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Twin Valley Roundtable

October 12, 2023

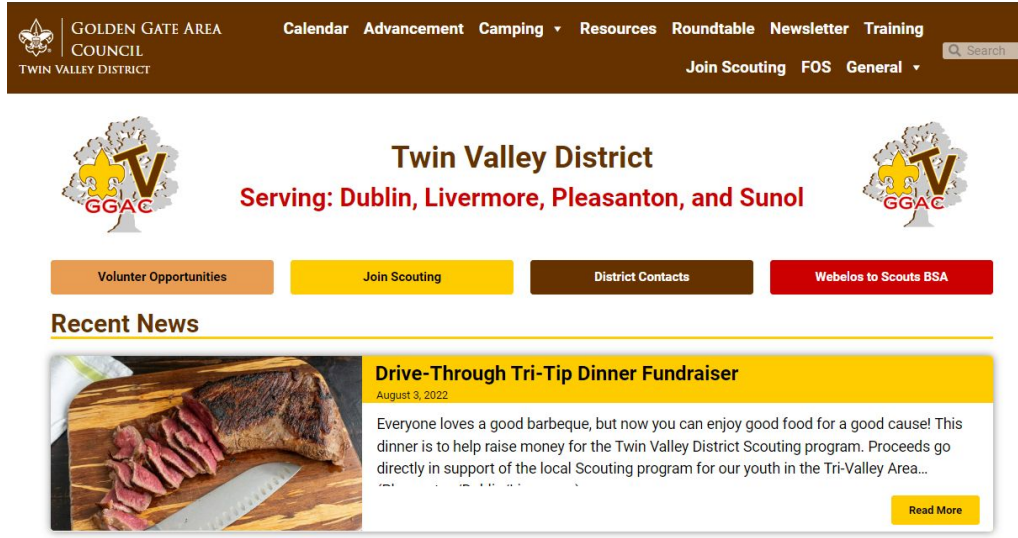


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Welcome to Roundtable

Tonight's slides are available online at:



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Golden Gate Area Council, Twin Valley District. The header includes the council logo and navigation links for Calendar, Advancement, Camping, Resources, Roundtable, Newsletter, and Training. Below the header is a navigation bar with buttons for Volunter Opportunities, Join Scouting, District Contacts, and Webelos to Scouts BSA. The main content area features the Twin Valley District logo and the text "Serving: Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol". A "Recent News" section highlights a "Drive-Through Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser" held on August 3, 2022, with a "Read More" button.

GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL
TWIN VALLEY DISTRICT

Calendar Advancement Camping Resources Roundtable Newsletter Training

Join Scouting FOS General

Twin Valley District
Serving: Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol

Volunter Opportunities Join Scouting District Contacts Webelos to Scouts BSA

Recent News

Drive-Through Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser
August 3, 2022

Everyone loves a good barbeque, but now you can enjoy good food for a good cause! This dinner is to help raise money for the Twin Valley District Scouting program. Proceeds go directly in support of the local Scouting program for our youth in the Tri-Valley Area...

Read More

<https://twinvalley.ggacbsa.org/>

Rather Important Stuff

VITAL NEWS

The Scouter Share

There are so many wonderful moments in our scout life - let's share them!

Highlight your unit's great moments or great scouts to be shared across the Twin Valley District's newsletter, website and social media handles.



All you need:

- Name, Email, City, Unit
- A sentence or two about the moment/scout
- One photo approved to be used

A screenshot of a Google Form titled "The Scouter Share". The form includes a header image of a river, a title, a submission instruction, a user profile section, and several text input fields for Name, Unit, City, and a story/background. It also features an "Add file" button for attaching images or videos, a "Submit" button, and a "Clear form" link. At the bottom, it includes a Google Forms logo and a note about the form's creation location.

The Scouter Share

Submit image and story approved to share across Scout of America social media channels and in the Twin Valley District newsletter.

rene.saroukhanoff@gmail.com [Switch account](#)

The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Your email is not part of your response.

* Required

Name *

Your answer

Unit *

Your answer

City *

Your answer

Share your story or background on the image. *

Your answer

Attach approved image or video clip. *

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Never submit passwords through Google Forms.

This form was created inside of Boy Scout Troop 941, Pleasanton, California. [Open in app](#)

Google Forms

Annual Recharter

- Annual recharter process opened as of Monday, October 2nd
- The process is completely online and available at [Internet Advancement](#)
- [GGAC's YPT policy is stricter](#) than the National BSA policy
- YPT and AB506 certification must be valid through the entire calendar year 2024 at time of recharter
- The new AB506 training can be accessed from the [California Scouting website](#)
- YPT & AB506 status for all registered members is always available on [Dropbox](#).

2023 Scouting's Journey to Excellence



Cubscouts



Scouts BSA

Internet Advancement Calendar



The calendar in Internet Advancement has all the features you are familiar with in Scoutbook as well as some added features, such as support for recurring meetings. We have also programmed it so that it will be easier to add features and integrate the calendar with activity logs.

The Internet Advancement Calendar shares the same back end database with Scoutbook Calendar, so events scheduled using one will be visible and editable in the other.

There are improvements in the IA calendar as well! They include a new integration of activities & events and support for recurring events.

Scoutbook calendar will be retired by November 2nd to give users a chance to familiarize themselves with Internet Advancement Calendar and its new features.

Really Fun Stuff

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL EAGLE'S NEST

BY: GGAC NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION



This group is open to anyone who earned the prestigious Eagle Scout rank and lives, works, or is registered within the boundaries of the GGAC or one of its legacy councils. Best of all, membership is completely free.

Our Next Gathering:

Hazy Barbecue | Danville, Calif.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

4:30 – 7:00 pm



Our Next Gathering:

Altamont Beer Works | Livermore, Calif.

Thursday, November 2, 2023

5:30 – 8:00 pm



Jamboree on the Air

Jamboree on the Internet

JOTA / JOTI at Pacificon 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club and Golden Gate Area Council, BSA – International Committee are presenting

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) 2023 and

Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) 2023 at [Pacificon 2023](#)

Come any time from 9:00am – 4:00pm on October 21, 2023





Tiger Cub Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Tigers Rule! Others Drool!

- 10:00am-1:00pm
 - Tiger Cubs and their Adult Partners can explore the wonderful fruits of Joan's Farm in Livermore.
- For just \$20....
 - your Tiger Cub receives a pumpkin, petting zoo feed, two activity tickets, and yes...our "World-Famous" patch.



And don't forget your camera !!!

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Alden Lane Scarecrow Contest

Alden Lane comes alive in October with colorful and artistic scarecrows posing around the nursery. This scarecrow building contest is for anyone who has an imagination and loves to have fun! You can enter as a group or individually



More Info



Patch Order Form



Voice of Democracy Essay Contest

2023-2024 Theme

“What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?”

Student Entry Deadline: **October 31, 2023**

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: **\$35,000 Award**

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 80,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme.





Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

2022-2023 Theme

“How are you inspired by America”

Student Entry Deadline: **October 31, 2023**

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: **\$5,000 Award**

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 84,000 students who participated last year in this contest.



Poker Tournament

Save the Date!

Andrew, what's the date?

Alameda Elks Lodge



Save the Date

for our

**44th Annual Harvest
in the Vineyards Gift
and Wine Benefit Auction**



Saturday, November 4, 2023
Embassy Suites by Hilton Napa Valley

Reception begins at 5:00 pm

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2023

**TRI-VALLEY
VETERANS DAY PARADE!!!**

1 PM-MAIN STREET PLEASANTON

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

2:00 PM -301 MAIN STEET

★ ★ ★ HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Parade entry forms are due by:

Friday, October 27 - NO ENTRY FEE

Parade day check-in is Sunday, November 5th
from 10am-12pm at 301 Main Street in
Pleasanton. Step-off is at 1pm.

register online:



Improvement Stuff

TRAINING

Training



- 450 online classes @ <https://training.scouting.org/catalog>
- Training questions contact: training@twinvalleyscouting.com

Celebration Staff

RECOGNITION

NESA Outstanding Eagle Award

Now Accepting Nominations



Overview

Are you acquainted with an exceptional Eagle Scout within your unit or local community? Someone who embodies the daily virtues that define an Eagle Scout? If such an individual comes to mind, the Golden Gate Area Council's National Eagle Scout Association Committee invites you to submit a NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award nomination.

Who Can Earn This Award?

Eagle Scouts in good standing with BSA and registered with or have primary residence in nominating council

Upcoming in the next 60 Days*

- Sep 15: Cub Scout Day
- Sep 15: Sporting Clays for Scouting
- Sep 15-17: Woodbadge Weekend 1
- Sep 16: Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badges Day
- Sep 23-24: IOLS Part 2
- Sep 23-24: HAT BSA Wilderness First Aid plus CPR/AED
- Sep 23-24: BALOO Training
- Sep 29: AdvanceCamp
- Sep 30-Oct 1: Webeloree 1
- Sep 30-Oct 1: IOLS (Chief Solano)
- Sep 30-Oct 1: BALOO (Chief Solano)
- Oct 7-8: HAT BSA Wilderness First Aid plus CPR/AED
- Oct 12: TV Roundtable
- Oct 14-15: Cub Camping Connection
- Oct 14-15: Woodbadge Weekend 2
- Oct 14-15: HAT Leave no Trace Trainer Class
- Oct 21-22: Cub Camping Connection
- Oct 21: Fall Poker Tournament
- Oct 22: Tiger Cub Pumpkin Patch
- Oct 27-29: Webeloes Weekend (RLM)
- Nov 4: Scouting for Food Door Hangers
- Nov 4-5: Outdoor Leader Skills Training
- Nov 4: Harvest in the Vineyards
- Nov 5: Rifle Merit Badge
- Nov 9: TV Roundtable

*Visit the [Twin Valley GGAC website calendar](#) for details plus additional trainings & meetings.

T-Shirt Club

Be in the room where
it happens

change into a t-shirt
and see you there!



Virtual Land Grab



Headache Stuff

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

Scouts BSA Breakout



Recharter

2024 will bring a new charter renewal process. This process involves scout leaders and parents as never before. Changes to the individual registration process began August 1, 2023. There are no changes to the unit charter renewal process until March 2024. Beginning March 2024 Membership renewal will no longer be tied to the unit charter process

Lets answer a few questions about recharter:

WHAT IS A RECHARTER?

Most Scouting units “belong” to a local organization like a school, religious institution or service club. The objectives, mission and methodologies of a chartered organization are compatible with those of the BSA. It agrees to use the Scouting program to further its mission to serve young people. The unit and local organization form together to officially charter a unit with the BSA. All units currently registered with the BSA need to complete this re-registration process on a yearly basis - this is a recharter.

HOW DOES A UNIT RECHARTER?

A unit should work closely with their unit commissioner and district executive to complete the online process through their council by:

- Preparing early with membership and youth protection training inventories
- Collecting membership fees
- Selecting a unit recharter champion to guide the unit along
- Reviewing all available online resources
- Allowing sufficient time for council to process the charter renewal

UNIT RENEWAL

- Units rechartering in 2023 have no changes. They will renew charter and membership as always. Existing members will renew their membership during charter renewal until March of 2024
- Beginning March 2023 units will renew their charters separately from their membership
- The online system will validate the unit leadership and verify the unit has the minimum required youth and adults. The Unit COR and council will approve the leadership, the unit will approve the charter and will submit the annual charter renewal fee of \$100

- Units with February 2024 expiration must have the charter renewed by the end of March. The charter will automatically lapse at the end of March. The unit and members will still have a February expiration date.
- Units with March to December 2024 expiration will renew charters and memberships under the new system,

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Renewal changes beginning August 1, 2023

- All new youth and adults members will join for a 12-month membership cycle. Both youth and adults will pay the fall annual membership fee to join Scouting and will renew their membership on the anniversary month of joining
- Each member, youth or adult, will renew their membership on their anniversary month. Many will have an anniversary that is the month their unit renewed last, and any new members will renew 12 months after they joined. Proration has been eliminated.
- Units will have access to reporting in My. Scouting for members due to renew, members renewed, and members dropped)opt-out)
- Until WILL BE able to choose to pay renewals for all members, this option will black the online payment by the parent.

- Membership renewals will be completed either by credit card with a 12 month renewal payment from the individual, by a scout unit that has elected “Unit will pay all our members renewals “option, or by a manual payment at the council office.
- Units and members will begin receiving notification via email 60 days prior to the membership renewal month, my.scouting.org emails will be used for notifications
- All registered adults must take Youth Protection Training (YPT) every year. If a volunteer’s YPT is not current charter renewal the volunteer cannot be renewed.

For more information on the charter renewal process:

RecharterWebpage<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/internet-rechartering>

InternetRecharter2.0App-<https://advancements.scouting.org>

Recruitment, Retention & Membership

The sounds of Scouting activities ring through the air in every season of the year. Laughter, leadership, learning, and growing all mark the path of young people across America as they develop into those who will change the future. The common theme is not the mountains or the woods, not the campfires or the competitions - it's the smiles and personalities themselves, those joyous moments of challenge, breakthrough and success, and it all starts with the amazing word - YES!

This is the word that rings in the hearts of both youth and adults across the nation as the flyers come home from school, or the friend invites a buddy to join a group get together at a Scout meeting. The vision and mission of the BSA is to prepare all youth "to make ethical and moral choices.... by instilling in them the Scout Oath and Law". ALL YOUTH! As Scouts and Scouters it is our responsibility to share this amazing program with everyone we know, giving them the opportunity to say YES to a great adventure!

Now is an amazing time to get everyone involved in sharing the adventure of Scouting! Here are some great ideas to get you started!

- Have a presence at school open house nights, meet the teacher nights, PTA meetings, church or community events. Offer to pick up trash, direct traffic, or any other service that might be of value to an organization.
- Business cards with Pack or Troop information are easy to hand out while folks are in line at events or for students to hang out to their friends. Include a QR code with a link to your units website or your Be a Scout Pin!
- Use incentives - Scouts who bring a friend could be entered into a drawing for cool stuff, or they could both receive a patch!
- Host a “Normal Friend Activity” A NFA is an event that you unit host as an opportunity to build relationship with both youth and adults. These events should be focused on fun and not on any of the traditional Scouting activities. It's a safe place for youth to invite their friends to check out the group without worrying about uniform and ceremonies. This gives an opportunity for a youth to make new friends and for adults to connect together without the pressure of an “ask” to join. What a great way to build relationship!
- ASK! according to the membership and marketing team, a survey of parents who never enrolled their children in Scouting revealed that most has either only been asked once or NEVER AT ALL. We can change that ! Just ask!

Discuss addition ideas that units have, and membership and recruiting ideas they have done in their own units. Check out the BSA Membership and marketing Hub for more information.

<https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/>

SERVICE AND GRATITUDE

Participating in service projects is one way that Scouts keep their promise “to help other people at all times” As we approach the holiday season, it is important to take time to consider all the good in our lives. Being of service is a great way to act on those feelings of gratitude. Scouts and their units can give back in many ways: service to the chartered organization, to the community, or to the world. Time spent on service projects should be enjoyable, age appropriate and relevant to help ensure a meaningful experience.

SOME WAY TO GIVE BACK TO THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION:

- Conduct a clean-up project around the grounds, including litter pick-up and landscaping maintenance
- Help with set-up or break-down for a special service or event
- Offer to serve refreshments or hand out bulletins at a service if your chartered organization is a place of worship
- Ask if any members of the chartered organization need help with tasks like raking leaves or other yard maintenance

SOME WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY”

- Perform a flag ceremony for a school event
- Collect food or supplies for a foodbank
- Make a deliver greeting cards for military personnel or nursing home patients
- volunteers for recovery efforts after storms or other disasters

SOME WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO OUR WORLD:

- Participate in beautification projects for parks or other public spaces
- Perform maintenance projects for your favorite campgrounds
- Hold a recyclable drive for paper, glass, aluminum, or plastic items
- Make animal habitats for a nature preserve

As with all Scouting events, always ask for permission before you begin . A brief discussion with the beneficiary can help ensure the intended project is necessary and safe.. Safety is essential in planning and executing service projects. A variety of resources are available to help ensure service project safety

Cub Scout Breakout



Akela's Council

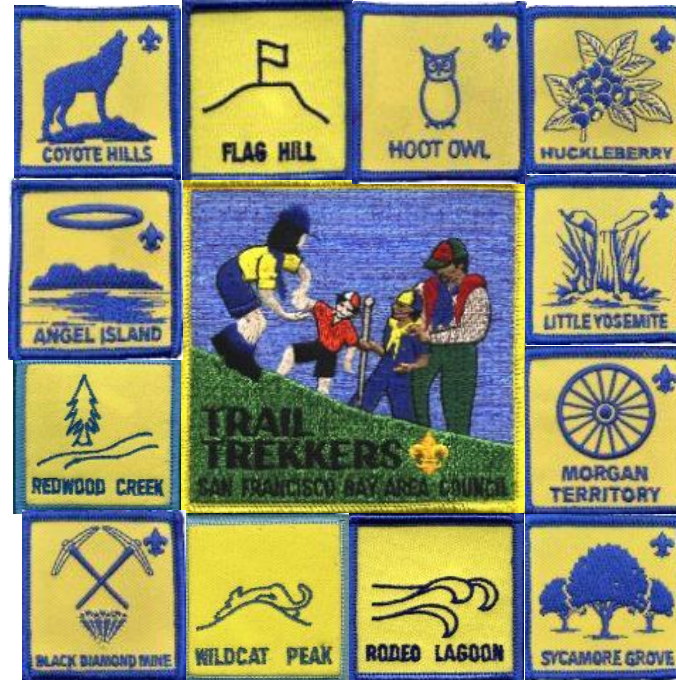
to the tune of "Clementine"



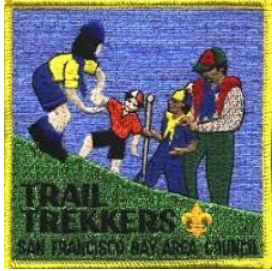
When Akela holds his council,
And the campfire's all aglow,
We will form a friendship circle
As we sing so sweet and low.
Oh Akela, brave Akela,
True and fair Cub Scouts we'll be.
To our Promise and the Pack Law,
We will pledge our loyalty.



Trail Trekker Recommendation



Rene's Pick



<https://ggacbsa.org/hiking-programs/>

Angel Island Trail Trekker



Rene's Review

Great Views - of the Bay!

History - guided tours can be arranged

Cubs Will Love - the ferry ride



Hike Details

Location: Ferry from San Francisco

Starting point: Visitor Center

Distance: 5 miles

Time: Allow about 2 hours

Grade: Easy to moderate

Suggested age: Tigers - Webelos

Suggested Season: Spring and Summer

Fees: Travel to SF plus ferry costs per

This is a good summer activity to help earn the Summertime Pack Award



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Cub Scout Camping Changes



Effective Sept. 1, 2023, Cub Scout packs who are conducting their own overnight camping activities **may now camp up to two consecutive nights**.

This is a change from the earlier policy on **pack unit-coordinated camping**, which was previously limited to single overnight experiences.

The updated policy **also applies to Webelos and Arrow of Light dens**, who can now conduct campouts for up to two consecutive nights.

REQUIRED: at least **one registered adult leader trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)** who oversees the planning and is in attendance for the pack campout.








2023 Annual Membership Fees

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST
1
2023

FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

NATIONAL \$80/YR COUNCIL \$68/YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20. 
NATIONAL \$50/YR	 For all Exploring youth and adults.
NATIONAL \$60/YR COUNCIL \$44/YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position). 
NATIONAL \$30/YR	Scoutreach participants in kindergarten through age 20. 
NATIONAL \$25/YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers.  <small>Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend oversight Scouting activities/events.</small>

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT CHARTER FEE

\$100/YR

For all new and rechartering units.

SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE

\$15/YR



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Highlights

- New scouts pay a one-time registration fee of \$25
- National and Council fees are paid for 12 months - no more proration
- Families and Units will be notified about National and Council fees
- Units *can* choose to pay for scouts, or let families pay
- Units can still collect unit dues



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Closing

May the great
Master of all Scouts
be with us till we
meet again



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