, teams, crews, and posts host a "booth" where the showcase their awesome program with hands-on, fun activities and demonstrations for Scouting families to enjoy.

- Opening with parade of hundreds of Scout flags
- Cooking demonstrations
- Archery & BB Guns
- Water Rockets—build your own and shoot it up!
- Crafts and games
- Monkey Bridges & other Pioneering projects
- STEM science projects
- Boy Scout skill demonstrations

**RECHARTERING****DUE! DECEMBER 5**

Rechartering is essential to Scouting operations and the continued growth of our program. Toward the end of each calendar year, every unit renews its charter. Charter renewal information is distributed to every unit by the commissioner staff in October. During the months of October and November, the unit recharter processor (designated by the committee chair) reviews and updates the roster, collects annual dues from families, completes online charter renewal, obtains appropriate signatures and forms and submits charter renewal by December 5.

**FALL RECRUITMENT DRIVE & NEIGHBORHOOD RECRUITING BLITZ****FALL**

Families are looking for programs to join as school starts. All units (packs, troops & crews) are encouraged to participate in neighborhood recruiting campaign in September.

Neighborhood coordinators will work with groupings of local units to coordinate recruiting efforts to showcase Scouting to youth of all eligible Scouting ages.

**Tips for Success:**

- Attend the Fall Recruitment Kick-off and "How to" trainings in July and August.
- Coordinate recruiting events with your unit and neighboring units and promote with yard signs, flyers in school send-home packets, school presentations, peer to peer recruiting, and at church and other organizations.
- Conduct fun and welcoming recruiting events, help families complete registrations, and submit applications promptly so new families are engaged immediately.
- Deliver a great program and communicate frequently so they keep coming back.
- Keep your unit information up to date at [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) ... the Committee Chair, Cubmaster or Scoutmaster can update with their [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) account.

**SPRING RECRUITMENT****APRIL-MAY**

Give families a chance to check out Scouting with summer programs by recruiting in the Spring. This is especially a great time for packs to start the Tiger den for next fall by conducting a Kindergarten recruiting. Schedule one or more fun joining events for new families and promote at school and in the community with flyers, yard signs and word of mouth. Check with your district membership team and district executive for support, training, and materials.

**CAMP HI-SIERRA BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP****SUMMER 2015**

The highlight for many Boy Scouts is summer camp and Camp Hi-Sierra offers a variety of fun and challenging outdoor activities.

Camp Hi-Sierra is a 7-day 6-night Boy Scout camp located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains offering exciting and extensive Scouting opportunities for boys. Fun and exciting programs include climbing, biking, disc golf, boating, polar bear swim, shooting sports, and overnight trips to the Clavey River. And, there's an rich offering of merit badges, advancement to First Class (Trail to Eagle program), and trainings for adults.

Six sessions run from Sunday to Saturday:

Week 1: June 21 — June 27, 2015

Week 2: June 28—JULY 4, 2015

Week 3: July 5—11, 2015

Week 4: July 12—18, 2015

Week 5: July 19—25, 2015

Week 6: July 26—August 1, 2015

<http://www.camphi-sierra.org>

**CAMP PICO BLANCO BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP****SUMMER 2015**

Located on the south fork of the Little Sur River, Monterey County, the rugged wilderness invites campers and backpackers under the shadow of Mount Pico Blanco. Traveling the 16 miles from Highway 1 is like going back in time. Surrounded by the Los Padres National Forest and the entrance to the Ventana Wilderness area, enjoy the abundant rich diversity of plant and wildlife. The camp is open year-round. Focus, create, and preserve at Camp Pico Blanco. Besides the typical merit badges and advancement offerings found at many Scout camps, you'll find Movie Making, Photography, Welding, and an emphasis on conservation (a STEM program not offered any where else in the BSA, *Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly*).

Four sessions run from Sunday to Saturday:

Week 1: July 5-11, 2015

Week 2: July 11-18, 2015

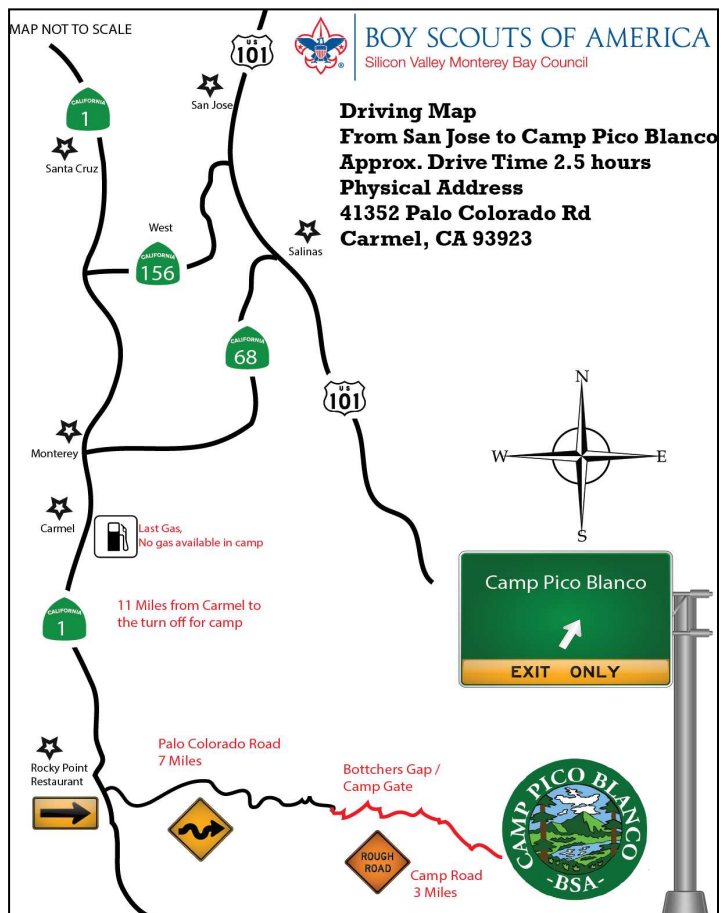
Week 3: July 19-25, 2015

Week 4: July 26-August 1, 2015

<http://www.camppicoblanco.org/>







**SUMMER & FALL WEEKEND PROGRAMS AT****CAMP PICO BLANCO****SEPTEMBER — MAY**

September 5-8, 2015	Labor Day Family Camp
September 12-14, 2015	Dad and Lad
September 19-21, 2015	Mountain Man Rendezvous
May 15-18, 2015	Mom and Me
May 22-25, 2015	Memorial Day Family Camp

More details and registration at [www.camppicoblanc.org](http://www.camppicoblanc.org)

**SUMMER & FALL WEEKEND PROGRAMS AT****CAMP CHESEBROUGH****JULY—OCTOBER**

July 11, 2015	Shoot out #1
August 22, 2015	Shoot Out #2
September 5-7, 2015	Family Camp
September 19, 2015	Shoot Out #3
October 3, 2015	Cub-O-Ree #1
October 4, 2015	Cub-O-Ree #2
October 24, 2015	Shoot Out #4

More details and registration at [www.svmc.org](http://www.svmc.org)



**CUB SCOUT DAY CAMPS****JUNE-JULY**

Day Camp is truly the best part of a Cub Scout's summer. Day Camp is a five-day experience for Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Cub Scouts (boys who are entering grades 2 – 5 in the Fall). Some camps also have a Tiger Cub program and sibling "tot-lots." Each camp offers a variety of activities, such as crafts, games, archery, BB guns, sports, and Scout skills. Each camp also offers Cub Scouts opportunities to earn belt loops and pins that they can only earn during an organized camp. Camps typically run from 9 AM to 4 PM. Parent involvement is a key component to these programs and each camp requires some adult involvement. The camps are located throughout the four counties of the council.

Twilight Camp is very similar to Day Camp except that it happens between 4:30 – 8:30 in the evening. Twilight Camp offers many of your Cub's favorite activities and advancement opportunities, but at a more convenient hour for parent participation. This camp promises to be a new and wonderful experience for you and your son. Twilight Camps are open to all Scouts who will be entering grades 1 through 5 in the Fall. That means that Tiger Cub Scouts can go to Twilight Camp with their adult partner!

Check out details at: <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/activities/cub-scout-day-camp/>

**CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMPS****JUNE**

Resident (Overnight) Camp: Webelos who are ready for the chance to try an overnight campout can participate in three-night adventures at Camp Chesebrough in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains. The program includes archery, BB guns, nature, climbing the rock wall, crafts, songs, skits, STEM, campfires, and more. Food is lovingly prepared in the kitchen, served in the patio by the Valley Foundation Lodge.

June 11-14, 2015: Chesebrough Webelos Resident Camp #1

June 18-21, 2015: Chesebrough Webelos Resident Camp #2



## **TRAINING CALENDAR**

Trainings are generally held at the San Jose Service Center for day courses and Camp Chesebrough for overnight/outdoor courses. Check our website for updates, details, and registration <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/training/training-calendar/>

<b>2014 Trainings</b>	<b>Date</b>
Boy Scout Leader Specific	All weeks at Hi-Sierra
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sept. 6th
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sep. 27th
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Oct. 11th
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 6th
Outdoor Leader Skills	Fri. Sep. 12 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. Sep. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Outdoor Leader Skills – Vietnamese	Fri. Sep. 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. Sep. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Outdoor Leader Skills	Fri. Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sun. Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>

<b>2015 Trainings</b>	<b>Date</b>
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Monday, Jan. 26 AND Feb. 2 AND Feb. 9
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat, Mar. 7th
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Mar. 21st
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Vietnamese Course - TBD
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Chinese Course - TBD
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. May 16th
Boy Scout Leader Specific	All Camp Weeks at Hi Sierra
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sep. 12th
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sep. 26th
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Oct. 3rd
Boy Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 5th

Outdoor Leader Skills	Sat. Feb. 28th AND Fri-Sat. March 6th-7th
Outdoor Leader Skills	Fri-Sun, Apr. 10th - 12th
Outdoor Leader Skills	Vietnamese Language Course - TBD
Outdoor Leader Skills	Chinese Language Course - TBD
Outdoor Leader Skills	Fri. May. 29th - Sun. May 31st
Outdoor Leader Skills	Fri. Sep. 12th - Sun. Sep. 14th
Outdoor Leader Skills	Fri. Oct. 24th - Sun Oct 26th

<b>2014 Training</b>	<b>Date</b>
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Mon. Jul. 14th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sep. 20th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sep. 27th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Oct. 18th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 6th
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	Sat. Sep. TBD
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	Sat. Dec. 6th
Outdoor Webelos Leader skills (OWL)	Fri. Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sat. Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>

<b>2015 Training</b>	<b>Date</b>
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Feb. 7th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Mar. 7th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Apr. 11th
Cub Scout Leader Specific - Chinese	TBD
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Mon. Jul. 13th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sept. 19th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Sept. 26th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Oct. 17th
Cub Scout Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 5th

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	Sat. Mar. 14th
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	Sat. May 2nd
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	Sat. Sep. TBD
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	Sat. Dec. 5th

Outdoor Webelos Leader skills (OWL)	Fri. May 15 <sup>th</sup> - Sat. May 16 <sup>th</sup>
Outdoor Webelos Leader skills (OWL)	Fri. Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> - Sat. Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>

## **UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

**March 14, 2015**

Each year, the council conducts the “University of Scouting,” starting with registration at 8 AM, welcoming words at 8:45, and then a series of 55 minute sessions on special interest topics. If you with Cub-aged youth, you’ll find suggestions on where to take the Cubs on field trips, how to conduct derbies (rocket, pinewood, regatta), magic to spice up meetings and ceremonies, and a bunch more. Similarly, for Boy Scout leaders and parents, this is not Boy Scout 101 and the fundamentals: Your advancement chair will find information on Internet advancement, the Trail to Eagle, ideas for service projects; Camping chairs will get “where to go,” backpacking, snow camping, and hints on the latest gear and gadgets to make camping fun. Lunch is provided. Reservations will start about 60-90 days prior to the course.

<b>2014 Trainings</b>	<b>Date</b>
Varsity Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 6th
Venturing Leader Specific	Sat. May 31st
Venturing Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 6th
PowderHorn	Fri. – Sun. Aug 1-3 AND 8-10
High Adventure Trek Leader Backpacking	Sat. Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>
High Adventure Trek Leader Navigation	Sat. Nov. 1st
Wood Badge Fall Course Orientation	Sat. Aug. 16th
Wood Badge Fall Course First Weekend	Fri. Sep. 19th - Sun. Sep. 21st
Wood Badge Fall Course Second Weekend	Fri. Oct. 10th - Sun. Oct. 12th
Trainer's Edge	Sat. Nov. 22nd
Bear Paw Indoor Session	Sat. Nov. 8th

<b>2015 Trainings</b>	<b>Date</b>
Leave No Trace Trainer's Course	Sat. Mar. 28th - Sun. Mar. 29th
Varsity Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 5th
Venturing Leader Specific	Sat. Jan. 31st
Venturing Leader Specific	Sat. May 30th
Venturing Leader Specific	Sat. Dec. 5th
High Adventure Trek Leader Indoor Session	Sat. Feb. 1st – Sun. Feb. 2nd
High Adventure Trek Leader Outdoor Session	Sat. Mar 1st – Sun. Mar. 2nd
High Adventure Trek Leader Backpacking	Sat. Oct. 4th and Sat. Oct. 18th
High Adventure Trek Leader Navigation	Sat. Nov. 1st
Trainer's Edge	Sat. Jan. 24th
Trainer's Edge	Sat. April TBD
Trainer's Edge	Sat. Nov. 21st
Wood Badge Spring Course	Spring, TBD
Wood Badge Fall Course	Fall, TBD
Bear Paw Outdoor Sessions	Fri. Feb. 20th – Sun. Feb. 22nd
Bear Paw Indoor Session	Sat. Nov. 7th

### **FIRST AID & CPR/AED**

Check our website for these trainings offered on a monthly basis, generally the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

### **OTHER SPECIALIZED TRAININGS**

"Leave No Trace," Cub Scout shooting sport certification, Climb On Safely and other specialized courses are scheduled throughout the year. Check the training calendar for dates and information.

**COURSES NEEDED TO BE CONSIDERED “TRAINED” IN SCOUTING:**

- Cub Scouting: Leader-specific training by position
- Boy Scouting: Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader-specific training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Troop Committee Challenge for committee members.
- Varsity Scouting: Varsity Coach Leader-specific training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Team Committee Challenge for committee members.
- Venturing and Sea Scouting: Venture Leader-specific.

**COUNCIL PROGRAM COMMITTEES & DATES**

A number of volunteer committees function year-round to support a quality program for all units. Each committee represents a volunteer from each district responsible for oversight of the committee's function.

These committees meet quarterly (some meet monthly): August 16, 2014, November 15, 2014, March 28, 2015, August 15, 2015, and November 14, 2015.

Program, Activities, Camping, Advancement, Commissioners, Membership, LDS Relations, Training, Risk Management

**District Leadership conference Saturday, January 10, 2015:** The council and district committee calendar year kickoff and goal setting strategy conference.

**COMMISSIONER STAFF SUPPORT**

The commissioner staff is a strong corps of volunteer Scouters dedicated to providing service & guidance to units. They meet monthly at the district level and the District Commissioners discuss unit service monthly at the Commissioner Staff meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

There are two area conferences for commissioners:

**Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Commissioner Conference - Saturday September 27, 2014**

**Northern California Commissioner College - Saturday February 28, 2015**

## **DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council is divided into seven geographical areas, known as districts. Each district serves youth programs, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venture Scouts. In addition, our Exploring program serves the entire council.

Each district has a Key 3, composed of the District Chair, District Commissioner, and District Executive. The District Chairman and Commissioner are volunteer positions while the District Executive is a paid, full-time, commissioned professional with the Boy Scouts of America. District Chairs are also a member of the board of directors of the council and represent their district's interest to the governing body of the council.

The District Chairmen each have help from their District Committees, teams of volunteers responsible for finance, membership, and program support to units within each district. The District Committee meets monthly under the direction of the District Chair and delivers a variety of programs during the year. This includes activities, outdoor programs, training, advancement, membership, and raising money.

District Commissioners have help from their Commissioner Staff, a team of volunteers responsible for the "health" of the Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, and Venture crews. The commissioner staff meets monthly and is responsible for hosting the monthly Roundtable meetings for all unit leaders.

## **COYOTE CREEK DISTRICT**

Coyote Creek District serves the communities of Edenvale, Evergreen, Milpitas, Berryessa, Alum Rock, Mount Pleasant, Japantown, downtown San Jose, and East San Jose. Check out the district website at <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/districts/coyote-creek/> for updated information.

**District Newsletter Sign Up:** Email [coyote\\_creek\\_district-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:coyote_creek_district-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and include your name, position and unit.

**Roundtable** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 7:30 PM at 3060 Patt Ave  
(LDS Church at Patt Ave & White Road)

**District Committee Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 7:30 PM at 3060 Patt Ave

**Commissioner Meetings** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 6:30 PM at 3060 Patt Ave.

**District Dinner** – November 14, 2014 at the Cropley LDS Stake Center

**District Pinewood Derby** – February 7, 2014 at Eastridge Mall

**District Camporee** – April 24-26, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout Reservation



**QUICKSILVER DISTRICT**

Quicksilver District serves the communities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill, San Martin, Willow Glen, Blossom Valley, Almaden Valley, and South San Jose. Check out our district website <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/districts/quicksilver/> for updated information.

**District Email List Sign Up**: Email Jack Howe at [jlhiii@us.ibm.com](mailto:jlhiii@us.ibm.com) and include your name, position and unit.

**Roundtable** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 7:30 PM at 150 Bernal Road (LDS Church)

**District Committee Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 7:30 PM at 150 Bernal Road

**Commissioner Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM at 150 Bernal Road

**District Dinner** – November 15, 2014

**District Pinewood Derby** – January or February, 2015—to be determined by the host pack

**District Camporee** – April 17-19, 2015 (tentative date—check the website and newsletter as it gets closer)

**PIONEER DISTRICT**

Pioneer District serves the communities of Santa Clara, Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Redwood Estates, and Cambrian Park. Check out the district website at <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/districts/pioneer/> for updated information.

**Roundtable** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM at 925 Cera Drive  
(LDS Church near Saratoga Ave & Williams Rd.)

**District Committee Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM at 925 Cera Drive

**Commissioner Meetings** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 6:30 PM at 925 Cera Drive

**District Dinner** – November 14, 2014

**District Annual Business Dinner** – December 3, 2014

**District Pinewood Derby** – February 7, 2015 at Queen of Apostles Church (4911 Moorpark, San Jose)

**District Camporee** – May 1-3, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout Reservation

**POLARIS DISTRICT**

Polaris District serves the communities of Saratoga, Cupertino and Sunnyvale. Check out the district website at <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/districts/polaris/> for updated information.

**District Newsletter Sign Up:** Email SCCC-Polaris\_RD-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and include your name, position and unit.

**Roundtable** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 7:30 PM at Home of Christ Church  
(10340 Bubbs Rd., Cupertino)

**District Committee Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM at Sunnyview Retirement Community 22445 Cupertino Rd., Cupertino.

**Commissioner Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 7:30 PM at The Brenner Group (19200 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino)

**District Dinner** – November , 2014 St. Joseph of Cupertino (10120 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino)

**District Pinewood Derby** – February 7, 2015

**District Camporee** – April 10-12, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout Reservation

**SAN BENITO DISTRICT**

San Benito District serves all of the County of San Benito. Check out the district website at <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/districts/san-benito/> for updated information.

**District News Sign Up:** Email HollisterRoundtable-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and include your name, position and unit.

**District Committee Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 6:00 PM at Brigg's Youth Center  
(1221 Memorial Drive, Hollister)

**Roundtable** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Brigg's Youth Center

**Commissioner Meeting** – 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:00 PM at the Brigg's Youth Center

**Fort Benito Cub Scout Day Camp Committee meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. - Brigg's Youth Center

**District Scout-O-Rama**—September 27, 2014

**District Pinewood Derby** —September 27, 2014

**San Benito County Fair**—October 3-5, 2014

**District Turkey Shoot**—November 22, 2014

**Veterans Day Parade**—November 11, 2014

**District Dinner** – January 2, 2015

**LOMA PRIETA DISTRICT**

The Loma Prieta District serves all of the County of Santa Cruz. Check out the district website at <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/districts/santa-lucia/> for updated information.

**District Committee Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 7:30 PM at Santa Cruz LDS Stake Center (220 Elk St., Santa Cruz)

**Roundtable** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at Santa Cruz LDS Stake Center (220 Elk St., Santa Cruz)

**Commissioner Meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 7:30 PM at Santa Cruz LDS Stake Center

**District Pinewood Derby** — February 7, 2015 at Boulder Creek Elementary School (400 W. Lomond Street, Boulder Creek, Hosted by Pack 623)

**District Dinner** – December 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm at Santa Cruz LDS Stake Center

**Skillicorn BBQ**— March 2015

**District Camporee**—May 29-31, 2015 at Chesebrough Scout Reservation

**SANTA LUCIA DISTRICT**

Santa Lucia District serves all of the County of Monterey. Check out the district website at <http://svmbc.org/svmbc/districts/santa-lucia/> for updated information.

**District Committee Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 6:30 PM at Morgan Stanley Building (1418 South Main St., Salinas)

**Roundtable** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at LDS Church (255 E. Alvin Dr., Salinas)

**Commissioner Meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at LDS Church (255 E. Alvin Dr., Salinas)

**District Pinewood Derby** —March 7, 2015

**District Dessert** – November 13,2014

**District Camporee**— March 27-29, 2015

## **CAREER EXPLORING**

The Exploring program is a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America. Exploring offers hands-on experiences for youth ages 14- 20 in a career field of their choice in Explorer Posts. New in 2014 are Explorer Clubs for middle school and junior-high school aged youth. In these co-ed programs, young men and women gain leadership experience while working alongside professionals. Career fields currently represented with Exploring in Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council are Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Aviation, Medical, and Engineering. With youth interest and business support, the Exploring program can be implemented in any career field. See our website for more information about the programs currently offered:

[www.learningforlifessvmc.org](http://www.learningforlifessvmc.org)

### **Annual Activity Highlights:**

- October – Medical Symposium
- June –Law Enforcement Explorer Academy (3 weeks)
- February – Exploring Banquet

## **SCOUT SHOPS**

Two nationally-operated Scout Shops serve our council. These retail stores have a large variety of the books, patches, uniforms, and supplies that are offered by the Boy Scouts of America. The Scout Shop hours are:

**970 West Julian Street, San Jose:** Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM; Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM. 408-279-2086. Email: [Emile.Mestressat@scouting.org](mailto:Emile.Mestressat@scouting.org)

**919 North Main Street, Salinas:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM; Tuesday, 9 AM to 6 PM; Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM. 831-422-2760

## **SERVICE CENTERS**

To provide support to nearly 500 packs, troops, teams, crews, and posts, two locally-operated service centers support the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council. Our district executives have work stations at one of the two offices but are frequently in their district, meeting with unit, district, and community leaders. The hours are:

970 West Julian Street, San Jose: Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM.  
Phone: 408-638-8300 Fax: 408-280-2154

919 North Main Street, Salinas: Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Contact the main office in San Jose to be connected to the Salinas office: 408-638-8300

**SCOUTING THROUGH SOCCER**

Soccer and Scouting is an outreach program that uses soccer to recruit youth into the Scouting program. Participants are largely comprised of 1st or 2nd generation immigrants from all over the world. It is our goal that these youth will become physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight through the Scouting program and introduce Scouting to families who might otherwise not take advantage of the opportunity to be part of the BSA.

Our emphasis is to bring Scouting to youth in the rural farming communities of San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. This emphasis is delivered through a staff member dedicated solely to this program and the volunteer committee he is building to support the Scout units they are starting in this community. If you have parents or Scouts who speak Spanish and can help support these new programs, please contact Guillermo Padilla: Guillermo.Padilla@scouting.org or 831-287-2018

**VENTURING**

Venture crews in the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council are invited to participate in our Venturing groups. Each group meets every other month to discuss mutually beneficial programs and ideas for Venturing youth throughout the county.

**Venturing Officers Association for all Venture crew officers**

1st Tuesday of even months from 7:30 -9:00 pm at the Council Service Center

**Venturing Leaders Roundtable for Venture Crew advisors and associate advisors**

1st Tuesday of odd months from 7:30 -9:00 pm at the Council Service Center

A number of activities for all crews are planned and coordinated through the Venturing Officers Association. For more information, join their yahoo group: VenturingSCCC@yahoo.com.

**S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering & Math) IN SCOUTING**

The BSA has a series of awards Scouts can earn that are based on science, technology, engineering, and math. The NOVA and SUPERNOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to these topics for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. The hope is that the requirements and activities for earning these awards stimulates interest in STEM-related fields and shows how they apply to everyday living and the world around them. Counselors and mentors help bring this engaging, contemporary, and fun program to life for youth members. New NOVA awards are being developed and added to the program.

Check it out and get your unit involved at <http://www.scouting.org/stem/AboutSTEM.aspx>

**ORDER OF THE ARROW—THE SAKLAN LODGE**

The Order of the Arrow is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts. For experienced campers, the Order of the Arrow is based on American Indian tradition and dedicated to the ideal of cheerful service. If you and/or your unit want to find out more about the activities of the Order of the Arrow or need a leadership position for Star, Life or Eagle, contact an Order of the Arrow Representative email: [OA@SVMBC.ORG](mailto:OA@SVMBC.ORG)

The SAKLAN were a Native American tribe in the northern California bay area. The totem for the lodge is the banana slug. Dan Krent is the adviser and Ashton Mills the lodge chief.

Check out the lodge website for dates and activities: <http://www.saklanlodge.org>

**HORNADAY AWARDS and CONSERVATION**

Conservation and the Boy Scouts of America have been partners for a long time. Camping, hiking, and respect for the outdoors are a part of the Scouting heritage. Many of the requirements for advancement from Tenderfoot through Eagle Scout rank call for an increasing awareness and understanding of the natural sciences. Many former Scouts have become leaders in conserving our environment and protecting it from abuse. Right now Scouts are involved in learning about environmental problems and actively working to make a difference.

The fundamental purpose of the Hornaday Awards program is to encourage learning by the participants and to increase public awareness about natural resource conservation. Understanding and practicing sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection strengthens Scouting's emphasis on respecting the outdoors. The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers, adult Scouters, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

There are a variety of Hornaday Awards which are available and are presented to units, youth, adults, and organizations.

For more information about this prestigious award see:

**<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/HornadayAwards.aspx>**

The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council has a strong and expanding conservation emphasis at all of our camps. Notably, the Camp Pico Blanco Conservation Plan was recognized by the American Planning Association for *Innovations in Green Community Planning*. To learn more, email: [support@svmhc.org](mailto:support@svmhc.org).