



Alameda Area District

Golden Gate Area Council
Scouting  America

August 2024 newsletter.
For parents, Scouters, and professionals of Alameda Area District.

Upcoming Events

District BBQ and Social Gathering



-- POSTPONED --

The new Date has not yet been determined.

This event to kick off the new program year and to meet the district leadership has been postponed. All Unit Volunteers, District Volunteers and Committee Members will be welcome when it is rescheduled.

District Meetings

Roundtable

[Cub Scout and Scouts BSA roundtables](#) are a time to share ideas and information on making the unit programs excel in serving the youth of the units. They are also a time to get advise from experienced Scouters on being a leader or committee member.

Roundtables will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting in September, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Joaquin Miller Community Center
[3594 Sanborn Dr, Oakland, CA 94602](#)

All Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend, but it is open to anyone interested.



Add the Roundtables to your calendar

Multiple dates are included in the ICS file which can be easily imported into your calendar. [Help on using ICS files.](#)

NOTE: There will be no roundtable gathering in December.

District Operations Committee (DOC)

The DOC meets to coordinate the many activities, teams, and events of the district which allow us to provide program opportunities and aid to the units and to the various Scouting programs.

The DOC meetings will alternate between the first Wednesday and first Thursday of each month to accommodate those volunteers and committee chairs who have existing commitments.

The DOC will meet on the first Thursday of the month for odd months: (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)

The DOC will meet on the first Wednesday of the month for even months: (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

DOC meetings will be at the:

Alameda Program Office,
[714 Everett Street, Alameda, CA 94501.](#)

The **District Commissioner's meeting** will be held prior to the DOC meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the same location.

Interested Scouters are encouraged contact our District Chair who is always looking for volunteers to aid in the various [District Committees](#).



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The September gathering will be on Thursday, September 5th,

Training



55%+ of the volunteers in Alameda Area District are not trained for their position.

The largest group are Assistant Scoutmasters who have not taken their Leader Specific Training and the Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills.

We encourage you to take advantage of the training opportunities described below. Most training can also be done online.

- The Position Specific Requirements can be found [here](#).
- The training courses are here:
 - [Cub Scouting](#) online training
 - [Scouts BSA](#) online training
 - [Venturing](#) online training
 - [Sea Scouting](#) online training
 - [Exploring](#) online training

You are encouraged to set a goal of doing the initial "**Before the First Meeting**" online courses, for your position, within the next 30 days. The total time commitment should be 20-70 minutes depending on your position.

Cub Scout Camping Training



[Baloo](#) training is required of at least one leader for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights. [This page](#) has more information and a link to the council site for registration.

Scouts BSA Training



[Leader Specific Training](#) for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters can be done online. This course introduces you to the basics of the position, and is the first step in being a trained leader.



[Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills](#) provides an opportunity to learn the skills of the outdoor that you can teach to your scouts as they reach towards being a First Class Scout. You will become a patrol, and participate in a normal troop camping experience while learning the skills of Scouting and how to pass them onto the youth.

Resources



The premise of Scouting for all youth is full participation. Youth with disabilities are to be treated and respected like every other member of their unit. Scouting provides opportunities not only to participate by joining a unit, but for growth – offering accessible challenges, belonging, leadership.

If you are a unit leader or parent with a need for guidance please check out the [GGAC Special Needs Committee](#) page. At the bottom there are email links to the Champions for each district who are waiting for you to reach out.

Recruiting

Social Media

The Golden Gate Area Council can help promote your community recruiting event. They can target ads on Meta platforms (Facebook, etc.) to your local area. For more information contact the [District Webmaster](#).

BeAScout

[BeAScout](#) is the primary way for interested parents to find a local unit, and contact you. Please check your entry for accuracy and completeness. We will be contacting Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs to work with you to ensure your entry will help recruit new members.

Unit Websites

If your unit does not have a website, please contact the [District Webmaster](#), as we can host a simple webpage to give your prospective recruits information about your unit. Checkout the [samples](#) to see what we can do for you. Currently we are posting only a limited number of images, of small size, for each unit.

District Information

Social Media

- Our [District Website](#), where you can find information on upcoming events, training, and activities.
- Our [District Facebook page](#), for discussions about district activities, and to get ideas and help from experienced volunteers and professionals.

Our District Key 3

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