

SCOUTER WEEKLY



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TOP NEWS FOR ALL

Celbrate Your Peers at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner

San Leandros newest facility, the Senior Community Center, is the place to be on Saturday, February 11, 2012 for the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Spaces are filling quickly and we have a limited number of spaces this year. Celebrating our newest Silver Beaver recipients, as well as other top level awardees, and honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award, adults of our council will have a top-notch dinner and program. Reservations can be made now online at [\(more\)](#)

Please be prepared to include the names of your guests and indicate those that are vegetarian. Dinner deadline is Friday, February 3. (In the event the above link does not work please go to www.sfbac.org and choose Volunteer Recognition Dinner on the left side of the front page).

Photos Needed

The Council NESAs Chapter is looking for Eagle Scout project photos to be displayed at the Council Volunteer recognition dinner. Please send the photo's to Trevor Bormann bormanntrevor@troop941.org or Mike Ransom at mdr@decisiondesign.com

The Council NESAs Chapter is also looking for Eagle Scouts to help with the opening flag ceremony at the Dinner.

BSA, Edison Nation to Launch \$1 Mil. Challenge

The BSA has teamed with Edison Nation, an idea-to-shelf product developer, to create the Boy Scouts of America Innovation Challenge, where todays kids can develop tomorrows products. Whether the invention solves a problem around the house, the yard, or at school; helps you take better care of your pet; or creates a new way to learn or play, the goal of the BSA and Edison Nation is to inspire young minds to submit their creative, new product ideas.

Edison Nation will invest up to \$1 million to develop the selected ideas and help bring them to market. Selected inventors will receive a cash advance, royalties for life from the sale of their products, be named the inventor on any issued patents, and have an opportunity to appear on the award-winning Everyday Edisons television series. The challenge is open to all boys and girls ages 7 to 21, and does not require that the young person be associated with the BSA to submit ideas or be selected as an inventor.

Our Wish List

Below a list items need by May 2012. We will make every effort to arrange for these items to be pickup and delivered to the appropriate camp.

You may have noticed that our wish list has changed thanks to the generous donations from these Scouters:

Michael Gleim

Tony Verreos

Bill & Mary Jane Billowitch

JoAnn Parker Sebastian

- Electric Stove
- Range Hood
- Window Blinds (8)
- Gas Dryer
- End tables (2)
- Night Stands (2)
- Interior Paint, Semi-gloss (12 gal)
- Exterior Paint (10 gal)
- Laminate Flooring (1200 sq. ft.)
- Ceramic Tile Flooring (12 sq./130 sq. ft.)
- Ceramic Tile Adhesive (5 lb bag)
- Ceramic Tile Grout (5 lb bag)

Contact: Tim Buchen (510-577-9207) or timb@sfbac.org

Cal Mens Basketball Scout Day 2012

We are recognizing and honoring all Scouts at this game on Saturday, February 4th at 2pm when Cal plays Arizona State at Haas Pavilion.

The Cal Mens Basketball team is one of the best in the Pac-12 this year, and there are exciting events planned just for our Scout Fans. Scout Day will include a scout patch to the first 250 scouts, post-game free throws, and a very special talk from a Cal Athletics guest after free-throws. Your group will also receive a photo in a customized Cal frame, and video board recognition! This is sure to be a great event for your troop, and we dont want you to miss out on this opportunity.

Check out the informational flyer ([more](#)) and come and represent your troop, district or council loud and proud! If you bring a group of 15 or more, you can save on the \$4 per ticket fee and be entered to win a chance for your troop to do the high-five fan tunnel before the game! For more information and if you are ready to sign up for this great event, please contact Sundeep Dhillon at 510-643-5840 or email at SundeepDhillon@berkeley.edu!

TRAINING

Wood Badge Beading at University of Scouting

Wood Badgers! You are invited to participate in our noontime beading ceremony. At that time, we will be awarding beads to the newest members of our community, and rededicating those who have gone before. No matter when or where you took the course, come join us! Let's gather as Troop One, and support our youth as they take Scouting ideals into the future. <http://www.sfbac.org/training/adult/university>

University of Scouting

We are inviting Scouters, parents and Scouts alike to attend the 2012 University of Scouting. The committee has been hard at work recruiting instructors for the almost 100 courses we are offering.

Been there - done everything? We doubt it. Here is a sampling of the new courses just for you.

Planning a Memorable New Scout Outing. A newly bridged Scout is eager to discover what Scouting is all about. Their first overnighiter will be a lasting memory if it is well planned and executed by the youth leaders of your troop. Learn how to conduct a successful first outing for your new Scouts focusing on planning, establishing camaraderie, teaching Scout skills, and having fun.

What's Next for an Eagle Scout. This course has been developed for all Eagle Scouts, Eagle Scout Candidates and the Scouters who work and coach them. There will be a full orientation to cover all aspects of the Journey to Eagle, the many benefits that can be enjoyed by those who have attained the rank of Eagle. Benefits to include local and National Scholarship, association with fellow Eagle Scout, networking through current and past Eagle Scouts. And the ability to help shape and keep the Eagle Scout tradition strong through engaging and re-engaging in scouting through local, council or national association.

Selecting your Unit Leadership. The smooth transition of leadership in a unit is essential to the health of that unit. Learn how to select new unit leadership in key positions (Committee Chair, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor, Coach). This process by which new leadership should be selected, candidates approached, and leaders installed will be discussed. If you are looking for the class to help with finding the next great leader for your unit, you've found it!

Advanced Cubmaster Training. Now that you've taken the Cubmaster Specifics, now you're ready for Cubmaster X! This is a course developed by Cubmasters for Cubmasters who want to take their game to the next level. Learn about: Advanced Pack Meeting Techniques, Recruiting Scouts and Adults, How to Form Tiger Dens, Skills of Successful Cubmasters, the Cubmaster's Ten Essentials and more! If you're a Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster, this will be the best three hours you've spent taking your game to the next level!

Advancement to Excellence. Are you responsible for your Unit's Advancement Records? Are you familiar with the BSA's Guide to Advancement? Are you aware of your unit's Advancement Goals in its Journey to Excellence? Come share some "best practices" on how to collect the achievements earned from the leaders and/or scouts! Learn about Journey to Excellence and how you can record your unit's Advancement Records electronically to ScoutNet. Last, but not least; identify some local resources that can help you in your position of Advancement Chair. This course will help you to help your unit even better than before while taking less time doing it!

Winter Driving Awareness. Planning on heading to snow country? Too many people are getting stuck, unprepared on the roads due to sudden changing winter conditions. The roads do not need to be covered with snow to be dangerous, even in our quiet region of the state, we have winter road hazards. This course will provide you with driving Tips which include how to prepare your vehicle for Cold Weather Driving, how to drive in the snow and ice and what to do if stranded. Also covered is what to carry in your vehicle. Your instructor will have a handouts, which include Cold Weather Driving Tips, What to Carry in your Car, and several from the CHP; and, gear on display and have a stand up discussion on each item, The main thrust of this class is to prepare the driving adults to take their Scouts (or own family) up to the snow and back home safely.

Scouts ... Did you know that BSA added about 6 merit badges between 2009 and 2011? Would you like to check out a couple? We are offering, just for you - Geocaching merit badge (JR-410, Sessions 1-2), and Robotics merit badge (JR-510, Sessions 5-6). Interested, have your parent register with you!

Steps to register for University of Scouting:

2012 course descriptions and registration is not yet available. Please stay tuned.

1. Register as an inteliscout user.
2. Re- Log in at IntelliScout to see event registration links.
3. SFBAC members will see the link to University of Scouting 2012.
4. For participants in other councils, please add San Francisco Bay Area Council to your Watch Council list within your Personal Settings. you will see the link to University of Scouting 2012 when you log back into the system

Contact the University of Scouting Coordinator Sean Martin for more information. 510-577-9214

High Adventure Team (HAT) Basic Backpack Course

The Indoor Session will consist of classroom instruction with some hands on work. The Outdoor Session simulates a backpacking experience with exercises keyed to learn by doing. The exam is a Take-Home test and is given out at the end of the Indoor Session and collected at the beginning of the Outdoor Session. For the indoor session participants are asked to bring a bag lunch for both Saturday and Sunday as there is limited time for the lunch break. Also, participants are asked to bring their backpacks (fully loaded) for the Sunday Indoor session.

The Indoor Session will be held at the Youth Leadership Training Center, 1001

Davis Street, San Leandro. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with the course beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The Outdoor Session begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon at Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore. This course is a requirement to receive your HAT number. A current Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B&C are required for this course.

Cost: Early registration \$60; registrations received after 6 a.m. Monday February 27 will be \$65 Sign up online Now! ([more](#))

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT National Youth Leadership Training June 25 to June 30

NYLT is the advanced leadership training for youth. Open to 1st class and above Scouts who will be at least 13 by October 1, 2012, this course provides the basic knowledge on how to become a better leader. The Course is also open to all Venturers and accepts Scouts and Venturers from all Councils. Cost this year is \$275 before May 1 and \$295 after May 1.

This year, NYLT will be held June 25 to June 30 at Camp Cutter in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Online registrations are ready NOW at www.sfbac-nylt.org . For further information, contact: info@brownsea-nylt.org.

SCOUTS

Join us at Good Turn Weekends at Camp Royaneh and Wente Scout Reservation

Good Turn weekends are a time for our units to help improve and make repairs at our camp facilities. The weekend for this spring is April 13-15 at both camps. We will even provide Saturday dinner for those units participating. Sign up forms can be obtained by emailing emilyd@sfbac.org who will email you the reservation form.

2013 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

2013 National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Family Reserve

Adults, Scouts and second year Webelos ! Get Ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it aint your father's jamboree. We are talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia. Check out the National website at [\(more\)](#) for more details about the Jamboree.

SFBAC contingent dates are July 13 to 24 which includes the tour of July 13-15 and then 9 days at the Jamboree.

Adults! Now is your chance to be one of the first scouters to attend a National Jamboree at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve! We are looking for motivated and physically fit leaders to serve as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster positions in the three troops we are sending. Leader interviews will be February 11 at the YLTC. Leader information sheets should be submitted by February 1. If you did not receive one in the mail contact joanns@sfbac.org to have one emailed.

If you are an adult looking to serve on **staff** at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree you can check out the information about staff at [\(more\)](#)