

SMOKE SIGNALS

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD 2007

Scouting for Food will be a little different this year. To begin with, the bags have gone away and in their place will be a Door Hanger asking each family to place the food in view of the street, in a recycled bag or box. This should help reduce the impact on the environment, and is a small part in helping fight Global Warming.

Door Hangers should be placed at each residence on Saturday November 10th, and food should be picked up on Saturday November 17th. All units are expected to participate in this activity. Last year we collected almost 250,000 pounds of food for the needy, and we hope to improve on that this year!

KTVU Chanel 2, and KGO Chanel 7 will help with Public Service Announcements on TV, and Clorox Co. will sponsor the door hangers. As this the first year with the Door Hangers it may be a good idea to knock at the doors where no food is in view, simply to serve as a reminder. Good luck, have fun, be safe and collect lots of food, and for more information please contact, Jeff Hart at (925) 831-8827.

ATTENTION ALL UNIT SCOUTERS!

Pre-registration is recommended for Den Chief Training at Pow Wow,
Saturday, January 19, 2008
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spaces are limited to 50 scouts. If you are not pre-registered you run the risk of being unable to attend the training. Register on line or in the office, soon.

For more information, see pages 8 -11

Cuts in Story Book Land



POW WOW
Date Change

NEW DATE

JANUARY 19th, 2008

**Recharterers Due on
December 15th!**
**Contact your
District Executive for
more information**

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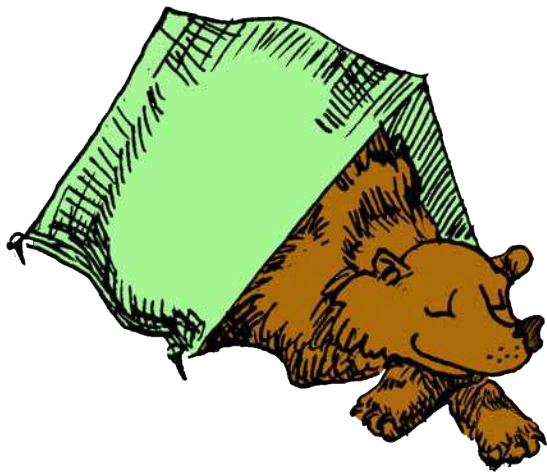
IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 2 CPR
(part of Wilderness First Aid - HAT Core prereq.)
- 3-4 Wilderness First Aid
(HAT Core prereq.)
- 10 Harvest in the Vineyards Wine Auction
- 10 Scouting for Food – door hanger distribution
- 17 Scouting for Food – pick up
- 22-23 Service Center Closed

DECEMBER

- 24-25 Service Center Closed



Memorials & Tributes

In Sympathy & Loving Memory of
Clifford Henry Mendell
Shirley & Jerry Bean

In Sympathy & Loving Memory of
Dr. Richard Todd
Kaiser Permanente

LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE CUB SCOUT SLEEPOVER

WHO: Boys grades 3-5 and adults
WHEN: Saturday - Sunday, March 1-2, 2008
WHERE: Lawrence Hall of Science,
UC Berkeley
COST: \$55 per person (Patch included)
CAPACITY: 150 min – 250 max
REGISTRATION OPENS: September

Come to the best Sleepover around at the Lawrence Hall of Science! This sleepover is just for Cub Scouts and friends. Experience a full evening program that includes interactive science learning adventures and free time to explore the exhibits. Sleep in the halls under our special featured exhibit Speed. Evening snacks will be provided, and in the morning enjoy a wonderful continental breakfast.

Please register through the Lawrence Hall of Science at <http://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/> or call 510-642-5134.

Please note: Participant will need a sleeping bag, pillow, and overnight clothes. Please label all of your items. One adult per 5 children is required. In order for a unit to attend, there must be an official Tour Permit filed through the Boy Scouts.

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Mt. Diablo Silverado Training Opportunities



The new "Training Continuum" offers many exciting opportunities for program and leadership skills training, giving you the confidence to lead a variety of activities in a safe manner. On this page you will find dates and contacts for training courses offered by the Council and the Districts. If your home District does not have a convenient training session, please consider attending the course in another district. For other training questions, contact your District training representative:

Council Chair: Kate Banner (707) 648-1794
Aklan: Bill Phelon (925) 254-8338
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Marsh Creek: George Overturf (925) 516-1849
Meridian: John McClintic (925) 930-7352
Muir: Tom Santos (925) 672-5955
Napa Valley: Carl Shellhorn (707) 226-8191
Silver Gate: Michelle Larson-Speir (707) 645-0231

POW WOW DATE CHANGE: JAN 19TH

Please note that the date for Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow 2008 is now set for Saturday, January 19th which is one week earlier than usual. Details will follow in Smoke Signals.

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS

A 90-minute overview of Scouting

Aklan/Iron Horse/Meridian: All Positions Tues Nov 13 7pm to 8:30pm Palmer School 2470 Jones Road Walnut Creek Contact John McClintic 925-930-7352 jmcclintic@bamlaw.com
Muir: Mar 15 2008, 7:30am-9:30am LDS Church 1590 Denkinger Road, Concord. Contact Tom Santos 925-672-5955 tomnets@pacbell.net

POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

Aklan/Iron Horse/Meridian: Cub Leaders Tues Nov 13 8:30pm to 9:30pm and Wed Nov 14 7pm to 9:30pm Palmer School 2470 Jones Road Walnut Creek Contact John McClintic 925-930-7352 jmcclintic@bamlaw.com

Muir: Mar 15 2008, Cub Leaders and Troop Committee trainees 10am – 2:30pm; Scoutmaster/ASMs 10am to 4:30pm LDS Church 1590 Denkinger Road, Concord Contact Tom Santos 925-672-5955 tomnets@pacbell.net

VLSC--VENTURE LEADER AND VENTURE CREW TRAINING

Feb 9 8am to 5pm Camp Herms Contact Jane Harris 510-708-1051 janeh@argoinsurance.com.

BALOO (BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION--CUBS) AND WEBELOS OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS TRAINING

Outdoor training for Cub Scout Pack and Webelos camping and outdoor skills leaders.

Aklan/Iron Horse/Meridian: Sat Nov 3 for BALOO, plus Sat night 5pm to noon Sun Nov 4 for Webelos. Camp Herms Contact John McClintic 925-930-7352 jmcclintic@bamlaw.com
Muir: April 5, 2008, 8:00am-5:00pm LDS Church - 3700 Concord Blvd, Concord Contact Tom Santos 925-672-5955 tomnets@pacbell.net

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills:

Hands-on experience with Boy Scout skills through First Class; helpful for Webelos and Venture leaders

Aklan/Iron Horse/Meridian:

Sat – Sun Nov 3-4 Camp Herms Contact John McClintic 925-930-7352 or jmcclintic@bamlaw.com

Check out new training courses on-line at the BSA National website.

Fast Start for Cub, Boy Scout, and Venture Leaders

Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat

Youth Protection Training

Troop Committee Challenge

New Leader Essentials

is scheduled to come online sometime in 2007.

Online Supplemental Training Courses also include Merit Badge Counselor Instructors Guide, Board of Review Training, Geocaching to Promote Scouting, The Order of the Arrow and Your Troop, Orientation for New Boy Scout Parents, Planning and Conducting a Safe Scout Outing, Recruiting Quality

Training Staff, Scoutmaster Conference Training, Selecting Quality Leaders, The Youth Leadership Training Continuum.

HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM (HAT)

Advanced training for leading high-adventure outings. Take "Core" and then the specialized subject courses.

Take Core First (pre-req for all others): Jan 11-12, 2008, or Sept 12-13, 2008 All at Camp Herms

Then take Specialty Courses:

Okpic (cold weather) (2008) Feb 6, 23-24; Climbing (2008) Mar 12, 15-16, 19 Cycling (2008) Apr 8, 19 Paddlesports (2008) May 14, June 7-8, 11; Basic Backpacking (2008) Sep 24, Oct 10-11

ALL COURSES HAVE SIZE LIMITS, SO REGISTER ASAP

Contact Chuck Savage 925-932-4843 cesavage@chevrontexaco.com
For details and to register online: www.bsa-mdsc.org/hat.shtml

WILDERNESS FIRST AID AND CPR.

Required for Philmont. Open to all adult leaders and Scouts 1st Class rank and age 15. Offered at the Council Office: CPR Nov 9, WFR Nov 10-11

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER TRAINING (NYLT)

Leadership skills for Scouts First Class rank and age 13 or older.

Baden Powell NYLT 9am Feb 16-5pm Feb 18 AND 7pm Feb 22-3pm Feb 24. Camp Herms \$200. Out of Council \$225 Contact Bruce Arms 925-432-9602 arism4all@comcast.net and Dave Rowntree, 925-680-0525 dstree@pacbell.net

We have received the following letter today relating to defects in the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition kit (Item No. 01804). Below is a picture of the item.



The Boy Scouts of America has directed all of its Scout Shops and all retailers who sell the product to remove it from their shelves immediately and return it to us.

Purchasers will be advised by Kahoot as to further action to be taken.

We are requesting anyone who may have purchased the item to remove the Cub Scout Recognition totem badge from their children's possession and, until further instructions are received, keep it in a safe place where only adults will have access to them.

Our highest priority is the safety of our youth members and their families.

Boy Scouts of America apologizes for any concern this matter causes parents. BSA is doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of all those who participate in our programs.



October 2, 2007

National Supply Group
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 7143
Charlotte, NC 28247

Dear Sirs:

We have been advised that product safety testing for the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit, Item 01804, that we supply to the Boy Scouts of America may contain lead levels in excess of U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards in the paint on one component of the kit, the totem badge. In light of this development, we have decided to initiate a voluntary recall of the product and have instructed our counsel to move forward with the voluntary recall without delay.

Pending formalization of the details of the recall, we urge all consumers to remove the Cub Scout Recognition totem badge from the children's possession and be kept in a safe place where only adults will have access to them. Detailed instructions for returning the product for replacement will be provided when the recall is announced.

We have received no reports of any injuries resulting from use of the kits. Nevertheless, we urge that this action be taken as a precautionary measure, and as a reflection of our commitment – shared by Boy Scouts of America – to sell only products of the highest quality.

Yours truly,

Chuck Kelderhouse
President
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SILVER BEAVER NOMINATION

This nomination is due to the Council Office no later than January 7, 2008.

I/we take pleasure in submitting this nomination for the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. (Give full name and titles of Scouter to be honored exactly as you will want the certificate lettered if the award is granted. See instructions on reverse side.)

Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

The nominee is registered in Scouting as _____ and holds a membership

certificate expiring _____ 20____

(If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number _____.)

RECORD UPON WHICH THIS NOMINATION IS BASED

(Give pertinent facts, dates, and offices held. If more space is needed, please add extra sheets.)

- a. Record of service in the Boy Scouts of America. (Name chartered organizations in cases where service is unit-connected.

- b. Statement covering the nominee's standing in the community, citing activities in which the individual is most active in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veteran, rural, and other fields exclusive of Scouting. (See instructions on reverse side.)

- c. Record of noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the territory under the jurisdiction of the council.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure to give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate. Please do not use abbreviations, initials only, or nicknames. For example: Robert Henry Bradley; Doctor William Francis Kelly; Captain Arthur Russell Johnson; The Most Reverend Richard Joseph Brown, D.D.; Vice Admiral John Donald Morrison; The Honorable James Kerwood Ross; Ms. Mary Hartie; etc.
2. Furnish as much information as possible for sections a, b, and c. For example, in section b: president, Libertyville Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairperson, Red Cross campaign; Exalted Ruler, Elks Lodge No. 18; vice president, PTA; adjutant, American Legion Post 43; medical director, Cross County Hospital; past District Deputy Grand Master, F. & A.<; Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus Council 16; etc. (Specific group identification enables us to provide name to national organization headquarters, who usually wish to compliment the recipient of the honor.)
3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21 and over who are registered as volunteer Scouters.
4. Nominations will not be considered for former professional Scouters or council employees within 5 years of their leaving employment with the BSA (i.e., any form of full-time employment such as secretary, ranger, or professional-technical position).
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia on the regular supply order form from your Supply Division distribution center.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 --- Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- a. This award may be made each year upon the nomination of chartered local councils. These nominations shall be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the date upon which it is desired to present the awards.
- b. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Cub Scouts, Scouters, Varsity Scouters, and Exploring leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c. As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue and white ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d. It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- e. Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
- f. Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
- g. In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.



CUBSCOUT LEADER/PARENT POW WOW 2007 “CUBS IN STORYBOOK LAND”



WHAT IS POW WOW? Pow Wow is THE annual Cub Scout Training Event of the year! An entire year's worth of new ideas and inspiration that will enhance your Cub Scout Pack and its program. Pow Wow is a great opportunity to meet with other Scouters, share ideas and have Cub Scout FUN! There are classes in Crafts, Cooking, Cub Scout Resources, Cub Scout Programs and much more. We have also added some new courses to the list. It will be a full day of fun to remember!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND POW WOW? Pow Wow is for ALL adults (Den Leaders, Tiger Cub Partners, Cubmasters, Webelos Leaders and parents) interested in the Cub Scout Program. There will also be an all day Den Chief Training for Boy Scouts at the same time (and there is Child Care, see below) so bring the whole family!

WHAT IS DEN CHIEF TRAINING? Den Chief Training at Pow Wow is a full day of leadership training to help Boy Scouts learn the necessary skills needed to be a fantastic Den Chief. The \$15 registration fee covers the program materials, lunch and a trained patch.

WHEN IS POW WOW? Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE IS POW WOW? Pow Wow will take place at St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School, 1500 Benicia Road, Vallejo, CA

St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School is only 13 miles from the Council Office. Take 680 N towards Sacramento. Cross the Benicia Bridge (\$4 toll) and take the left lanes onto the 780 W Ramp towards Benicia/Vallejo. Take the Glen Cove Road exit and turn right. Turn right at the first signal onto Benicia Road and the school is on the left side across from CHP.

OR

Take I-80 to 780 E to the Glen Cove Road exit. Turn left at the signal, cross over the freeway and turn right at the next signal onto Benicia Road. The school is on the left side across from CHP.

WHAT CLASSES CAN I TAKE? There is an extensive variety of classes to take at Pow Wow! Look at the Course List and pick your 6 classes. Make sure you choose 6 alternate classes in case your first choice is full. The only problem may be that you want to sign up for everything! Solve that by teaming up with other pack leaders and parents and split up to cover all the classes offered at the same time. It's an excellent way to make the most of Pow Wow. You can also follow the suggested classes that are outlined on the top of the Course List page.

CAN I BRING MY KIDS TO POW WOW? Child Care is available for potty-trained children 3 to 10 years old. THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST 50 PRE-REGISTERED CHILDREN (NO DROP-IN CARE). CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 06, 2008. The Child Care Fee is \$10 per child and includes snacks, lunch and craft materials. PLEASE PAY THIS FEE AT THE DOOR. Child Care hours are from 8:00 to 11:55 a.m. and from 12:55 to 3:45 p.m. YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR CHILD FOR LUNCH AND FOR CLOSING.

HOW DO I REGISTER? Register on-line at www.mdsc-bsa.org/powwow.html. Just fill out the registration form on-line, pay on-line and submit it all electronically. If you want extra Pow Wow Goody Bags, just add \$5 per bag. Registrations received before 12/31/07 will be confirmed by e-mail. We'll be accepting registrations online until Sunday, January 13h at 12 a.m. Registration at Pow Wow begins promptly at 8 a.m.

HOW MUCH DOES POW WOW COST? Registration is \$20 by Friday, 12/28/08 and includes a Pow Wow Goody Bag, course materials, collectible patch and lunch. Late registration is \$25 (12/29/07 to 1/13/08). Staff Registration is \$10. If you'd like to be on Staff and share your talents or help for 3 hours in childcare, contact Tim at (925)240-5975. AVOID THE LATE CHARGE BY REGISTERING BEFORE FRIDAY, December 29, 2007!

WHAT IS THE POW WOW GOODY BAG? The 2008 Pow Wow Goody Bag is a fun filled bag full of terrific ideas which no cub leader will want to be without. The registration form has a convenient place to order extra bags for other leaders and your friends in Scouting for only \$5.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? This year's Pow Wow Chairman is Tim Glennon (925)240-5975 or powwowking2008@excite.com and the Staff Advisor is Mary April (925)674-6122) or Akalan@bsa-msdsc.org. Both of them will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have.

CUB SCOUT LEADER/PARENT POW WOW 2008

“CUBS IN STORYBOOK LAND”

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete this registration form using the course names listed on the next page. We will attempt to fill all requests for classes, but due to space and resource limitations, it may not be possible. Please be sure to fill in your alternate choices!

Mail this form with your registration fee to: Pow Wow Registration, Mount Diablo Silverado Council, 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Make checks payable to Mount Diablo Silverado Council. The registration fee includes a Goody bag, course materials, collectible patch and lunch. Confirmations will be emailed for registrations received before 12/31/07.

The Council Trading Post will be open throughout the day to meet your Scouting needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Glennon, Pow Wow Chairman at powwowking2008@excite.com or (925)240-5375 and Staff Advisor Mary April at Aklan@bsa-mdsc.org or (925) 674-6122.

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: () _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL _____

SCOUTING POSITION: _____ DISTRICT: _____ UNIT #: _____

LATE REGISTRATION (12/29/07 TO 1/19/08)	\$25
POW WOW STAFF REGISTRATION	\$10
EXTRA POW WOW GOODY BAG - \$5 EACH	\$5 X ____
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE	_____

Make checks payable to Mt. Diablo Silverado Council

SESSION #	TIME	ROOM	CLASS REQUESTED	ALTERNATE CLASS CHOICE
Registration	8:00-8:40	Gym Foyer	N/A	N/A
Opening	8:40-9:00	Cafeteria	N/A	N/A
SESSION 1	9:10-10:00			
SESSION 2	10:05-10:55			
SESSION 3	11:00-11:50			
Lunch	11:55-12:55	Cafeteria	N/A	N/A
SESSION 4	1:00-1:50			
SESSION 5	1:55-2:45			
SESSION 6	2:50-3:40			
Closing	3:45-4:00	Cafeteria	N/A	N/A

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PLEASE RESERVE CHILD CARE FOR:

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ NAME: _____ AGE: _____

COURSE LIST

♦ ♦ ♥ ▲ *These symbols are recommended for, but not limited to, so please choose from any class!*

▲ Recommended for **Cubmasters**

♦ Recommended for **Den Leaders**

▲ Recommended for **Pack Committee Members**

♥ Recommended for **Webelos and Bear Leaders**

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Wolf	2	11	18	31, 28	39	46, 48
Bear	3	12	20, 25	34	37	46
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Webelos II	8	13	22	29	42	49
Cubmasters	1	14, 16	19, 23	27, 30	40	50, 51
Pack Comm.	4	15	19	27, 35	36, 43	47, 51

SESSION 1

1. ♦♦Ceremonies ~ Learn how to plan and organize ceremonies that celebrate scouting. Make special memories for the Cub Scout and his family. (1)
2. ♦♥Chemistry for Kids ~ You won't flunk this fun and easy Chem Class! Enjoyable Science for you and your scouts! (1)
3. ♦♦♦Cub Scout Academics & Sports ~ Enhance your Cub Program with fun physical and mental challenges. (1)
4. ♦♦♦Scouting with Special Needs ~ Useful techniques for physical, mental or emotional challenges in Scouting. (1)
5. ♦♥Tie Slides ~ New and fun ways to create that special part on your uniform. (1)
6. ♥Webelos Community Group ~ Citizen, Communicator, Family Member and Readyman Activity Badges. (1)
7. ♦♦♦Where to go on Cub Outings ~ It's the "OUT" in "Scouting." Places to take your pack and den for fun and educational experiences. (1)
8. ♦♦♦PEAK Program ~ Teaches Cub Scouts about Leave No Trace. Learn about outdoor education through fun and games. (1)
9. ♥Webelos Advancement ~ A fun and organized way to advance your Webelos to Arrow of Light. (1)

SESSION 2

10. ♦♥Shoe String Arts & Crafts ~ Don't toss it! Recycle the Cub Scout way by making clever arts and crafts. (2)
11. ♦♥Cubs Can Cook ~ Fun foods to make and eat with your den at den meetings. (2)
12. ♦♦♦Latex Molds ~ Learn how to make and use latex molds to make tie slides, awards & great gifts. (2)
13. ♥♦♦ Arrow of Light Ceremony ~ Learn about Arrow of Light Ceremonies that make the awarding of Cub Scouting's highest honor truly memorable. (2)
14. ♦♦♦Our American Flag ~ Learn flag history, the proper way to display flags and how to plan flag ceremonies. (2)
15. ♦♦♦Scouting via the Internet ~ Ins and outs of developing your den or pack web page. (2)
16. ♦♦♦Scouts Own/Duty to God ~ Plan a Scout's Own, learn all about Religious Emblems and practice a Scout is reverent. (2)
17. ♥Webelos Technology Group ~ Craftsman, Engineer, Handyman and Scientist Activity Badges. (2)

SESSION 3

18. ♦♦♦Boy Management ~ Discipline, planning, boy/adult relationships. Come learn how much more fun Cub Scouting can be when you have control of the situation. (3)
19. ♦♦♦Pinewood Derbies ~ How to run 'em, score 'em and make them a super addition to your Cub Scout Program. (3)
20. ♦♦♦LDS Cub Leaders (3)
21. ♦♦♦Skits & Songs ~ Learn how to find, write, perform and have fun with skits and songs, including Cub favorites. (3)
22. ♦♥Outdoor Cooking ~ Who says Cub Scouts can't cook outdoors? Come find out how and sample the goodies. (3)

23. ♦Pack Pizzazz ~ Yells, run-ons and fun to keep your pack meeting jazzed! No Cubmaster should miss it! Fun class for all! (3)
24. ♦♥Webelos to Scout Transition ~ Preparing the cubs for entering boy scouts, selecting a troop, etc. The most valuable class a Webelos leader can take! (3)
25. ♦♥Whittlin' Chip Tie Slides ~ Special course directed to wood working skills and knife safety. (3)
26. ♦♦♦Scrapbook Your Scout I ~ Chronicle your scouts adventures from Cub Scouts to Eagle. Great class for beginners. Make and take page included. (3)

SESSION 4

27. ♦♦♦Blue & Gold ~ New ideas and old favorite ways to celebrate Cub Scouting's Birthday! (4)
28. ♦♦♦Scrapbook Your Scout II ~ Advanced techniques in Scrapbooking your scout(s) many adventures. Make and take page included. (4)
29. ♥Team Building for Webelos ~ Learn skills to build stronger relationships for a boy run unit. (4)
30. ♦♦♦Raingutter Regattas ~ Learn to make regattas and race 'em in raingutters. A super summer addition to your Cub Scout Program. (4)
31. ♦♦♦LDS Primary Presidents and Their Counselors (4)
32. ♦♥Outdoor Cooking ~ Who says Cub Scouts can't cook outdoors? Come find out how and sample the goodies. (4)
33. ♦♦Aerodynamics for Cubs (4)
34. ♦♦♦Magic ~ Abracadabra! Tricks that will keep your cubs spellbound! (4)
35. ♦♦♦Your Pack Newsletter ~ Keep the scouts and Scouters up to date with your own Pack Newsletter. Learn how to start one and ways to make it interesting and exciting. (4)

SESSION 5

36. ♦♦♦Advancing Your Cub Scout ~ From Bobcat to Arrow of Light, help get them through the Ranks. (5)
37. ♦♥Wood Crafts ~ Learn woodcrafts that the boys will treasure for years. (5)
38. ♦♦Nature Crafts ~ Crafts & nature together open a world of new ideas for Cub Scout fun. (5)
39. ♦♦♦Say Thank You The Cub Scout Way ~ Just the right thing for every occasion. Ideas for adults and Cubs who "Did Their Best" but may not have come in first. (5)
40. ♦♦Boy Management II ~ Recommended for those who took Boy Management I last year. Limited to 20. (5)
41. ♥Webelos Readyman (5)
42. ♥Webelos Outdoor I ~ Outdoorsman, the Webelos camping experience. (5)
43. ♦♦♦FOS - Friends of Scouting ~ Effective methods of presenting and encouraging your Friends of Scouting drive! (5)

SESSION 6

44. ♦♦Campfire Program ~ How to plan and carry out a Campfire that will leave a positive lasting impression. (6)
45. ♦♦Den Chief and How to Work With Him ~ How to effectively work with your Den Chief. Learn to help him help you instill the boys with Scout Spirit. (6)
46. ♦♦♦LDS Scouting and You ~ Learn about policies unique to Cubs within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (6)
47. ♦♥Puppets ~ Puppetry is for every rank! Come and make your own puppet and write your own puppet show. (6)
48. ♥Webelos Outdoor II ~ Forester, Naturalist and Geologist Activity Badges (6)
49. ♦♦Adult Resources ~ Techniques on recruiting, training and retaining adults in your unit. (6)
50. ♦♦♦Cub Recruiting Techniques ~ Learn how to recruit new members for your unit and incentives to make them stay. (6)

Den Chief Training

At Pow Wow

Saturday, January 19, 2008

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



We have a great staff, enthusiastic Scouts and adults that have pooled their skills to bring you one of the best Den Chief training courses ever! This is just what you will need to qualify for the Den Chief Award and to make working with the Cubs and Den Leaders easier and even more enjoyable. If you need additional information, please call Scott DeVenney at 925) 672-8545.

You will leave this training with new ideas for skits, songs, games and tricks to thrill the boys you will be working with.

Your \$15.00 registration fee includes lunch, a truly cool patch, and all the program materials.

Register Now for Den Chief Training

Mail this form with your \$15.00 registration fee to:
Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523

Name		Phone # ()
Street Address		
City		Zip
Troop	Rank	Age

Authorization to Treat a Minor

Pursuant to the Medicine Practice Act, Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California.

I, the undersigned parent of _____, a minor, authorize the Officers or representative of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, Boy Scouts of America, to seek any medical care for our son, deemed advisable by, and rendered by any medical personnel, licensed by the State of California.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific condition requiring medical intervention, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our aforesaid agents to give specific consent for any and all diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which is deemed advisable by licensed medical personnel.

It is understood that no treatment will be authorized by the representatives of Mt. Diablo Silverado Council or the Den Chief Training staff until every effort has been made to contact the parent or guardian.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Permission to Attend Den Chief Training

I give my consent for my son to attend the Den Chief Training course on January 19, 2008 in Vallejo from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Emergency Number: () _____



Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Boy Scouts of America



VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING AND AWARD TRAINING

RANGER AWARD

QUEST AWARD

TRUST AWARD

SILVER AWARD

- WHO:** Venturing Crew Advisors, Associate Advisors, Crew Committee Chair, Crew Committee Members, Commissioners, Crew Chartered Organization Personnel, Venturing and District Training Chairs any other adults interested or involved in the Venturing Program. Also, Crew Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries are encouraged to attend.
- WHEN:** February 9, 2008
- TIME:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- WHERE:** Camp Herms
1100 James Pl El Cerrito, CA 94530
- WHY:** This course is required for all Venturing Leaders. It is also the required course for the Venturing Advisor Award of Merit, Venturing Leadership Award, Skippers Key and Sea Scout Training Award.
- COST:** Tuition is \$8.00, cover handout, drinks, and training patch
- BRING:** Wear your Uniform and Bring a Lunch! We will be having a working lunch.
- QUESTIONS:** Marion Rice (707) 422-9478 – (707) 330-7492
Jane Harris (510) 222-5125 – (510) 708-1051

Please fill out and return this portion to the council office at address below.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Unit#: _____ Positions: _____ District: _____

Please make checks Payable to Mt. Diablo Silverado Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
800 ELLINWOOD WAY
PLEASANT HILL, CA. 94523



Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Boy Scouts of America



VENTURING LEADERSHIP SKILLS COURSE

- WHO:** All Venture Crew Members
- WHEN:** February 9, 2008
- TIME:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- WHERE:** Camp Herms
1100 James Pl El Cerrito, CA 94530
- WHY:** This course covers Vision, Communication, Organization and Synergism. This is the first step to Kodiak. It will also cover Crew Officers Briefing, Crew Officer's Seminar and How to Elect Crew Officers.
- COST:** Tuition is \$8.00, cover handout, drinks, and training patch
- BRING:** Wear your Uniform and Bring a Lunch !
- QUESTIONS:** Marion Rice 707-422-9478 OR Jane Harris 510-222-5125

Please fill out and return this portion to the council office at address below.

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BADEN POWELL NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT 2008)

Dear Scoutmaster,

Mt. Diablo Silverado Council is offering a two-weekend National Youth Leadership Training experience that has proven valuable in the training of youth Troop leaders. It is called Baden Powell National Youth Leadership Training (NTLT) and your Troop is invited to participate. The Baden Powell NYLT will have only 32 participants.

DATE: Weekend # 1 Check-in 9:00 am, February 16, 2008 (Saturday)
 Check-out 5:00 pm, February 18, 2008 (Monday)

Weekend # 2 Check-in 7:00 pm, February 22, 2008 (Friday)
 Check-out 3:00 pm, February 24, 2008 (Sunday)

LOCATION: Camp Herms

REQUIREMENTS:

- First Class Scout
- Must be 13 Years Old

COST: \$200.00
Out of Council COST: \$225.00

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Bruce Arms, Scoutmaster
925 432-9602
Bruce.Arms@comcast.net

Dave Rowntree, Course Director
925 680-0525
dstree@pacbell.net

A FUN ADULT NIGHT OUT.....

*Scouters! Troop or Pack Committee! Districts!
Individuals! Family & Friends!
Make up a table of 8, bring friends or come alone – it's a BLAST!*

You are cordially invited to attend



*The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, BSA
Annual Harvest In The Vineyards Auction
on
Saturday, November 10, 2007
at
The Meritage Resort and Spa
875 Bordeaux Way, Napa*

Cost of the event is **\$150.00 per person**, which includes a gourmet dinner and wine, silent auction, and live auction.

We have wonderful items such as ***unique Napa Valley wines, vacation homes, restaurants, beauty and entertainment gift certificates, airline tickets, gift baskets, specialty services, golf packages*** and much, much more.

If you would like to receive an invitation or have a donation,
please contact Chelsea McClain
(925) 674-6172 or finance@bsa-mdsc.org

*This benefit supports your local Boy Scouts of America
Serving Contra Costa, Lake, Napa, Northern Alameda & Solano Counties*



Aklán Newsletter

Chairman	Open	Popcorn/ CS Membership	Michele Poloka	(925) 943-6030
Commissioner	Gary Snyder	Smoke Signals	Open	
District Executive	Mary April	Training	Bill Phelon	(925) 254-8338
Activities	Open	Cub Scout Training	John Spahr	(925) 944-9467
ADC for LDS	Ashley Powell	Cub Scout Roundtable	Paul Shimotake	(925) 210-1331
Camporee	Norbert Megowan	Boy Scout Roundtable	Rodney Mangus	(925) 254-7445
Cub Recruiting	Open	Eagle Boards	Martha Rogers	(925) 935-7565
Day Camp	Paul Shimotake	Eagle Packets	Carter Wells	(925) 284-9179
Finance	Wes Hilton	Eagle Projects	Dick Miles	(925) 283-6109
Food Drive	Cory Reid	OA Co-Advisor	Bill Lew	(925) 937-9348
FOS - Community	Open	Membership	Herb Lederman	(925) 631-0229
Merit Badges	Martha Rogers			

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 2 Popcorn Orders due
- 3-4 Training at Camp Herms:
Outdoor Leader Skills, BALOO,
Webelos Outdoor Leader Skills
- 9-11 HAT Wilderness First Aid
- 10 Scouting for Food Drop-Off
- 10 OA Service Project/Vigil-Herms
- 10 Harvest in the Vineyards Auction
- 10 Commissioner Basic Training
- 13-14 New Leader Essentials and
Position Specific Training- Cubs
- 14 Commissioner's Meeting 6:30
Roundtable 7:30 pm
Themes: Boy Scout- Eagle
Scouts-Cub Scouts- Celebrations
Around the World
- 15 CUB RECHARTERS DUE
- 16 Popcorn Pickup Martinez -37
Bridgehead Rd
- 17 Scouting for Food Pickup and
Breakfast at LDS Moraga
- 17 Commissioner Basic Training

DECEMBER

- 1 Popcorn Sale Ends
- 4 FOS Kickoff
10th Aklán Roundtable

MOVING

Joe Squeri is moving to the Muir District. Mary April is your new District Executive please welcome her!

ROUND TABLE

Aklán Round Table is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month Nov.10th 7:30 pm, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette. All adults are invited, to learn about upcoming events and have discussions regarding Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Committees, Training, Den activities, Troop and Pack outings, etc. Also, if you would like to join Please join us, and add to our great group of People!!!

WEBELOREE

Thanks You !!! For all the Scouts from Crew 1 and all the adult help running Webeloree at camp Herms. A special Thank You to the ASPL- Alex Nottage, Paul Shimotake, Helen Holobetz, George Vetek, Randy Summers, George Charron, Tom Cooper, Lee Palmer, and Phil Mulvihill. Our next Webeloree will be scheduled for June 2008!!



RECHARTERING

Please get all youth and adult applications in as soon as possible!! It is a very important process for everyone in the Aklán District!! They were passed out at Roundtable and please call Mary April and schedule an appointment: 925-674-6122. Need to be in the Scout office before the Holidays Nov. 15th !!

WHY TURN IN APPLICATIONS?

It is important to turn in new membership applications to the Council Office within 48 hours of receiving them for the following reasons:

1. A boy is not a "Scout" until his name is entered in the National database.
2. A boy's "Boy's Life" subscription will be delayed.
3. If attending Scout meetings or activities, he will not be covered by the MDSC insurance policy.
4. For advancement, his tenure requirement could be affected.
5. Pack re-charters will not be printed until Fall Recruitment applications for new youth have been turned in to the Council Office for processing. (This does not mean that you cannot turn in applications after the charters have been printed.) There is no need to hold on to the Council copy of the applications. Even if you only have one or two, they need to be turned in. If you won't be able to make it to the office, put them in the U.S. mail or call your D.E. Mary April- 925-674-6122 and they will be picked up. Thanks!

CAMPOREE 2008

We are planning to have a Camporee, led by Gabe Esquivel (415-297-8904), scheduled in May 2008 at Bort Meadows.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This year Scouting for Food Hangers need to be distributed to as many people as possible on the 10th of November. Food should be picked up and delivered to the site in Moraga LDS church - 3776 Via Granada- on November 17th. Your contact is Cory Reid - his # 925-317-7601 or cbr@fountainheadmortgage.com. Let's try to get back to ALL the doors we left hangers on PLEASE!!

POW WOW 2008

The "Pow Wow" is located at the St. Patrick - St.Vincent High School, at 1500 Benicia Road Vallejo. Save the date January 19th. 8:00am - 4:00pm - Don't miss it!!!



Chief Solano Newsletter

Dist. Chair
Asst. Dist. Chair
CS Day Camp 2007
Training
Camping
CS Roundtable
Family FOS
Popcorn 2007
Membership
Activities

Tom Guigni 864-3387
John Ricketts 422-4731
Lisa Miller 437-8533
Jeff Done 421-1605
Vern Bluhm 425-6678
Mariane Cox 863-9198
Jamie Allen 684-3060
Helen Cakus 428-3437
Kathy Sawyer 422-1474
Dave Cliché (530) 795-1401

Dist. Exec
Dist. Commissioner
Christmas Trees 2007
Advancement
Program
OA Advisor
Dist. News
Merit Badges
BS Roundtable
Finance

OPEN
Terry Odneal 290-3326
Richard Stockand 863-0597
Richard Ball 426-2567
Jim Broughton 425-3390
Dave Ricketts 422-9928
Sue Odneal 426-1534
Sue Laren 864-1582
Darrin Nicholson (707) 207-3667
Vacant

District website: www.chiefsolano.com

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 Order of the Arrow
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 Unit Commissioners
- 18 District Committee
- 10&17 Scouting for Food

DECEMBER

- 6 Order of the Arrow
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 Unit Commissioners
- 20 District Committee
- 29 Tree Recycling Day 1

POPCORN!



Sales figures are not in at time of press, but we know that they have gone very well. Thanks to Helen Cakus for her hard work in making this one of the major fund-raisers for our units.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD NOV. 10 & 17

Remember that this year we will be going "green" – plastic bags will not be available for collecting contributions. Units should plan to distribute door hangers to their assigned areas on November 10, requesting that food be left on the porch in a box or paper bag for collection on November 17.

Sue Meadows is chairing the Food Drive and will be at the November Roundtable to distribute door hangers and answer questions.

All units are encouraged to help the Solano food bank become re-stocked in time for the holidays.

ADVANCE CAMP 2007

About 800 Scouts attended this year's AdvanceCamp on September 28 and 29. Richard Ball is one of the planners of this event, which is eagerly looked forward to all year.



STAY INFORMED!

District Home Page

www.ChiefSolanoBSA.com

Council Home Page

www.bsa-mdsc.org

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Collection dates are scheduled for December 29, January 5, and January 12.



This is a great way to make money for your unit while helping the environment. Area assignments are booked at Roundtable. The co-chairs will again be Helen Cakus and Richard Stockand.

The District Hotline number for consumers will be 421-5308. We are requesting that all units publicize and use this number.



CUB OLYMPICS

More than 80 Cub Scouts participated in a district-wide sports event on September 30. We thank Helen Cakus, Richard Stockand and their team for providing this great opportunity for the boys.

CHARTER TURN IN

Charter packets were distributed at the October roundtable. A turn-in/assistance day is scheduled for November 15, Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the LDS center on Travis Blvd. Enter from the back parking lot. This year there are all new requirements for Quality Unit and part of the re-charter process is done online. Read your packets carefully. Call your UC's with questions or for assistance.

LEADER TRAINING

Thanks to Jeff Done and his team for providing some outstanding training sessions to new and continuing leaders in October. Additional training courses will be available in District next Spring. Check Council Website for training courses in other districts.

THANKS AND FAREWELL

As of October 12, District Executive Alison Armand has retired from professional Scouting. We thank her for her work in helping Chief Solano achieve some major successes, especially in the areas of membership recruitment and FOS. We wish her all the best as she pursues new interests.

Herms Gateway



District Chair	Howard Abelson	525-7709	District Vice Chair	Ray Sitton	799-1592
District Commissioner	Mike Lilygren	843-8055	Training Chair	Jane Harris	222-5125
District Executive	Matthew Lynch	(925) 674-6121	Activities/Civic Service	Vince Lipinski	849-1082
Membership Chair	Open		Camp Promotion	John McDougall	841-1319
Finance Chair	Open		OA Apanuc Advisor	Open	
FOS Chair	Open		Camporee Planning	Joe Guadagne	526-9015
Program Chair	Mike Seufferer	524-7378	Merit Badge Registrar	Munah Tarazi	262-9070
Advancement Chair	Irwin Horowitz	527-6662	Eagle Board Chair	Matthew Houser	524-1239
Cub Scout Roundtable	Ken Fowler	222-0830	Smoke Signals Editor	Open	
Boy Scout Roundtable	Alan Houser	524-1239	Cub Day Camp	Cliff Lobbereg	233-9615
Cub Leader Training	Roberta Jalbert	758-2239			

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 2 Popcorn and Prize Forms Due to MDSC
- 9 Wilderness CPR MDSC
- 10 Scouting For Food Drop-off
- 10-11 Wilderness First Aide MDSC
- 14 Roundtable 7:30pm: Recharter Handed Back in
- 16 Popcorn Unit Pick-up
- 17 Scouting For Food Pick-up
- 20 Herms District Committee Meeting

DECEMBER

- 12 Roundtable
- 18 Herms District Committee Meeting

FALL RECRUITMENT

The Program Year has begun. It's time to strengthen your unit by recruiting new families to join Scouts. The Herms District will have some events this fall to help the cause, but nothing beats the members of your Scout unit doing it themselves. **BOY SCOUTS!** You can earn the patch pictured above by recruiting a boy into your troop this fall. You can invite a boy to join electronically by sending an e-card from <http://www.thescoutzone.org>. We are doing great this year so far as a district! So many units are bringing in new Cubs and new Scouts. Thank you all who have helped



out with your unit's recruit campaign! It is with the hard work and dedication of each of us that makes the Herms District strong! If you need help, advice, or supplies please contact your Unit Commissioner or the District Executive Matt Lynch.

ROUNDTABLE

EVERYONE IS INVITED! REPRESENT YOUR PACK, TROOP, CREW OR SHIP! Roundtable happens the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at Camp Herms



with breakout for Cub and Scout leaders from 8 to 9 PM. Share experiences and fellowship with Scouters from all over our district. This is the time for you to hear about upcoming events, themes, and opportunities for training. You can ask questions or get support for anything you need help on. Plus, being at the monthly Roundtable gives you the opportunity to have share in planning for district events as the year progresses.

LEADER TRAINING



ADULTS! Every Scout deserves a trained leader! The best thing you can do for your Scout unit is to train your adults. Your unit will be safer, will run smoother, and be a lot more fun. Our expert training staff is ready to help. There are **MANY** training opportunities this month in October. Please contact Jane Harris for dates and times!

SCOUT EXPO 2007



A big **THANK YOU** to Vince Lipinski for planning, organizing and executing the biggest Scout Expo yet! We had a great turn out this year. This was a

great opportunity to get the Scouting name out in the community as well as a great opportunity to recruit new Scouts making Herms District that much stronger!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This is a great way for our Scouts to do a good turn by serving East Bay families that really need it! All donations go directly to our local food bank. The format this year is different. We will be passing out door hanging flyers rather than dropping off bags at your local residences. For more information, contact Matt Lynch.



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Thank you to all of you who worked hard to get your units FOS packets completed and turned in. If you have not yet turned in your unit's packet, please do so. The next FOS year will be upon us very soon. Be Prepared! Please have an FOS chair for your unit. Keep in mind; an exciting program needs proper funding. Contact Matt Lynch at 925-674-6121.





Iron Horse Newsletter

Chairman	Rob Schroder	(925) 934-6789	Recognition Chair	Bill Dorband	(925) 938-1200
Vice Chairman	Randy Summers	(925) 363-0092	Smoke Signals/Secretary	Wendy Cannell-Nottage	(925) 689-7982
Commissioner	Phil Mulvihill	(925) 938-9675	Special Events	Lee Palmer	(925) 943-1434
District Executive	Jorge Regan	(925) 674-6102	Training	Chuck Savage	(925) 932-4843
Advancement/MBC's	Lynn Oakleaf	(925) 370-8332	Cub Scout Training	Linda Heasell	(925) 370-0775
Camporee	Mike Cesca	(925) 370-7978	Venturing Training	Camilla Hester-Alvaro	(925) 692-1104
Finance/Scout. for Food	Randy Summers	(925) 363-0092	Conservation	Lillian Remer	(925) 935-8707
Day Camp Director	Michelle Frith	(925) 827-5784	Uniforms/ CS Roundtable	Elizabeth Witt	(925) 932-1052
Day Camp Admin	Lori Foley	(925) 759-0870	Boy Scout Roundtable	Gary Neuman	(925) 947-3792
Popcorn/Int'l Scouting	Tom Cooper	(925) 899-2455	Eagle Boards	Mark Beadrow	(925) 682-5578
Program	George Vetek	(925) 934-1520	Eagle Packets	Ray Winter	(925) 945-6162
Relationships	Laura Birnbaumer	(925) 256-6390	Eagle Projects	Jeanne Fuson	(925) 934-6411
Relationships (LDS)	Chuck Larson	(925) 408-3509	OA Advisor	Peter Young	(925) 408-8501

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 Roundtable
- 2 Popcorn Orders DUE!!!
- 6 Life to Eagle Seminar
- 10 Scouting for Food Drop-Off
- 10 Wine Auction in Napa
- 13 Eagle Project Plan
- 16 Popcorn Pick-up
- 17 Scouting for Food Pick-Up
- 20 Eagle Rank Board of Review
- 26 Day Camp Committee Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1 Popcorn Sale Ends
- 4 FOS Kickoff
- 6 Roundtable
- 10 Day Camp Committee Meeting

ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable is scheduled for the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at 2369 Overlook Drive, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Overlook Chapel in Walnut Creek. It will be following the Commissioners meeting.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This year Scouting for Food hangers need to be distributed to as many people as possible on the 10th of November. Food should be picked up and delivered to the site on Boyd Rd. on November 17th. Some units may want to do an all-in-one day on November 17th. Make sure your unit's SFF representative is in contact with Wendy Cannell-Nottage via email or phone at crazychigirl@yahoo.com. Or 689-7982

CAMPOREE 2008

Start planning now for your May 2008 Camporee. POC is Mike Cesca at (925)370-7978 or Lee Palmer at (925)943-1434.

POPCORN

The popcorn Pick-up Dates are 16th of November in Martinez at 37 Bridgehead Rd. Popcorn Orders and Prize are due in by the 2nd of November to the Council Office or online. Any questions call Jorge at (925)674-6102 or Tom Cooper at (925)899-2455.

RECHARTERING

Please get all Youth and Adult Applications in as soon as possible. Re-chartering has begun, and we need to get all the applications in to assist with the process and finish this year with a BANG! Re-chartering packets were passed out at Roundtable and need to be completed and returned starting November 1st and no later than November 15th to the council office.

FOS

Congratulations! 2007's FOS totals are at \$105,000. Please continue to send in the pledges. Also, get ready for the 2008 Campaign. Have your unit FOS representative get in contact with Cindy Wells at (925)429-0855 and let her know about your unit's presentation date, time and location.



CREW 405 RETURNS!

Nyeri, Kenya - Members of Crew 405, Pleasant Hill visited the founder of Scouting's grave on August 1, 2007 which marked the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of Scouting. While in Kenya, they delivered Scouting equipment for a Kenyan Scout Troop and went on a game

safari. Photo credit: Tim Repp

GOODBYE MARY APRIL

Mary April is moving to Aklan District. Congratulations to her on the move and the best of luck! Thank you for the hard-work! We will miss you!

NEW IRON HORSE DE

Welcome to Iron Horse's new District Executive. Here is a little paragraph from him: Hello, I am Jorge R. Regan, the new District Executive for Iron Horse. Mary April is moving to Aklan, and will be getting me up to speed over the next few months. Now, a little bit about me. I grew up in San Diego, CA and started my Boy Scout Experience as a Tiger Cub, worked my way up to First Class Scout, and then left to pursue music and the US Naval Sea Cadets as my troop's charter was not renewed. I moved to Davis in 2000 to attend the UC after graduating from High School, and was heavily involved in the Cal Aggie Marching Band-uh, Army ROTC and the US Army Reserves, while in school. I graduated December of 2004 with a B.A. in Political Science, and received a Federal Commission as a Field Artillery Officer in to the California Army National Guard. I traveled to New Orleans for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort in September of 2005 and returned from my first tour in Iraq, July of 2007. I look forward to working with everyone, helping to improve the Scouting experience, and keeping the district in the great standing it already enjoys.

Regards, Jorge

2007 WINE AUCTION

It's time for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council's 2007 Harvest In the Vineyards Gift and Wine Benefit Auction on November 10th. The Event will be in Napa starting at 530pm. Invitations will be mailed out by Chelsea at the Council office. Call her to get your name on the invite list! (925)674-6172 or email her at finance@bsa-mdsc.org



Lake Highlander Highlights

Chairman	Doug Wacker	(707) 263-2340	Program	Open	
Vice Chairman	Rob Roumiguere	(707) 279-0356	Smoke Signals	Bob Burrows	(707) 274-1519
Commissioner	Peggy Engstrom	(707) 994-9523		email: the_grebe@sbcglobal.net	
District Executive	Tom Schneider	(925) 674-6173	Training	Suisei Heidebrecht	(707) 994-9613
Activities	Open		Cub Scout Roundtable	Suisei Heidebrecht	(707) 994-9613
Advancement	Brett Behrens	(707) 994-9523	Boy Scout Roundtable	Brett Behrens	(707) 994-9523
Camping	Marty Klier	(707) 263-3380	Eagle Reviews	Don Carter	(707) 279-1362
Finance	Open		OA Advisor	Marty Klier	(707) 263-3380
Membership	Open				

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 2 Popcorn orders due
- 10 Scouting for food begins
- 13 District meeting 6:00 pm
Roundtable 7:00 – Kelseyville
- 16 Popcorn orders pick up
- 17 Scouting for food concludes

DECEMBER

- 11 District meeting 6:00 pm
Roundtable 7:00 – Kelseyville

Remember, if you have an article to submit, contact Bob Burrows @ (707) 274-1519 or by email at the_grebe@sbcglobal.net.

NEED TRAINING

Please Contact Suisei Heidebrecht for Cub Scout Leader Training. Call for details @ (707) 994-9613.

OA

OA Meetings held first Wednesday Of each month at 7 pm – Kelseyville Pres. Church Please Attend!!!

ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at 7:00 pm. Roundtable will be held on at Kelseyville Pres. Church, in Kelseyville. Come get all the new information and ideas available. There will be two groups, one for Troops and one for Packs. You will be able to use the information to plan activities for your Den, Pack or your Troop. Upcoming Training dates will be announced as well as great information on future activities, hot tips on new places to visit, plus networking

and fun for everyone!! All Den Leaders, Cub Masters, Committee Members, Scoutmasters etc are encouraged to attend!

DISTRICT MEETING

New time!!!! 6:00pm preceding Roundtable...Agendas provided, bring your calendar and planner.

RENDEZVOUS

The Lake District Annual Rendezvous was held October 5th-7th at Boggs Mt. State Park This event was hosted by OA. The skills/competition was a great success and LOTS OF FUN for all of the attendees. Thank you Tú Je Sa-Sa Apanuc and Marty Klier for a terrific event. We appreciate all of your efforts

POPCORN SALES CONCLUDE IN NOVEMBER



Popcorn Orders are due November 2 and the pick up is set for November 16th. We will advise everyone of the pick-up site. We hope to again use the Hidden

Valley Community Church. Please contact Tom at the council office (925-674-6173), for any other popcorn related inquiry.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



November is here and Scouting for Food Chair Ms. Donna Goodwin Nelson has distributed the door hangers with the important information,

listed on the hangers. Simply place the door hanger on the house front door and return later to retrieve the bags of food left by the resident families. Last year we collected over 6000 pounds that was forwarded to Lake County food pantries. Thank you everyone for your past efforts and hopefully

we will have a smooth distribution and collection effort again this year.

CARNIVAL IS COMING MARCH 8TH

Save the date for this tremendous event/fundraiser. Everyone really enjoyed the event last year and someone WON A CAR – WOW ! Thank you again to Guy Strohmeier for donating the car. More details will be released early in 2008 at the Roundtable.

RECHARTERS ARE OUT AND DUE

Peggy Engstrom, District Commissioner reminds you to bring your recharter packet, with all of the necessary signatures, your unit's most accurate unit roster, any new applications and a partially prepared check to any of our 2 remaining Roundtables (Nov. or Dec.) If you are that prepared, or better, you can walk out of the roundtable rechartered. If you have any questions about your recharter please contact Peggy at 707-994-9523. Thanks for your help.



Marsh Creek Newsletter

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 OA Apanac Meeting 7pm
- 8 District Commissioners mtg. 7pm
- 8 District Roundtables 7:30 pm
- 10 Scouting for Food bag drop off
- 15 Charters due back to Council
- 15 Eagle Review Board
- 17 Scouting for Food bag pick-up
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 29 Dist. Committee Meeting 7:30

DECEMBER

- 6 OA Apanac Meeting 7pm
- 13 District Commissioners mtg. 7pm
- 13 District Roundtables 7:30 pm
- 20 Eagle Review Board
- 25 Christmas
- 27 Dist. Committee Meeting 7:30
- 27 District Key-3 Meeting 7 pm

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

The Theme for December will be presented at the November Roundtable. Roundtables are to give help and ideas to all Boy Scout leaders. Come and share your experiences about cooking, and learn from others and maybe get some new ideas. Contact Ron Rowell for more info at 783-8419

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

For the November Cub Scout Leaders' Roundtable we'll be discussing information and ideas about the December theme of "Celebrations Around the World." December is marked by days of celebration and observance for many cultures and faiths around the world. Christmas, Hanukkah, Rohatsu, Yule, and Kwanzaa all occur this month. Find out how celebrations in other countries are similar to the ones in the U.S.

It's a good month to work on "Heritage" belt loops and pins.

Come and share your knowledge with others, we'll have some fun things to do and learn. For more information about the Cub Scout Leader Monthly Roundtables, contact Bill Morganstein at 925-516-0126.



NEW EAGLE

A new fledgling Eagle is in the wings. Boy Scout Zack Conrad of Troop 298 has passed his Eagle Board of Review and is in the process of planning his Eagle Court of Honor. Congratulations to Zack !!

BE IN THE KNOW

Do you wonder why you are the last to know about District Trainings, Events, Outings or Meetings? It's probably because you have not signed up at the District's online chat site to get announcements of upcoming events. If you are interested in being "in the know", send an e-mail to: mailto:marshcreekdistrict-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to join us.

FALL CAMP-O-REE

!! CANCELED !!

We tried our best to pull off the Fall Camp-o-Ree but there just wasn't enough time to fully organize it and find an acceptable place to hold it. The theme of "Emergency Preparation" will be the theme at the Spring Camporee. To volunteer to help, contact Bill Taylor at 625-5167, or Jody Hansen at 925-354-7797.

QUALITY UNIT AWARD



Many of you know about the Quality unit award but did you know that the district can also earn the Quality District Award?

We can be a Quality District but only if you do your part and be Quality units. Trained leaders are essential to be a quality unit. Please complete the training you need to be a "Trained Leader." Let's be the best Leader / Unit / District we can be!! We have until November 30th to do it. Contact your unit commissioner to help with the

final part of filling out the Quality unit form and submitting it to the council to be recognized.

DON'T DELAY, DO IT NOW!!

THE ABC's OF BEING AN EFFECTIVE LEADER

A.. Attitude: accent the positive ... attitudes determine effectiveness.

B.. Boys: remember the program is for them.

C.. Communications: help keep the lines open.

D.. Diplomacy: be a diplomat ... always put your best foot forward.

E.. Effort: you'll get out as much as you put in.

F.. Flexibility: to be willing to make changes.

G.. Guide: guide, but don't force.

H.. Harmony: you can help maintain this in your pack or Troop or Team or Crew.

I.. Interest: keep interest high by kismif. (Keep It Simple, Make It fun).

J.. Joy: spread it ... pass it on.

K.. Knowledge: Scouts depend on you for this. Stay informed.

L.. Listen with understanding.

M.. Morale: keep your spirits high.

N.. Nobody is a nobody in Scouting.

O.. Organized: set goals and reach them.

P.. Problems: there are none ... just unresolved opportunities.

Q.. Quandary: keep yourself out of this state.

R.. Resourceful: know where to get materials and ideas.

S.. Scout: our goal is for every Bobcat to become an Eagle Scout.

T.. Training: be sure to keep yourself up-to-date.

U.. Uniform: promote the uniform and set a good example by wearing it.

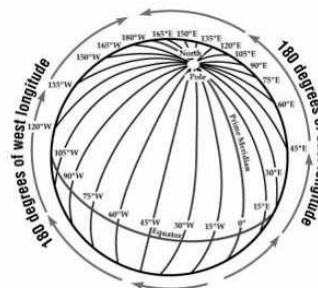
V.. Volunteers: that's most of us in the Scout program ... recruit others, share the fun.

W.. Wisdom: this includes perseverance, tolerance, and tact.

X.. Xtra Special: each Scout is definitely that.

Y.. Year: Scouting is year-round. Plan your program that way.

Z.. Zest: Perform your job with it.



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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 Eagle Project Review Board
- 14 District Committee
- 8 Eagle Project Information
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Eagle Board of Review

DECEMBER

- 6 Eagle Project Review Board
- 12 District Committee
- 13 Eagle Project Information
- 20 Eagle Board of Review

No Roundtable in December

NEXT ROUNDTABLE
WED NOVEMBER 14TH
7:30PM
(ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL)

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd, Alamo.
Program features Rechartering

RECHARTERING

Cub Pack re-charters are due at the November Roundtable. Boy Scout, Varsity and Venturing re-charters are due by December 15th. If you need any assistance, please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive Tim Welty at (925) 674-6125 or meridian@bsa-mdsc.org. We are striving for 100% of our units to re-charter on-time this year!

POPCORN SALES

We have 7 units doing "Show and Sell" and

19 units doing "Take Orders". Take Orders selling period ends 10/31. Show and Sell remaining inventory due to Council on 10/31. Take Orders and prize orders due to Council on 11/2. Popcorn pick up at Alameda Fairgrounds on 11/16. Good luck selling! Contact Rand Mahoney 899-3840 or randmaho@pacbell.net or our website for more info (www.meridiandistrict.net).

HEALTH AND SAFETY SAYS

It's November and time once again for Scouting's most visible service project, Scouting for Food. Our Scouts will comb the neighborhoods collecting food donations for the community food bank, making visible the Scout Oath and Law. The Scouts of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council will distribute food donation bags and the following week will return to collect those same bags. Thousands of pounds of food will be gathered to replenish the shelves in the Food Bank and then redistributed to those in need. This same activity will be conducted throughout the breadth and width of our great country. Make the food collection a safety project too. Scouts should wear their uniforms and go out in teams, buddy-system teams. Be careful crossing the streets, ride safely – seat belts, car doors closed until the vehicle is at a complete stop. Food donations are usually left by the house door or mail box. There is no need to go into anyone's home. Our Scouting for Food program is always one of great excitement and personal satisfaction. Let's keep it that way and be safe too.

ORDER OF THE ARROW MOLUK APANUC

Our monthly Apanuc meetings are the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Toltec Cabana in San Ramon. For directions contact Mary Chong at chongwoman@comcast.net.

HEY VENTURERS!

Every month all the Crew Presidents, Crew Advisors and crew Committee Chairs are invited to come to the Venturing Leaders' Association (VOA). This group helps with the running of the Venture program on a district level! We meet during Roundtable

at 7:30 at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church 902 Danville Boulevard Alamo, California. For more information contact Justin Riordan at: jtime834@gmail.com.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills for SM/ ASM and Venture, Sat Nov 3-4, BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) Sat Nov 3, and Webelos Leader Outdoor Supplemental Session Sat night and Sun morning Nov 4 Camp Herms New Leader Essentials and Position Specific training for Cub Leaders Tues and Wed Nov 13 and 14 7pm to 9:30pm, Palmer School 2740 Jones Road Walnut Creek. For info contact John McClintic 925-930-7352 jmcclintic@bamlaw.com

NEW MERIDIAN WEBSITE

www.meridiandistrict.net:
Please note our new district website is hosted by our new District Commissioner Earle Conklin.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

One of the strengths of our District is the long-time support of our volunteer committee chairs. We have several open positions to fill, especially Unit Commissioners. And we are looking for replacements to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our leadership core. These are not supposed to be "lifetime" commitments. Volunteers agree to serve for a fixed period of time, and then are free to move to other positions or other activities. This is a great opportunity for experienced unit leaders to move up and share their expertise throughout the District. Please contact Jim Teare 828-0904.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The door hangers are here!
Nov. 10th Door Hanger Distribution
Nov. 17th Food Pick-up
For more information please contact Al Nichols at: 829-7112 or albert.nichols@comcast.net

Muir Newsletter



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Linda DeVenney (925) 672-8545
Derek Brown (925) 672-2055

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 Roundtable
- 10 Scouting For Food distribution
- 15 District Committee Meeting
- 17 Scouting For Food collection

DECEMBER

- 6 Roundtable
- 20 District Committee Meeting

www.muirdistrict.org

MUIR DISTRICT MONTHLY ROUNDTABLE

Please join us for a program of fun, fellowship and information. Each unit should send a representative to get a jump start with recruiting and other unit activities. The next Roundtable will be held November 1, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the LDS Church, 1590 Denkinger Road, Concord. Questions about Cub Scout Roundtable may be directed to Robin Davidson at 798-5316. Questions regarding Boy Scout Roundtable should be directed to Kent Campbell at (925) 685-8607.

NEW WEB SITE ADDRESS

Same look, new address, loads of pictures: www.muirdistrict.org. You can view Camporee photos, shooting camp photos, pack photos and more. Send in your best photos to muir.web@sbcglobal.net or bring them to Roundtable! Contribute any ideas you have to add to the site!!

2008 DATES

April 18-20, 2008 – Muir Camporee. Camporee will be held at Sugarloaf Open Space in Walnut Creek next year, just minutes away.

May 17, 2008 – Muir Marksmanship Camp. Based on the success of including Cub Scouts in archery in 2007, we plan to add BB rifles for 2008! Both of these are great recruiting opportunities for Troops, so be sure to invite Webelos to these camps with your Troop.

September 12-13, 2008 – Muir Shooting Sports Merit Badge Camp. Get it on your schedule now - it's sure to fill up early next year!!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

If you don't have a unit Scouting For Food coordinator, you still have time, but you need to hurry! If you have new parents looking for a one time commitment, we have the job for them! Scouting for Food will take place November 10-17. The actual food collection is November 17th. This is one event that **all units are expected to participate in**. Information and maps for your unit were available at the October Roundtable. The information packets can be found in your unit mailbox at the council office. As you may have noticed in the September Smoke Signals, this year's Scouting for Food will be a little different this year. The Scouting for Food bags have been done away with and have been replaced by door hangers. The door hangers ask families to place food in view of the street. This should help reduce the impact on the environment and is our small way to help fight global warming. Muir District has three collection sites that will be manned from 9 am to 3 pm.

Contra Costa Food Bank-4010 Nelson Ave
Oakgrove LDS Church-2930 Treat Blvd.
Farm Bureau Hall-5554 Clayton Rd.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Smith or Dwain Bird.

100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Calling all Scouts to a once in a lifetime chance to be a part of BSA history in the making, by participating in the BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration National Logo Contest! In honor on BSA's 100th anniversary, the National Council has launched a contest to inspire the very best design for the anniversary celebration logo. Every registered Scout is eligible to participate. The winning design will become the official symbol for this very important BSA milestone. So encourage your Scouts to rev up their creative juices and submit their design ideas! Deadline for entries is November 30, 2007.

Shooting Sports a Huge Success!

Scout participants, Scout staff, counselors and certified instructors all worked as a team to achieve unprecedented success with 58 out of 59 Scouts earning their respective shooting sports merit badges this year! There were participants from five districts in attendance. Camp was totally full this year filled with a weekend of safety instruction, merit badge counseling and most of all, loads of time to qualify at the range. Every Scout had quality time with the range instructors to help them learn shooting techniques to qualify on the range for their sport. And everyone was kept full of energy by our quartermaster staff. A big thank you to absolutely everyone at camp and on staff!! We look forward to seeing you next year.



Napa Valley Newsletter

Chairman	Jim Jones	(707) 252-8644	Membership	Stewart Walkenhorst	(707) 261-4088
Commissioner	Dave Kernohan	(707) 258-2914	Program & Activities	Larry Wallace	(707) 255-0271
District Executive	James Rhodes-Dreyer	(925) 674-6171	Smoke Signals	Larry Wallace	(707) 255-0271
Advancement	Jeff Johnson	(707) 944-8445	Training	Carl Shellhorn	(707) 226-8191
Camping	Mike Solario	(707) 255-5182	Cub Scout Roundtable	Dave Shubin	(707) 224-8250
Day Camp Director	Shawna Lipsey	(707) 258-8193	Boy Scout Roundtable	Tim Allen	(707) 257-3841
Day Camp Program	Cathy Banister	(707) 252-8741	Venturing Roundtable	Open	
Finance	Open		OA Advisor	Paul Van Brocklyn	(707) 299-0298

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Napa, Yountville, St. Helena & Calistoga

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 7 Scouters Forum for the Future
7:00 pm LDS Stake Center at
the corner of Trower and Dry
Creek Road
- 10 Harvest in the Vineyards Boy
Scout Auction at the Meritage
in Napa at 5:00 pm
- 10 SCOUTING FOR FOOD
see details in the story on this
page
- 14 District Committee Mtg. at
Jim Jones' office in Napa at
5:30 pm
- 15 Cub, Scout and Venture
Leader Roundtable. LDS
Stake Center in Napa at 7:30
pm.
- 17 SCOUTING FOR FOOD
see details in the story on this
page

DECEMBER

- 12 District Committee Mtg. at
Jim Jones' office in Napa at
5:30 pm
- 13 Cub, Scout and Venture
Leader Roundtable at LDS
Stake Center in Napa at
7:30 pm.

CUB, SCOUT, & VENTURE LEADER ROUNDTABLE

Adult Leader Roundtable will be held at the LDS Stake Center on the corner of Dry Creek Road and Trower in Napa. It will be held on Thursday, November 15th, from 7:30 to 9:00pm.

Roundtable Joint Session: 7:30 p.m.

Dave Kernohan, District Commissioner, and James Rhodes Dreyer, DE, will discuss upcoming training, events, and activities.

On the Cub Side: 8:00 p.m.

Dave Shubin, Cub Roundtable Commissioner, will present the December theme "Celebrations Around the World." The Webelos Activity Badges are Craftsman & Scientist.

On the Scout Side: 8:00 p.m.

Tim Allen, Scout Roundtable Commissioner, and Staff will present the theme for October: Charters and Christmas Tree Drive will be the program presented by Troop 86. Troop 51 will have the Outing and Troop 18 will be the chef. Troop 24 will have the Scoutmasters' Minute.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING SLATED

Jim Jones, District Chair, announced that the Napa Valley District Committee meeting is slated for October 17 at his office on First Street in Napa. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm. All Chartered Representatives are invited to attend this meeting.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Paul Bartelt, Scouting for Food Chair, announced that the Scouting for Food donated food will be turned into the Napa Valley Food Bank on California Blvd. in Napa. St. Helena and Calistoga will turn their food collected in at the same locations as in past years. This change from the parking lot in front of the old Napa High School building to the Food Bank location will better serve the units and scouts collecting the food.

New maps for the distribution of door hangers and pick-up of the food will be mailed to each Cub Pack and Scout Troop in the district. Units distributing the door

hangers will mark the maps indicating the streets they have covered. The maps will be given to the units picking up the food on Saturday, November 17.

REMEMBER: Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts must be in full uniform when distributing flyers and picking up food. This way people will know who is distributing the door hangers and picking up the food. The public wants to make sure that the Scouts are picking up the food and not someone stealing the food.

SCOUTERS FORUM FOR THE FUTURE

Jim Jones, District Chairman, and Dave Kernohan, District Commissioner, are concerned about a quality Scouting program being delivered to the youth of Napa Valley. They are inviting every adult Scouter to a "Scouters Forum" meeting on Wednesday, November 7 at the LDS Stake Center in Napa beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The future of Scouting is up to us. We need everyone's input and constructive suggestions about Commissioner Staff, program, roundtables, membership, and finance.

The Napa Valley District received the Quality District Award in 2006 and through the continuing hard work of all of its volunteers it is well on its way to earning it again for 2007. If we wish to continue with this high level of success we need all of your help!



Silver Gate Newsletter



Chairman	Ken Lambert	(707) 552-3485	Membership	Paul Roberts	(707) 557-2215
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Dist. Executive	Position Available	(925) 674-6171	Smoke Signals	Nancy McCoy	cspack118@yahoo.com
Training	Claude Smith	(707) 552-1196	Popcorn Chair, FOS	Eric Freeman	(415) 317-5625
Activities	Merrell Beckham	(707) 554-0359	Cub Scout Training	Karen Coleman	Silver Gate_popcorn@yahoo.com
Advancement	Diane Freeman	(707) 863-0385	Merit Badge Dean	Position Available	(707) 557-6763
Day Camp	Charles Skelton	(707) 645-0231	Venturing	Orrin Shackelford	Kcoleman945@comcast.net
OA	Matt Speir		CS Roundtable	Michele Speir	(925) 825-4053
OA Chief			BS Roundtable	Chuck Speir	(707) 645-0231

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 1 Roundtable/Rechartering Workshop 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 10 Scouting for Food bag distribution
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 15 Youth Protection Training (Live)
- 17 Scouting for Food bag collection
- 17 Veteran's Day Flags

DECEMBER

- 6 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 6 Winter Holiday Party
- 13 Commissioners Meeting UMC

UMC is the First United Methodist Church and is located at the corner of Sonoma Blvd. and Virginia St. in Vallejo.

ROUNDTABLE NEWS

Cub Scouts: "**Celebrations Around the World**" is the theme for December! We always introduce our leaders to the next month's theme so come get ideas for your December Den and Pack meetings. We will sing, play games, do a few activities, and discuss where to go on field trips. Take your Scouts on a trip around the world! Show them maps and globes and display symbols of holidays from around the world. Take them to a museum, invite a speaker to talk about their culture, and listen to other cultures' music and learn about their instruments. Do you know how to earn the Heritage Belt Loop? **Cub Leaders**-we will discuss Den Ceremonies; **Webelos Leaders**-take a look at the Craftsman and Scientist Badges plus joint troop activities; and **Cubmasters and Committee people**-let's cover advancement ceremonies.

I know it's early but it is time to start planning out your Blue and Golds!

BOY SCOUTS: KNOTS, KNOTS, KNOTS, AND MORE KNOTS!

Join us in a session on the ins and outs of ropes, knots, lashings, and more. Challenge the others on special knots! Bring your favorite ropes, knot examples, tips and resources to share with our group of Boy Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, and Varsity Scout leaders, adults, and parents.

TRAINING

Youth Protection Training is highly recommended for all leaders and adults in direct contact with youth. It is a comprehensive training course on the do's and don'ts of working with youth. At all times, the youths' safety is the number one priority. As a leader, you also need to know the rules for keeping yourself safe too! This training is available online at www.bsa-mdsc.org and takes about 30 minutes. In the Silver Gate District we are offering it on November 15th, 7-8:30pm at the United Methodist Church. We also would like to welcome our new training chair, Dave Eubanks.

SCOUT-O-RAMA

Many thanks to all the units who participated in the recent Scout-O-Rama in American Canyon. James Murphy did a great job of organizing it. Thank you!

CAMPOREE

The 2008 Camporee is already being planned. The theme is World Jamboree. If you are interested in being on staff, contact Claude Smith at cubmaster_pack12@sbcglobal.net, 552-1196, or come to the planning meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the UMC.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Nov 10 and 17th will be this year Scouting for Food Dates. Instead of plastic bags, we will be putting out door hangers asking for food donations for the local food bank. Let's see if we can collect more food than last year. Fliers will be handed out at the November Roundtable so be sure to come. Dave may be contacted at (707) 494-8687 BEFORE 9 p.m.




VETERAN'S DAY FLAGS

Silver Gate Scouters – Join us once again in assisting the local VFW Post 1123 in remembering our Veterans, this Veterans Day, by

helping to place American flags on their graves at Sunrise Cemetery. We will be doing this annual service project on Saturday, November 10th. Please meet at 8:15am at Sunrise (Valle Vista Ave. and Sacramento St.) in Class A Uniforms and bring a large screwdriver. All Scouts are welcome! With all your help we should be done within two hours. (This also counts towards service hours.) Any questions-contact Chuck Speir at 645-0231.

RACE DAY

It's not too soon to start planning your car for the Silver Gate 500 – the District Pinewood Derby. It will be held in the VFW Hall in Benicia on February 2nd with clinics being held in Jan.



Ut-In Sélica Lodge

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

9-11 18	Herms Work Party and Vigil Weekend and Chiefs' Council Section COC
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CONTACT

If you have any questions, you can contact anyone at the top of this page or send an email to the Lodge's general account: utinselica@gmail.com. To see the Lodge newsletter or website, go to: bsa-mdsc.org/OA.php.

MEMBERSHIP

At the last Ordeal at Camp Wolfeboro, we inducted 27 new candidates, and 5 Arrowmen into brotherhood. This brings our final count to 503 Arrowmen, with 117 members inducted this year.

**HERMS WORK WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 9TH TO THE
11TH**

This weekend is a combination of many different events: a work party for Herms, Vigil weekend, a special Ordeal, and a brotherhood opportunity. More information can be found in the Lodge Newsletter, 'Ut's In'. Or, by emailing the general Lodge email.

SECTION NEWS

The Ut-In Sélica Lodge is a part of section W-3A, with 7 other Lodges. The section puts on a sort of Camporee for all 8 Lodges.

At the last section meeting the dates, place and theme were picked for the event. It will be on April 25-27, 2008 on Coast Guard Island in Alameda, and the theme is 'member retention.'

At the next meeting our Lodge officers and all other Lodge officers will be choosing a slogan, and a patch design. If you or some of the Arrowmen in your unit have ideas for the slogan or patch you can email them to the general Lodge email.

ARROWCORPS 5

In the summer of 2008, the OA is putting on the largest conservation project in BSA history. For 5 weeks, at 5 sites with 5 thousand Arrowmen. This once in a lifetime experience is open to both youth and adult Arrowmen. The cost is only \$250, which is about the same price as a summer camp, but is unlike any camp that you could ever attend. If you are interested in Arrowcorps5 you can go to the website: <http://event.oa-bsa.org> or email the Lodge email. There is a \$100 deposit due to the council by January 1, and the balance is due in March. For more information or to sign up, look in the Lodge newsletter or on the Lodge website.

HIGH ADVENTURE

Almost all people in Scouts know about the 3 National High Adventure bases. The OA not only promotes camping and High Adventure, but the OA has its own high adventure programs.

Each base has its own program, Philmont- Trail Crew, Northern Tier- Wilderness Voyage, and Sea Base- Ocean Adventure. Each one of these adventures have crews of 8 Arrowmen from all over the country, and you spend 2 weeks doing conservation work and planning and carrying out your own treks. If you know Arrowmen who might be interested in these three programs there is more information in the lodge newsletter and on <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

BROTHERHOOD

After a Scout does his ordeal, the next step is to get their brotherhood. Brotherhood is the way an Arrowmen seals their membership in our order. Also, for quality lodge we must get a certain brotherhood conversion rate. As it stands right now, we need 27 people to get their brotherhood. The Herms weekend is a great time to get your brotherhood. All eligible members will be called with the time and details on the ceremony.





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CALENDAR

JANUARY 2008

9 VYLC Meeting Pleasant Hill
Council Office 7:00

FEBRUARY 2008

9 VLST and VLSC Training
Courses at Camp Herms

CONTACT

If you have any questions you can contact anyone at the top of this page or send an email to the VYLC through devnjane@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP

All elected youth officers in the council have all rights, privileges and are standing members on the VYLC (Venture Youth Leadership Council). All advisors and committee chairs are also invited to attend.

MEETINGS

The VYLC meets the first Wednesday of every odd month. The next meeting is on January 9, 2008 (2nd Wednesday of the month). The meeting after that is on March 5, 2008.

TRAINING

February 9, 2008 at Camp Herms in El Cerrito, CA from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the council Venturing training team will be holding 2 trainings: Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC- youth training) and Venturing Leadership Specific Training (VLST- Adults). These two trainings are open to all Venture youth and leaders as well as those youth and adults looking to start Venture crews. The VLSC will cover leadership styles as well as the crew

officers briefing, crew officer's seminar, and how to elect crew officers. The VLST is the adult training that is required for all Venturing leaders and will also cover the Ranger Award, Quest Award, Trust Award, and Silver Award. If you have any questions please contact Jane Harris or Marion Rice.

ROUNDTABLE

Does your district have a Venture Roundtable? If not we are looking for Venturing Scouts who are interested in starting District Roundtables. At these Roundtables, you can put on venturing supplemental trainings, activities and games, and have consultants come to teach skills; outdoor, arts and hobbies, sports, religious, sea scouts, etc. If you are interested in learning more about what you can do to start a venture roundtable, please contact Jane Harris or attend January's VYLC meeting.

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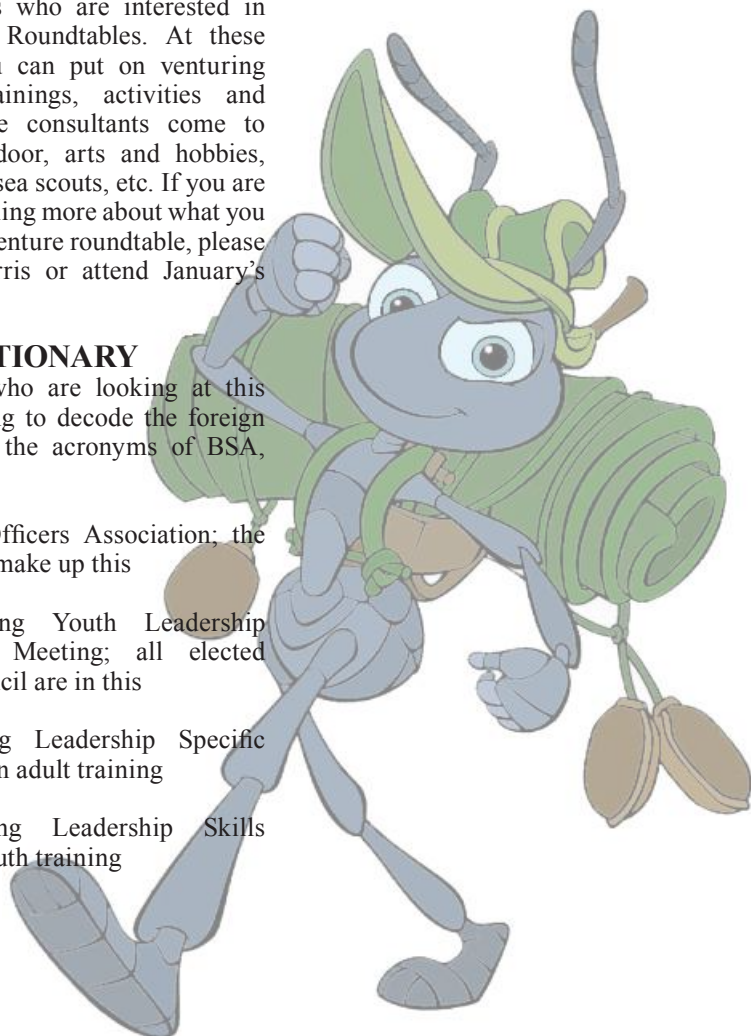
For all of you who are looking at this page funny, trying to decode the foreign language that is the acronyms of BSA, here is some help:

VOA: Venture Officers Association; the Council Officers make up this

VYLC: Venturing Youth Leadership Council-Council Meeting; all elected youth in the Council are in this

VLST: Venturing Leadership Specific Training, this is an adult training

VLSC: Venturing Leadership Skills Course; this is youth training





NEW EAGLES



Kenneth Owen Hendricks	Crew 0028
Mark Wallen Cadwallader	Crew 0028
Michael Tyler Zylberman	Crew 0225
Robert Elmer Weimer, Jr.	Troop 0012
Andrew James McAfee	Troop 0024
Austin Robert Chang	Troop 0076
Michael William Lauffer	Troop 0084
Gilberto Villa Maciel	Troop 0089
Christopher Michael Wright	Troop 0113
Matthew Scott Willis	Troop 0151
Damian James Lance	Troop 0240
Scott Simpson Gaylord	Troop 0243
Matthew Cole Sayles	Troop 0246
Thomas Julius Barni	Troop 0246
Nicholas Larry Hooks	Troop 0303
Lucas Joseph Pearce	Troop 0366
Christopher Gilbert Bump	Troop 0366
James Lowell Albertson	Troop 0405

Scott James Lane	Troop 0450
Gregory Stephen Taylor	Troop 0815
Zahin Muhammad Ali	Troop 0834
Tyler James Rhodes	Troop 1630
Ryan Richard Rhodes	Troop 1630
Utkarsh Vasa	Troop 1630
Kevin Anthony Paul	Troop 1630
Miles William Thomas	Troop 1630
Andrew Michael Kahn	Troop 1811
Keith Allan Todd	Troop 7042
Kevin Monroe Todd	Troop 7042
Brendan Omar Melton	Troop 7044
Andrew Michael Turner Nowak	Troop 7045
Cody Jerome Hilton	Troop 7077
Troy Shadrick Patton	Troop 7077
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