

New Location for Roundtable

The Twin Valley Roundtable will now meet at:

Blue Oaks Church

7139 Koll Center Pkwy
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Starting with our next Roundtable on **March 14 at 7:00pm**

Please Sign-in





Twin Valley Roundtable

February 8, 2024

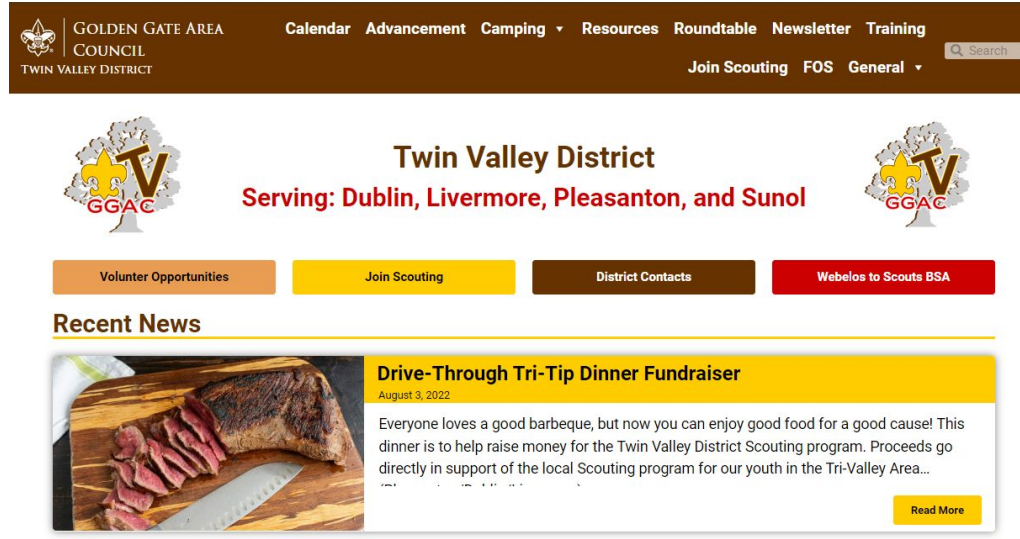


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Welcome to Roundtable

Tonight's slides are available online at:



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Golden Gate Area Council, Twin Valley District. 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/>

Happy Birthday BSA!

On February 8, 1910 at 11:03am
the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.



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](#).

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/>



Save the Date!

Twin Valley Volunteer Dinner

Nominations
are due by
March 15

May 11, 2024

Veterans Memorial Hall

301 Main St. Pleasanton



Awards Nomination Forms are available now!

Nominate your folks for Unit Leader, Unsung Hero, Scouting Family, and "Spark Plug"

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Friends of Scouting Gifts

GGAC Board Matching

For the districts, we have **\$126,684 matching funds** for NEW and INCREASED recurring donations. The Board will match each dollar a district adds to its recurring donations up to the above amount.

Family FoS Award

Day at Roaring Camp Mining - Each unit that does a FOS presentation in Feb 2024 (tracked by the DE) will get one Roaring Camp Mining certificate to raffle off for any donation.

FOS Thank You Luncheon - Any person or company donating more than \$1000 per year will get two tickets to a free FOS luncheon in the Fall-Winter. Donations of \$2000 or more will get four tickets

Unit FoS Award

Free camping weekend/ice cream social/pizza party/kites - One unit in each district with the highest annual donation per scout can choose a weekend at one of the GGAC Scouts Camps for their unit, a free ice cream social, free pizza party or free kites for their unit, they get to choose. A minimum of \$20/scout annually on the roster is required to qualify.

Free advancement patches - Every unit that can meet their Family FOS goal (to be determined with your DE) will get free advancement patches for the rest of 2024.

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.

Next Gathering:

Altamant Beer Works, Livermore

Thursday, February 22, 5:30 - 8:00



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



Philmont Trek Openings

Troop 303 (Orinda) needs more crew members for a coed Philmont Trek

Dates: **06/11/24 - 06/18/24**

Cost: **\$1,750 - \$1,850**

Interested scouts can join them at a T303 upcoming hike on Saturday 02/10/24.

They can also email or call to discuss activity details with:

Angelica Steinmeier, SM Troop 303 at troop303g@gmail.com

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!!!

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

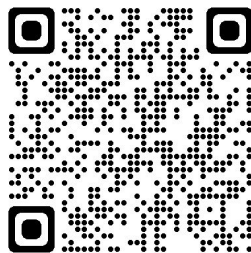


- 450 online classes @ <https://training.scouting.org/catalog>
- Training questions contact: training@twinvalleyscouting.com



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
- **Merit Badge Counselor orientation** - at February Roundtable
- **Webelos-to-Scout Transition (Virtual)** - February 17
- **SM/ASM Position-Specific** - March TBD
- **Blue Oak** - April 10 (indoor) and April 26-28 (outdoor portion)
- **Den Chief Training** - TBD

Celebration Stuff

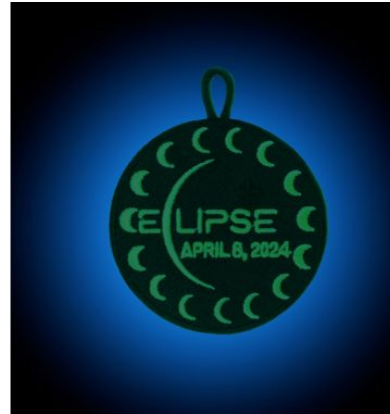
RECOGNITION

BSA Total Solar Eclipse Emblem

BSA is offering a glow-in-the-dark

Total Eclipse 2024 Emblem

to youth members who complete five simple requirements
after viewing the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024



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

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



Joining Conferences

The primary focus of the joining conference is to get to know the Scout and learn what they hope to get from Scouting. The Scoutmaster can provide information about the Troop and questions can be asked and answered about the Scout and the Troop.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you see as the benefits for a Scout in holding a joining conference?
2. What additional questions would you ask at a joining conference?
3. How do you think joining conference could be beneficial for your unit?

<https://vimeo.com/905369255>

Campout Planning

Campout planning for a basic weekend campout requires planning. Start with a big idea like a theme or foundation and then move on to the minor details. Planning 6 to 12 months in advance allows families to add campouts to their calendars, and makes it easier to book campsites.

Look at the following question during campout planning:

- When
- What
- Where
- Who
- Why

Discussion Questions:

1. What step or tip would you add to those shared in this video?
2. What is the hardest part about letting Scouts plan for their campout?
3. What camping traditions occur within your Troop?

<https://vimeo.com/906152769>

Hammock Camping

Discussion Questions:

1. Why or why not should you consider hammock camping?
2. What are some additional pros and cons of using a hammock?
3. What other tips or advice would you give regarding hammock camping?

<https://vimeo.com/903024797>



Cub Scout Breakout



Oh, Beautiful, for Cub Scout Dreams

to the tune of "America the Beautiful"



Oh, beautiful for Cub Scouts dreams
That see beyond the rest.
For families that help us grow,
And learn to do our best.
O blue and gold! O blue and gold!
Akela lead us well.
For God and country we'll be strong;
We're Cub Scouts and we're proud.



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

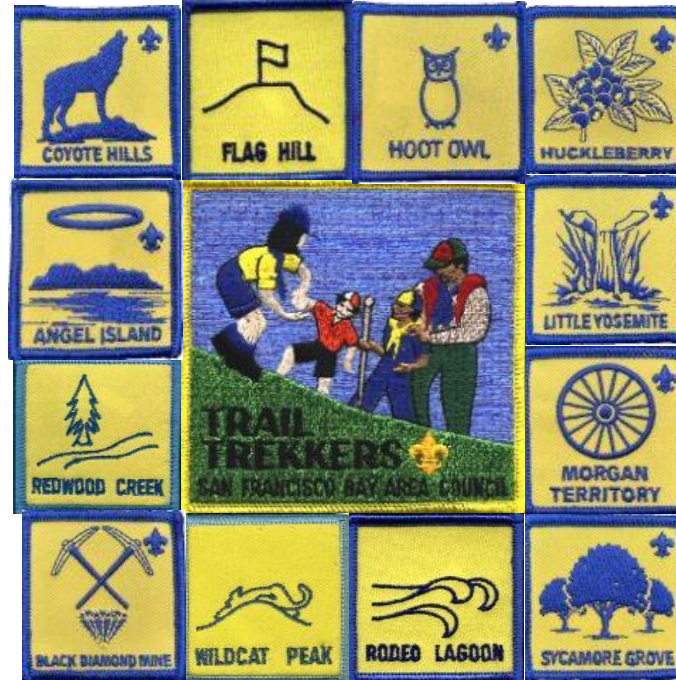
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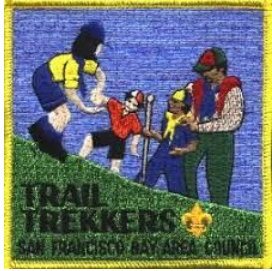
October 5 - 6

October 26 - 27

Trail Trekker Recommendation



Rene's Pick



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

Sycamore Grove Trail Trekker



Rene's Review

Intro hike - flat and mostly paved

Flexible - easy to shorten the hike

Point of Interest - ruins of a winery



Hike Details

Location: 1051 Wetmore Rd, Livermore

Starting point: parking lot

Distance: 4.8

Time: Allow about 3-4 hours

Grade: Easy

Suggested age: Tigers through Webelos

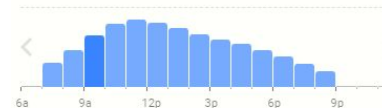
Suggested Season: Year round

Fees: \$5 parking fee per car

Popular times Saturdays ▾



Popular times Sundays ▾





BSA Troop 900

A LIVERMORE BOY-LEAD SCOUT TROOP

<http://troop900livermore.com>



Troop 900 Recruitment Hike

Sycamore Grove Hike Trail Trekker 8am to noon

Meeting at Meet at Kellmen soccer field

2798 Holmes St,
Livermore, CA 94550

Please come out to visit this us on the hike. Meet some of our
Scouts and parents can talk with the adults.
For those who RSVP by Thursday we will have a Patch for you.

Troop 900 Recruitment Campout

**We'd love to invite your AOL's to camp with Troop 900
February 24 noon to February 25 no later than 11:30am.**

While camping Scout will interact with the AOL, sharing scout skills and a unique camping experience. Each AOL will need to be accompanied by an adult/ guarding. Meet some of our Scouts and parents can talk with the adults.

To attend this event each AOL will need to have an adult attend with them and both will need to **attend our February 12th Meeting at 7:00-8:30pm at Asbury Church Fellowship Hall, 4347 East Ave., Livermore,** to plan a duty roster, meal plan and decide on a shopping time to buy the food for the event. The troop will cover the cost of the camping, Webelos will pay for their share of food costs.

At this planning meeting we will share the location of the trip and give out packing list and share info on how and where to set up a campsite.

Please RSVP and attend the planning meeting on 2-12-24:

amothertucker@yahoo.com

suedady@ymail.com

kinns36@aol.com



Social Media for Your Pack

Great for sharing meeting information with your families, posting about recruitment events you're hosting, and even sharing the accomplishments of your Scouts.

Can also be one of your best recruiting tools as families share their adventures, and other families can see what they're missing!



What to Post

- **Advancement Updates** - Celebrate your Scouts by sharing advancement updates
- **Unit Meeting Agendas** - Let Scouts, their families, and your committee know what to expect.
- **Recruitment Events** - Share how families in your area can get involved in Scouting
- **Service Opportunities** - Scouts are always looking for opportunities to serve their communities.
- **Scouting Successes** - Post about successes your Scouts have had in and out of your unit

Tips

- **Take a light-hearted tone** and ensure messages are upbeat and positive.
- **Share good news stories**, great photos from an event or a quick reminder about an upcoming event to keep the energy and interaction high.
- **Keep it Short.** Folks scroll through social media, and studies show that anything over 80 characters starts losing engagement. If you're the admin, you can view engagement numbers on your own page to see what is working and what is just scrolling by in the wind.

Youth Protection/Internet Safety

As with all aspects of Scouting, we need to be conscious of Youth Protection guidelines especially with names and photos. Consider setting a Facebook group/page as private so people won't stumble upon your content. Units can set controls so that all posts go into a pending area until you can be sure they are safe for your families and meet the Safe Scouting guidelines.

Resources:

<https://scoutingwire.org/social-media-guidelines/>

<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/4731613/83507797>

Closing

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



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