

TRES RANCHOS DISTRICT

Serving the communities of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro & San Lorenzo



District Newsletter: November 2022



- **New Professional Leadership:** Morgan Fjord, Field Director, will be filling in and providing unit service to TR District while a search for a new district executive goes on. We thank Jesse Barush for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors. You can contact Morgan at morgan.fjord@scouting.org or at his office phone: 925-674-6118
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- **Tom Weibert has been elected President of the Golden Gate Area Council.** Tom is an Eagle Scout and longtime Scouter. He replaces outgoing president Dan Walters who will remain on the Council Executive Board. We thank Dan for his service through the merger and bankruptcy process and congratulate Tom on his new Scouting role. The President is the head volunteer in our council, and along with the Council Commissioner and Scout Executive/CEO, make up our Council Key 3.
 - **Updated Covid Information** is now available from the GGAC. [Click Here for More Information](#)
 - **The Pleasanton Trading Post** is looking for part-time sales associates. These employees will be responsible for providing customer service, sales, and maintenance of the trading post. Hours will be 1:00 - 5:00PM, Monday through Friday, with a potential for Saturday hours at a later time. Ideal candidates will be at least 16 years old, be customer service oriented, and have reliable transportation. Pay will be \$18 per hour. Interested candidates should email their resume to: Brian McGuire, Director of Field Services
 - **The National Jamboree** will be held in July 2023 at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Our local council is currently forming a contingent to travel to the jamboree. [Click here for more information](#)
 - **NYLT Winter 2023 Course Registration** is now open. [Click here for more information](#)

RECHARTERING UPDATE

SPECIAL RECHARTER WORKSHOP **FOR ALL PACKS AND TROOPS**

AT NOVEMBER ROUNDTABLE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7 PM. via ZOOM

Our Zoom Meeting coordinates:

<https://csueb.zoom.us/j/428249408?pwd=OThUbyszTEVldzJWVjhuQ2NZM3JoUT09>

Meeting ID: 428 249 408

Password: 620569

Join Field Director Morgan Fjord and other district volunteers for this orientation workshop to walk you through the recharter process. If this is your first year doing the recharter, this meeting will save you time and effort!

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RECHARTER

Start doing the preparation work by making sure all your unit volunteers have Youth Protection Training (YPT) that will be valid for the entire charter period (Calendar Year 2023). Also follow up with those leaders who haven't completed AB 506 training. Scouting volunteers who are not in AB 506 compliance will be dropped from your roster, which can delay the rechartering process for your whole unit. [Click here for more rechartering resources from GGAC](#)

Scout Shop, Trading Posts & Service Center

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](#)

Scout Shop: 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

Pleasanton Trading Post: 6601 Owens Drive, Suite 100, Pleasanton
Monday - Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Alameda Trading Post: 1714 Everett St., Alameda
Monday - Friday - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
2nd Saturday of Month - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

A new Scout Shop and Service desk will be opening soon in Fairfield!

From our TR District Commissioner, Rose Godfrey:

Meet your Unit Commissioner

We have 28 units in the Tres Ranchos District. We have 5 hard-working Unit Commissioners. 16 of 28 units are covered. That's less than 60%. We would love to have every unit covered. Please let any one of us know if you have someone who is interested in becoming a Unit Commissioner!

| <u>PACKS</u> | | <u>TROOPS</u> | |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 506 | Phil Abreu | 168 | Open |
| 556 | Ed Gabrielson | 503 | Phil Abreu |
| 603 | Charles Hoffman | 555 | Open |
| 722 | Rose Godfrey | 556 | Paul Smith |
| 765 | Rose Godfrey | 2/612 | Charles Hoffman |
| 899 | Charles Hoffman | 701 | Open |
| | | 2/708 | Paul Smith |

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| | 2/722 | Rose Godfrey |
| | 726 | Rose Godfrey |
| | 2/789 | Open |
| | 2/801 | Open |
| | 818 | Open |
| | 819 | Open |
| | 876 | Open |
| | Ship 700 | Charles Hoffman |

Email: rosegodfrey@comcast.net

Phone: 510-886-5177

TRES RANCHOS DISTRICT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Tres Ranchos District Committee is a group of committed volunteer Scouters who often come from the units, where they have served as unit leaders or on the committee. However, any Scouter can be part of our team! Our District Key leadership: District Chair, District Commissioner and District Vice Chair-Program will end their terms of office in June. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee as we seek new leadership to continue the work of Tres Ranchos District. If you can help, contact Michael Wrenn at mikewrenn1@aol.com or Rose Godfrey at rosegodfrey@comcast.net

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETS VIA ZOOM ON FIRST THURSDAYS AT 6:30
PM.**

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 1, 2022. Contact Michael Wrenn if you need a link.

***TR District Awards Night and Eagle Scout Recognition
Event***

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 6:30 pm

Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, 20104 Center St, Castro Valley

Come join us for an evening of celebration followed by a festive dessert reception to celebrate Scouting in Tres Ranchos District as we recognize:

- All youth earning Eagle Scout rank during 2021 and 2022
- Recipients of the District Award of Merit
- Recipients of the District Recognition Plaque
- District Commissioner and District Chairman's Awards
- All leaders earning training awards and knots
- The Unsung Hero Award for unregistered supporters
- Veterans Awards
- Wood Badge recipients
- Certificates of Appreciation

*Let us all come together to celebrate our accomplishments of our Eagle Scouts
and the efforts of our devoted Scouting volunteers*

WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR RECIPIENTS!!

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL NOVEMBER 10

**[CLICK HERE FOR NOMINATION FORMS AND MORE
INFORMATION](#)**

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

FOOD PICK UP ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

All units should have received door hangers for distribution which should be passed out by this weekend. Pick up will be on Saturday, November 12. Our main drop-off point for grocery bags will be in Castro Valley at Rite Aid on Castro Valley Blvd. More information on the overall campaign is available from the Council [Click Here for More Information](#) If you need more information about Tres Ranchos Scouting for food, please contact Rose Godfrey, 510-886-5177.



Remember that training is available for all pack and troop leaders online at training.scouting.org. With newly-registered leaders, it is essential that they immediately take Youth Protection Training, and the training relevant to their specific position.

BASIC BACKPACKING AWARENESS: NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022 AT RANCHO LOS MOCHOS



[Click here](#) for more information

Save the Date! LEAD January 28, 2023 ***Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill***

This day was formerly called the University of Scouting. LEAD is an all-day long Training Extravaganza for all adult leaders in every program: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturing and Exploring. There is something for everyone. This is a DO-NOT-MISS opportunity!

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON! [For More Information, Click Here](#)



IMPORTANT: ROUNDTABLE CHANGES

Cub Scout Roundtable Format is changing. Tres Ranchos District will be offering RT through a new GGAC program: A weekly, drop-in Virtual Roundtable on Mondays 5-7 pm. Drop in any Monday for help with your pack. [Click Here for Zoom Details and More Information](#)

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>

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Password: 620569

THE TRES RANCHOS DISTRICT AWARDS NIGHT WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE DECEMBER ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM.

Scouts BSA Roundtable will resume with Roger Doering in January.

There is a need for BALOO Training in Golden Gate Area Council! Can you help?



Join an inter-district team of Cub Scout Trainers to collaborate and offer a quality BALOO Training to our council's Cub Scouters with timeliness and regularity 3-4 times a year.

HELP US HELP YOUR PACKS!

Sign up [here](#) to join the team or get more information. NO TRAINING EXPERIENCE NEEDED! An ideal opportunity for a first-time trainer. Need a ticket item for Wood Badge?

This can be a great way to serve Scouting. For details, contact Michael Wrenn, Asst Council Commissioner, mikewrenn1@aol.com, 510-331-1471

WOOD BADGE UPDATE

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](#)



NEW SCOUTING CONFERENCE!

COLOR OUTSIDE THE LINES:

Women, Girls, Allies & Champions

December 2-4, 2022, Pleasanton

Join us for a weekend conference to celebrate the achievements and tackle the challenges of women in Scouting

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

CAMPING NEWS

SCOUTS BSA CAMPING

It is NOT too early to start thinking about the 2023 Camping Season. Stake-a-Claims are available for Camp Royaneh, Wentz Scout Reservation and Camp Wolfeboro [Click Here](#)

CUB SCOUT CAMPING

Save the dates for our exciting Cub Scout Weekend and Resident Camp programs.

[Click here for more information](#)



Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

NOW Eagle Required

Scoutmasters: Thank you for helping your Scouts in their journey through Scouting. The new merit badge, Citizenship in Society, is now “Eagle Required.” The Advancement Committee has adopted a process focused on serving those youth who will “age out” this calendar year. Both Scouts and Counselors participating in National’s pilot reported that results were enhanced working with a group of 6 to 8 high school aged Scouts who were within 2 years of age.

The process prioritizes 17-year-old Life Scouts who will not complete the Eagle Scout requirements (less an Eagle Board of Review) prior to June 30, 2022. Participation will be expanded for other Life Scouts (and other ranks) as the demand by 17-year-olds diminishes.

Please:

Review the Citizenship in Society requirements.

Review the Scout’s record of completed merit badges.

Discuss cohort participation with Scout and parent. Determine readiness.

Complete the on-line form: <https://forms.gle/rxgjH2zU8b8aofyf8>

Please assure the parent is connected to Scout in Scoutbook as all communication and Merit Badge sign-offs will occur through Scoutbook

What will happen:

Parent will be sent coupon code and instructions for Scout to:

Review Available Citizenship in Society Cohorts

Select Cohort with compatible schedule

Register using a one-time Coupon Code or pay \$1,000 (this is there to ensure scout has a coupon code!).

Scoutbook will be used for all communications.

Virtual meetings such as Zoom, Goggle Teams, etc.

GGAC NEEDS COUNSELORS FOR THIS MERIT BADGE.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN THIS CAPACITY. Contact our Advancement Chair Diane Riggs, diane-riggs@sbcglobal.net for more information.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

The Golden Gate Area Council needs your help! While we are dependent on our volunteer Scouters to help deliver the program, the council also is reliant on donations from individuals and local companies to help fund our efforts. Council properties, program administration, and professional staff salaries are just some of the expenses. The approximate cost per Scout is \$240, and as you know the program fee is only \$66. Will you consider a recurring donation of \$20 a month to support Scouting? One time gifts are also welcome. Please inquire with your employer about matching gifts. Pledge today and help Golden Gate Area Council remain financially strong. [Pledge to the 2022 Friends of Scouting campaign](#)

SCOUT DAY AT THE 49ERS:

Sunday, December 4 vs. Miami Dolphins



[Click Here for More Information](#)

Order of the Arrow News



YERBA BUENA LODGE BANQUET - SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 3RD

Our annual Lodge Banquet is coming up on December 3rd, 2022 from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM at Elks Lodge in Alameda! (2255 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501)

All members of Yerba Buena and parents are invited to join us for a nice dinner to wrap up the year's successes. This banquet is an opportunity to catch up with your fellow Arrowman and meet some new ones! Doors for registration will open at 5 PM and the program will start at 6 PM.

Along with dinner, we will have:

- - Auctions
- - Silent Auctions
- - Trading Post
- - Award Announcements
- - Swearing in of the 2023 Lodge Officers

And as a reminder, if you haven't registered yet to attend, we would recommend you register as soon as possible. Registration is \$25. Just use the following **Registration Link:** <https://www.scoutingevent.com/023-OA2022Banquet>

We are reaching out for any donations of prizes for either our silent auction or our raffle.

Some example donations would be:

- Any scouting patches
- Legacy Lodge memorabilia
- Camping equipment
- Scouting mugs/t-shirts/coats

If you are willing to make a donation please fill out the google form linked below.

<https://forms.gle/4ggUdCYc24HprQ4h6>

If you have any questions please contact:

Jessica Stevens (Youth) - Activation@yerbabuena.ggac.bsa.org

Craig Leighty (Adult) - Adviser@yerbabuena.ggacbsa.org

On October 30, the youth of Yerba Buena Lodge elected the lodge officers for the 2023 officer term. Thank you to everyone that turned out to elect our lodge officers!

Our 2023 Lodge Officers are as follows:

Lodge Chief - Jessica Stevens

Vice Chief of Unit Relations - Lena Dempsey

Vice Chief of Inductions - Ananya Sriram

Vice Chief of Activation - Anastasia Wharton

Vice Chief of Public Affairs - Dylan Chadwick

Secretary - Nina Carbuccia

Treasurer - Henry Johnson

Congratulations to all our new lodge officers! They will be sworn into their posts at our annual Lodge Banquet on December 3.

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Next month's Village plan will include a Village Meeting Nov. 21st. and a Fellowship event Nov. 28th!

Village Fellowship

Who: All (especially new) members

Where: Castro Village Bowl: 3501 Village Dr, Castro Valley, CA 94546

When: Monday, November 28th, 7 pm.

Why: Build community

Dress Code: Scout appropriate clothing

We will get ice cream at Lord across the street after bowling. Expect the event to end around 8:30. Please bring \$20 to contribute to bowling fees and ice cream.

Village Meeting

Village meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. On November 21st. from 7:00 P. M to 8:15 P. M is the November village meeting! During this meeting, we will continue planning the 2023 Spring Camporee and practice presenting our WCA lessons (Tents and Terrains + Sleeping warm). Please look over the presentation: [Lesson Slides](#). The meeting will take place at Creekside Community Church, San Leandro: 951 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94577. If you are unable to attend in person please join virtually via zoom. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

Please come dressed in Class A including your OA sash and face mask.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839889186?pwd=eStOWTNwT0VxVjBqclpjYWdBSzNOdz09>

Dial by your location

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 868 3988 9186

Passcode: 400830

Feel free to respond with questions or concerns (such as assistance organizing transportation).

Nina Carbuccia | Village Chief



Opportunity for Civic Engagement: Light up the Season Returns to City of Hayward December 3

Light Up the Season, the annual downtown Hayward winter-time celebration and lighting ceremony, is returning to the City Hall rotunda and plaza the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Dec. 3, and local organizations, businesses, associations and school groups are welcome to participate.

After two-years of virtual and scaled-back Light Up the Season programs due to COVID-19, the City of Hayward is reintroducing the event with the goal of creating a time and place for Hayward residents to come together in a spirit of inclusion, and to share and celebrate winter-time traditions of our diverse communities. How do you celebrate Twin Luminaries, Mawlid al-Nabi, Chalica, Bodhi Day, Las Posadas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Lohri, Pongal, or other occasions that have the common theme of remembering that there is light even during the season of long nights?

With the 2022 edition of Light Up the Season, the City seeks to partner with community organizations, local businesses and associations, and school groups to recognize and to honor the sense of pride, togetherness and belonging shared by Hayward residents and interrupted by the pandemic. We invite you to present music and dance from these various winter traditions and to decorate homes and businesses in ways that recognize and embrace our commonalities as well as our wealth of cultures and traditions.

During the event, the City will continue its tradition of holding a lighting of a tree and other decorations just after sundown at approximately 5 p.m., as well as displays of fire engines and other apparatus, police officer- and firefighter-led seasonal toy and donation drives, an appearance by Curbie, the Hayward Public Library bookmobile, and other offerings.

Local organizations, businesses, associations, school and other groups interested in participating through performances, the sharing of winter-time traditions and other cultural practices, and in other ways are encouraged to contact Community Programs Specialist Zach Ebadi, of the Hayward City Manager's Office, at (510) 583-3911 or by email at zach.ebadi@hayward-ca.gov.

Send photos or articles about the great things your unit is doing
to mikewrenn1@aol.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION IS DECEMBER 2.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MATERIALS IS NOVEMBER 28.
