

SMOKE SIGNALS

Mt. Diablo Silverado Council

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SILVER BEAVER AWARD



The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council would like to extend a warm congratulation to the following volunteers for their outstanding service to the council. With this service they have earned the Silver Beaver Award!

Ira Hillyer
Martin Klier
Rodney Mangus
Stephan Olvera
John Reynolds
Bill Stanton
Ken Strongman
Dr. August Gene Voelkel

We would like to invite you to the 2011 Annual Recognition dinner. We will be recognizing many volunteers for their service during 2010, among those, the Silver Beaver recipients. The dinner takes place at the Walnut Creek Marriott on Friday February 18th 2011. Doors open at 6:30PM and Dinner is served at 7:00PM. The cost to attend this event is \$45 per person. You can find more details and sign up for this recognition dinner at www.bsa-mdsc.org/ard

ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

Friday, February 18th, 2011

Join with us to celebrate the Council's 2010 Silver Beaver Recipients!

Further details are available on page 6.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



2011

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BLACKHAWK 500



Get ready for some down and derby action! The Blackhawk 500 is even bigger and better this year! The best competitors around are invited to take part in exciting family fun action. In Spring 2011 we are back at the Black Hawk Auto Museum in Danville, CA from 9AM to 1PM. There will be derby action, entertainment, and more! Don't miss this annual event. More information is to come...

For more information please visit www.bsa-mdsc.org/bh500

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

- 1 Cub Day Camp Directors Meeting
- 5 OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting 7-9pm
- 7 HAT-Core
- 8 HAT-Core
- 22 Leader Education and Discovery 7am -4pm
- 24 International Committee Meeting
- 29 OA USS Hornet Overnight and Fellowship & Service
- 30 OA USS Hornet Overnight and Fellowship & Service

Memorials & Tributes

In Honor & Loving Memory of
Dick DuVal
 Alfred & Gloria Kappadahl

In Honor & Loving Memory of
Robert Berquist
 Caryll Farrer

In Honor & Loving Memory of
Robert Brady
 Gary & Christine Weaver

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE WEBINARS

“Scouting’s Journey to Excellence” is the BSA’s new performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

In order to accommodate volunteers and professional staff who were not able to attend one of the Journey to Excellence webinars in October or November, the Boy Scouts of America has expanded the schedule into early 2011 with more dates and times.

The final Journey to Excellence forms are posted online at www.scouting.org. They can be accessed by clicking on “volunteers” and looking under the “quick links” heading. This is also where the recorded webinars are located. All forms are also on MyBSA > Resources > Council and District Operations in the blue column on the right. In addition, please check the online scorecards for the most up-to-date versions.

All webinar times shown below are Pacific time.

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| Pack Webinars | * Thursday, January 27 at 6 p.m. |
| * Wednesday, January 26 at 5 p.m. | Council Webinars |
| * Wednesday, February 2 at 8 a.m. | * Wednesday, January 26 at 7 a.m. |
| Troop Webinars | * Tuesday, February 1 at 2 p.m. |
| * Thursday, January 27 at 9 a.m. | District and unit webinar link |
| * Tuesday, February 1 at 5 p.m. | http://journey-toexcellence.kintera.org/district-unit |
| Crew Webinars | Council webinar link |
| * Thursday, January 27 at 7 a.m. | http://journey-toexcellence.kintera.org/council-staffvolunteers |
| * Wednesday, February 2 at 11 a.m. | |
| District Webinars | |
| * Wednesday, January 26 at 9 a.m. | |



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Mt. Diablo Silverado Training Opportunities



The "Training Continuum" offers many exciting opportunities for program and leadership skills training. If your home District does not have a convenient training session, please consider attending the course in another District. For any training questions, contact your District training representative:

Council Chair	Michael Peterson	925-837-7074	Lake	Suisei Heidebrecht	707-994-9613
Aklan	Bill Phelon	925-254-8338	Marsh Creek	Scott Kubik	925-787-7056
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Herms	Gary Bracken	650-400-9989	Napa	Tony Zarate	707-257-7155
Iron Horse	Camilla Hester-Alvaro	925-963-0198	Silver Gate	Mike Rettinhouse	707-479-6430

At least one registered leader on every outing requiring a Tour Permit must have completed Youth Protection Training and Hazardous Weather Training. Both of these courses are available online at MyScouting.org.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL UNITS

Effective June 1, 2010, all registered adults must complete Youth Protection Training every two years. Beginning with rechartering for 2012 (completed in December 2011), the Top Leader of each unit must be Trained for their position or the unit will not be allowed to recharter. Top Leader, as defined by the national office, is Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach, Venturing Crew Advisor, and Skipper.

POSITION-SPECIFIC TRAINING (PST)

Basic training for each position

Contact your District Training Chair if you need courses at times other than those listed.

Cub Scout Leaders

All Position-Specific training for Cub Scout adults can be found online at MyScouting.org. Contact your District Training Chair for information.

Boy Scouts, Varsity Teams, Venture Crews

Sat, Feb 26, 2011, Scoutmasters/Asst Scoutmasters, location TBD. Contact Kathy Nunez, 925-756-7159, katnunez1@att.net

Sat, Mar 19, 2011, all positions, Palmer School, Walnut Creek.

Contact John McClintic, 925-930-7352, jmcclintic@bamlaw.com, Bill Phelon, 925-254-8338, rphelon@juno.com.

Sat, Mar 26, 2011, Crew Advisers/Assoc Advisers, location TBD. Contact Kathy Nunez, 925-756-7159, katnunez1@att.net

Sat, Apr 9, 2011, Team Coaches/Asst Coaches, location TBD. Contact Kathy Nunez, 925-756-7159, katnunez1@att.net

BALOO (BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION)

Required for Cub Leaders on Pack overnights.

Apr 30, 2011, Camp Herms. Contact John McClintic, 925-930-7352, jmcclintic@bamlaw.com, Bill Phelon, 925-254-8338, rphelon@juno.com.

OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (OLS)

Fri-Sat, Apr 29-30, 2011, location TBD. Contact Tom Santos, 925-672-5955, tomnets@pacbell.net, Kathy Nunez, 925-756-7159, katnunez1@att.net

Sat-Sun, Apr 30-May 1, 2011, Camp Herms. Contact John McClintic, 925-930-7352, jmcclintic@bamlaw.com, Bill Phelon, 925-254-8338, rphelon@juno.com.

The following courses are supplemental.

HAT (HIGH ADVENTURE TRAINING)

Core. Jan 7-8, 2011. Lim: 30. Contact Kim Naylor, 925-457-4829, knaylor@art.com.

Cold Weather Camping Awareness-Okpik. Feb 1, 9, 26-27. All sessions required. Lim: 30. Contact Keith Gale, 925-672-3592, keith_gale@hotmail.com

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

Feb 19-21 AND Feb 25-27. Attendance at both sessions required. Contact Bruce Arms, 925-432-9602, bruce.arms@comcast.net

WOOD BADGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Adult leadership training for ALL Scouters. Thurs-Sat, Apr 14-16, 2011 AND Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 2011. Attendance at both sessions required.

Contact Bob Carns, rbcarns@att.net, Camilla Hester-Alvaro, 925-963-0198, wbc.mdsc@gmail.com.

LEAD (LEADER EDUCATION & DISCOVERY)

You're invited to a Scouting luau!
Sat, Jan 22, 2011.

Online registration ends Jan 14. Thereafter, registration will be available at the door. Contact Craig Gridley, craigg510@aol.com, www.bsa-mdsc.org/training.

TOY DRIVE FOR BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY 2010 Troop 444 Chartered by St. Bonaventure Catholic Church



Troop 444 Scouts: (Back Row) Brandon Clement, Colin Tittel, Andrew Durkee, Nick Morgan, James Mizutani, Evan Steel, (Bottom Row) Elias Lozano Julian Rike, Jay Patel, Christian Cruz



Scouts Pictured: A.J. Visaya, Christian Cruz, Julian Rike, Laura Maringer, and Adult Scout Leader Helen Rike

**VOA
Open House
March 5th 2011**



Come join the Council's Venturing Officers Association for a day of fun on March 5th 2011 from 1:00pm until 5:30pm at the Council Service Center, 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.

If you're interested in joining Venturing, a high-risk adventure program, we will have displays from Crews around your area. Bring a friend for a day of fun!! Join us for an X-Box and Wii Sports Competition. Weather permitting there will be a jump house, and rock wall. Pizza will be provided. The price for the day is \$4.00 per person.

Come join us for an exciting day. ☺

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

*Mt. Diablo Silverado Council
Boy Scouts of America*

Annual Recognition Dinner

Friday, February 18th, 2011

at

The Walnut Creek Marriott

2355 North Main Street

Walnut Creek, California

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

\$45.00 per person

*Join with us to celebrate the Council's 2010
Silver Beaver Recipients*

*Mail your reservation form to the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, BSA 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
OR If paying with a credit card you may fax 925-674-6190 OR Register on-line at www.bsa-mdsc.org/ard*

Please cut along the line and mail with your check

Council Recognition Dinner

Please Print Name _____ *District* _____

Address _____ *Phone* _____

City _____ *Zip code* _____ *Email* _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

(Please note if a vegetarian meal is requested.)

Reserve a table of eight (yes) / (no)

Number in Party _____ *at \$45.00 each = \$* _____ *Enclosed*

Visa / Master Card / American Express # _____ *Exp Date* _____

3 Digit Security Code (on back of card) _____

Make Checks Payable to Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, BSA

As a courtesy to those planning the dinner, please respond by February 11th. Tickets will not be sold at the door and are non-refundable.

Aklan Newsletter



District Chair	Steve Israel	216-3556 sli@hotmail.com	Eagle Projects	Richard Miles	283-6109 rmiles@comcast.net
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Boy Scout Roundtable	Rodney Mangus	838-2090 mpoloka@bering-weil.com	Smoke Signals	Wick Smith	253-0326 smithwmw@hotmail.com
Camporee	John Spahr		Training	Bill Phelon	254-8338
Cub Roundtable	Paul Shimotake	285-3764 shimotake@wellsfargo.com	Cub Scout Training	Paul Shimotake	285-3764 shimotak@wellsfargo.com
Cub Scout Day Camp	Wendy Cannell-Nottage	825-8670	Boy Scout Training	Wick Smith	253-0326 smithwmw@hotmail.com
ADC for LDS	Jim Riley	933-8067 Jim.Riley@conocophillips.com	Popcorn	Michele Poloka	838-2090 mpoloka@bering-weil.com

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5 District Committee, 6:30
- 12 Commissioners, 6:30 Roundtable, 7:30
- 22 LEAD Adult Training

FEBRUARY

- 2 District Committee, 6:30
- 9 Commissioners, 6:30
- 9 District Dinner at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church at 6-9pm

ROUND TABLE

Roundtable meets at 7:30pm the 2nd Wednesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette).

ADULT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Effective June 1, 2010, all registered adults must complete Youth Protection Training every two years or they will not be included in the unit's annual Recharter. Beginning with rechartering for 2012 (completed in December 2011), the Top Leaders of each unit must be Trained for their positions or the unit will not be allowed to recharter. Top Leaders, as defined by the national office, are Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches, Venturing Crew Advisors, and Skippers.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

FOS reached goal of \$135000.00 and exceeded it to \$137013.00 this year!!!

Please ALL UNITS give your FOS Volunteer name to the FOS Campaign leader- for 2011 Sylvia Deaton. She can be reached at

510-728-4021, Sylvia_deaton@ml.com Training dates are Jan 12th at roundtable at 6pm or Jan 15th at Orinda Library at 10 am. 2011!!

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

1. A BSA Application must be on file with the council indicating that the adult is a MB counselor. This application only needs to be filled out ONCE and there is no fee.
2. A revised MB counselor information form to include a space for emails, the counselor's BSA ID No., as well as a place indicating that a copy of the counselor's Youth Protection Training Certificate must be attached. This form needs to be filled out annually and takes a few minutes to do.
3. Youth protection training MUST be up-to-date. This is BSA requirement and the counselor must attach a copy when they take the form to the Council office to be processed. See Michelle Poloka for details
mpoloka@bering-weil.com

POPCORN

See Michelle Poloka for popcorn sales for unit. This is a great way to earn money for your unit and for individual Scouts. It is split 1/3 Scout, 1/3 unit, and 1/3 Council See Michelle Poloka for details mpoloka@bering-weil.com We still have plenty of POPCORN to sell at the office if you still want to raise some funds for your units!!! We are looking for a new popcorn Chair for 2011 call us!!

CHARTERS 2011

Recharters were due December 1. Please help us in our quest to obtain quality district by turning in your recharters on time. If you need assistance completing your recharter, contact your unit commissioner, or our District Director, Mary April.

AWARDS

It is time to start thinking about your unit scouter of the year, someone who has done outstanding work for your unit. Please send this information, along with a short bio to Mary April at mapril@bsamail.org. Nominees for the District award of merit are also being accepted. This would be a person who has performed outstanding work for Aklan District

during 2010. Please send the scouter's name, a short bio, and the reason that you think that they are deserving of this honor to Mary April mapril@bsamail.org. Winners will be honored at the district dinner.

DISTRICT DINNER

Save the date: our annual DISTRICT DINNER will be held February 9 th, in lieu of roundtable.(we have a special speaker) We will honor Unit Scouters of the year, as well as the winners of the district award of merit. We will celebrate our Silver Beaver winner as well! The dinner will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. Please send a few people from EACH UNIT to attend. Great gift for the unit scouter of the year!

CAMPOREE

Dates for Camporee 2011 have been confirmed. Camporee will be April 29th-May 1st at Bort Meadows. All Troops, Crews, and Webelos are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call contact Paul Shimotake at shimotak@wellsfargo.com. Or 925-285-3764.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY

Mark your calendars

Mt. Diablo Silverado Council's mid-winter escape to Scouting paradise will be held at Diablo Valley College Saturday, January 22, 2011.

L.E.A.D. "Leader Education and Discovery" will again be held at Diablo Valley College on Saturday, January 22, 2011. We are pleased to announce that William F. "Rick" Cronk will be our key note speaker.

Did you know that every youth facing leader will need to be position specific trained by the end of 2011? You can get On-line registration – <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/lead/>

Register early for best selection of courses. Register is only \$45 - a \$10 Early Bird Discount if you register before 12/18/2010. You don't want to miss out!



Chief Solano Newsletter

Dist. Chair	Jay Trottier	707-429-1329 jaydtrottier@sbcglobal.net	Dist. Commissioner	Terry Odneal	707-290-3326 t.odneal@alum.berkeley.edu 925-674-6178 chiefsolano@bsa-mdsc.org
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Tree Recycling 2011	Darrin Nicholson	707-689-5806 dymdnicholson@comcast.net	CS Roundtable	Vacant	
Training	Lance Elder	707-422-7473 lqecon@pacbell.net	Advancement	Richard Ball	707-426-2567 rball707@sbcglobal.net
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Popcorn 2011	Carol Stockand	707-863-0597 cstockand@yahoo.com	Venturing Roundtable	Vacant	
Membership	Sue Odneal	707-426-1534 s.odneal@sbcglobal.net	Scouting for Food	Marijo Krites	707-384-3501 mj3focus@gmail.com
Boy Scout Roundtable	Vacant				

Serving the Communities of Fairfield, Cordelia, Suisun & Travis AFB

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6 Order of the Arrow
- 8 & 15 Christmas Tree Recycling Roundtable @ 7PM
- 15 District Committee
- 22 L.E.A.D.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Order of the Arrow
- 10 Roundtable @ 7 PM10
- 17 District Committee
- 20 Commissioner College

DISTRICT WEB SITE
AND NEWS UPDATES
www.ChiefSolanoBSA.net

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING



January 8 and 15 are the advertised pick-up dates. There is a full committee running this event. Contact Darrin Nicholson, Christmas Tree Recycling chair, for additional information.

CAMPOREE 2011



The tentative date for Camporee will be April 29, 30, May 1 (subject to venue availability). Details at the January Roundtable. Thank you to Kevin Steele for taking on the role of Camporee Director. All Troops and Webelos Dens should plan on attending.

L.E.A.D. 2011 January 22nd



Leader Education and Discovery will be held at the same location as last year, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. Registration is on line at the Council Website. Training for all levels and positions. Hundreds of council Scouters attend this program each year. Check it out!

CUB DAY CAMP 2011 Theme: American Sports

We have a Day Camp Director! Andrea

Curenton ("Andi") has stepped forward to take on the task of putting on Day Camp 2011. Andi will be announcing the final dates for Day Camp in January at the Roundtable.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING



Its time to start planning for one our main annual campaigns for financial support for council and our council-wide events, summer camps, insurance and so much more. In 2010 we were one of only two districts (out of 11) in our council who met our FOS goal. We hope to match that effort this year. Jack Batson will continue to be on point as our financial chair for seeking community support. Last year we set a record for obtaining that support. For the unit level there are different sub-chairs who will be focused on the units. Those chairs will be in touch with each unit setting up a FOS presentation.

FOS Kick off night will be at the January 13th Roundtable. Please plan to have your unit FOS chair there at 6:30 PM for KICK OFF!

COMMISSIONER NOTEBOOK

I want to thank everyone for getting their charters done. We were slower this year, but a large part of that was due to the new Youth Protection requirements. Thank you for your cooperation. Now on to a great 2011!



Herms Gateway

District Chair	Peter Schakow	(510) 527-2596	District Commissioner	Evan "Mike" Lilygren	(510) 843-8055
Vice District Chair	Howard Abelson	(510) 525-7709	Asst. District Commissioner	Rich Kral	(510) 223-2323
District Executive	James Rhodes-Dreyer	(925) 674-6171	Roundtable - Boy Scout	John McDougall	(510) 841-1319
Membership/Relationships	Richard Burton	(925) 285-8862	Roundtable - Cub Scout	Juliana Rather	(510) 275-3177
Publicity/Marketing	Robert Chiofaio	(415) 699-6664	Finance	Jim Hartman	(510) 525-6195
Smoke Signals/Web Site	William Wells	(925) 686-3006	FOS Family Campaign	Jim Hartman	(510) 525-6195
Program	Gary Kirk	(510) 223-7217	Advancement & Recognition	Irwin Horowitz	(510) 527-6662
Training	Gary Bracken	(650) 400-9989	Eagle Board of Review	Matthew Houser	(510) 527-8802
Camping & Outdoors	Dave Williams	(510) 233-0291	Eagle Project Approval	Irwin Horowitz	(510) 527-6662
Conservation	George Fosselius	george@mdsc-ic.org	Merit Badge Registrar	Richard Burton	(925) 285-8862
Activities/Civic Service	Vince Lipinski	(510) 849-1082	Order of the Arrow Apanuc	Eric Jorgensen	(510) 799-1322

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 District Commissioners Meeting
- 11 Council LEAD Training
- 12 District Membership Committee, Cub and Scout Roundtable Meetings
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service
- 18 District Committee Meeting
- 20 Eagle Board & Project Reviews

FEBRUARY

- 2 District Commissioners Meeting
- 6 National Scout Sunday
- 9 District Membership Committee, Cub and Scout Roundtable Meetings
- 12 National Scout Sabbath & Lincoln's Birthday
- 15 District Committee Meeting
- 17 Eagle Board & Project Reviews
- 21 Presidents' Day
- 22 Washington's Birthday

DISTINGUISHED COMMISSIONER AWARD PRESENTED TO PETER SCHAKOW

Peter Schakow, the Herms District Committee Chairman, received the Distinguished Commissioner Award on December 8th, 2010.

HERMS DISTRICT MEETINGS

Commissioners Meeting: First Wednesday of every month (except July), 7:30pm – 9:00pm, at the Camp Herms Lodge.

District Committee Meeting: Third Tuesday of every month (except for July & the joint meeting with Commissioners in August), 7:30pm – 9:00pm, at the Camp Herms Lodge. Eagle Projects and Board of Review every Third Thursday, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, at the Camp Herms Lodge.

Membership Committee Meeting: Second Wednesday of every month (except June, July and August), 7:00pm – 7:30pm, at Camp Herms Lodge.

Roundtable Meetings: Second Wednesday of every month (except June, July and August), 7:30pm – 9:00pm, at Camp Herms Lodge.

WILLIAM T. HORNADAY AWARD PRESENTED TO GEORGE FOSSELIUS

George Fosselius, the Herms District Conservation Chairman, received the William T. Hornaday Award on December 8th, 2010. The award is given to those who have contributed significantly to natural resources conservation and environmental protection. For more about the award see: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Awards/HornadayAwards.aspx>

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED TO WILLIAM WELLS BY THE NATIONAL HONORARY SCOUT FRATERNITY

On December 7th, 2010, the Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity presented William Wells with the Distinguished Service Award for 43 years of service (since 1967) to Alpha Phi Omega (APO). The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award an APO chapter can give to one of its members. Mr. Wells has been an APO advisor since October 1982 for the Gamma Gamma Chapter and for the over 2400 college students in the chapter since 1982.

Mr. Wells began his service to the Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scoutmaster while a student and member of APO in college. He is currently a member of the Herms District Committee and the Scouting Advisor to the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at the University of California at Berkeley.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2010



Mike Lilygren and Peter Schakow at December District Committee Meeting



Iron Horse Newsletter

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5 Life to Eagle
- 6 Roundtable
- 12 Eagle Project Plan
- 19 Eagle Rank Board of Review

FEBRUARY

- 2 Life to Eagle
- 3 District Dinner
- 9 Eagle Project Plan
- 16 Eagle Rank Board of Review

CAMPOREE

Dates for Camporee 2011 have been confirmed. Camporee will be May 6-8 at Sugar Loaf Open Space in Walnut Creek

The Ajapeu Lodge of Order of the Arrow will lead the event with support from Crew 1.

All Troops, Crews, and Webelos are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please call Lee Palmer 943 1434.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Thank you to all who submitted entries for our new logo. The winner will be announced at the District dinner on February 3.

DISTRICT DINNER

The District Recognition Dinner will be held on Feb. 3rd at the Church of the Resurrection from 6-9 p.m. and is in lieu of roundtable in February. The dinner will be catered by Luigi's, and will feature garlic chicken, rice and salad. If you are a vegetarian, please let us know, and we will make arrangements for a special dinner for you. We will be recognizing your unit scouter of the year and the newest district award of merit recipients. We would like each unit to bring their flags with stands and a poster board showing their activities for the past year. RSVP's and payment are due to Chris Gargaro at the Council Office, 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill by Jan.21, 2011. Unfortunately, due to a tight budget, all who attend will need to RSVP and to pay \$25 for the event. Please join us!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thank you to all the units that participated in Scouting for Food this past November. The Iron Horse District had 23 units (37% of our units) participated and had 18,055 pounds of food donated (12% of all food donated). The total from MDSC was down 5% from last year.

BE AN IRON HORSE VI-SIONARY

"What do you want your future to look like tomorrow? Next week? Ten years from now? Success begins with a vision –picturing yourself where you want to be." *(The Boy Scout Handbook, page 48)*

Scouts and Scouters are taught that they must first create a vision of where they want to go and what they want to accomplish in order to create a specific plan on achieving that vision.

In August 2010, Twenty-four Iron Horse District Scouts and Scouters, representing, Cubs Packs, Scout Troops and Venture Crews undertook a vision exercise to look five years into future to see what our District would have accomplished in terms of training, leadership, programs, and other areas in order to be one of the very best Dis-tricts in the nation.

We created a vision consisting of the following lists and ranked them in or-der of preference the items that we want to have accomplished by 2015. If you would like to help us in attaining these goals, please contact Steve Lack at munrol@aol.com



Marsh Creek Newsletter

Serving Brentwood, Oakley, Discovery Bay and Knightsen

District Chairman	Penny Fetterman	634-0868	penny@dishmail.net
District Commissioner	Roy Thomas	634-4601	roy.r.thomas@gmail.com
Acting District Executive	Joe Darr	674-6156	fd1@bsa-mdsc.org
Advancement Chair	Bruce Dake	516-7931	brentwoodbruce@aol.com
Camping and Outdoor	Don Kubik	674-4373	dkubikjr@Comcast.net
Finance Chair	Val Tompkins	778-8518	coolcaddyguy@aol.com
Nominating Chair	Paul Krey	634-3276	kreykrew@yahoo.com
Training Committee chair	Scott Kubik	513-7857	sckubik@sbcglobal.net

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6 Combined MC/BD committee
- 13 Roundtables FOS packets
- 13 Commissioners meeting
- 20 OA Apanuc Meeting
- 22 LEAD Training
- 27 Eagle Boards of Review

FEBRUARY

- 3 Combined MC and BD District Committee Mtg. LDS stake bldg.
- 10 Roundtables 7:30pm
- 10 Commissioners meeting 7pm
- 17 OA Apanuc Meeting
- 24 Eagle Boards of Review

BLACK DIAMOND AND MARSH CREEK DISTRICTS WILL BE COMBINED AS OF FEBRUARY 1ST, 2011

CUB SCOUT & BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLES

Starting next month our Roundtables and District Meetings will be held at the LDS Stake Center on Jeffrey Way of Lone Tree Way and the Hwy 4 Bypass, 2nd Thursday

CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING NOW ONLINE



The new Cub Scout Leader Training is now available online at: myscouting.org Now it is

possible for a cub scout leader to take all his or her training online but this approach is missing the interaction with other Cub Scout leaders, so it's more important than ever that these leaders attend the monthly Roundtable to get that interaction and be able to ask questions and get answers.

BLACK DIAMOND AND MARSH CREEK DISTRICTS CONSOLIDATING

Next year Black Diamond District and Marsh Creek District will be consolidating due to the fact that the Council cannot afford to hire more district executives. Joe Darr will be our permanent DE. And we will probably start meeting together in February at the LDS Stake Center on Lone Tree Way, which is a central point for the new district. If you are interested in serving on one of the district committees, please contact Penny Fetterman, 634-0868 or penny@dishmail.net.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Scouts and Scouters will be out picking up Christmas trees on the following dates: January 1-2, 8-9, and the 15th...Be sure to be safety minded.....BE CAREFUL!!

FOS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
FOS is just around the corner. Does your unit have a representative lined up for the job??

OA IS READY TO START ELECTIONS IN THE UNITS



This is the time of the year that Order of Arrow is getting ready to start doing elections for the order starting next month, so we would like dates and times when we can come to the Units and hold elections. We can also come and explain what the Order of the Arrow is, what it

does and the requirements for joining. Contact Roy Thomas at roy.r.thomas@gmail.com or 634-4501

SPRING CAMP-O-REE COMING APRIL 8-10, 2011



In 2011, our spring camporee will be held at the Los Mochos Scout camp in Livermore. The theme is still a mystery but it will be the biggest, and bestest camporee ever. It will be our first combined activity with Black Diamond District. It promises to be fun exciting, and full of a few surprises. So mark your calendars early and plan to be there. Cost \$15 per scout and adult. Each unit is to provide their own food.

FIRST AID CHALLENGE



Thanks to Jody Hansen and many others, a very fun and informative First Aid Challenge was held Dec. 11th. The scouts had a great time and learned a lot about treating common injuries and some not so common injuries. One of the big hits was the "Zombie Room". Pizza, chips and cup cakes with hot chocolate for lunch gave them enough energy to get through the stretcher races and some more first aid training in the afternoon. Wonderful ace bandage ribbons were given to all patrols who participated.



Meridian Matters

District Chair	Chris Knaus	934-3495	Membership	*Volunteer Needed*
Commissioner	Earle Conklin	838-5440	OA Advisor	Mary Chong 830-0759
Executive	Tim Welty	674-6125	Popcorn	Julie Graham 556-9419
Activities	*Volunteer Needed*		Program	Jerry Dees 548-6825
Advancement	George Gavrell	837-6248	R/T Commissioner	Jim Bailey 997-3747
Bike Rodeo	Adrienne Kordelos	650-224-2143	R/T – Cub	Steve Tom 510-772-0229
Camping	Mike Durrall	855-0678	R/T – Scout	*Volunteer Needed*
Camporee	Mike Durrall	855-0678	Smoke Signals	Rand Mahoney 964-1641
Training	Ray Chan	548-6179	Eagle Packets	Jeff Hart 831-8827
Finance	Pat Leong	487-4426	Eagle Projects	Dan Hugins 838-7329
Friends of Scouting	Rand Mahoney	964-1641	Eagle Board	Myron Hagen 831-1532
Media Coordinator	*Volunteer Needed*			

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6 Eagle Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 12 District Committee (D-LDS)
- 13 Eagle Orientation/Packet (D-LDS)
- 20 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- 22 LEAD training (DVC)
- 27 Roundtable (SR-LDS)
- 27 OA Apanuc (SR-LDS)

FEBRUARY

- 3 Eagle Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 9 District Committee (D-LDS)
- 10 Eagle Orientation/Packet (D-LDS)
- 17 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- 24 Roundtable (SR-LDS)
- 24 OA Apanuc (SR-LDS)

SAVE THE DATE

- 3/06 Equipment/Uniform Swap (St. Isadore)
- 4/29-5/01 Camporee (Rancho Los Mochos)
- 6/20-24 Cub Scout Day Camp (Hidden Hills)

NEXT ROUNDTABLE

Our next Roundtable meeting will be on Thursday Jan. 27th, 7:30-9:00 p.m., at the San Ramon LDS Church, 5025 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. The OA Apanuc meeting be at the same time and location.

ADULT TRAINING

Leadership Education and Discovery (LEAD) training will be held at Diablo Valley College on Sat., Jan. 22. More info and registration at: <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/lead/>

Please see the training page of Smoke Signals or training website (www.3districttraining.org/) for all

the details. Contact Ray Chan, ray_k_chan@yahoo.com.

For High Adventure Training (HAT) details, contact Chuck Savage, cesavage@pacbell.net

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Thanks to everyone that contributed to FOS in 2010 with a current amount of \$96K vs \$110K goal!

Now it time to start anew for 2011. Look for details to follow regarding unit FOS programs. Rand Mahoney, H: 964-1641 or C: 899-3840, randmaho@pacbell.net

POPCORN

What a fantastic job was done by scouts, leaders, and parents!!! Thanks to every one that sold or purchased popcorn!!! We have increased sales by 5.6% over last year and we have raised over \$39,000 for our local council. Well done! Here is the final listing of top selling units (does not include online sales!)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fall 2010 Sales</u>
Pack 995	\$17,920
Pack 689	\$12,436
Pack 536	\$10,930
Pack 882	\$10,401
Pack 814	\$7,923
Pack 841	\$7,067
Pack 802	\$4,903
Pack 828	\$4,133
Pack 815	\$3,972
Troop 805	\$3,935
District Total	\$111,497

Contact Julie Graham, H: 556-9419; Julie@GrahamsGetaways.com or Rand Mahoney, H: 964-1641 or C: 899-3840, randmaho@pacbell.net

DIST./COUNCIL CALENDAR

Just go to our website at www.bsa-meridian.org/Calendar.pdf to download. Contact: Jerry Dees, 548-6825; jerry@jerrydees.com

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

Final reminder. To remain on the district merit badge list you must have completed a SEPARATE adult application AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR, and have documented completion of youth protection. The final list will be on the district web site by February

1st. Contact George Gavrell, 837-6248, gavrells@aol.com

NATIONAL SCOUT WEEK

Come to the Danville Town Council Meeting Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 7:30pm. This tradition dates back many, many years. The proclamation of Boy Scout Week in Danville coincides with National Boy Scout week, February 6-12. Scouts will open the meeting with a Flag Ceremony. This will be an opportunity to fulfill one of the requirements for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Wear your uniform, show your pride in scouting. Plan on attending! Come and see your local government in action. The Danville Town Council meets in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, Danville.

Related to Scout Week is Scout Sunday (Feb. 6) and Scout Sabbath (Feb. 12). Check with your local religious organization to get involved and to found out how it is being celebrated where you worship.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Our day camp will be June 20-24. Pack Coordinators for Cub Scout Day Camp will be given full training and direction on what is necessary at an upcoming Roundtable presentation by the Day Camp staff. Contact: Brian Wort, director@meridiandaycamp.org

EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM SWAP

Collect and sell gently used camping equipment, tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, snow shoes, uniforms and more. This March 6th unit fundraiser is a good excuse to clean out your garage and pass things along to new Scouts who need them. Each participating unit needs to select a coordinator. Watch email, Facebook, or 50miler.com for details. Contact Mike Durrall, miked@50miler.com

DISTRICT CAMPOREE

The theme for 2011 is "The 13th Point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Hungry!" Events and Entertainment will be based on food and how Scouts prepare it. Details and a call for volunteers will be distributed after the Holidays. The Camporee will be April 29 to May 1 at Rancho Los Mochos. Get the dates into your Unit Calendars and plan on participating.

Muir Newsletter

John Muir



Muir District
BSA



Serving the Communities of Concord,
Clayton & Martinez

District Chair	Stuart Mahler	925-519-6957	Eagle Boards	Linda DeVenney	925-672-8545
District Commissioner	Courtney Mizutani	925-671-0767	Eagle Projects	Derek Brown	925-672-2055
District Executive	Joe Squeri	925-674-6123	FOS Chair	Kori Campbell	925-235-7043
Advancement	Mark Hall	925-672-4277	Membership	open	
B.S./Venturing Chair	Bill Spalding	925-825-6993	Merit Badges	Piedad Fracasso	925-673-0722
Boy Scout Roundtable	Kent Campbell	925-685-8607	OA Advisor	Larry Smith	925-686-6994
Camporee	Jay Sparks	925-300-6244	Scouting For Food	Geoff Steele	925-693-0030
Cub Roundtable	Jennifer Rupert	925-827-1412	Smoke Signals	Pam Smith	925-674-6126
Day Camp Director	Tracy Jin	925-676-9874	Training	Tom Santos	925-672-5955
Day Camp Program	Gina Soleimanieh	925-429-0433	Conservation	Ben Soleimanieh	925-429-043
			Activities	Open	

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6 Roundtable
- 6 OA Apanuc meeting
- 20 District Committee meeting

FEBRUARY

- 3 Roundtable
- 3 OA Apanuc meeting
- 17 District Committee meeting

Please visit the Muir District site:
www.muirdistrict.org

THANK YOU STUART MAHLER

Stuart Mahler is stepping down as Muir District Chair. He has served in this position for over four years. Those active in District and Council events appreciate the contributions and commitment that a District Chair makes. Much of the job is not readily visible, but most of us often see Stuart at the many District activities and appreciate the key role that the District Chair fills. A high point for Muir District during Stuart's tenure was the attaining Quality District for 2009, which requires success in all of the district's functions: membership, finance, program and unit service. Stuart will remain active in Scouts and youth programs, so he will still be around.

RICH UTTER ELECTED

Rich Utter has been elected District Vice Chair. Rich and his wife Barb have been active in Scouting for several years. Rich has served as Pack treasurer, Pack Committee, Merit Badge counselor, Asst SM, Troop Committee Chair, Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner, Council Commissioner. Rich also works with adult training, Wood Badge, and has received the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Join us for a week that you will not soon forget. Meet other Cubs, experience the fun of camp and earn achievements, patches and belt loops all at the same time! Enjoy hands-on activities, archery, B-B guns, swimming, sports and more. The dates for day camp will be July 11-15, 2011 and will be held again at March Creek Springs. Registration will be available online early next year and the cost will be \$125 if your Scout is registered by the advertised deadline. As always, we are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers. The next volunteer planning meeting will be January 31st at the Council Service Center in Pleasant Hill. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Mallory, Camp Director, at preciouscyndi@yahoo.com or 510-908-1677, or Tracy Jin, Activity Director, at 925-676-9874 or tjin@astound.net.

SPRING CAMPOREE

The Muir District spring Camporee is going to be held April 15-17, 2011. The site has not been determined yet, please stay tuned. There will be a Hawaiian theme. The Order of the Arrow will have their call out at this Camporee. Please put this date on your unit calendar. Ideas, thoughts, volunteers? Call Jay Sparks at 925-300-6244.

INAUGURAL FISHING DERBY

The Muir District Inaugural Fishing Derby will be held on April 2, 2011. Our site for the event is Los Vaqueros Reservoir. We will be offering Scouts the opportunity to work on their fishing merit badge or fishing belt loop. More details will be available in the next months in Smoke Signals. If you would like to participate in the planning and staffing for this event, please contact Stan Jungenberg at sjungenberg@spunkmeyer.com or Ben Soleimanieh, ben.soleimanieh@ratrucking.com.

SPECIAL ROUND TABLE INVITATION

On the first Thursday of every month, our district puts on a round table meeting. At this meeting leaders can get tips and ideas on how to run the program and get more involved with our Scouting community. You can also network with other Scouters to find out information on how to make your job successful and fun. Each month we cover the next month's core value, agenda and upcoming events. Families as well as leaders are encouraged to attend.



Napa Valley Newsletter



Day Camp Director	Marty Meissenhalter	707-251-0260
Day Camp Program Director	Open	
Finance	Open	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Wendy LeBerge	707-257-1579
Editor	Open	

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 8 Christmas Tree Pick-up
- 12 District Committee Mtg. at Jim Jones' office in Napa at 5:30 pm
- 13 Cub, Scout and Venture Leader Roundtable at the LDS Stake Center on the corner of Dry Creek Road and Trower Ave. in Napa at 7:30 pm
- 22 L.E.A.D. (Leader Education and Discovery) 2010, from 8:00am to 4:30am at Diablo Valley Community College in Pleasant Hill. Cost is \$45
- 26 Key Three Meeting at Jim Jones' Office in Napa at 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- 3 District Committee Mtg. at Donaldson Way Elementary school at 7:30 pm
- 10 Cub, Scout and Venture Leader Roundtable at Donaldson Way Elementary school 7:30 pm
- 17 Commissioners meeting at Donaldson Way Elementary school at 7:30 pm

CUB, SCOUT, & VENTURE LEADER ROUNDTABLE

Adult Leader Roundtable will be held at the LDS Stake Center on the corner of Dry Creek Road and Trower in Napa. It will be held on Thursday, January 14th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Roundtable Joint Session: 7:30 p.m.
Dave Kernohan, District Commissioner, and

Tom Schneider, Field Director, will discuss training, events, and activities calendar for the new Silverado District.

On the Cub Side: 8:00 p.m.
New Cub Roundtable Commissioner – Wendy LaBerge, will present the February theme; Resourcefulness. It is almost time for every Cub Scout's third most fun activity of year, Blue & Gold Banquet (1st = Day Camp, 2nd = Pinewood Derby). All three will be upon us very quickly. Let's all be resourceful and "Be Prepared"

On the Scout Side: 8:00 p.m.
Tim Allen, Scout Roundtable Com-missioner, and Staff will present the theme for January plus the "Christmas Tree Drive" and OKPIK will be discussed. The Staff will have an Outing, Gadget, Guest Chef and Scoutmaster's Minute to present.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING SLATED

Jim Jones, District Chair, announced that the Napa Valley District Committee meeting is slated for January 12th at his office on First Street in Napa. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm. All Chartered Representatives are invited to attend this meeting.

30 SCOUTS ATTAIN THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Jeff Johnson, Advancement Chairman, announced that 30 Scouts in the Napa Valley District attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 2010. Nationally only 3% of the Boy Scouts ever attain the Rank of Eagle Scout. The Napa Valley attained 6%. YAHOO!

SCOUTS TO HELP CUBS STAY IN SCOUTING

Boy Scout Units are reminded that the majority of all Boy Scouts come from the ranks of Cub Scouts. In order for Cubs to continue onto Boy Scouts they need "Den Chiefs" who will act as role models and guide them on to becoming Boy Scouts.

Webelos need to be invited to Boy Scout outings long before they enter the sixth grade so they will understand how exciting the Boy Scout Program is and will want to continue their Scouting experience.

L.E.A.D. 2011

LEADER EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY
It's time for the enhancement training for Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders all rolled into one event day. Many of our top trainers will educate and help invigorate over 300 Scout leaders about the wonders that are scouting. This event is open to Scouters at all levels, so get registered early to secure all of the classes you want.

The course fee includes continental breakfast and full lunch.

Saturday, January 22, 2010
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Diablo Valley Community College,
Pleasant Hill
Online registration
www.bsa-mdsc.org
Cost \$45

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SITE CHECK OUT OUR NEW NAME CHECK OUT OUR NEW EVENT CALENDAR – February 10th

Everyone is invited to come check out our new District Roundtable, District Committee and Commissioner location, Donaldson Way Elementary School. We plan to introduce all of these at our New District Kickoff Roundtable February 10th at 7:30pm. We hope to launch our new Smoke Signal logo, as well. Plans are in progress to make this our biggest Roundtable program of the year.



Venture Officers Association

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Morgan Berryman-Maciel	VP Communications	925-945-1626 mobe@earthlink.net	Marion Rice	Associate Advisor	707-330-7492 eaglewb@earthlink.net
Rachel Younger	Secretary	925-963-0151 rachie126@gmail.com	Daniel Gallegos	Associate Advisor	707-803-1519 daniel.r.gallegos@gmail.com
Lydia Breskon	Treasurer	510-235-5323 cptmoroni.hero@yahoo.com	Marcia Molina	Associate Advisor	925-351-3996 molinasmog@sbcglobal.net
			Mary April	Staff Advisor	925-674-6122 mary.april@scouting.org

CALENDAR

JANUARY

26 7:00pm VOA Meeting

MARCH

5 1:00pm Open House
23 7:00pm VOA Meeting

CONTACT

If you have any questions you can contact anyone at the top of this page or send an email to the VOA's general account: VOA@bsa-mdsc.org

MEMBERSHIP

All elected youth officers in the council have all rights, privileges and are standing members on the VOA (Venturing Officers Association). All advisors and committee chairs are also invited to attend.

LEADERSHIP

All officers listed above will serve through the 2011 year.

MEETINGS

Venturing Officers Association (VOA) meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of every odd month in the Council Office in Pleasant Hill. We invite all of the members of the crews in the council to attend, to share ideas on how to further promote Venturing, and what activities Scouts would like to do with other crews on a council wide level. So all you Venturers out there! Mark your calendars, and we will see you on January 26 and March 23 at 7:00 PM at the Council office!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House March 5, 2011

On March 5, 2011, we will be holding an Open House at the Council office from 1 PM-5:30 PM. There will be fun games and pizza! Admission is \$4 per person. If your crew/ship/post would like to set up a booth for recruiting, please contact our VP Programs at byyvonne@sbcglobal.net.

KODIAK

August 5-7 and 11-14, 2011

During these two weekends, youth can expand their leadership skills through two, fun-filled weekends at Camp Pollock and Camp Wolfboro. Youth will learn how to become better leaders, get to go shooting, kayaking, rappelling, and meet great people! The course is \$160 per youth and limited to the first 18 applicants. Registration deadline is July 22, 2011.

FIESTA September 2-5, 2011



Over the Labor Day Weekend, Venturers will be able to have an amazing experience at Camp Wolfboro. They will have an opportunity to get started on, if not complete their Bronze Award! More information about the event and registration will follow.

ROUNDTABLE

Does your district have a Venturing Roundtable? If not, we are looking to Venturing Scouts who are interested in starting District Roundtables. At these Roundtables, you can put on Venturing supplemental trainings, activities, games, and have consultants come to teach skills, outdoor activities, arts, and hobbies, etc. If you are interested in learning more about what you can do to start a Venturing Roundtable, please contact Jane Harris.

“The purpose of Venturing is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.”



NEW EAGLES



Blake Scott Hicken	Crew 8271
Louis Michael Frank	Troop 0874
James Joseph LaBerge	Troop 7083
Anthony Tiberius Gallardo	Troop 7008
Mitchel Alan Russell	Crew 8271
Andrew Michael Ahr	Troop 0204
Kevin Mark Yee	Troop 0237
Camron Daniel Stevens	Troop 0233
Kelly Joseph McGonigle	Troop 0237
Ryan Andrew Mitchell	Troop 0243
Matthew Bengt Alm	Troop 1811
Francis Emmitt Burk	Troop 0302
Kelepi Ikatauimoana Folau	Crew 0020
Christopher James Bennett	Troop 0104
Benjamin Shugart Hopkins	Troop 0803
Bartlett A. L. Houston	Troop 0084
Grant Caluwe Bremer	Troop 0036
Gregory Michael Virant	Troop 0201
Jarom Alan Longhurst	Crew 0822
Evan Andrew Hillis	Troop 0874
Andrew James Parese	Troop 0803
Philip Michael Saad	Troop 0815
Jordan K. P. Santiago	Troop 8254
Joshua Nathaniel Thornton	Troop 7832