



Alameda Area District

Golden Gate Area Council
Scouting America

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

Upcoming Events

As each of the legacy districts had events scheduled and planned, the Alameda Area district will possibly be holding more than one event of a given activity in the upcoming year. Events may be canceled, combined, or altered, as the planning progresses. We will make every attempt to make [Roundtable](#) announcements, send out messages, newsletter updates, and postings on the [district website](#) and [district Facebook](#) page to keep you informed.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



Wednesday, October 9 – At Roundtable meeting, units choose areas to serve and pick up door hangers (if available)

Saturday, November 9 – Distribution of Door Hangers

Saturday, November 16 – Food Donation pickup

Add these events to your calendar

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JAMBOREE ON THE AIR / JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET



Saturday, October 19, 2024 | 7:30am – 5:00pm

For more information, visit the [GGAC International](#) page and scroll down to "Jamboree-on-the-Air / Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTA/JOTI)" or visit the [registration link](#).

Add this event to your calendar

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CUB SCOUTING - SHOOTING SPORTS DAYS



Saturday, November 2, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Rancho Los Mochos, Livermore

[Registration and Information](#)

Documents at registration site will be updated soon.

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Saturday, April 5 - Camp Herms

Details to be announced in the future.

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CUB SCOUTING - BALOO TRAINING

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation



BALOO is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights.

[October Session](#)

Rockville Park, Fairfield

Saturday, October 26, 2024 8:30am to

Sunday, October 27, 2024 1:00pm

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[Winter Session](#)

Diablo Valley College & Camp Herms

Saturday January 25, 2025 | 8:00am to

Sunday, January 26, 2025 | 2:00pm

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PERALTA CUP - PINEWOOD DERBY



Saturday, February 22

Location and details to be announced in the future.

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SCOUTS BSA - WINTER CAMP AWARENESS



Saturday, January 11 2025, USS Hornet

This council wide event is put on by experienced members of the Order of the Arrow and is a great way for new Scouts to Be Prepared for cold weather camping.

Details to be announced in the future .

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SCOUTS BSA - KLONDIKE DERBY



February 14-17, 2025

Tahoe Valley Campground in South Lake Tahoe

Details to be announced in the future.

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SCOUTS BSA - CAMPOREES



April 4 - 6, 2025

Rancho Los Mochos

Details to be announced in the future.

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May 2 - 4, 2025

Location and details to be announced in the future.

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DISTRICT RECOGNITION GATHERING



May 14, 2025

At the May Roundtable
Details and Nomination forms to to be provided
in the future.

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CUB SCOUTING - POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING



Spring 2025

Details to be announced in the future.

CUB SCOUTING - DAY CAMP



-- Cub Scout Day Camp --

June 2025

Details to be announced in the future.
Staff volunteers welcome.

SCOUTS BSA - PERALTA EAGLE RECOGNITION 2025



June 2025

Traditional event to recognize Eagle Scouts in Oakland.
Details to be announced in the future.

CUB SCOUTING - FALL RECRUITMENT 2025



This will be held in the August / September timeframe.
Details to be announced in the future.

SCOUTS BSA - ADULT TRAINING

Scoutmaster Specific Training Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills



October 2025

Details to be announced in the future.

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 advice 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.

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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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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.

Resources



Unit Leaders

Are you able to connect with every Scout in your unit?

Do you notice any who struggle with some aspect of scouting, but you don't have a solution in sight?

(And who doesn't sometimes?)

Never fear, resources are here! Two in fact that are one click away:

- The [Special Needs Committee of GGAC](#) page.

- The [Inclusion Toolbox from ABLESCOUTS](#)

- Your friendly Alameda Area district Special Needs Committee

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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