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Did you know selling Trail's End Popcorn on www.trails-end.com is a great way to reach your sales goals? Online sales continue even after your traditional sale is over, allowing you more time to sell to family and friends!

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2014 Silver Beaver Award Nominations Due November 26!

The Silver Beaver Award is a Council level distinguished service award. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.



The Council Silver Beaver Selection Committee is limited on the number of Silver Beavers that can be awarded each year. Therefore, this nomination form is to be filled out as completely as possible. This recommendation should provide a clear, fact-based picture of how the activities of the nominee constitute outstanding service to youth. All nominees must be adult volunteers, 21 or older, currently registered with the San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The nomination forms are due to the Youth Leader Training Center by Wednesday, **November 26, 2014.** Forms are available at [\(click here\)](#)

Awards will be presented at the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner on February 7, 2015. Further information will be available about the dinner shortly.

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An Evening with Dr. Robert Ballard



Dr. Robert D. Ballard, Deep Sea Explorer

The San Francisco Bay Area Council is excited to announce that, thanks to the help of Stephen Bechtel, Jr., the San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America has secured Dr. Robert D. Ballard as the featured speaker for our final fundraising event for the year: "An Evening with Dr. Robert Ballard."

Dr. Ballard is an Eagle Scout and the well-known deep sea explorer who discovered the Titanic, the German Battleship Bismarck, the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, lost during the Battle of Midway, and John F. Kennedy's Navy patrol boat, PT-109.

The event will be held on December 11th at the Ritz-Carlton in San Francisco. For information on purchasing a sponsorship or individual tickets to the event, please contact Dave Jarvis, Director of Development, at 510-577-9242 or david.jarvis@scouting.org.

*SAVE THE DATE!
MARK YOUR CALENDER!*

Saturday, February 7, 2015

*COUNCIL ANNUAL VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION DINNER*

Location to be announced

*Come recognize fellow Scouters as they
are awarded some of Scouting's
highest honors*

Invitation to Attend Annual Meeting

The San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc.,
a (501 C 3), Non-Profit Corporation announces its Annual Business Meeting.

Location: Youth Leadership Training Center (YLTC)
San Francisco Bay Area Council
1001 Davis Street
San Leandro, CA 94577-1514

You are receiving this invitation because of your registration in our organization as a Chartered Partner Representative. The Annual Meeting of the corporation will occur at noon, Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the YLTC. During the meeting reports of 2014 will be given and Officers and Board Members for the coming year will be elected.

Please RSVP to Ms. Trisha Shepherd at 510 577-9210 or you may email at Trisha.Shepherd@scouting.org

Please plan to arrive by 11:30am to enjoy a light lunch. Our Annual Meeting will begin promptly at noon.

Questions may be addressed to 510 577-9210

A BIG THANK YOU
to all participants
in our recent
Scouting for Food drive.
Without your time and
continued support, this
local outreach to help
stop hunger in our
communities could
not happen.

In a few weeks we will
publish how much
food was collected figures.
Please take pride in knowing
that your contribution
was vital in this
endeavor.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 21-23 Camp Royaneh Work Weekend
- 21-23 Wente Work Weekend
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday –
YLTC Closed
- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday –
East Bay Scout Shop Closed

DECEMBER

- 11 An Evening With (see page 1)
- 13 Order of the Arrow
Lodge Banquet and Vigil Call Out
- 24-26 Christmas Holiday –
YLTC Closed
- 25 Christmas Holiday –
East Bay Scout Shop Closed

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day – YLTC and East Bay
Scout Shop Closed
- 3 Summer Camp Staff Interviews
- 17 OA Winter Camp Awareness
Seminar
- USS Hornet, Alameda
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day –
YLTC Closed

FEBRUARY

- 7 Summer Camp Staff Interviews
- 7 Volunteer Recognition Dinner



*To our Scouting family,
We wish you a
Joyous Holiday Season
and Blessed New Year*

*San Francisco Bay Area
Council Staff*



Give your youth credit for their service hours

Now is a good time to review the recording of service hours performed with our annual Scouting for Food community service project happening in the middle of November. You can improve your pack, troop, team, crew, ship, or post (generically called a "unit") Journey to Excellence standing by simply recording these and other service hours that are done during the year. To learn more about Journey to Excellence and record service hours, head to: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

A link to the service hours website appears in the box in the upper left of the selections.

When you are prompted for your «Unit ID» number, use the same number that is used to do on-line recharter for your unit (unless someone has already logged on and changed the number). If you need help, please contact your District Executive.

Thank you in advance for entering these hours to show the community how much the Scouting program gives back to the community. If your youth are 13-1/2 years old, he or she may also keep track of their own hours, do some more personal development, and be recognized with the prestigious Congressional Award. More details may be found at: <http://congressionalaward.org/about-us/program-areas/>.

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DON'T MISS NOMINATING A DESERVING SCOUTER!

The following award nominations are due Wednesday, November 26, 2014 for presentation at the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner. All applications can be found at [\(more\)](#)

ASIAN AMERICAN SPIRIT OF SCOUTING SERVICE AWARD

The Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an

ADVANCEMENT

Sustainability Merit Badge

The San Francisco Bay Area has only a limited number of Merit Badge Counselors registered for Sustainability. This badge was selected as Eagle Scout required as an option to the Environmental Science badge in July 2013. Please review the description and follow the links for the boys' requirements and if qualified register as a counselor for this badge. You can talk to your district Advancement Chair for more information.

The Sustainability merit badge was also launched at the 2013 National Jamboree. For a description of the launch and a brief overview, watch a short video, available at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/InternalCommunications/The%20Buzz.aspx>.

The requirements for the badge can be found at this link: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-SUST.aspx>.

Since the release of the Sustainability, there have been many questions about how Requirement 2a can be accomplished by Scouts whose households do not receive

water bills. To address this issue, the National Advancement Committee has approved an alternative to requirement to 2a, published on at and listed below the link <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-SUST.aspx>.

Here is the alternative that may be used in place of requirement 2a:

“Develop and implement a plan that attempts to reduce your family’s water usage. As a family, discuss water usage. To aid in your discussion, if past water bills are available you may choose to examine a few. As a family, choose three ways to help reduce water consumption. Implement those ideas for one month. Share what you learn with your counselor, and tell how you think your plan affected your family’s water usage.”

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Advancement News



Advancement Audit and Voice of the Scout

In October we began sending letters to all parents of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to audit their advancement rank. We



are still receiving replies to our inquiries and would like to thank all parents and Scouts

for taking the time to update their records. The next step in the process will be sending information to Cubmasters and Scoutmasters. The second bonus to this audit is that we are able to collect email addresses for families, enabling us in the future to be able to communicate more efficiently with our scouting families. If you did not get an opportunity to give us your email please contact JoAnn at jsebasti@scouting.org with your email, troop/pack number and full name as it is on your Scout records. Thank you!

organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of scouting opportunities for Asian American youth.

VENTURE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Every year, the SFBAC Venturing Committee recognizes those Venturers (youth) who have earned the Venture Leadership Award, which will be presented

at the Council's Volunteer Recognition Dinner

¡SCOUTING...VALE LA PENA! SERVICE AWARD

The purpose of the ¡Scouting... Vale la Pena! Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement



VENTURING · BSA®

Order of the Arrow NEWS



Have Questions About Venturing Program Changes? Here are Answers

With the release of the new program updates, there are lots of questions regarding the Venturing program. Here are a few answers to the most commonly asked queries ...

Training:

There is now training for Crew advisors and the Crew committee. Training syllabi can be found at www.scouting.org/training/adult ([Venturing Advisor Position Specific](#) and [Crew Committee Challenge](#))

In the new award structure, Venturers are to complete some new training courses. They can be found at www.scouting.org/training/youth. These trainings are:

- [Goal Setting/Time Management](#) (now available)
- Project Management (coming soon).
- Mentoring (coming soon).

All About Venturing – January 4-10, 2015

Come share an exciting week at the [Florida Sea Base](#) and learn all there is to know about the Venturing program. Lead by Robbie DiBiagio, Baltimore Area Council Venturing chairman, and Brenna Leary, Northeast Region Venturing president. [Click here to register.](#)

Registration fees are \$495 per conference participant, and \$300 per non-conference attending spouse

All registrations must be received no later than December 31, 2014. A confirmation letter will be sent along with additional conference information and medical forms. Check out more opportunities at Philmont Training Center in the summer of 2015 in the [2015 Conference Guide](#)

Lodge Banquet

Fifty years ago on December 13, 1964 Achewon Nimat Lodge of the Order of the Arrow was officially formed when Royaneh Lodge of the San Francisco Council and Machek N’Gult Lodge of the Oakland Area Council gathered together for a banquet and meeting at Goodman’s hall in Oakland. The luncheon and lodge elections was attended by over 300 members (199 from Machek N’Gult and 105 from Royaneh) and marked the official start of the new “as yet to be named lodge” of the San Francisco Bay Area Council.



To commemorate the forming of Achewon Nimat Lodge we are holding a Lodge Banquet on December 13, 2014 exactly 50 years to the day of the merge. As a special event we are trying to gather former members from both Machek N’Gult Lodge and Royaneh Lodge to join us on this special occasion. The Banquet and celebration is to be held in the main conference room at the SFBAC council office on Davis Street in San Leandro at 5:00pm. Cost of the event is \$16.

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

Achewon Nimat was allotted a total of 25 slots (20 youth / 5 adults) for the upcoming NOAC this summer. However due to the overwhelming number of arrowman from across the Country that want to attend the 100th anniversary celebration, our allotment will expire on November 26, 2014. That means any slots that we have not reserved by November 26 will need to be “returned” for another Lodge to use. If you know of an arrowman that wants to attend, contact us **immediately** and reserve a spot for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Order of the Arrow. Contact us at NOAC2015@AchewonNimat.org or contingent leader Steve Kline 510.584.6081 if you want to go.



Winter Camp Awareness - Be Ready for Winter

Winter Camping, even a day playing in the snow, can be hazardous without the knowledge of dressing correctly, winter first aid, and hypothermia prevention. In the SFBAC our Scouts have the opportunity to Be Prepared for winter and have more enjoyable outings because they know they will be safe. The Winter Camp Awareness information sheet and sign up application (see end of this newsletter) will give you more detailed information. Plan now – Put **January 17** on your Troop, Team or Crew calendar.



Check out our website
www.sfbac.org
for new, upcoming events,
ways to give, and more!

FOCUS ON FINANCE

James E. West Fellowship



As part of the new five year strategic plan the Council Endowment Committee is working to recruit 50 new James E. West fellows in 2014. To date 26 have been secured!

The James E. West fellowship was set up as a way to introduce Scouters to the Endowment program of the council. To join

the fellowship requires a \$1,000 commitment to the endowment. To assist in making this possible, remember a "Scout is Helpful", payments for the fellowship can be made over a three year period. That works out to be about \$28 a month. James E. West Fellows are recognized with a lapel pin, certificate and a square knot that can be worn on the uniform.

Scouters wishing to be James E. West Fellows are encouraged to make their commitment above and beyond their **FOS gift**. It is still important that we raise our FOS goal.

For more information about the endowment or to join the fellowship, please contact David Jarvis, Director of Development, at 510-577-9242 or david.jarvis@scouting.org

Donate Your Vehicle to Scouting

The Council works with the One Car One Difference program for vehicle donations. This is an excellent opportunity for our council because they are a nationwide program and their level of service cannot be beat.

One Car One Difference accepts every type of vehicle including:

Cars, Trucks, Boats, Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, Personal Watercraft, Heavy Equipment and more. Essentially if it is used as a mode of transportation it can probably be donated, even Riding Lawn Mowers have been donated in the past.

The sale of each vehicle helps to provide a significant benefit for our council. Support through the One Car One Difference program will provide funding for the efforts designed to build character, self-worth, responsible citizenship, and leadership skills in our youth. And to top it off you can even earn a tax deduction.

Charitable donations to One Car One Difference have another significant benefit: helping the environment. One Car One Difference shares your commitment to creating a cleaner environment, with strict guideline in place to ensure regulatory and EPA compliance.

There are two easy ways to donate. Call 1-855-272-1227 or on the web at onecarhelpsScouts.com Be sure to mention you are with the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is off to a strong start in 2014! This year we have shaken up our approach to FOS to encourage every family in every Pack, Troop, Team and Crew to give at a level they are comfortable with. Each unit has it's own "Personal Unit Plan" or PUP. This strategy was developed with a lot of volunteer input with our overriding belief being that, our units are as diverse as the communities we serve and we need to approach FOS on an individual basis. Scouters typically get involved and support their friends and that's where we need everyone's help. If every one of us decided to forgo one Starbucks or decided to take our lunch to work one more day a week, we would each save at least \$25 per month. We



encourage you to do just that, and to make a tax deductible donation to the SFBAC with that savings. At the end of the year you'll end up with more money in your pocket and have done a tremendous service to Scouting. Please consider making a \$25/ month pledge today! Contact your District Executive or Joe Barton at joeb@sfbac.org or 510-577-9227 for more information.

The 9th point of the Scout Law and the Stock Market

2014 has been a fantastic year for Scouting in the San Francisco Bay Area Council. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of thousands of volunteers and donors, we have been able to make a difference in the lives of young people. It recently occurred to us that the Council was not the only organization that thrived in 2014...another highly successful enterprise was the US Stock Market. As good Scouts we also considered that the chances are that some unanticipated and very favorable returns in the market may be

the cause of some negative consequences for some tax payers-with appreciation and gains and so forth.

Remember the 9th point in the Scout law isa Scout is Thrifty. It just so happens that the San Francisco Bay Area Council has a Stock Gift Acceptance Program... that makes the gifting of highly appreciated stock as simple as 1-2-3. Your potential tax deduction* from such a gift, in most cases amounts to the appreciated value of the

stock...not your original cost basis.

Your gain could be Scouting's gain too! If you have any questions about this gifting opportunity or other means of support, please contact David Jarvis, Director of Development, at 510-577-9242 or david.jarvis@scouting.org
*Tax deductibility may vary...please consult your personal CPA or tax attorney.

BOY SCOUT CAMPING

Camping at the San Francisco Bay Area Council Camps

What do Scouts like? Camping! Where do Scouts like to camp? In Scout Camps! The San Francisco Bay Area Council has the BEST camps in Northern California. Scout Troops, Teams, and Venture Crews, are all invited to spend their weekends and school holidays at camp. Cub Packs also like to come to camp for the day to work on outdoor badges.

We are the most economical place to camp in Northern California too! State and County park fees keep rising, but Scout Camps have stayed economical. It's easy to reserve too. Go to our website at www.sfbac.org and select "forms", scroll towards

the bottom and you will see the reservation forms for each of our camps. (Then scroll back up and see all the other helpful forms we have to offer).

We recommend you submit your form months ahead as our camps fill quickly. When you make your annual unit calendar is the best time to submit your reservations. In the spring submit your reservations for next autumn too.



Summer Camp 2015

Is your troop looking for a fantastic summer camp experience for 2015? Camp Royaneh and Wente Scout Reservation are THE places to be!

Our great camps offer the best in program, camp staff, and dining in Northern California. With programs ranging from shooting sports to water sports, handicrafts to horseback, your Scouts will want to return again and again.



Don't miss out on this great experience – fill out your Stake-a-Claim reservation form and get on the list for a great campsite in 2015! (See end of newsletter for form)



Check out our website at www.sfbac.org for the latest in Scouting news, including Council, District, Special Events, Online signups, Calendar for coming year And much more!

CAMP STAFF INTERVIEWS FOR SUMMER 2015 EMPLOYMENT

Go to our website www.sfbac.org and download a camp staff application which you will submit to the YLTC in San Leandro. Then make an online appointment for your interview. Interviews are the first Saturdays of **January (3rd)** and **February (7th)**, and for CIT's (Counselors in Training) **March 7th**.

For questions contact Emily at emily.determan@scouting.org

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aa2ba20-2015>
- Feb 7 staff interview

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aa2ba20-2015>
- Jan 3 staff interview

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aa2ba20-summer>
- Mar 7 CIT interview

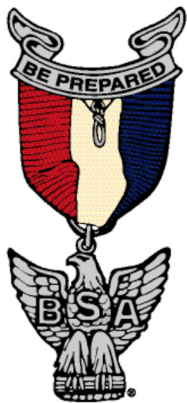
Donations Through Gifts-in-Kind

The San Francisco Bay Area Council's Gifts in Kind program helps our council provide items that otherwise would be purchased from funds more needed in program areas. Each year hundreds of items are used at the Youth Leadership Training Center and in our three camps in all program areas and general use. The cost of purchasing these items greatly impacts the ways and means in which we can present scouting to our youth. By providing Gifts in Kind you can receive a tax deduction and provide for Scouting. Please contact Tim Buchen at timb@sfbac.org or 510.577.9207

A Word from your Registrar, Georgi Zipse

NEW EAGLES

The Eagle Award is the highest of six progress awards a Scout may achieve and represents an honor a Scout carries with him the rest of his life. The San Francisco Bay Area Council and the National Eagle Scout Association congratulates these young men who have earned the Eagle Award. Eagles are listed in the order their awards were approved.



July 2014

Andrew Shao-An Feng, S 722 TR
Michael Richard White, S 998 TV
KasiViswanathan Manikumar, S 153 MP
Matthew Henry Cable, S 919 TV
Peter Isaac Cable, S 919 TV
Stuart Mason Purdy, S 88 GG
Jacob Wong, S 88 GG
Liam Andrew Lucey Mihelich, S 343 GG
James Anthony Ravanal, S 343 GG
Blake Chandler Mohs, S 176 MP
Harsh Varshney, S 143 MP

August 2014

Nathan K.G. Ng, S 20 MP
Joshua Antony Navin Jeremiah, S103MP
Robert Steven Durkee, S 186 MP
John Alexander, S 269 MP
Tristan Jacob Knuth, S 906 TV
Noah Robert Geib, S 911 TV
John Tran Pham, S 911 TV
Jonathan Kim, S 202 PE
Anthony Holland Gianni, S 15 GG
Martin Shigeo Novitski, S 29 GG
Matan Ya'acov Bostick, S 202 PE
Austin Louie Tom, S 876 TR
Cyrus Kerman Deboo, S 908 TV
Ryan Spencer Shepodd, S 924 TV
Duncan Alexander Cluff, S 919 TV
Zachary Christopher Benedict, S 931 TV
Copeland Green, S 948 TV

September 2014

Adarsh Dhillon, S 110 MP
Nicholas Reed Cutaia, S 269 MP
Akhil Ravi-Chandar Ramalingam, Cr 941 TV
Michael P. Myers, S 924 TV
Saksham Suresh Pruthi, S 111 MP
Alexander Milton Henderson, S 112 MP
Hugo Vera, S 449 MP
Akash Sharan Dhawan, S 125 MP
Jiacheng Wei, S 201 PE
William Alexander Tolmasoff, S 202 PE
Justin Yee Nguyen, S 125 MP

NEW UNITS

July 1, 2014 thru Sept 30, 2014

Pack 777 (TR) – Resurrection Orthodox Church – Justin Bosl, CM
Troop 1 (GG) – Trust Management Service – Gary Louie, SM
Crew 1 (GG) – Trust Management Service – Gary Louie, NL

VETERAN AWARDS

July 1, 2014 thru Sept 30, 2014

No Veteran Awards during this time



The Lodge at Wentle

A Great Place for Gathering!

Reunions
Team Building
Training
Family Gatherings
The LODGE at Wentle is
THE Place!

The Lodge at Wentle Scout Reservation is THE place for your event. With sleeping for 10 (and lots of space for extra cots or floor pads) there is ample room for any type of group.

The Lodge is not available during summer camp season and is booked quickly during family camp and holidays so check your calendar now and make your reservations today! Further information can be found on our website at <http://www.sfbac.org/camping/shortterm>



Climb THE ROCK
at the YLTC
Applications available on
line at www.sfbac.org



The BEST - Most Awesome
Stupendous - Exceptional
Outstanding - Informative
Excellent - Helpful - And
Reasonably Priced Training
On the Planet Earth!!!!

University of Scouting

Supplemental Training
For Leaders of Cubs,
Scouts, Venturers,
And for
Boy Scouts and
Venturer Youth

Interested in teaching
a class? Contact
Tom Sims at trsims@att.net

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 31, 2015

Alvarado Middle School
Union City, Union City CA
Class Schedule will be out SOON!

WOOD BADGE W3-28-15 THE PATH FORWARD

Every scout deserves a trained leader. This is your first step on a journey to build upon your leadership skills and to strengthen your scout unit. Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training experience designed to meet the leadership needs for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders, Council and District Volunteers, and Scouting professionals.

In this course, you will learn contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our value based Scouting movement. The course is presented in the format of living a "first hand" scout troop experience, with FUN and

TRAINING TOOLS

enjoying the camaraderie of other Scouters a major part of the journey.

The course will be held on 2 three-day weekends. The first weekend will be held at SFBAC/Youth Training Leadership Center in San Leandro, the second weekend will take place at Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore CA. **The first weekend is Feb. 20-22, 2015 and the second weekend is March, 14-16, 2015.** The first weekend is held in a classroom setting, and course participants have the option of returning home in the evening. The second weekend is an outdoor experience, camping the entire weekend. Between these two weekends you will participate in a patrol meeting. (Location and time to be determined by each patrol.) After completion of the "course material" your journey will continue as you work your Wood Badge Ticket to complete your 5 goals within 18 months.



I thank you for all that you do for Scouting. I am confident that from your participation in Wood Badge, you will make an even greater contribution in providing quality leadership for the youth we serve. You will Leave a positive Legacy for your family and your work colleagues as well. It is my sincere hope that you can arrange your time and commitments to be able to join us on this course. You can rest assured that your time will be well spent.

Since the course is limited in size, registration will be accepted on first come, first-served basis. I urge you to sign up online as soon as possible. Cost is only \$225 if paid by November 20, 2015. For more information and to sign up go to <http://www.sfbac.org/training/wood-badge>. If



You Can Get Trained by THE BEST High Adventure Team !



SFBAC's High Adventure team are all top notch trainers, experienced in their area of expertise in High Adventure. Whether your unit is planning a backpacking trip into the wilderness, or a 50 mile bicycle or canoe trip, you are sure to be prepared to the fullest with the appropriate training course. Don't risk anyone in your group being unprepared before, or in peril during, your adventure. Take a HAT Course in 2014! You'll be glad you did. Online signups are easy and can be found at www.sfbac.org



Upcoming courses include:

Dec 6, Jan 17-18
Snow Camping Awareness

March 14-15 & 27-29
Basic Backpack Awareness

May 2
Cycli Awareness

May 16-17
LNT Trainer

Wilderness First Aid
May 30-31 or
June 13-15

Signups will be available online January 1. Wilderness First Aid is only online signups, other courses can be online or by paper application. Check our website at www.sfbac.org under training.

Philmont Volunteer Conferences - the Ultimate in Training and Vacation!

If you think Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico is just for Troops or Crews hiking or horseback trekking in the San de Cristo mountains there's good news for you! Philmont is also home to the Philmont Training Center.

Philmont Training Center (PTC) provides a unique environment for training volunteer and professional leaders and has fun family programs for every member of your family. Each year over 6,000 Scouters and family members attend PTC.

The week-long conferences are geared to your specific Scouting volunteer position. Each conference features the latest audiovisuals, discussions, idea sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters. The PTC is a family vacation too! While you are attending a Scouting conference, your spouse and family members can participate in a variety of programs. Programs are planned for all members of the family – infant through adult. Family members enjoy staff-led handicrafts, games, campfires, and outdoor activities. Family program groups meet while conferences are in regular session. While the primary purpose of the Philmont Training Center is to host conferences, the opportunity for families to participate in a wide range of family programs is what makes PTC unique.

2015 Philmont Training Center registration is now open at <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc.aspx>

If you are looking for one vacation to wrap up your summer, then you may want to consider Philmont's popular Fall Conferences. During September each year, scouting enthusiasts come out to Philmont Training Center for training that ranges from climbing courses to Wilderness First Aid certifications and leadership planning.

Philmont Training Center is a great Scout training and family experience in the beautiful setting of Philmont Scout Ranch. Check out their website today!

Training for new Cub Scout leaders or leaders who have changed positions

Help yourself, your Cub Scouts, and your pack by completing the on-line training for your position. The course shows the leadership structure of a pack and how they interact, what you need to do for your position, and resources on how to improve your program. These training courses are at the same location as Youth Protection: <https://myscouting.scouting.org/layouts/MyScouting/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2flayouts%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252f&Source=%2f>

Update to BSA's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use and Abuse Policy

Effectively immediately, BSA has added electronic cigarettes and similar devices to the its alcohol policy. The policy now reads:

Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

Let's do our best to set a good example for our Scouts.

You can find this policy along with other Scouting safety guidelines in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. You can pick a copy up at the Scout Shop or download a PDF copy with the most recent updates at: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>

(You can keep a copy on your tablet or phone.)



Commemorative Gifts Program

A dignified expression of best wishes for a speedy recovery, congratulations, or as a memorial for a loved one or friend.

The commemorative gifts plan provides a means of commemorating a special occasion by a contribution to the San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The gift is a means of honor or comfort for family, friends and associates as a living tribute, for the benefits derived are measured in the development of youth – America's most precious resource.

A contribution of any size is welcomed. Larger amounts will enable Scouting to be of service to an increased number of youth. The amounts are kept confidential. Gifts are tax deductible within legal limitations.

An appropriate card is sent to the person / family and donor. Contact Sonia Castillo at 510-577-9211.

Congratulations in Honor of Your 100th Birthday!

John Morrissey
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ehrman III

Commemorative Gifts Fund

The enclosed gift is in honor of _____

Send: Congratulations Get Well
 Sympathy Other _____

Send Tribute Card to: _____

Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Sign Card from: _____

My Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Amount \$ _____ (This figure will not be shown on Tribute Card)

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Mail to: San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1001 Davis Street, San Leandro CA 94577-1514 (510) 577-9000

2017 Jamboree Theme, Logo Invite Members to 'Live Scouting's Adventure'

Although it seems like the 2013 National Scout Jamboree just wrapped up, the official theme and logo for the next jamboree—planned for July 19-28, 2017—have been released.

The 2017 theme, "Live Scouting's Adventure," symbolizes the adventurous spirit and exciting high-adventure and outdoor opportunities available to youth and adult members in Scouting.

"The new jamboree theme reinforces one of the Summit Bechtel Reserve's purposes of helping to redefine Scouting's adventure for the next century. Participants at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree will experience that difference every day they are here," said Dan McCarthy, director of the Summit Group. "Our goal is to give as many Scouts and Venturers as possible a chance to participate in this truly life-changing experience at this unique facility."

For more information on the 2017 event—including registration dates for youth and adults—check out the [Summit Bechtel Reserve's jamboree site](#)



Make it a Family Day... or a Troop Activity... Santa's Scout Shop is Pure Holiday Fun!

The season's greetings start the minute you walk in the door at the East Bay Scout Shop Santa's Scout Shop event on Saturday, November 29, from 10am until 3pm. Come experience a fun day loaded with coloring contest, cookies & punch for the festive family activities and we can help the Scouts with awesome gift suggestions for their parents.

And while you're there, be sure to enter your name in our special 4' Scout-Stuff Stocking giveaway! If you are a Cub Scout, the stocking will be filled with a CS School Bag, a Camelback bottle, LED Gel Flashlight, 2 knives and 2 folding chairs! If you are a Boy Scout, the stocking will be filled with one BS stadium seat, 3 knives, a mummy sleeping bag, and 2 water bottles! So please drop by for a great day and a great way to support your friendly local Scout Shop.

Stocking giveaway offer is valid during this one-day event only. Product assortment for giveaway may vary by store. You may also enter the stocking giveaway by mail by sending a 3" x 5" index card with your name, address, and phone number to your local Scout Shop address (Attention: Santa's Scout Shop Giveaway), mail to Bloomington Scout Shop, 5625 E. State Road 46, Bloomington, IN 47401

Santa's Scout Shop event is exclusive to participating National Scout Shops. Cub Scouts must be accompanied by an adult. Contact your local Scout Shop at 510 633-2005 for directions.

Drawing to be held 12/12/14.





ACHEWON NIMAT LODGE *San Francisco Bay Area Council # 28*

What is offered at Winter Camp Awareness?

Get all your boys ready to camp in the winter months! A MUST for all new Scouts, and a nice refresher course for you older boys. January 17, 2015. Winter camping is a fun activity that builds friendships as well as developing leadership and outdoor skills. However, this type of activity presents many hazards that would be difficult to overcome if the unit is not well prepared. At Winter Camp Awareness experienced Scouts teach classes covering the skills needed to provide any first aid that might be needed while snow camping as well as discussions concerning what to pack. The first aid class will cover details about diagnosing cold related illnesses and how to treat and prevent them in addition to covering other common first aid issues. Other classes will cover what type of snow camping equipment is needed on a group and an individual level, including things needed to sleep warm at night, necessary clothing to stay warm and dry during the day, types of stoves and fuel that work well in the snow and at high altitudes, and how to build snow shelters as well as choosing a snow shelter that works best for the conditions in which you find yourself.



When and Where will this Event take place?

Winter Camp Awareness will be held on January 17, 2015 on the USS Hornet Museum at 707 W. Hornet Ave in Alameda. The event fee includes all day access to the museum and all participants are encouraged to tour the ship following the day's training. The event fee is \$12.00 per participant. There will be an optional additional of \$5.00 for each participant desiring to purchase a lunch while on board.

Originally called the "Kearsarge", this aircraft carrier (CV-12) was renamed in 1942 to commemorate the loss of the original USS Hornet (CV-8) on October 27th of that year. The USS Hornet not only played a major role in the Pacific in WW II, but continued to serve in the Korean conflict as well as the Vietnam War and the Apollo space program before being decommissioned in 1970. More information regarding the USS Hornet Museum can be found in their website at uss-hornet.org.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS



707 W Hornet Ave, Pier 3
Alameda Point
PO Box 460
Alameda, CA 94501
510-521-8448
www.uss-hornet.org

For customized driving directions using Yahoo Maps or 1-800-555-TELL: enter **707 W Hornet Ave, Alameda, CA 94501**

From San Francisco and the Bay Bridge: Cross the Bay Bridge towards Oakland and follow the signs for I-880 South/San Jose/Alameda. Take the Broadway/Alameda exit and turn right at the bottom of the ramp onto 5th Street. Continue straight on 5th Street, remaining on street level. At the Broadway intersection, veer to your left to enter the Webster Street Tube (the Alameda entrance to the tunnel is under the freeway). Follow Alameda directions.

From San Jose and I-880 Northbound: Proceed toward downtown Oakland and take the Broadway exit. At the end of the ramp, follow the signs to Alameda, turning right on Broadway and then immediately turning right on 7th Street. Go two blocks to Webster Street and turn right again, entering the Webster Tube (tunnel) to Alameda. (Alternate: Turn left on Broadway and left again to enter Tube under freeway overpass.) Follow Alameda directions.

From Sacramento and I-80 Westbound: Take I-880 south and take the Broadway/Alameda exit. At the end of the ramp turn right onto 5th Street. Stay in the right lane. Continue on 5th Street, staying on street level. At the Broadway intersection, veer to your left to enter the Webster Street Tube (the Alameda entrance to the tunnel is under the freeway). Follow Alameda directions.

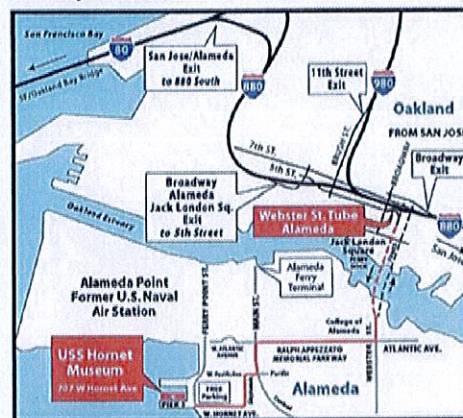
From Walnut Creek and 24 Westbound: Take Highway 24 to I-980 to downtown Oakland. Take the 11th/12th Street exit onto Brush Street. Proceed to 7th Street and turn left onto 7th Street. Turn right on Webster Street which will take you into the Webster Tube (tunnel) to Alameda. Follow Alameda directions.

Alameda from the Webster Street Tube: After emerging from the Tube, follow the sign for Webster Street. At the corner of Webster and Atlantic, turn right onto Ralph Appezatto Memorial Parkway and drive approximately one mile. Turn left onto Main Street and then turn right onto W Pacific Ave to enter the former naval air station. At the intersection of Skyhawk St, turn left and drive to the end of the street. Turn right onto W Hornet Ave and proceed towards the cluster of large ships. Parking is located across the street from the pier. (See Detour instructions in the event of Tube closure.)

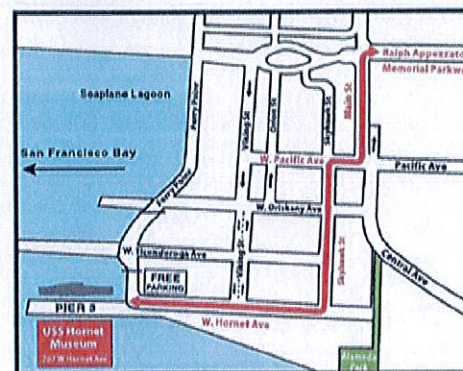
Detour for Tube Closures: From I-880, take the 23rd Street exit. Follow the signs to Alameda and go over the Park Street Bridge. Turn right at Lincoln Avenue and proceed approximately 3.5 miles. Lincoln Ave will merge into Pacific Ave. Cross Main Street to enter the former naval air station. At the intersection of Skyhawk Street, turn left and drive to the end of the street. Turn right onto W Hornet Ave and proceed towards the cluster of large ships. Parking is located across the street from the pier.

From Oakland Airport: Follow Airport Drive out of the Airport and turn left on Doolittle Drive. This will lead over a bridge into Alameda and become Otis Drive. Proceed on Otis to Westline Drive/8th Street (end of road before park entrance) and turn right. Turn left on Central Avenue and follow the road approximately one mile and past Encinal High School. Turn left onto W Oriskany Ave to enter the former naval air station (a storage facility is on the corner). At the intersection of Skyhawk Street, turn left and drive to the end of the street. Turn right onto W Hornet Ave and proceed towards the cluster of large ships. Parking is located across the street from the pier.

East Bay / Alameda



West Alameda



Overview of San Francisco Bay Area



Accessible by Land... or Sea

- ★ Centrally located between Oakland & San Francisco airports
- ★ More than 750 complimentary parking spaces across from the ship's pier
- ★ Charter coach and ferry services available for special events



Winter Camp Awareness 2015



**Achewon Nimat Lodge, Order of the Arrow
All SFBAC Boy Scout Troops are invited
January 17, 2015 @ USS Hornet Museum**

707 W Hornet Ave, Pier 3, Alameda Point (see reverse)

Cost: \$12.00 per participant / **optional lunch**: \$5.00 per person

Includes Winter Camp Program, event patch, and admission to the Hornet Museum

A complete Scout uniform is required for all participants.

Winter camping and other events play a vital part in the boy Scout program. However, like all activities, it presents dangers. Winter Camp Awareness Training allows Boy Scouts and their leaders to camp properly in snow by learning about what to pack, sleeping systems to use, foods to bring, information on stoves, and necessary first aid skills. Everyone will rotate from session to session covering a variety of topics. This is an event all Boy Scouts planning to go snow camping in the upcoming year should participate in. Each unit must have 1 adult for each 8 scouts with a minimum of 2 adults.

Schedule

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 9:00 am | Registration |
| 9:00 - 9:30 am | Opening Flags and orientation |
| 9:45 - 10:15 am | Session # 1 |
| 10:30 - 11:00 am | Session # 2 |
| 11:15 - 11:45 am | Session # 3 |
| 12:00 - 12:30 pm | Lunch |
| 12:45 - 1:15 pm | Session # 4 |
| 1:30 - 2:00 pm | Session # 5 |
| 2:15 - 2:30 pm | Closing |

Participants are encouraged to explore the Hornet Museum following the closing ceremony and remarks. For additional information contact Ryan Shepodd at: Chief@AchewonNimat.org

(Please Print)

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Unit: _____

Number of Youth: _____

X \$12.00 \$

Number of Adults: _____

X \$12.00 \$

Number of Lunches: _____

X \$5.00 \$

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

\$

Make checks payable to: BSA

Send Forms & Fees to:

Order of the Arrow - WCA
SF Bay Area Council, BSA
1001 Davis Street
San Leandro, CA 94577-1514

Office Use Only

Rec. # _____

Date: _____

Amount: _____

Acct: 1-2371-034-00

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MasterCard

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Achewon Nimat Lodge



Lodge Banquet

Saturday, December 13, 2014 5:00 P.M.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Founding Banquet!

Come out for an evening of Fun and Fellowship as we celebrate our 50th anniversary of the founding of Achewon Nimat. Also help us Kickoff the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow

"Blast from the Past" theme & Hawaiian Banquet.

To all members of Achewon Nimat, Royanch, and Machek N'Gult Lodges;

Join in the fun during the OFFICER AUCTION.

Win the Officer who will become your private waiter for the evening.

Join us in celebrating our years of cheerful service and fellowship. There will be tasty appetizers, a great banquet & desserts, Awards, Recognitions, Auction, and a slideshow with many photo memories.

Location: SFBAC - YLTC, 1001 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA

Please detach the lower portion and return it with your form of payment. As a reminder Package Plan members have already paid for the Banquet, however, they are requested to RSVP to: AchieEvents@gmail.com.

For more information contact the Banquet Chairman - Ben Sebastian or Banquet Adviser - Liz Brandon, with an email to BanquetChair@AchewonNimat.org.

(Please print)

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, December 3, 2014 to guarantee your place.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____ Unit: _____

Fee for Member @ \$16.00 _____

Fee for 2nd Member Name _____ @ \$16.00 _____

Fee for 3rd Member Name _____ @ \$16.00 _____

Fee for 4th Member Name _____ @ \$16.00 _____

Other Guests (Non-Lodge Members) Number of guests attending: _____ @ \$16.00 _____

Make checks payable to: **BSA**

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Send Forms and Fees to: Order of the Arrow
SF Bay Area Council, BSA
1001 Davis St.
San Leandro, CA 94577-1514

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2015 RESIDENT CAMP "STAKE A CLAIM" RESERVATION

Unit # _____
 District _____
 Council [] SFBAC [] Other _____

PLEASE, READ THE INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM CAREFULLY.

Int: _____

 **Important information is sent to the people below throughout the year. Please be sure to inform us if this person changes!**

Name _____
 Position in Troop _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Zip _____

E-mail Address

Home Phone (_____) _____

Work Phone (_____) _____

Cell (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____

Name _____
 Position in Troop _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Zip _____

E-mail Address

Home Phone (_____) _____

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| Sunday to Saturday | CAMP ROYANEH | WENTE SCOUT RESERVATION |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| June 14 to June 20 | () Week 1 | () Week 1 |
| June 21 to June 27 | () Week 2 | () Week 2 |
| June 28 to July 4 | () Week 3 | () Week 3 |
| July 5 to 11 | () Week 4 | () Week 4 |
| July 12 to 18 | () Week 5 | () Week 5 |
| July 19 to 25 | () Week 6 | () Week 6 |
| July 26 to August 1 | | () Week 7 |
| August 2 to 8 | | () Week 8 |

Special Arrival Needs: _____ **CAMPSITE 1st Choice** _____ *

Wente Only: FOOD PLAN [] Cafeteria [] Cook in campsite **CAMPSITE 2nd Choice:** _____ *

PROJECTED ATTENDANCE: Scouts _____ Adults _____

Your reservation will be based on the average number of Scouting in attendance during your last 3 years at camp.

Instructions for filing Stake-A-Claim:

Each individual troop attending camp must file a separate Stake-A-Claim.

1. This form and deposit must be turned in during camp or received in the Council Office by Aug. 31, 2014 to receive priority campsite assignment (see #3 below).
2. Deposit is **\$250** per week, per campsite, per unit. **Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable.**
3. On Sept. 1, 2014 units will be placed in campsites using the following procedures:
 - A. Priority will be given to units requesting same campsite and week # they had in 2014.
 - B. Units who attended camp in 2014, but wish a different week or different campsite will be assigned depending on availability.
 - C. Units who attended camp in 2014 but wish to switch SFBAC camps will be assigned depending on availability
 - D. Units who were not at camp in 2014 will be assigned depending on availability.
4. Units submitting applications after August 31, 2014 will be assigned subject to availability.
5. Units will receive a confirmation of their reservation by November 2014.

CAMPSITE MAXIMUMS:

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54 Pioneer Village
40 Forester Village
16 Bear Gulch
40 Frontiersmen Village
48 Plainsmen Village
36 Fricot Meadow
22 Scanlon Ridge
20 Buddy Point
24 Lion's Den
26 Rifle Camp
26 Kiwanis Grove
24 Tree Haven
26 Murphy's Gulch
22 Rotary Rancho

Wente Campsite Maximums

18 Big Dipper
52 Wishbone
68 Sailor's Rest
26 Sky High
30 Madrone
22 Moss Shadows
28 Sunrise Ridge
54 Little Dipper
20 Trail's End
20 Sleepy Hollow
50 Oak Flats
50 Turkey's Roost
50 12 O'clock High
12 Dimond

The San Francisco Bay Area Council reserves the right to place multiple units in campsites; or to change campsites at a later date.

- *NO 2014 Deposits will be rolled over.*
- *New 2015 Stake-A-Claim forms must be accompanied by \$250 deposit per week, per campsite, per Unit.*
- *Reservations for 2015 season will not be processed unless accompanied by deposit.*
- *Council Camping Refund Policy applies, A copy can be requested from the Program Dept at 510-577-9218. Or found on www.sfbac.org/refund*

Updated fee schedules will be sent early November.

Make all checks payable to **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.**

23rd World Scout Jamboree Japan

July 28-August 8, 2015



Registration is Now Open!

Go to this website: www.scouting.org/worldjamboree

The upcoming World Scout Jamboree in Yamaguchi City, Japan, promises to be one of the best ever. With 30,000 Scouts expected to attend from six continents and more than 161 countries, it's going to be a world-class event, one you can be a part of if you start planning now. At Yamaguchi, you will get to live and learn with fellow Scouts from around the world. You'll be housed in tents with your troop, but you'll soon meet up with tens of thousands for two weeks of activities and adventure. It's Japan's turn at a World Scout Jamboree -- held once every four years -- and it is a special opportunity for you, too. You need to start your planning early.

If you are a Boy Scout or Venturer who will be between the ages of 14 and 17 on July 28, 2015, -- that is, specifically born between July 27, 1997, and July 28, 2001 -- you are qualified to attend the World Scout Jamboree. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Cost:

The basic package plan is \$5,750. The basic package includes travel, all meals, unit and patrol equipment, accident and sickness insurance, regional and national office administrative/program support, and buses for ground transportation to/from the jamboree site. It also includes a tour either before or after the Jamboree. Cost does not include uniforms, Troop T-shirts and hats, and spending money.

Payment Schedule:

The payment schedule can be found at the registration site. \$250 is due with registration and periodic payments of \$800 are due on a regular basis thereafter.

For information:

Attend the Information Meeting at the YLTC at 7PM on the 27th of May. Also, you can go to the registration website and click on the tabs at the top of the webpage for additional information. You can also download a flyer from National with additional information at the International Program page of the SFBAC website: www.sfbac.org

How to Register:

Register at the website: www.scouting.org/worldjamboree

Questions:

If you have questions not answered after visiting the websites above or attending the information meeting, you can e-mail Jed Richardson, the International Representative for the San Francisco Bay Area Council, at the address below:

JedLRichardson@gmail.com