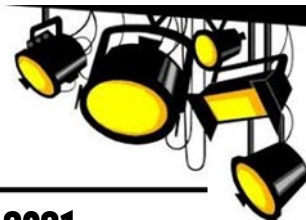


TV Spotlight



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This month we'd like to highlight our new District Key Three. To quote the BSA literature: The district Key 3 consists of the district chair, district commissioner, and district executive. They meet as often as necessary to ensure proper coordination of the work of the district (probably twice a month for about an hour). The district's purpose is to support units to ensure that our youth members get the best possible Scouting experience in the safest possible environment. The best way to ensure this is to make sure that all units show continuous improvement in Journey to Excellence

District Executive: Michael Souza



Michael is a native of Fremont and earned the rank of Eagle with Troop 154 in 2011. He is a graduate of California State University, East Bay and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Professional, Public, and Organizational Communication. Michael served as a summer camp staffer and area director at Camp Royaneh from 2010 to 2016. In his free time, Michael enjoys rock climbing and watching movies.

District Chair: Keith Lam



In Pack 943, Keith has been Den Leader for over 6 years, Pack Treasurer for 2 years, and Pack Chair for 3 years. In those years, the pack has grown from about 40 scouts to over 100 scouts, and over 80% of AOLs bridge to BSA Scouts each year. In Troop 941, Keith is an ASM and Merit Badge counselor and loves teaching, mentoring scouts, and watching them grow. He is also a Wood Badge graduate...Go Owls and enjoy the bridge we built at Rancho Los Mochos.

"I believe we need to get out the word to every child and parent that they have a place in Scouts BSA. They will learn how to be a great leader, be empathetic, love the outdoors, and be a great overall person and citizen."

District Commissioner: Jim Kohnke



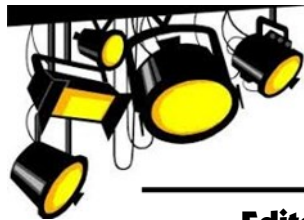
Jim started serving as a Tiger Den leader for his son and eventually became Cubmaster of Pack 948. Later he served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 941 and was one of the founding leaders of Venture Crew 357.

Jim began serving the Twin Valley as a District Member at Large, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Unit Commissioner and serves on the training staff for IOLS/Blue Oak.

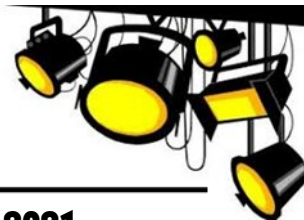
While engaged in these activities, he also was range safety officer and firearms instructor for both boy and girl scout camp activities and a member of the San Ramon Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Professionally, Jim has served in a wide variety of operations finance and consulting rolls for small to mid-size private companies to Fortune 500 companies.

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Upcoming Events

Roundtable: Dec 9, 7pm

This will be a virtual meeting and will be our annual introduction of troops to Webelos scouts. Troops will have a couple of minutes to tell about their troop, and can use 1 or two powerpoint slides, which can be sent to Peter Zischka at zischkap@hotmail.com.

After the presentations, we will have breakout rooms for each troop so that the WEBELOS can visit and ask questions.

Both WEBELOS 1 and 2 are invited to attend

To join the Zoom Roundable:

Meeting ID: 894 7911 0930

Passcode: 679750



This year's Twin Valley Scouting for Food was a big success. Thank you to all the units that participated. And special thanks to Shannon Durbala for heading up this effort.

Where to go for more information?



For Twin Valley district, see www.twinvalleyscouting.org

For Golden Gate Area Council, see www.ggacbsa.org

For Boy Scouts of America, see www.scouting.org

Activity Ideas from fellow Scouters

"A couple weeks ago, I took my Tiger Den to the Harrington Art Gallery at the Firehouse Art Center in Pleasanton. They had a guided tour of the current exhibit. It clearly had an impact on the kids.

I thought I'd share it because one of the things that I absolutely love about Scouting is that it's cross-disciplined. My kids are exposed to so many new activities, ideas, and adventures that they wouldn't otherwise experience. Sometimes it's a ropes course that my older daughter attended last week with Troop 998G, sometimes it's an art show at a local gallery."



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