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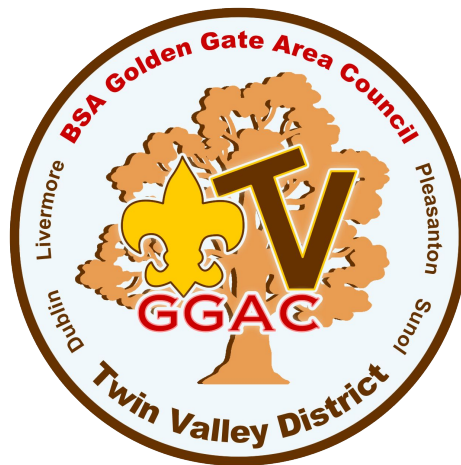
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\*\*\*please remember to use YPT protocol when communicating with youth members\*\*\*

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# Twin Valley Roundtable

February 13, 2024

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# Welcome to Roundtable

Tonight's slides are available online at:



**Twin Valley District**

**Serving: Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol**



Volunteer Opportunities

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## 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/>

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**Our Council has a shiny new website!**

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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 these is a larger text area for "Share your story or background on the image. \*". 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 with the text "Never submit passwords through Google Forms." and "This form was created inside of Boy Scout Troop 941, Pleasanton, California. [Open in Google Forms](#)".

Really Fun Stuff

# ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

# AMERICAN LEGION

## Amateur Radio License Interest Form



The Post in Pleasanton is willing to help scouts get amateur radio licenses

- Couple one-hour sessions
- Some online work

If you're interested,  
fill out the form



# 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:

### **Wence House**

6670 Lone Tree Wy #1  
Brentwood, CA 94513

Thursday, February 20, 5:30 - 8:00

Improvement Stuff

# TRAINING



# Blue Oak Training

## Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

\*also gets participants BALOO credit\*

Indoor

**Hart Middle School**

March 5, 7pm - 10pm



Outdoor

**Rancho los Mochos**

March 21, 5:00pm to  
March 23, 12:30pm

# TRaining EXtravaganza



October 19, 2024

Stay tuned

**POSTPONED**

**Stay tuned for more details**

Church

Roll Center Parkway

Pleasanton



# Training



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

Airborne Stuff

# **EAA'S YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM**

# Keith Johns

- Vice President, EAA 663 Livermore
- Flight Instructor for 15 years ✈️
- Music Instructor for 25 years 🎺
- Young Eagle Pilot
- Aviation Merit Badge Counselor (2023)



# EAA & Young Eagles

EAA - 250,000 members and nearly 1000 chapters

The EAA Young Eagles program is dedicated to giving youth ages 8–17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane.

These flights are offered FREE of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

*It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation!*

Since 1992, the **Young Eagles program has flown over 2 million kids!**

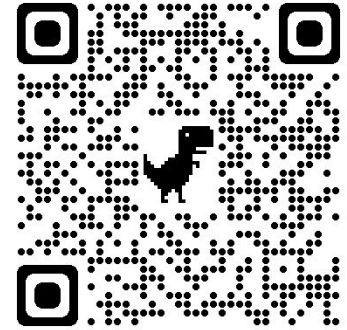
Young Eagles have been registered in more than **90 different countries** and have been flown by more than **41,000 volunteer pilots.**



# EAA Chapter 663

LIVERMORE, CA

- 150+ members
- 10 active Young Eagle pilots
- Youth Build Projects
- Ray Aviation Scholarship



# Dedicated Young Eagles Event for Scouts

Next Event: **June 14th, Flag Day!**

- Our goal is to fly more local kids
- Livermore Airport Main Terminal, 9am-12ish
- Looking for 20-25 scouts
- Flights usually last 20-30 minutes
- BSA has no organization liability, a EAA hosted event
- Parental consent required, EAA insured.
- Merit Badge Path for those interested



# BSA Aviation Merit Badge

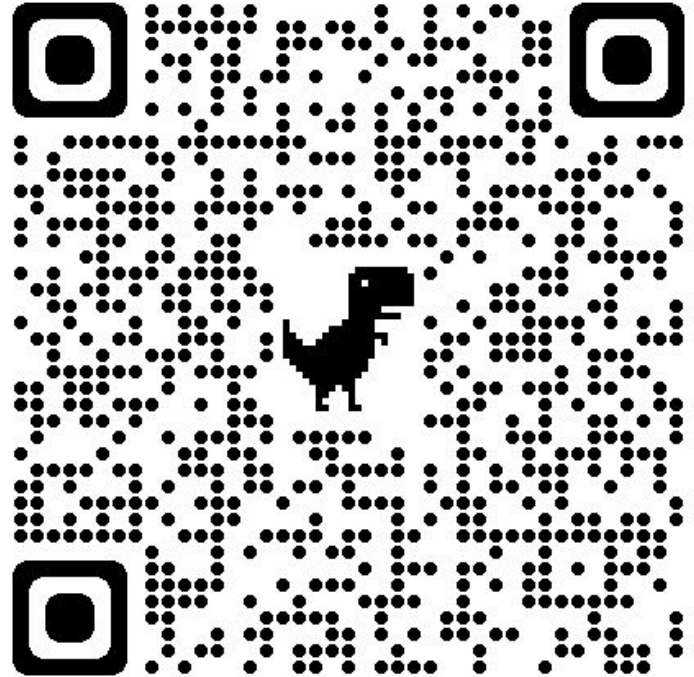
## Requirement Highlights

- Take a Flight
- Visit an Airport
- Aviation Definitions and Explanations
- Build a model RC plane
- Find out about Career Opportunities in Aviation



# Questions?

If interested, please fill in form and I will contact you.





Celebration Staff

# 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: **March 1**

Contact: [roythomas2347@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roythomas2347@sbcglobal.net)

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# **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 by **Dougherty Valley Station Community Arts Center**  
17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94582



# Golden Gate Area Council Volunteer Celebration 2024



## Twin Valley Awardees

Clayton Carroll	National Eagle Scout Outstanding Eagle Scout Award
Lorraine Ferguson	Silver Beaver Award
Don Marek	Silver Beaver Award
Jeff Orthmann	Silver Beaver Award
Linda Ransom	Torch of Gold Award
Eric Parnell	National Eagle Scout Outstanding Eagle Scout Award
Dr. Phillip Weiss	Exploring Leadership Award

# Save the Date!

## Twin Valley Volunteer Dinner

**May 10, 2025**

Veterans Memorial Hall

301 Main St. Pleasanton

wards Nomination Forms emailed to all Leaders!

**Due March 15, 2025**

# Silver Beaver

The highest award that a council can give to a  
volunteer Leader for service to youth



# T-Shirt Club

Be in the room where  
it happens

change into a t-shirt  
and see you there!



# Scouts BSA Breakout





# Hazardous Weather Training

In Scouting, we do not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. We are all responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants.

Effective the week of December 2, 2024 Hazardous Weather training is now required for all “direct contact” leaders and will be reflected in unit training reports. Hazardous Weather training expires every two years and is required to be fully trained in the following positions:

- Cub Scouts – Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Webelos Den Leader
- Scouts BSA – Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster
- Venturing – Advisor, Associate Advisor
- Sea Scouting – Skipper, Mate
- Exploring – Advisor, Associate Advisor

Hazardous Weather training is available at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). The course focuses on how to identify and respond to dangerous weather conditions like heat, flooding, lightning, and severe storms, ensuring the safety of Scouts during outdoor activities. It is critical for all Scout leaders to be prepared for potentially life-threatening weather situations and take proper precautions when potential hazardous weather is near.

Remember the Scout motto - “Be Prepared”. It is important to “Be Prepared” for any type of weather during a Scout outing. Plan in advance for the possibility of bad weather, knowing tornadoes, lightning, hail, flash flooding and heavy rain can happen at any time. The threat of severe weather doesn’t always mean you need to cancel your weekend camping trip. However, you should take precautions to avoid incidents!

Resources: Health and Safety Resources <https://www.scouting.org/training/health-and-safety/> Hazardous Weather FAQ

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/FAQ-Hazardous-Weather-Training-002.pdf>

# Five Steps for an Open House

Open houses are a great way to attract new members to troops, crews, and ships. They all follow basically the same format, with a message tailored to the specific unit. We will use a troop open house as an example.

There are five steps to a successful open house:

1. School rally. Present a fun rally to 5th and 6th graders. With the school administration's consent, plan an interactive demonstration of a Scouting activity and distribute a high-adventure interest survey to the students. Alternatively, ask the school to distribute the surveys.
2. Send the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the troop open house. Follow up on the contacts you made at the school rally by inviting the parents and their children to an open house.
3. Follow up with a call. Ask if any of the family members have a Scouting background and answer any questions they may have.
4. Host a troop open house for the youth and their parents. Have an agenda and the troop's calendar available. Ensure the Scouts have fun, and their parents get their questions answered. Provide refreshments. Scouts can make the refreshments!
5. Organize an activity to involve new Scouts right away. This is the key to keeping the new scouts in the program.

Train them in some basic skills before you go and get them into the open and make sure they have fun! More information is available at: [www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/troop-resources/recruitment-marketing/open-house/](http://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/troop-resources/recruitment-marketing/open-house/)

# Introduction to Leadership Skills

Young people in Scouting have many opportunities to grow, learn, develop and prepare themselves for their future. One of the ways Scouting provides these opportunities is through youth holding different leadership positions. The Introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST) training for troops helps give youth tools to succeed in their leadership roles by focusing on these three areas:

1. Troop Organization
2. Tools of Leadership
3. Leadership and Teamwork

Scouts who complete this training, can go on to learn even more at National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) ILST gives Scouts in troop leadership an opportunity to get to know each other and build relationships and to help make their unit successful. An ILST training should be run after every unit election.

ILST training can be held over a weekend, a single day or broken up into different days based on the training modules. If your troop has not run an ILST before, adult leaders can contact the district training chair to discuss how to hold the training for the first time.

Ask and encourage your experienced youth leaders to help run the event alongside adult leadership. A youth led ILST will help Scouts see themselves in important roles in their troop. For those helping to teach and present modules, give youth enough time to practice and be comfortable with the information.

Make sure to take breaks during the training and check in with participants during the breaks. Breaks allow participants to absorb more of the skills they are learning. Encourage them to think and be reflective during the training, it is a resource to improve the troop and its youth leaders by helping them to develop leadership skills which they can apply to Scouting and their everyday life.

Discussion Questions:

1. How often does your unit run ILST?
2. What are some barriers to running ILST that your unit faces?
3. What are some of the practices your unit has done to make ILST fun?

Resources: Introduction to leadership skills for troops facilitator guide

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST\\_IntroSyllabus\\_9\\_11.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST_IntroSyllabus_9_11.pdf)

Training for Youth <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/>

Aaron on Scouting- ILST is an absolute must for BSA youth

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/04/29/this-training-course-is-an-absolutemust-for-bsa-youth/>

# TWIN VALLEY - CAMPOREE



## CAMP-ARR-EE

Join Twin Valley District Units and Volunteers for a weekend of Scouting Fun and competitions at Rancho Los Mochos. We invite you to join us on “The Hill” in Livermore, CA, on April 11-13th, 2025. Your District Scouters and the Order of the Arrow have been working hard to create a great program for this event. Open to Troops and Crews.

PLEASE REGISTER AS A UNIT

(One registration per troop.)

<https://scoutingevent.com/023-94812>

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# Cub Scout Breakout



# “Akela’s Trail”

To the tune of “It’s a Small World”

It’s a world of laughs, it’s a world of joy,  
Bringing loads of fun to every girl and boy  
Things that we’ve learned today,  
Lead along Akela’s way  
We are Cub Scouts after all

**Chorus:**

We are Cub Scouts after all,  
To all Cub Scouts send the call  
Show Akela we stand tall,  
We are Cub Scouts after all

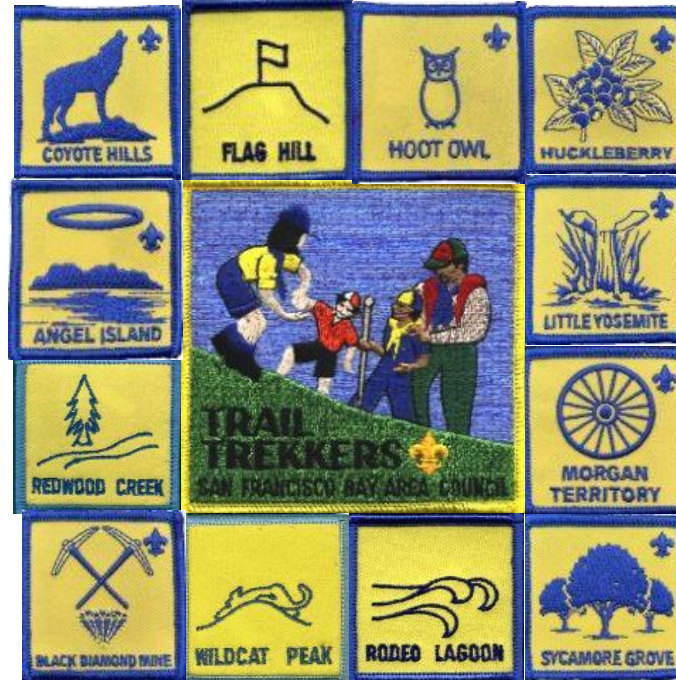
When we seek our quest, we will do our best,  
On Akela’s trail, we will never fail  
Without any doubts,  
We will be loyal Scouts  
We are Cub Scouts after all

Chorus

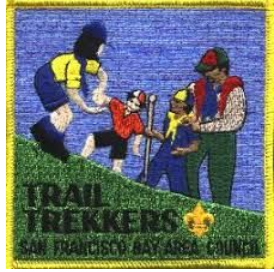




# Trail Trekker Recommendation



# Rene's Pick



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

They say “moderate” but some parents are going to struggle

# Flag Hill Trail Trekker



## Rene's Review

Warn Parents - it's fairly steep

Views - it's beautiful up there

Bragging rights - from then on, when you get to the parking lot, you can look up and say “I was WAY up there!”

## Hike Details

**Location:** Sunol Regional Wilderness

**Starting point:** Visitor Center

**Distance:** 3.5 miles

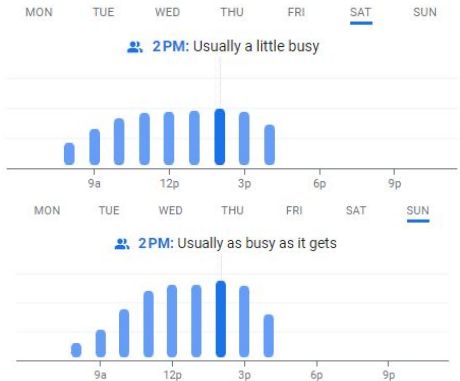
**Time:** Allow about 3 hours

**Grade:** Moderate

**Suggested age:** Bears & Webelos

**Suggested Season:** Fall, Spring and Summer

**Fees:** \$5 per car, \$2 per dog on weekends and holidays



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# Cross-over Ceremonies

Consider ideas that visually represent the transition from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA, often using a **symbolic bridge**, incorporating elements like **lighting candles** with specific meanings, having the Scouts physically **cross a designated area**, or even incorporating a "**challenge**" to demonstrate their preparedness for the next level, all while including speeches from both Cub Scout and Scout leaders to welcome the new Scouts.

# Elements to Include

## Physical Bridge:

- Build a simple bridge structure for the Scouts to walk across, symbolizing their transition.
- Utilize a natural bridge in a park or outdoor setting.
- Decorate the bridge with Scout-related symbols or colors.

## Ceremonial Lighting:

- Light candles representing different aspects of Scouting, with each AOL Scout lighting a candle as they cross.
- Use colored candles with specific meanings, like blue for Cub Scouts and yellow for Scouts BSA.

## Speeches and Recognition:

- Cubmaster addresses the Pack and highlights the accomplishments of the AOL Scouts.
- Scoutmaster welcomes the new Scouts to the troop, emphasizing the challenges and opportunities ahead.
- Individual AOL Scouts may be recognized for their achievements.

# Ceremony Ideas

**Trail of Challenges:** Set up a series of mini-challenges representing different Scouting skills that AOL Scouts must complete before crossing the bridge, demonstrating their preparedness.

**Campfire Ceremony:** Gather around a campfire with the Cub Scout pack on one side and the Scout troop on the other, with AOL Scouts crossing between to join the troop.

**Scout Oath Recitation:** Have the AOL Scouts recite the Scout Oath together as they cross the bridge.

**Symbolic Handshake:** Each AOL Scout receives a special handshake from a Scout leader as they enter the troop.

**Nature-themed Crossover:** Incorporate natural elements like rocks, sticks, or a small river into the ceremony, depending on the location.

**Reflection Time:** Include a brief moment of quiet reflection for AOL Scouts to think about their journey from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.

# Order of the Arrow Ceremonies



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Your pack can request the Order of the Arrow to conduct the cross-over ceremony.

Note that costumes are no longer allowed.

# Ceremonial Arrows and Plaques



# Patch Display





# Bridge Ideas



# Don't Forget to Coach the Parents!

Scouts BSA is very different from Cub Scouts

Eagle Scout is fantastic, but there's more to it

Following are some slides we used in our troop to help address the number of parents who were strongly pushing their kids to earn Eagle Scout as fast as possible, thinking it would look good on a college application



# Scouts BSA Thrives on Imperfect Experiences

## Failure

They will...

- burn their dinner
- hike the wrong trail
- forget their tent poles

They will...

- come up with solutions
- grow and develop skills
- make memories

## Confidence

## Nervousness

They will ...

- talk to adults they don't know
- lead other Scouts
- attend board of reviews

They will...

- articulate thoughts clearly
- motivate peers and superiors
- defend their position

## Leadership

## Discomfort

They will...

- be hungry
- be tired
- be scared

They will..

- do more than they think
- learn from their mistakes
- focus on the positive

## Resilience



# How **you** can help

## Stop...

- focusing on rank advancement
- asking questions on their behalf
- emailing us from their accounts
- doing their requirements
- preventing them from failing

## Start...

- creating environment of growth
- volunteering to plan events for the troop
- reinforcing the Scout Oath and Law
- talking about experiences, not requirements
- letting them enjoy Scouting!

# Closing

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

