



**Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year**

*Wishing you a wonderful Scouting year in 2024*

*Enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends.*

*We are so grateful for all you do for the youth of Tres Ranchos District.*

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## TR District Awards Night and Eagle Scout Recognition Event

*This event will be postponed until the spring*

**The nomination deadline has been extended and nominations are still being accepted!** So please take a few minutes to complete a nomination form for deserving members of your unit and send it in asap. Listed below are the special recognitions available to outstanding Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship and District Scouters.

- [CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION](#)

For any adult, registered or not, who aided a local unit.

- [VETERAN SCOUTER NOMINATION](#)

For those with five or more years of registered adult Scouter service.

- [THE UNSUNG HERO AWARD](#)

For a single NONE REGISTERED ADULT, who made a significant contribution to the success of a unit during the year.

- [DISTRICT PLAQUE \\*](#)

For registered Scouters serving the Tres Ranchos District, recognizing their noteworthy and outstanding service to youth.

- [DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT \\*](#)

For Scouters of Tres Ranchos who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

\* Denotes AWARDS with MAXIMUM LIMITS

Click on the links above to download the fillable PDFs which also include the

descriptions. Feel free to make as many copies as you need.

***Please keep your nominations confidential.***

All of the above recognitions will be presented at the Annual Tres Ranchos District Recognition Event. The committee will contact you if your nominee is chosen and you will be asked to help insure his or her attendance at the event.

***SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:***

- Directly to Frank Solla (our District Executive) 925-367-0357 x118
- Via PDF to [frank.solla@scouting.org](mailto:frank.solla@scouting.org)
- Via PDF to [diane-riggs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diane-riggs@sbcglobal.net)
- Via US Mail to:

Rose Godfrey Frank Solla

6199 Bellingham Drive 6601 Owens Drive Suite 100

Castro Valley, CA 94552 Pleasanton, CA 94588



*From Rose Godfrey, our District Commissioner:*

We are in the midst of recharter season, and I appreciate each unit who has begun and some who have completed their recharters. Thank you!

If you haven't already, it is now imperative! Please start the process by simply logging in to <https://advancements.scouting.org/>. You can access the step-by-step guide at <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/internet-rechartering/>.

Please take a moment to confirm you have all the youth and adults on the roster. If anyone is missing, please add them by having them apply online at [beascout.org](https://beascout.org). You

can send them your unit's direct link by going to my. Scouting invitation manager.

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Thank you to all our Scouts, units and volunteers who help with our Annual Good Turn, Scouting for Food. We collected thousands of cans, boxes and containers to help local food pantries and the Alameda County Food Bank. At this time of year, the Food Bank is very grateful for your efforts. A special thanks to our coordinator, Yoshiko Bertetta. We will be back at it next year!

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# CRAB FEED

GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL

## Come out and Support Scouting!

### Saturday, Feb 17th 2024

No-Host Cocktail Reception , 5:00 – 6:00, Dinner 6:00 PM

Fratellanza Club (1140 66th St, Oakland)

Early Bird discount ends on January 27 - \$75/ticket

After January 27 - Ticket to the Crab Feed: \$85

Couples Discount: \$160 - includes two admission tickets

Red Rock Crab Sponsor: \$800 - seating for 8, one drawing ticket per person, ad in program

Dungeness Sponsor: \$1500 - seating for 16, 2 drawing tickets per person, ad in program



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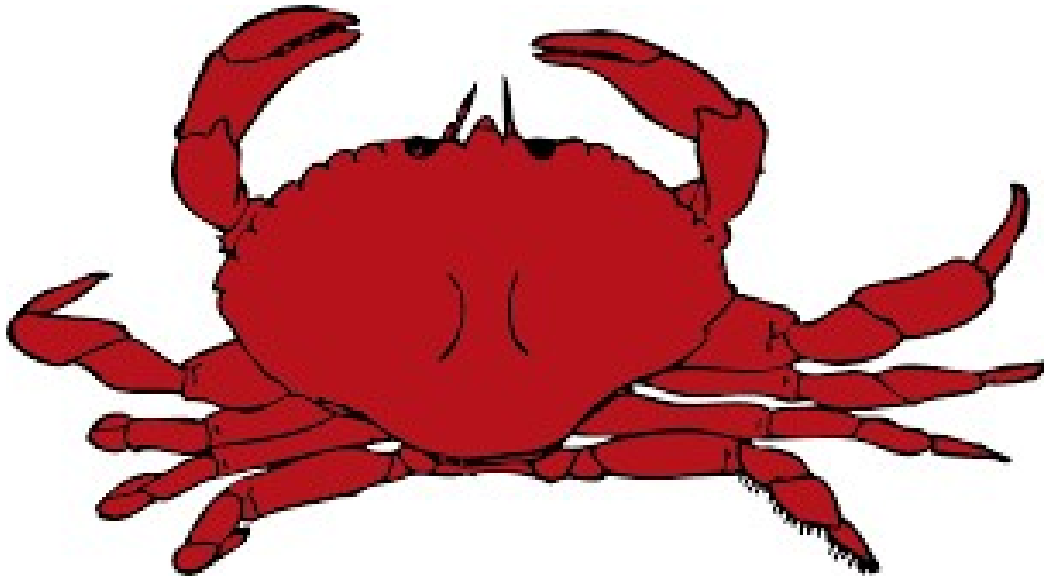


In Supporting the GGAC

[eagles.ggacbsa.org/join](http://eagles.ggacbsa.org/join)

The official Eagle Alumni Group of the Golden Gate Area

[Click here for ticket sales and more information.](#)



## Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

### *Call for Facilitators*

We have a continuing need for more Counselors for this merit badge. Check out the information about the badge and the requirements to be a counselor [HERE](#).

The next Orientation session is December 13 OR December 22 at 7 pm. No registration needed, just connect to Zoom by [clicking here](#).

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## L.E.A.D. (formerly known as University of Scouting)

is coming January 27, 2024

to Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. This is the single biggest training day in our council. With almost 500 Scouters expected, we offer something for everyone, whether you are new or experienced! Join us for a full day of training on a variety of different topics, just select the sessions you wish! For more information and registration, [click here.](#)





There will be a BALOO Course offered at LEAD, with the overnighter at Camp Herms in El Cerrito that evening. [Register Here](#)

There will be an additional course on April 6-7. For more information, see Michael Wrenn. Registration is not yet available for this event.

Remember that on every pack overnighter, there must be at least ONE BALOO-trained registered leader. It is recommended that each pack has several leaders with BALOO training for flexibility.



Spring Wood Badge Dates Announced:  
Camp Herms, El Cerrito: March 22-24, 2024  
Rancho Los Mochos, Livermore: April 20-21, 2024  
(Must attend BOTH sessions)  
For registration & more information:



<https://scoutingevent.com/023-WoodBadgeSpring2024>

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**Winter Course Dates:**

**Camp Herms, El Cerrito:**

**February 17-19 AND February 23-25**

Registration is now open! Act fast, this course will sell out!

[Click here for registration & more information](#)

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# OA Winter Camp Awareness- Saturday Jan 13

aboard the USS Hornet, Alameda

This annual event for Scouts BSA troops is a great training opportunity for Scouts to improve their knowledge about cold weather camping. Sessions are offered by OA youth who instruct their peers. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

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**Scouts BSA Roundtable** with RT Commissioner Roger Doering will continue on Zoom on 2nd Thursdays at 7pm as usual. This is monthly training and support for Scoutmasters, Asst Scoutmasters and Troop Committee. Attend Roundtable! Stay Informed! <https://csueb.zoom.us/j/428249408?pwd=OThUbyszTEVldzJWVjhuQ2NZM3JoUT09>

Meeting ID: 428 249 408

Password: 620569

**Cub Scout Roundtable** will meet with Michael Wrenn on also 2nd Thursdays. After a joint opening and district announcements, Cub Scouters will have their own breakout room for program support, questions/answers and helpful hints.

***THERE WILL NO ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM IN DECEMBER***

***Scouts BSA & Cub Scout Roundtable***

***will resume in January.***



### **GGAC Spring 2023 Course Now Open for Registration**

Wood Badge is an advanced training experience for Scout leaders in all programs. This is a two weekend course.

Friday, March 24, 2023 – Sunday March 26, 2023 AND

Saturday, April 22, 2023 – Sunday, April 23, 2023

[Click Here for More Information](#)





**Journey to Excellence** The Boy Scouts of America has released the latest update to the annual [Journey to Excellence scorecards](#), which list the unit evaluation items that go into determining a unit's JTE status at the end of the year. We've always encouraged unit leaders to use the scorecard a few times a year to see how they're doing. Now is a good time to see how the first half of the year went and what might need to be improved upon going forward.





**National Eagle Scout Association  
NESAs Scholarship application window is open!!!**

[Click here for more information](#)

Last year, NESAs awarded more than \$536,000 to members. Whether your Eagle Scouts plan to attend a 4-year university or trade school, remind them to Be Prepared to apply.

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**CUB SCOUT CAMPING**

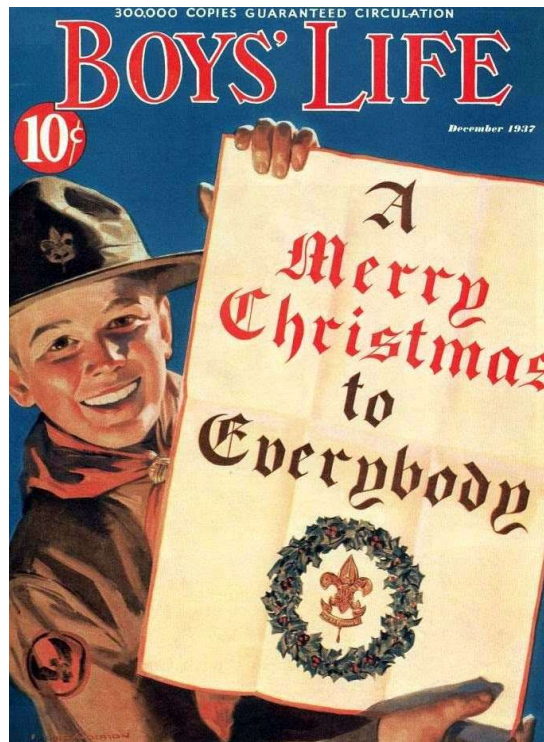


**Family Camp - Day Camp - Resident Camp**

All Cub camping registration goes live on January 1, at <https://ggacbsa.org/cub-scout-camping/>

Registration for events like Tiger Cub Safari, our Family Vacation Camps, and Mom & Cub Weekends can all be found at this one link. Make sure your parents know how to sign up for these council events. As events do regularly sell out, be sure to get your registration in early!

See you in camp!



**GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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**Trading Posts, Council Service Center, Scout Shop**

The Council Service Center in Pleasanton is open, 6601 Owens Drive, Suite 100, Pleasanton 94588. The main phone number and professional staff extensions are unchanged. [Click Here for GGAC Council Website](#)

**All Offices Closed December 25 & 26, January 1**

Pleasanton Council Service Center & Trading Post:

6601 Owens Drive, Suite 100, Pleasanton

Monday - Friday - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Alameda Trading Post & Outdoor Programs Office : 1714 Everett St., Alameda

Outdoor Programs Office: Monday - Friday - 9:00 am - 5 pm

Trading Post: Tuesday & Thursday - 1:00 - 5:00 pm

*Alameda Office Closed 12/23/23- 1/8-24*

Fairfield Trading Post: 1955 W. Texas St., Fairfield

Tuesday & Thursday - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Scout Shop (Operated by National Council, Supply Division):

508 Contra Costa Boulevard, Suite K2, Pleasant Hill 94523:

Monday - Friday 10:00 am- 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

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**We are here to serve:**

**Your District Key 4**

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District Commissioner: Rose Godfrey Email: [rosegodrey@comcast.net](mailto:rosegodrey@comcast.net)

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***HELP US MAKE THE NEWSLETTER BETTER!***

We are looking for your photos of Scouts at your meetings, campouts and activities for inclusion in this monthly publication. Send photos or articles about the great things your unit is doing to [mikewrenn1@aol.com](mailto:mikewrenn1@aol.com)