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Twin Valley Roundtable

January 11, 2024

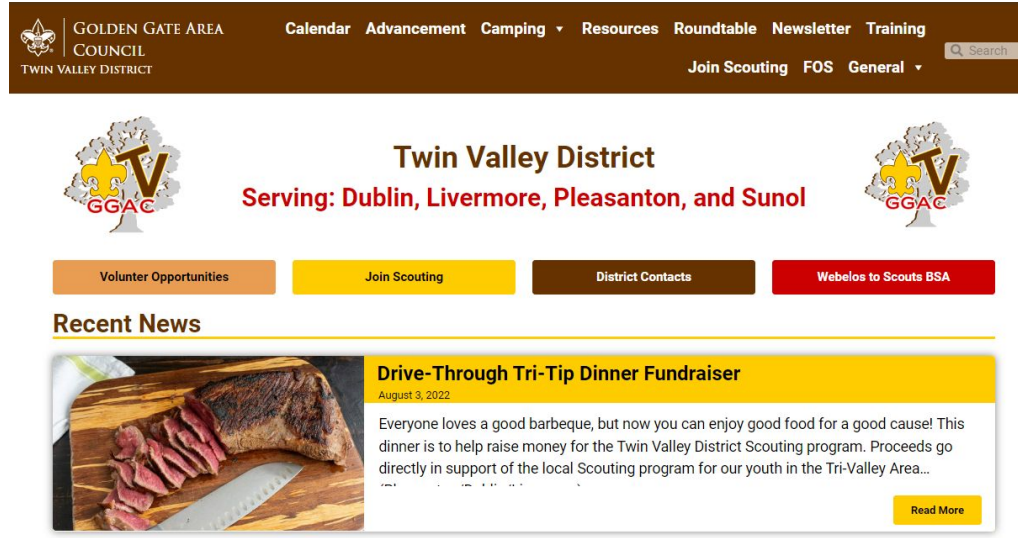


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Welcome to Roundtable

Tonight's slides are available online at:



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Golden Gate Area Council, Twin Valley District. At the top is a dark brown navigation bar with the council logo and name on the left, and menu items for Calendar, Advancement, Camping, Resources, Roundtable, Newsletter, and Training in the center. On the right of the navigation bar are links for Join Scouting, FOS, and General, along with a search box. Below the navigation bar is a central banner for the Twin Valley District, featuring the district logo (a tree with 'TV' and 'GGAC') on both sides and the text 'Twin Valley District Serving: Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol'. Underneath the banner are four colored buttons: Volunter Opportunities (orange), Join Scouting (yellow), District Contacts (dark brown), and Webelos to Scouts BSA (red). Below the buttons is a 'Recent News' section with a yellow header. The first news item is titled 'Drive-Through Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser' with a date of August 3, 2022. It includes a photo of a large tri-tip being sliced and a short text description. A 'Read More' button is located at the bottom right of the news item.

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 has a header image of a river flowing over rocks. Below the title, there is a subtitle: "Submit image and story approved to share across Scout of America social media channels and in the Twin Valley District newsletter." The form includes a user profile section for "rene.saroukhanoff@gmail.com" with a "Switch account" link. The main content area contains several text input fields: "Name *", "Unit *", and "City *", each with a "Your answer" label below it. There is also a section for "Share your story or background on the image. *" with a "Your answer" label. At the bottom, there is an "Attach approved image or video clip. *" section with an "Add file" button. The form concludes with a green "Submit" button and a "Clear form" link. At the very bottom, there is a footer: "Never submit passwords through Google Forms. This form was created inside of Boy Scout Troop 941, Pleasanton, California. Report Abuse. 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](#).

Merit Badge or STEM/NOVA Counselor Recharter

Please fill out the recharter form before January 15th, 2024

If you have not filled this out before January 15th, 2024 and have not rechartered with any unit, then you will be dropped as a Merit badge or STEM/NOVA counselor for the 2024 year and have to reapply.

If you registered as a Merit Badge Counselor or STEM/NOVA Counselor **AFTER August 1, 2023**, then you **don't need to re-recharter** as your registration follows your initial registration date.



Background Checks

Criminal Background Checks will now be a prerequisite to an adult leader showing up in Scoutbook Roster

What's this mean to you:

It will take 5-7 business days before a leader shows up

2023 Scouting's Journey to Excellence



Visit the JTE site on [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) for all forms and guidebooks

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>



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.



GGAC Summer Camp Staff

Hiring positions in

climbing, nature, shooting sports, waterfront, administration,
scout skills, first year scouting, COPE, dining hall, facilities, and more!

What we offer:

- Tent space, meals, wifi, and laundry are all provided
- Leadership and professional development
- Access to free merit badge courses at camp, including Eagle badges
- Salary range of \$365-\$460 per week
- Resume worthy skills for college and future job applications
- Staffers who successfully complete the summer will receive a reference letter



Really Fun Stuff

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2025 High Adventure Registration



2025 HIGH ADVENTURE TREK
REGISTRATION OPENS

November 15, 2023 @ 9:00am CT

**ADVENTURE
AWAITS!**



Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first served basis.

Available start dates are
June 6 - July 15, 2025

Call 337-235-8552 to Register
Learn more @ swampbasebsa.org

Swamp Base Registration Opens **11/15/23**
National Bases Registration Opens **1/28/24**



Great video!!!

Pinewood Derby Tune-up

Veterans Memorial Building

301 Main Street, Pleasanton

Saturday, January 13, 2024

9:00 am to 1:00 pm TM

WE NEED HELP!!!

Contact: Greg Dyson dyson_greg@hotmail.com 925/321-3748

GGAC Crab Feed!



February 17, 2024, 5:00pm

Fratellanza Club

1140 66th Street
Oakland, CA 94608





THE TIGER CUB YEAR



Tiger Cub Pumpkin Patch Day --- Tiger Cub Kite Day --- Tiger Cub Safari



The World Famous....Tiger Cub Safari
is truly **“The Highlight of the Tiger Cub Year.”**

Session #1: April 20 - April 21, 2024 at Wente Scout Reservation in Willits

Session #2: April 27 - April 28, 2024 at Wente Scout Reservation in Willits

Camp Registration opens on January 1, 2024

Capacity is limited - Sign-up Early.

As featured in Scouting Magazine (Mar/Apr 2016) and Boys' Life (Mar/Apr 2017)



Tiger Cub Pumpkin Patch Day

Sunday, October 22, 2023

From 10:00am-1:00pm, Tigers and their Adult Partners can explore the wonderful fruits of Joan's Farm in Livermore.



Tiger Cub Kite Day

Sunday, March 24, 2024

From 1:00pm-3:00pm, Tigers and their Adult Partners can explore the friendly skies over Ted Fairfield Park in Dublin.

Improvement Stuff

TRAINING

Training



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

L.E.A.D. Training



Saturday, January 27, 2024
Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill

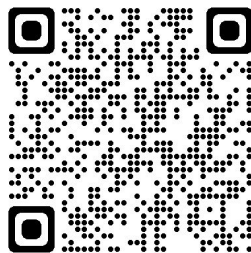


Join your Fellow Scouters for a complete day of learning, fun and experience!



WOOD BADGE SPRING

Scan for Information and Registration



Weekend 1

Camp Herms

Friday 03-22-2024 to

Sunday 03-24-2024

Weekend 2

Rancho Los Mochos

Saturday 04-20-2024 to

Sunday 04-21-2024



Questions?

Scott C. Kubik

Course Director Spring 2024

925-787-7056

WoodBadgeSpring2024@gmail.com

Upcoming Trainings

- **BALOO** - Contact Mr. Lennox at
- **SM/ASM Position-Specific** - at L.E.A.D.
- **Merit Badge Counselor orientation** - at February Roundtable
- **Webelos-to-Scout Transition (Virtual)** - February 17
- **SM/ASM Position-Specific** - March TBD
- **Blue Oak** - Dates TBD
- **Den Chief Training** - TBD

Celebration Stuff

RECOGNITION

Scout of the Year Program



Annually, the **Veterans of Foreign Wars** of the United States recognizes individuals who are: **Eagle Scouts**, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have **risen above their peers** in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

Deadline: **February 23, 2024**

Contact: roy_smith711@att.net

Save the Date!

Twin Valley Volunteer Dinner

May 11, 2024

Veterans Memorial Hall

301 Main St. Pleasanton



Awards Nomination Forms are available now!

Golden Gate Area Council

Volunteer Celebration 2024



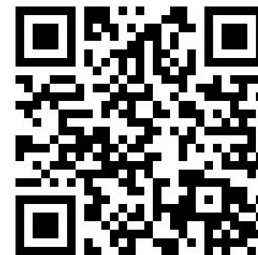
Saturday, March 2

Doors Open at noon for fellowship

Program Commences at 1pm

Ceremony followed by reception with light luncheon

Hosted at the Alameda Elks Lodge



T-Shirt Club

Be in the room where
it happens

change into a t-shirt
and see you there!



Scouts BSA Breakout



Welcome Mike Ransom

Sharing updates about the
Scouts BSA Rank requirements

Scouts BSA Rank Req. Changes

- **Personal Safety Awareness training replaces CyberChip for Scout and Star**
- **No more 3-month wait between Palms**
- **Major changes in 14 Merit Badges, including First Aid, Sustainability, and Swimming**
- **Minor changes to 16 Merit Badges**
- **Effective Jan 1, 2024**



Recognizing and Appreciation your “Behind the Scenes Leaders”

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- understand the importance of the behind the scene leaders
- see that Troops cannot without behind the scene leaders
- understand that part of recruiting troop leaders includes recognizing them for their help in maintaining the troop
- Use different methods of recognition
- know where, and how to recognize leaders

Suggested Presenter (s)

- Troop Committee Chair
- Member of Troop Committee
- Scoutmaster
- Commissioner

Presentation Method

Presenter Facilitated discussion

BSA Reference Materials

- BSA Scout Store - <http://www.scoutstuff.org/>

Presentation Content

What are “behind the scenes troop leaders?”

- Few troops function with the minimum number of adult leaders: troop committee chair, two members of the troop committee, and a Scoutmaster. These leaders assist the troop in presenting the best program possible for the youth in the troop.

Who are the “behind the scenes troop leaders?”

- Examples include but are not limited to: advancements chair, popcorn chair, finance chair, transportation coordinator, and others.

Question: What are the roles of “behind the scenes leaders” in your troop?

Question: Based on these answers are there any additional leadership positions which would enhance your troop program?

Question: Is it possible to have too many leaders? If so, how should a troop handle this situation?

Recruiting troop leaders

- They need to be told the job description and length of time they will be expected to serve in this capacity.

Question: What techniques have you found successful in recruiting troop leaders?

Question: Where have you been most successful in recruiting new troop leaders: parents of youth in the troop, former Scouts, Eagle Scouts, members of the sponsoring organization, others?

Recognizing troop leaders

All adults leaders in the troop should be recognized for their role in presenting the best Scouting program to the youth in the troop. These include:

- Certificates of appreciation (Scout Shop or created by the Scouts in the troop) presented in a frame, so it can be displayed rather than just filed away in a drawer.
- Scout mugs
- Patches from an event where the Scouter participated
- Memento made by a Scout(s) in the troop
- Providing a steak dinner on Saturday night for the adults that attended the monthly camp out

Question: How does your troop recognize adult leaders other than the Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmaster(s)?

Adult leaders should be recognized at a Court-of-Honor or another troop family events, they should be recognized at the last troop meeting they will be attending.

To make the recognition meaningful to the adult volunteer, it should be presented by a Scout(s)

Question: When has your troop recognized the adult leaders in the troop?

Question: Who presented the recognition to the adult leaders?
If not a Scout(s) why not?

To maintain good leadership in the troop, they must be:

- Trained
- Trusted
- Turned loose
- Thanked!

Leader Awards

Scout Leader's Training Award

Description: green on green knot on tan field with tan border

- Complete at least two (2) years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Scout BSA troop.

Training:

- Completed basic training for any Scout BSA leader position
- Complete this is Scouting training
- Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.

Performance: Do the following during the tenure used for this award:

- Participate in an annual troop planning meeting in each year
- Serve as an adult leader in a troop that achieves at least the Bronze acceptable if the tenure used is prior to 2011
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one troop Journey to Excellence objective in each year
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two (2) years

Scouter Key Award

Description: white on green knot on tan field with tan border

- Complete at least three (3) years of registered tenure as a Scoutmaster within a five-year period. (This can include the tenure used to earn the Scouter's Training Award.)

Training:

- Completed basic training for Scoutmasters
- Complete this is Scouting training
- Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.

Performance: Do the following during the tenure used for this award:

- Achieve at least the Silver level of Journey to Excellence for at least two (2) years. The Quality Unit Award is acceptable if the tenure used is prior to 2011
- Earn the National Outdoor Challenge Award at least once
- Conduct an annual troop planning session and have a published troop meeting/activity schedule for the troop's parents in each year
- Participate in a least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level

**Learn More About
Scouting Knots**



Cub Scout Breakout



Song

to the tune of “You’re a Grand Old Flag”



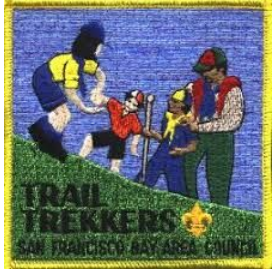
We're a Cub Scout pack, we're a high-flying pack;
Down the trail of Akela we go,
From Tiger Cub to Webelos,
As into good new Scouts we grow.
Every Cub is true to the gold and the blue,
And we never forget the fact
That all the fun a kid could want
They can find in a Cub Scout pack.



Trail Trekker Recommendation



Rene's Pick



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

Black Diamond Mine



Rene's Review

Solid Hike - good variety of hills and trails

History - visit the [website](#) for tour info

Cubs Will Love - the Eagle project bridge



Hike Details

Location: Upper Parking Lot, Pittsburg

Starting point: Upper Parking Lot

Distance: 3.5 miles

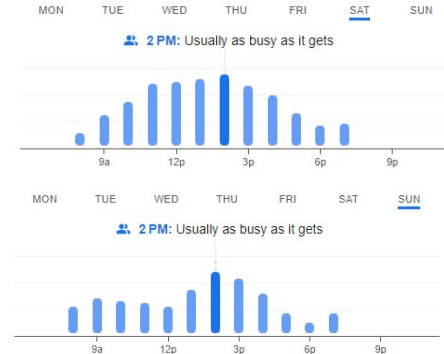
Time: Allow about 2-3 hours

Grade: Moderate

Suggested age: Webelos

Suggested Season: Fall, Spring, early mornings

Fees: \$5 parking fee per car



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Cub Camping Registration is Open!

Tiger Cub Safari

April 20 & 21 @ Wente Scout Reservation

April 27 & 28 @ Wente Scout Reservation

Mom & Cub Camp

May 3 - 5 @ Camp Royaneh

May 17 - 19 @ Camp Royaneh

Wolf & Bear Adventure Camp

July 12 - 14 @ Rancho los Mochos

July 19 - 21 @ Rancho los Mochos



Cub Camping Connection

October 12 - 13

October 19 - 20

Webelos Adventure Camp

July 30 - August 3 @ Camp Royaneh

Webeloree

October 5 - 6

October 26 - 27

Cub Scout Program Changes

Taking Effect June 1, 2024



Areas of Opportunity



BOBCAT

- One set of requirements is ineffective
- What to do with returning Cub Scouts
- Rank or not a rank?



ADVENTURES

- Disjointed required adventure topics
- Inconsistent number of adventures for each rank
- Volunteers want more elective adventures



WEBELOS (4TH/5TH GRADE)

- Length of Webelos program
- Does not follow the pattern of other ranks
- Purpose of the program



AWARDS

- Awards are not in the direct line of sight of Den Leaders
- Average attachment rate of 1.5%
- Awards do not drive behavior

Short Story

Bobcat will no longer be a badge that is earned once when a Cub Scout joins. It will become a required Adventure for each rank and earned each year.

Cub Scout Adventures have been improved to make it easier to deliver the program to multi-rank dens or as a Pack. To earn each rank in Cub Scouting will require a Cub Scout to earn the six required Adventures and two elective Adventures.




























Webelos and Arrow of Light will be separated. Webelos becomes the 4th-grade program in Cub Scouting. Arrow of Light becomes a stand-alone badge of rank for 5th graders and will no longer be associated with Webelos.

Cub Scouts Awards will be reimagined as Cub Scout Adventures. Topics like camping, STEM, and range and target sports will remain and are reimagined into elective Adventures that can be used towards earning a badge of rank.

2024-2025

Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 ND Grade	 BEAR 3 RD Grade	 WEBELOS 4 TH Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 TH Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors  FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness  KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship  LION ROAR Personal Safety  LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors  TIGER BITES Personal Fitness  TEAM TIGER Citizenship  TIGER ROAR Personal Safety  TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors  RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness  COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship  SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety  FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  BEAR HABITAT Outdoors  BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness  PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship  STANDING TALL Personal Safety  FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors  STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness  MY COMMUNITY Citizenship  MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid  MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors  PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness  CITIZENSHIP Citizenship  FIRST AID Safety/First Aid  DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures

11/9/23

Awards and More Survey

Survey was sent to 18,376 parents and 36,487 den
leaders 3,637 people responded: **6.6%** response rate
95% (+/- 1.7%) confidence level

Awards are not driving behavior

Of those who earned the awards, 2/3
see them as recognition, not an
incentive.

Not an awareness issue

Of those who did not earn the award,
50% indicated that they knew about the
award but still chose not to do it.

STEM NOVA Awards



- Over 50% of parents and Cub Scout leaders felt that STEM as a topic was important to be part of Scouting
- 47% of leaders said it should be an Adventure
- 32% had no preference

Required Adventure Survey

The survey was sent to 36,963 den leaders

3,880 people responded, a 10.5% response rate

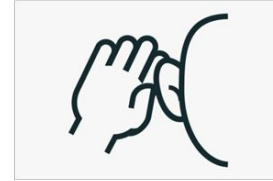
95% (+/- 1.5%) confidence level



Like the activities and games
Like everything about it
Like the simplicity of requirements
Guest Speakers
Making Posters



Duplication of schoolwork
Comments not related to question
Guest speakers
Making posters



Any comment that 10% or more respondents gave was reviewed and incorporated.

Bobcat Adventure was overhauled after the first survey.

BOLD indicates
new adventure
Italics indicate
existing adventure



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Activity						
Pinewood Derby / Rain gutter Regatta	Race Time	Race Time	Race Time	Race Time	Race Time	Race Time
Fishing	Go Fish	Fish On	A Wolf Goes Fishing	<i>A Bear Goes Fishing</i>	Catch the Big One	Fishing
Cycling	On a Roll	<i>Rolling Tigers</i>	Pedal with the Pack	Bears on Bikes	Pedal Away	Cycling
Swimming	Time to Swim	Tigers in the Water	<i>Sprit of the Water</i>	<i>Salmon Run</i>	<i>Aquanaut</i>	Swimming

Closing

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



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