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Your monthly news & updates







Virtual Roundtable This Month Thursday, June 3, 2021

This is our last Roundtable until September. Save the date of August 12 when we will kick off the new Scouting year with a BBQ at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette. Watch for more details. Our unit commissioners will meet from 6:30-7:00 and the

roundtable will follow at 7:00pm.

Don't miss important information! Be sure to scroll all the way down! There's a lot of important information in the newsletter this month!!!! Detailed articles so you do not have to look for links.

Visit our Website



Upcoming Training, District or Council Events

Wednesday - Jun 2 - Eagle BOR Binder Check - ContactGordon Bell for time and method

Thursday - Jun 3 - Commissioners Meeting via Zoom - 6:30 pm

Thursday - Jun 3 - Roundtable via Zoom - 7:00 pm

Monday - Jun 7- Yerba Buena Lodge LEC

Wednesday - Jun 9 - <u>Dr. Charles Townes Supernova Award</u> - Summer 2021

Wednesday - Jun 9 - Dr. Luis Alvarez Supernova Award - Summer 2021

Thursday - Jun 10 - Family Fun Night for Cub Scouts - Dublin

Thursday - Jun 10- OA Chapter Meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm - ContactMr. Stanton for link

Thursday - Jun 10 - Youth Protection Training (Virtual)

Sunday - Jun 14 Flag Day

Monday - Jun 14 - Eagle Board of Review - ContactBruce McGurk

Tuesday - Jun 15- Eagle Board of Review - ContactGordon Bell

Wednesday - Jun 16 - Dr. Charles Townes Supernova Award - Summer 2021

Wednesday - Jun 16 - <u>Dr. Luis Alvarez Supernova Award</u>- Summer 2021

Thursday - Jun 17 - Briones District Committee Meeting

Thursday - Jun 17 - Pre-Camp Summer Camp Leaders Meeting 2.0

Sunday - Jun 20 - Father's Day

Wednesday - Jun 23 - <u>Dr. Charles Townes Supernova Award</u> - Summer 2021

Wednesday - Jun 23 - <u>Dr. Luis Alvarez Supernova Award</u>- Summer 2021

Saturday - Jun 26 - Leave No Trace Trainer Class - Camp Herms, El Cerrito

Wednesday - Jun 30 - <u>Dr. Charles Townes Supernova Award</u> - Summer 2021

Wednesday - Jun 30 - Dr. Luis Alvarez Supernova Award - Summer 2021

Wednesday - Jul 7 - Eagle BOR Binder Check - ContactGordon Bell for time and method

Thursday - Jul 1 - No District Roundtable

Thursday - Jul 8 - OA Chapter Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm - Contactor Stanton for link



Our Virtual Order of Arrow Village meeting is Thursday, June 10 @ 6:30 pm. Email Mr. Stanton for the Zoom link if you do not receive an email with it. We normally meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The meetings are approximately an hour long. More information about that below.

The new Lodge name is Yerba Buena Lodge. Our Lodge will be putting together a very active and exciting year ahead with lots of fun activities mixed with exciting service projects, Escape Room, LEAD, Movie Night, Rock Climbing, Hope Walk, OA Trek, Canoe Trip, SF Scavenger Hunt, and Inductions are just a few of the activities that have been planned or done. I would hope that you will get involved and enjoy them with us.

This is your meeting, so come and ask your questions, get your answers and meet your fellow Arrowmen. You can help schedule fun activities to do.



Check www.ggacbsa.org/covid for latest info.

For more information regarding the stay at home order please visit the state website:

About COVID-19 restrictions - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response (ca.gov)



Congratulations to our very own Tom Edwards on being awarded the Silver Buffalo!

Created in 1925, the Silver Buffalo Award for distinguished service to youth is awarded to those persons who give noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This award is Scouting's highest commendation of the invaluable contributions that outstanding Americans make to youth.

The service must be national in scope and can be independent of, or directly

through, the Boy Scouts of America.

The Silver Buffalo Award is part of the so-called "Silver family" of BSA awards, alongside the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service within a council and the Silver Antelope Award for distinguished service on the regional level.

For more information on the 2021 Silver Buffalo Recipients click here.



Leaders Guide is now available. Find it here!

Watch the Pre-Camp Leaders Meeting

Join Pre-Camp Leaders Meeting 2.0 June 17

Click here for find the Parent Guide



Plan now to complete your Annual Health and Medical Record for this summer

There aren't any exemptions for 2021, so now is the time to make sure you and your Scout's records are up-to-date and complete.

To participate in Scouting events, campouts and high-adventure trips, Scouts and Scouters must complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. Now is the time to make sure your and your Scout's records are up-to-date and complete, especially if your unit has summer activities scheduled.

The Annual Health and Medical Record has three different parts:

 Part A is an informed consent, release agreement and authorization that needs to be signed by every participant (or a parent and/or legal quardian for all youth under 18).

- Part B is a self-reported general information and a health history.
- Part C is your pre-participation physical exam completed by a certified and licensed health care provider.

Parts A and B must be complete for all activities; Part C is required for events lasting longer than 72 hours. Again, this year, all parts must be current through the end of the adventure in order to participate. Review and complete the AHMR fully and carefully; take a look at this instruction page. If you have more questions, refer to this BSA Safety Moment or look at these frequently asked questions. Remember, these completed forms must be secure, so they are not to be digitized, scanned, emailed or stored electronically by unit leaders.

Because the pandemic is not over, it might be a good idea to schedule an appointment soon for the pre-participation exam rather than waiting until summer. When you meet with your medical provider, bring the AHMR form, and it's advised, especially if you or your Scout will be attending a BSA high-adventure base, to bring the risk advisory associated with that base. That way, your medical provider can better understand any strenuous activities involved. Council-run high-adventure camps might also have required risk advisories to review and complete. Check with the camp you are attending for any additional forms, such as COVID-19-related forms for high-risk individuals, that are necessary this year.

You should also alert Scout adult leaders of plans to address individual risk factors or medication use. When filling out the AHMR, include all medications; you can include a separate sheet if you run out of room.

The Annual Health and Medical Record must be completed every year. It serves many purposes, but primarily, it's to help keep Scouts and Scouters safe. Click here for the AHMR main page.



See the Recent Updates to FAQs for Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse

The updates include answers to recent frequent questions and a new section on maintaining program integrity.

Read More



Join Scouts Nationwide to help all corners of our communities!

As we have throughout our history, Scouting families have answered the call to work together in service of the greater good. From public health drives...to caring for the environment...to assisting neighbors in need...Scouts have always been a force for positivity and goodness in our communities.

The Summer of Service is a broad initiative for individuals, families, units, districts and councils to participate, share, and report the amazing impact of serving the community.

Check out more about The Summer of Service at www.scouting.org/summerofservice

Click Here for Ideas!



Participants in this 16 hour (plus an overnight) LNT Trainer Course learn about Leave No Trace, TREAD Lightly! and Wildland Ethics including teaching techniques necessary for disseminating these critical Outdoor Ethics skills to their Scouting units.

At the completion of the course, all participants will be recognized by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics as Leave No Trace Trainers and qualified to train Scouts and the community-at-large to be conservation minded.

Click here for a flyer!

Register



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Reminder of several aspects of the Eagle Scout Rank process that have been missed by many of our Scouts lately. Please read them below and share the information with your Unit Leadership and Eagle Scout Candidates. If the Scout needs to have an extension of time, please have them complete the form found here: https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/GTA-11.2.0.0-form-2021.pdf. This form then needs to be emailed to our Briones District Advancement Chair Mrs. Bonnie Hazarabedian (bonzai@flash.net), our Council Advancement Committee Chair Mr. Merl Nygren (nygreme@att.net), and our Council Advancement Committee Advisor Mr. Michael Charlesworth (michael.charlesworth@scouting.org) for review.

Please note that our council can only grant up to a six-month extension. Any time beyond that needs to be approved by our National Office. Also, our Council Advancement Committee only meets once per month to discuss extensions, please make sure to have your Scout complete the extension form

and turn it in at least a few weeks before their 18th birthday. They are to continue to work towards completing their Eagle Rank even if they have not heard back from the committee about their extension.

Eagle Scout Project Proposals need to be reviewed and approved by either Mr. Ed Isley (ekisely@comcast.net) or Mr. Mark Paulson (eagleworkbook@gmail.com) prior to any work being done on the project. They will sign in the "Council or District Approval" section on Proposal Page H in the Workbook (https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/EagleProjectWorkbook2021c-v2.pdf).

If the Scout needs to complete an Eagle Scout Project Fundraising Application (Fundraising Application Page A in the Workbook), the "Authorized Council Approval" is for only **Mark Woodman**, as District Director, to sign after signatures of the Beneficiary and Unit Leader are received. Please have the Scout email him at mark.woodman@scouting.org and make sure to include at least one other adult in that email.

Once the Scout has completed their Scoutmaster Conference for Eagle, they need to send their completed Eagle Scout Rank Application to Mark (mark.woodman@scouting.org) to review the application before it gets verified at our Council Office. The latest this step can be done is the day before the Scout's 18th birthday, or the final day of their approved extension. If the Scout has an extension, please have them let Mark know that final date of their extension at this time.

A few notes on the Eagle Scout Rank Application (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728 WB fillable.pdf): An Eagle Scout Rank Application can be downloaded from ScoutBook with all of the dates preloaded into the correct fields, by using the information provided on the attached PDF.

Each line on the application must be completed through the signature of the Unit Committee Chair on page two. With the exception of the employer reference, if the Scout is not employed.

All information for each reference must be included: name, address, telephone, and email. If the Scout does not have a religious reference, they must include a parent or guardian in that field.

The Grand total of hours under Requirement 5 on page two is the total number of hours the project took to complete, counting everyone's involvement, not just the Eagle Candidate. Please encourage your Scouts to start this tally of hours as they are starting to research project ideas.

If even one number on a completion date is incorrect from the Scout's official records, **Mark** will send the application back to the Scout to be corrected.

If there are missing dates for items that have not yet been entered into the Scout's Advancement Records, please include a BSA Advancement Report (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34403.pdf) with the application. This report authorizes our Council to enter in the missing dates. If Mark finds a missing date on an application, Mark will reach out to you individually for this report.

Once the Eagle Scout Rank Application is correct, Mark will then send it to our

Council Registrar Mrs. Masouda Ibrahimi (masouda.ibrahimi@scouting.org) for the Council Verification step on page two. This process may take a day or two, depending on workload, vacation schedules, etc.

After the verification has been complete, **Mrs. Ibrahimi** will email a scan of the application back to the candidate, cc'ing **Mark** and our Council Advancement Committee Chair **Mr. Merl Nygren** (nygreme@att.net).

Scouts can then schedule their Eagle Scout Board of Review withMr. Bruce McGurk (brucemcgurk@comcast.net) for the Lamorinda Area, orMr. Gordon Bell (gordon.ed.bell@gmail.com) for the Walnut Creek/Pleasant Hill Area. After the Board of Review is complete, paperwork is sent to our National Office for final verification and certification. About 3-4 weeks later (sometimes up to 6 weeks), the Eagle Scout's National Certificate and final paperwork is mailed back to our Council Office. Once they are received, the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair will be notified that the Eagle Credentials and Award Kit is available for pick up. Since the office is closed at this time, we will arrange a pick up time, or Mark would be happy to drop off the items at your home or place of work.

Please remind your Scouts to always include at least one other adult while emailing any of the people mentioned above. This keeps everyone within Youth Protection and CyberChip guidelines. If a Scout forgets to do so, Mark will kindly remind them of this policy in his email reply, in which he will include you.

We know that this is a long and complicated process. It can go smoothly by following these few steps.

Thank you and please let Mark know if you have any questions.

How to Print Membership Cards and Charter Certificates For Unit Leaders

Now that rechartering is done, you may want to print membership cards for your members or a charter certificate to present to your charter organization. Click a link to download the how-to PDF: Charter
Certificate, Membership Cards.



2021 Scouts BSA Requirement Changes

Recently, BSA announced changes to First Class (4b) to require demonstrating GPS unit proficiency while on a campout or hike and modified wording on Life rank regarding earning the 3 additional merit badges from the list required for Eagle rank. In addition, the COVID-19 FAQs update on 01/14/2021 continues to allow Second Class (5b) and First Class (6a) swimming requirement to be deferred until each Scout's next rank, as necessary, through Life rank, but the requirements must be completed by Eagle rank. When conditions warrant, BSA will reinstate these requirements and communicate via BSA sites such as Bryan on Scouting and Scouting Wire with 30 days' notice. Units will be responsible for tracking deferred requirements. The current release of COVID-19 FAQs can be found here.

Changes to the following Merit Badges also have been made: Archaeology, Collections, Digital Technology, Disability Awareness, Electricity, Electronics, Fish and Wildlife Management, Fishing, Fly-Fishing, Lifesaving, Motorboating, Photography, Public Health, Rowing, Sports, Theater, and Woodwork. Please see this article

which identifies the updated requirement number and the revision in the merit badge.

BSA also announced that they will no longer publish the annual Scouts BSA Requirements book with current year rank requirements and merit badge requirements. All Scouts BSA rank and merit badge requirements, including changes, will be listed here/bs/.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCOUTS ON TRAIL TO EAGLE

Briones District Troops & Scouts on the Trail to Eagle

Starting now and until the Bay Area Health Officers end the Shelter in Place ruling that is now in place, the following guidelines are in effect for Life Scouts who are following their Trail to Eagle.

- We will continue to offer Zoom-based review boards for Project Proposal reviews. Check the District website for the procedure.
- We will continue to offer Zoom-based review boards for Rank Advancement reviews. Check the District website for the procedure.
- Scouts may work on developing proposals and preparing the planning section of the Workbook for approved projects. For Scouts who have finished their project, they are encouraged to complete the Report

section of their workbook. And, if they have met all the other requirements for Advancement, they should forward their Application to our District Executive to get Council's verification signature . . . again, check the District website for how to do this.

• Eagle projects can now be done with small fixed groups with masks and distanced as much as possible.

Briones Eagle Boards of Review

EBORs are available for Scouts who have completed all their requirements. Boards may be done virtually or socially distanced and masked in person outdoors. Briones Scouts who need their EBOR should contact Gordon Bell at gordon.ed.bell@gmail.com, or Bruce McGurk at brucemcgurk@comcast.net.

Eagle Project Ideas

Eagle project ideas can be found in the Conservation section of this newsletter or on the Briones District webpage.



20 ideas for unique Eagle Scout service project beneficiaries

Read More Here



Has your Eagle Scout aged out? Wondering how you can help?

The District is in desparate need of additional volunteer commissioners to help units. While the job may seem large **Mark Weyland**, our district commissioner, has picked out the 6 key functions a commissioner.

The unit commissioner is a friend to the unit, but what does that mean:

1. They check in with the unit's adult leadership and committee at least 5 times a year to gauge the success of the unit's program and offer suggestions for

improvements or praise for their work.

- 2. They help the unit as needed to interact and engage with online BSA resources, and live or virtual roundtables
- 3. They help the unit recruit and maintain youth
- 4. They help the unit recharter
- 5. They help the unit resolve issues that may arise that the unit may not be able to solve on their own (act as a diplomat for the district and the council)
- 6. They set the example in action and in presentation



Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill & Walnut Creek Eagle Scouts May 2021 Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts

Are you wondering where some of the Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda Eagle Scouts are? PARENTS: In this time of Sheltering in Place, please send pictures of your Scout in uniform to **Norman Gee** with the information of the date and the unit the Scout earned their Eagle Scout rank. We want to make sure EVERY EAGLE SCOUT receives recognition for their achievement! Contact **Norman** normgee50@gmail.com or **Bonnie** Hazarabedian bonzai@flash.net.



Graham Bogham - Troop 302



Keegan Cooke - Troop 405



Taj Donthineni - Troop 246



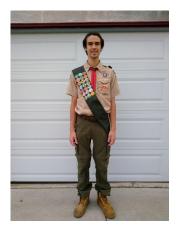
Jack Erickson-King - Troop 234



Ryan Erickson-King - Troop 234



Andersen Keller - 405



Dylan Richmond - Troop 277



Jordan Stanton - Troop 832



To commemorate the agency's 50th anniversary last year, the Boy Scouts of America and EPA signed a memorandum of understanding to create aspecial award, encouraging those in the Scouts BSA program to strive to protect the environment. The award, which features a patch, requires Scouts to earn environmental and community health-focused merit badges and participate in a service project.



Did you know that your units need to record their hours spent volunteering service to others? Every unit has a unique id number that they can use to record the hours. In order to make it easier for units, the District has set up an email address where you can report your hours, what the service was, and the number of Scouts that worked on it. Send an email listing the service, location, the total number of hours (# of Scouts x number of hours) to Briones.service.hours@gmail.com. Recording service hours affects everyone's Journey to Excellence scores (units, districts, councils, sections, etc...).



SAR Eagle Awards Contest

Information can be found at <u>www.californiasar.org</u> under programs/youth programs, or they can email me directly.

Derek Brown

President

California Society Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR)



You too can help!

Your District Committee needs your help, we have many openings. While we're listing only the primary position, every position can use additional help even those not mentioned. The more folks who volunteer the easier the work. Let Bruce McGurk or Mark Weyland know if you're interested in helping.

Roundtable

We are in desperate need of a Roundtable Commissioner (their job is

coordinate the Roundtable meetings from September thru June).

Scouts BSA Roundtable

We are equally desperate in our need of a volunteer to coordinate and present programs for troops each month.

Cub Scout Roundtable

We are equally desperate in our need of a volunteer to coordinate and present programs for packs each month.

Conservation Chair

We are in need of someone to be our Conservation Chair. You will be responsible for keeping track of conservation related opportunities in the District and sending the information to the newsletter editor.

Day Camp Directors

Will you miss not having day camp for your Cub Scouts? We need at least two people to step up and start planning next years day camp. Planning will start in September for 2022. There will be no day camp if no one steps up to chair it.

Unit Commissioners

This is a rewarding fun job for those who have stepped down from working with their units. It's a great opportunity to share your knowledge with units who need help or just a little advice on the best way to do things.

USEFUL SCOUTING LINKS

Golden Gate Area Council

BSA Scouting Forums

This forum has a treasure trove of great info – Scouters helping Scouters! Just a heads up, though - all content, information, and opinions shared on this forum are those of the author, not the BSA.

Bryan on Scouting

A blog for BSA's Adult Leaders

Scouting Wire

The Official Blog of the Scouting Movement

Conservation Corner

Gardens & Landscape

- Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden: Learn about native, drought tolerant and wildlife gardening. Work parties on Sunday, check their website for dates https://phig.webs.com/. Eagle Scout Projects available. Inquire with Monika Olsen, phigarden@gmail.com.
- Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm: Learn about permaculture and biodynamic

gardening at a historic farm in Pleasant Hill. Work parties every Saturday. http://www.rogersranch.org/rodgers-ranch-urban-farm.html. For Eagle Scout projects, contact Marian Woodard, marian@thequantumbusiness.com

- Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area Join in every Sunday from 9 am 1 pm to help out with gardening, general maintenance and light
 construction. Eagle Scout projects are also available. Contact them
 at https://fwrna.org/contact/
- John Muir National Historic Site: Garden and landscape volunteers assist with manual labor in the park's fruit/nut orchards and the Mt. Wanda open space areas. Biological internship also available. Contact the Volunteers In Parks Corps at 925-228-8860.

Reduce Reuse Recycle

- The Crayon Initiative: More than a half million pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills and never biodegrades, and is also a waste of resources. The Crayon Initiative collects donated crayons from restaurants, schools and homes across the country, then melts them down and remanufactures them, reducing waste. Better yet, the recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the US, brightening the lives of young patients during their stay. Get your troop involved collecting crayons! Learn more with this guide for Scouts: http://thecrayoninitiative.org/wp-
 - content/uploads/2017/12/170604 TCI Scouts Program Guide.pdf
- Volunteer with RecycleSmart and Republic Services! Multiple Farmers
 Markets in Orinda, Moraga, Danville and Walnut Creek- Scouts can assist
 with waste sorting stations and the RecycleSmart booth. Annual events
 like Pleasant Hill's Art Jazz & Wine can also use help with waste sorting
 stations. For more information, contact Ashley
 Louisiana, Ashley@recyclesmart.org
- Any troop can participate in a Vermicomposting (Worms!) and Bin Building Workshop with RecycleSmart. It's \$20 per family and includes all bin supplies, two hours of instruction and worms! It's a great deal and such a fun experience. For more information, contact Ashley Louisiana, Ashley@recyclesmart.org

Restoration

- Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation: Work parties most weekends; minimum volunteer age is 14, but can be opened to younger children by prior arrangement with a leader (see link below). Eagle Project opportunities include site prep and planting of native plants, as well as invasive species removal. Other projects depend on scout interest. http://www.wcosf.org/calendar/events.html
- Save Mt. Diablo: Join the Diablo Restoration Team (DiRT)! Dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of natural resources in Contra Costa County, volunteers meet monthly to get DiRTy and contribute to the stewardship of habitat for sensitive and endangered species. Contact Jim Cartan, jcartan@savemountdiablo.org
- Volunteers of Outdoor California: Trail work and camping. Visit www.v-o-cal.org
- Friends of the Creeks: Help transform a weedy area of creek bank in Civic Park in Walnut Creek into a meadow of wildflowers and native grasses. Restoration days monthly on the second Saturday.

Email <u>contact@FriendsoftheCreeks.org</u>.

Water Conservation and Wastewater Treatment

- Residential Recycled Water Fill Station: Monday-Friday, 9 am 4 pm. (During wet weather and holidays, please call 925-335-7717.) http://www.centralsan.org/index.cfm?navld=1348
- EBMUD Resources: In 1978, EBMUD began an education outreach program so that students can learn about water conservation, pollution prevention and watershed stewardship. EBMUD offers classroom materials in English and Spanish at three grade levels, outdoor classroom programs from November to April, and participates in regional education outreach programs. http://www.ebmud.com/recreation/teacher-resources/
- Rotary Rain Harvesting Project: Get involved with installing rain barrels and other rain harvesting and water conservation techniques.
- Central San Student Programs: CCCSD is pleased to offer the following education programs to teachers and schools to help students learn about protecting their environment. http://www.centralsan.org/index.cfm? navid=161

WIIdlife

 Lindsay Wildlife Experience: A variety of wonderful classes and leadership opportunities are available for youth: https://lindsaywildlife.org/event-category/teen-programs/

Tours

- Contra Costa Transfer & Recovery Station Tours: Ever wonder what happens to trash after it's whisked away from the curb? Gain an eye-opening glimpse into the world of garbage on these free tours.
- Mt. Diablo Recycling Tours: Learn what happens to recycling after it leaves your curb! Contact Adriana
 Medina, Adriana.Medina@garaventaent.com
- Central San Treatment Plant Tours: Central San offers free virtual tours of its award-winning wastewater treatment plant. https://www.centralsan.org/virtual-plant-tour

Here are links for teachers::

https://www.centralsan.org/post/poop-principle https://www.centralsan.org/post/resource-recovery-principle

Other Local Organizations

- Sustainable Contra Costa: http://sustainablecoco.org/
- Sustainable Lafayette: http://www.sustainablelafayette.org/
- Contra Costa Climate Leaders: http://www.ccclimateleaders.org/

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