



# Alameda Area District

Golden Gate Area Council  
Scouting America

May 2025 newsletter.  
For parents, Scouters, and professionals of Alameda Area District.

## Upcoming Events

Visit the [Upcoming Events](#) page on our district website for events in the extended future.

- May 5, 2025, [HAT Paddlesports](#) classroom, GGAC Council Service Center
- May 8, 2025, [National Youth Leadership Training.\(NYLT\) - Orientation](#), First Presbyterian Church, Newark
- May 10, 2025, [Bike Rodeo](#), Stonestown Galleria , SF
- May 10, 2025, [Advancement Day](#), USS Hornet
- May 12 & 19, 2025, [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training](#), Zoom
- May 14, 2025, [Roundtable](#), Joaquin Miller Community Center
- May 17, 2025, [Fages II Hike](#), Wildcat Canyon
- May 17-18, 2025, [Leave No Trace Training](#), Camp Herms
- May 17-18, 2025, [Wilderness First Aid](#), Camp Herms
- May 23-26, 2025, [Family Vacation Camp Memorial Day](#), Wente Scout Reservation
- May 23-26, 2025, [Family Vacation Camp Memorial Day](#), Camp Royaneh
- May 23-25, 2025, [HAT Paddlesports](#) outdoor session, Lake Folsom State Recreation Area, American River
- May 28, 2025, [HAT Paddlesports](#) classroom, GGAC Council Service Center
- May 30 – Jun 1, 2025, [Climbing Instructor Course- Level 2](#), Camp Chesebrough
- Jun 5, 2025, [DOC Meeting](#), Alameda Program Office
- Jun 6-8, 2025, [OA Summer Induction](#), Camp Wolfeboro
- June 8-14, 2025, [National Youth Leadership Training.\(NYLT\)](#) – Training Week, Rancho Los Mochos
- Jun 20-22, 2025, [Wolf & Bear Adventure Camp](#), Rancho Los Mochos
- Jun 23-27, 2025, [Alameda District Cub Scout Day Camp](#), Marina Park in San Leandro
- Jun 29 – Jul 5, 2025, [Ocean to the Redwoods Adventure](#), Camp Royaneh
- Jul 11-13, 2025, [Family Vacation Camp](#) , Camp Wolfeboro
- Jul 29 – Aug 2, 2025, [Webelos and Arrow of Light Adventure Camp](#), Camp Royaneh
- Aug 13, Roundtable - Scouts BSA , Zoom
- Aug 15-17, 2025, [OA End of Summer Induction](#), Camp Royaneh
- Aug 22-24, 2025, [Muslim Camporee](#), Wente Scout Reservation
- Aug 28, 2025, District Gathering/ Fall Program Kick Off and Meet and Greet, Location to be determined
- Aug 29 – Sep 1, 2025, [Family Vacation Camp Labor Day](#), Wente Scout Reservation
- Aug 29 – Sep 1, 2025, [Family Vacation Camp Labor Day](#), Camp Royaneh

## District Operations Committee Meeting Highlights



[Full Minutes for all DOC meetings can be found on the District Website](#)

## Finance

- Friends of Scouting
  - Family Giving contributions are at 77% of the goal
  - Community Giving contributions are at 25% of the goal
  - Overall contributions are at 56% of the goal.
  - Discussed the difficulties of getting Companies to match donations.
  - No Community Giving “Ask” event has been planned yet.
  - Chris Dempsey, Alex Garcia and volunteers have been making unit presentations and have more scheduled. Only a small number of units have chosen not to have presentations.
- Popcorn
  - Richard Wong, the chair for the district, gave a kick off report
  - Many packs and some troops have started the process.

## Membership

- Progress on starting new Cub Scout packs.
  - The District Executive has had positive responses from the Catholic parishes of All Saints and St. Clement in Hayward.
  - St Felicitas Catholic Church in San Leandro has agreed to start a new Pack. Initial presentation and signup days are set.
- We have several upcoming Cub Scout Sign-Up Nights at local schools throughout May.
  - Help is needed in connecting with school contacts, PTAs, newsletters, and parent communities to spread the word. Any assistance with outreach would be greatly appreciated.
  - **Montclair Elementary** – Tuesday, 5/6 6:30–7:30 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:00–8:00 pm
  - **Edison Elementary** – Wednesday, 5/7 6:30–7:30 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:00–8:00 pm
  - **Paden Elementary** – Tuesday, 5/13 7:00–8:00 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:30–8:30 pm
  - **Love Elementary** – Thursday, 5/15 7:00–8:00 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:30–8:30 pm
  - **Bay Farm Elementary** – Tuesday, 5/20 6:30–7:30 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:00–8:00 pm
  - **Maya Lin Elementary** – Thursday, 5/22 6:30–7:30 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:00–8:00 pm
  - **Earhart Elementary** – Wednesday, 5/28 6:30–7:30 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:00–8:00 pm
  - **Otis Elementary** – Thursday, 5/29 6:30–7:30 pm, Multi-purpose room, Volunteer Window: 6:00–8:00 pm
- 27 Invitations are outstanding in the district
- 9 applications are outstanding in the district

## Advancement

- An overview of the advancement of traditional units was provided.
  - This covered the period since 9/2024
- A number of Merit Badge Counselors were dropped when they did not renew due to the new renewal process.
  - Contact [Nikki Maguire](#) for help in reinstating Merit Badge Counselors.

## Nominating

- Mark Frey is the new Chair.
- A first meeting was held, with good attendance, to review the open positions and ensure the committee members knew the responsibilities and qualifications needed for the open positions.
- An email has been sent out to schedule the next meeting.
- The committee is looking for valid and fruitful names of potential candidates.
  - District Chair
  - District Vice-Chair(s)
  - Finance Chair
  - Program Chair
  - Activities and Events Chair
  - Community Friends of Scouting Chair
  - Round Table Commissioner
  - Unit Commissioners

## Unit Service

- May Roundtable will be in person at Joaquin Miller Community Center.
  - No Roundtable in June or July.
- The [District Commissioner](#) reported that she needs information on the units in the legacy Peralta and Alameda districts.
  - The health and status of each unit.
  - Which units need help
- The district needs more commissioners to help units thrive, especially Cub Scout packs. Currently only six commissioners are serving 60 units.

## Training

- Cub Scout Position Specific Training will be offered May 12 & May 19
- [BALOO training](#) will be in October
  - The GGAC is looking to put on at least five courses in the 2025-2026 Scouting year.
- The next [IOLS training](#) hosted by our district is tentatively scheduled for September at Rancho Los Mochos
  - You can attend sessions hosted by any district. The Briones district hosted event at Camp Hermes is now active
- LEAD is once again scheduled for January.
  - A course director has been recruited.
- BALOO training will be offered again. The classroom session will be at LEAD, and the outdoor session will follow on the same day and overnight at Camp Herms.

## Order of the Arrow

- Camporee – April
  - 89 Youth and 42 Adults attended.
  - Good weather, no incidents.
- Camporee – May
  - 71 Youth and 30 Adults have registered.
- The mixer for Wekemnayon and Kaweah villages had 15 attending. A good time was had by all.

## Activities

- [Alameda District Cub Scout Day Camp](#)
  - 9 youth and 1 adult have signed up.
- [Advancement Day](#), USS Hornet
  - 144 youth and 39 adults have signed up.
  - Some merit badges have a wait list as more counselors are needed.
- District Recognition Dinner, a Chair for this event is needed **for this event**.
- Aug 28, 2025 District Gathering/ Fall Program Kick Off and Meet and Greet. Location to be determined

## Camping

- Our district's [Cub Scout Day Camp](#) is open for registration. June 23rd to June 27th 2025 at Marina Park in San Leandro.
- Council Goal is to get all 1<sup>st</sup> year Scouts BSA to summer camp. This is shown to increase retention in the program.
- Campership money is available. Last year GGAC had monies left over after meeting all requests.
- Paul Anzi is working on "Where to go camping" information to be distributed

## Council Goals

### Cub Scout Packs

- In order to ensure our program continues into the future, the Golden Gate Area Council has asked the Alameda Area District to start six new Cub Packs by May 2026.
  - Our District Executive has identified a number of community organizations that might be interested in becoming a Chartering Organization.
  - If you can help, or know an organization that can charter a pack please contact our [District Executive](#).
- As noted in the DOC minutes above, a number of signup nights have been scheduled in our district.
  - While Cub Scouts is the focus, representatives and information about all Scouting programs is welcome
  - If you can help let our [District Executive](#) know.

### Training

- All Scouts deserve a trained leader, and a trained leader is better able to provide a quality program for their Scouts.
  - Overall only 45.4% of our registered Scouters are fully trained for their position.
  - You can check your status via our [Training Status](#) page which is updated monthly.
  - Online training can be renewed via the [My.Scouting](#) / My Training page, and takes only 90 minutes or less for most positions.
- Hazardous Weather training is valid for 2 years. All youth facing leaders are expected to be current in this training.
  - This includes unit leaders, their assistants, den leaders, and their assistants.
  - We expect, like Youth Protection, that this will soon become a requirement to stay registered. in a youth facing position.
  - This expires every two years, and can be renewed via the [My.Scouting](#) / My Training page.
- If you are a unit Committee Member, who does not have a specific role assigned, consider changing your registration to Unit Scouter Reserve.
  - This position still counts for two-deep leadership, and leader gender requirements.
  - Only Youth Protection training is required, There are no position training requirements for the Unit Scouter Reserve position.
- If you have questions contact your Unit Commissioner, or the [District Commissisoner](#).

## Program Highlights

## ADVANCEMENT DAY - USS HORNET



**Saturday May 10th, 2025**  
USS Hornet, Alameda CA  
[Registration](#) is full.  
A [class catalog](#) is available.

Add this event to your calendar  
[Apple/ICS](#) [Google](#) [Outlook](#) [Yahoo!](#) [AOL](#)

## CUB SCOUTING - POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING



### [Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training](#)

This is an introductory training course for Den Leaders/Assistants, Cubmasters/Assistants, and Pack Committee members. You must attend both Session A & B to receive the training certification.

This course will be offered virtually via Zoom with live instruction.

May 12 Session A:  
6:30 - 8:30 pm For all leaders

May 19 Session B:  
6:30 - 8:30 pm For Den Leaders and Assistants  
7:30 - 9:30 pm For Cubmasters, Assistants and Pack Committee.

## CUB SCOUT CAMPING

Check out the [GGAC Cub Scout Camping](#) page



### [Alameda Area Day Camp](#)

- This Cub Camp is open to all Boys and Girls (Cub Scouts) entering the 1st – 5th Grade.

**Marina Park San Leandro**  
Monday 06-23-2025 8:30 AM PT to  
Friday 06-27-2025 4:30 PM PT

Remember, Day Camp enrollment is based on their rank and grade your scout **WILL BE** enrolled in Sept of 2025.

Please note that Tigers (Scouts in 1st grade in Sept) must be accompanied full time by their parent/guardian (as a volunteer) if they wish to attend.

### [Twin Valley Day Camp](#)

- June 23-27  
Dublin - Fallon Sports Park

### [Herms Day Camp](#)

- July 8-11  
El Cerrito - Camp Herms

### [Camp Yunakin](#)

- June 16-20  
San Francisco - Golden Gate Park



**May 16-18, 2025**

### [Mom and Cub Camp](#)

A weekend of fun and adventure especially designed to reinforce that mother-child bond. A great escape for **Cub Scouts and their moms** (or grandmothers, aunts, etc.)

A weekend of fun in the beautiful coastal redwoods of Camp Royaneh.



**June 20-22, 2025**

[Wolf and Bear Adventure Camp 2025](#). All current **Wolves and Tigers** who will become Wolves and Bears by June, are invited to a special weekend camping outdoors for new skills and exciting adventures at rustic Rancho Los Mochos Scout Camp in the scenic Livermore Hills!

This is a unique two-night camping program for Wolf & Bear Cub Scouts and their adult partners to be challenged at Archery, BB guns, Nature, Crafts and so many more fun activities!



July 29 - August 2, 2025

[Adventure Camp](#). Our one and only opportunity for **Webelos and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts** to experience 4 full days of resident camp in the great outdoors! Come to our beautiful redwood forest at Camp Royaneh to experience where Cub Scouts understand the importance of Scouting.



### 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.

Add this event to your calendar  
[Apple/ICS](#) [Google](#) [Outlook](#) [Yahoo!](#) [AOL](#)

### SCOUTS BSA - PERALTA EAGLE RECOGNITION 2025



### June 2025

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

### INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING



### Upcoming International Scouting Events with BSA Contingents

For more information visit the [GGAC International Scouting](#) page.



- [Norway Jamboree 2025](#) – Gjøvik, Norway

5th of July – 12th of July 2025

The Norwegian National jamboree, “Speidernes landsleir”, is held at Gjøvik from July 5th to July 12th, 2025. The camp is located near Norway's largest lake; Mjøsa, with a view towards Gjøvik city.

All guides and scouts in the age 10-15 and rovers in the 16-25 are invited to the camp as participants. Adults (age 25+) are welcome to join as IST (International Service Team). Jamboree registration is \$350 per person



- [Portugal Moot 2025](#) – Portugal

25th of July – 3rd of August 2025

Join us at this moot events, where the spirit of scouting transcends borders and cultures.

Immerse yourself in a vibrant tapestry of diversity as you connect with fellow scouts from around the globe, forging lifelong friendships and memories.

You need to be at least 18 years old to participate.

#### 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



[Briones District hosted](#)

Camp Herms

Saturday 10-18-2025 7:30 AM to

Sunday 10-19-2025 12:30 PM

**Alameda Area District hosted**

Details to be announced in the future.

**Summer Camp**

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) **will** be offered each week at GGAC long-term camps (Wente, Royaneh, Wolfeboro). Check with the camp upon arrival to see if it is being offered for your week.

Completion of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills requires participation in an overnight hike & campout. Please bring a copy of your membership card or number for record keeping purposes. (not required but highly recommended)

## District Volunteers Needed

Our District needs key volunteers to develop and guide the programs used by units and Scouters to provide the program for our youth. You may not see there effect everyday, but without them, the unit programs will be diminished.

If you know someone who has the interest to help, or are interested yourself, please contact our District Executive [Alex Garcia](#).

### District Chair

The district chair is the top volunteer Scouting leader of the district, whose job is to motivate a talented team of people. District chairs preside at district committee meetings and represent the district on the council executive board. They are responsible for the membership, program, and fund development functions of the district.

### District Membership Chair

This committee gathers information on prospective chartered organizations, helps organize new units, reorganizes dropped units and units not meeting, and recruits new members. It establishes and maintains mutually beneficial relationships with major community organizations and strategic alliances, both those with and without Scouting units.

### District Activities and Program Chair

This committee oversees program visibility and a well-balanced schedule of activities for all Scouting units that are provided at the district level. It can provide assistance and coordination with other committees who provide specific activities, events, and training.

### Unit Commissioners

As friends, coaches, and counselors of unit leaders, unit commissioners generally operate in the background. They are effective communicators who provide the resources of the district and council to the units they serve.

## Scout Recognition



Do you know a Cub, Scout, Venturer, Sea Scout, or Explorer who has lived the Scouting ideals in a commendable way. Let us know and we will recognize them in next month's newsletter and on the district webpage.

Send a short message to the [communications team](#) with the "Who, What, When, Where, How" information, and perhaps an image. Make sure to include a copy of the Part A medical form that includes the permission form and parent's signature.

## 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

[Multiple date ICS file](#) <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

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## 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 will meet on the first Thursday of each month . It meets 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 Executive who is always looking for volunteers to aid in the various [District Committees](#).

Add these events to your calendar

*Prior Wednesday meetings may be need manual deletion.*

[Multiple date ICS file](#) <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

## Training

### Trained Leaders

Every Scout deserves a trained leader.

Overall only 45.4% of district Scouters are trained for their positions. While this is improving we have a long way to go . Committee Members and Assistant Scoutmasters are the least trained. Check out the [Training Status dashboard](#) below for unit and individual training status for each registered position.

The Golden Gate Area Council is very concerned about the number of untrained leaders in our districts and units. It is hoped that the units can reach out to their volunteers to encourage them to get their position specific training, so as to avoid the need to suspend untrained volunteers.

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

The current training requirements for all positions can be found on the Scouting America [Position Trained Requirements](#) page.

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 self or your unit using our [Training Status dashboard](#).

If a Scouter's record is incorrect, please contact your Unit Commissioner, or the District Training Chair to have it corrected.

Overview	Cub Scouts	Scouts BSA	Venturing	Sea Scouting	Exploring	Commissioners	District Committee
Requirements date: 2025-02    Training Report date: 2025-04-19-11-51-03							
Cub Scouts	Trained:	25%	(40 of 160 Scouters)				
Scouts BSA	Trained:	40%	(254 of 625 Scouters)				
Venturing	Trained:	38%	(20 of 52 Scouters)				
Exploring	Trained:	4%	(2 of 44 Scouters)				
Sea Scouting	Trained:	38%	(8 of 21 Scouters)				
Commissioners	Trained:	100%	(14 of 14 Scouters)				
District Committee	Trained:	86%	(135 of 156 Scouters)				

## 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](#)
- The [Abilities Digest](#).

- 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. The [BeAScout dashboard](#) on our District Web Page can help you. We will be contacting Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs to work with you to ensure your entry will help recruit new members.

## Invitations and Applications

A [membership tool](#) is available to give Unit Leaders and Commissioners a quick overview of the status of current invitations and applications to join Scouting.

## 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.

### 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 [Alex Garcia](#), the District Director, for more information.

### 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.

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## Our District Key 3

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District Commissioner  
Rose Godfrey

**District Executive**  
**Alex Garcia**

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