



Alameda Area District

Golden Gate Area Council
Scouting  America

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

District Operations Committee Meeting Highlights



Training Report

- Overall only 46.15% of district Scouters are trained for their positions.
- If a Scouter's record is incorrect, please contact your Unit Commissioner, or the District Training Chair to have it corrected.
- You can check the training status of your unit using our [Training Status dashboard](#).

Membership Renewal

- If Scouters have issues with multiple membership ID's contact the District Director, [Mari Obledo](#), before contacting the Council Registrar.

Friends of Scouting

- Alameda Area District has collected over \$74,000 with a goal of \$113, about 65%

Popcorn

- Alameda Area District has sold \$152,000 of a \$175,000 goal, about 87%
- Many units are still selling.
- Some units have funded their summer camp entirely through popcorn sales.

Training

- October SMS and IOLS were a success. 17 SMS and 30 IOLS participants
- Goal is to again hold these training in Sep/Oct of 2025
- Cub Scout Cubmaster and Den Leader training will have sessions for both of these courses in November, and again in December. The same material will be presented in both sessions for each course..
- Currently our unit committee members have a very low trained percentage. L.E.A.D will have committee training.

Special Needs

- Need more active members, currently operating as part of the council special needs committee but would like to have a more active district presence.
Contact [Linda Owczarz](#)

Advancement Day

- May 10th on the USS Hornet.

- They are seeking committee members to help with logistics and recruiting amazing merit badge counselors to come out and teach our Scouts. Contact [Suzanne Martin](#).

Girls in Scouts BSA Picnic.

- This year's district event at Lake Chabot was a success. Alisa Finch is planning next year's event, contact her to help or get more information.

California Mandated Reporter Training (AB-506)

- Regulations have changed yet again. If Scouters have taken the training in 2023 or later, then they do not need to retake it until the course content changes.

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.

RECRUITING RECOGNITION



Our council has a patch program for recruiters.

- If a scout recruits 3 youth to join, they can earn a special silver patch.
- 5 youth recruited earns a gold patch.
- Submit a request for the patch on Black Pug (link forthcoming)

Our council also has a limited number of gifts for brand new Scout Youth.

- A SF Giants camp with a special GGAC patch embedded.
- Contact [Mari Obledo](#), the District Director, for more information.

CUB SCOUTING - SHOOTING SPORTS DAYS



Saturday, April 5 - Camp Herms

The last Shooting Sports day had 80+ participants, but we had many last-minute cancellations. These also included wait list registrations which prevented those wanting to attend from registering.

Fall Shooting Sports Day - Rancho Los Mochos

The next fall event will be in conjunction with Family Camp at Rancho Los Mochos.

Details for both events 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.

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



Peralta Cup

Saturday, February 22, 2025.
Impound opens at 8:30 a.m.
Race commences at 10 a.m.
[KaiserAir, Inc. - Oakland Jet Center](#)
8735 Earhart Rd. Oakland CA, 94621

Build Your Car Nights

January 22 and 23, 2025.
[6:00 - 8:00 p.m.](#)
[Montera Middle School](#) woodshop classroom
5555 Ascot Dr, Oakland, CA 94611

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.

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



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.

Add these events to your calendar

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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

Trained Leaders

Overall only 46.15% of district Scouters are trained for their positions Committee Members and Assistant Scoutmasters are the least trained.

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.

Training Status Dashboard

You can check the training status of your unit using our [Training Status dashboard](#).

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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

District Chair
Suzanne Martin

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