

# Meridian Matters

April 2017

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## District Calendar

| April 2017 |  | May 2017 |  |
|------------|--|----------|--|
| 5          | District Committee (Alamo-LDS)                                 | 3        | District Committee (Alamo-LDS)                                 |
| 6          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs Eagle Orient, Boards & Proj Rvw (SR-LDS) | 4        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs Eagle Orient, Boards & Proj Rvw (SR-LDS) |
| 13         | Roundtable. 7:30 p.m. (SR-LDS)                                 | 11       | Roundtable. 7:30 p.m. (SR-LDS)                                 |
| 20         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Eagle Boards and Proj Rvws (SR-LDS)      | 18       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Eagle Boards and Proj Rvws (SR-LDS)      |
| 27         | Eagle Recognition Dinner                                       | 21       | Scout Day at the A's   |
| 28-30      | Camporee (Los Mochos)  | 25       | District Dinner (SR-LDS)                                       |
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### Roundtable Coming Attractions!

#### April 13th (7:30 p.m.)

**Cubs:** Clean/ Cub Scout Hiking

**Boy Scouts & Varsity:** Camp Out & Outing Favorites

**Varsity:** Join Camp Out & Outing Favorites w/ BS and MB Counselor Training

**Committees:** Recruiting - Great Fall recruiting ideas

Camporee Youth Staff Meeting, Counselor Training

Internet Adv Help

#### May 13th (7:30 p.m.)

**Cubs:** Summer Awards, Day Camp

**Boy Scouts & Varsity:** Summer Camp, High Adventure, High Adv Training

**Varsity:** Join Camp Out & Outing Favorites w/ BS and MB Counselor Training

**Committees:** New Online Tools

**Eagle Advisor Workshop**

### District Dinner! What a party!

Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>. San Ramon - Crow Canyon LDS.

**Our theme is Taco Thursday!** Also a silent auction, recognition for the leaders from the Town of Danville, it should be great! Tickets are \$20. Register at

<http://www.mdsbsa.org/events/meridian-district-dinner-2017/>

### Camporee!

**Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Rancho Los Mochos near Livermore.

### District Cub Scout Day Camp!

**Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The theme is “CSI – Cub Scout Investigations”

Little Hills Picnic Ranch. San Ramon. See the fun on video at <https://youtu.be/75v3jhMufP8>. Sign-up information on the web at <http://www.meridiandaycamp.com/>.

### Blackhawk 500

**Calling all Pinewood Derby fans!** This year's Blackhawk 500 will be held on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Auto Museum in Danville. Add'l info at <http://www.blackhawk500.org/> Register at: <http://www.mdsbsa.org/events/blackhawk-500-2017/> **All Cub Scouts may enter this event!**

### Scout Day with the Oakland A's

Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> vs Boston Red Sox. Pregame festival pregame on-field parade for uniformed Scouts and leaders, commemorative patch. **Scouts will remember the on-field parade for a long, long time!** Information at <http://m.mlb.com/athletics/tickets/special-events#component-210637798>

### Webelos Weekend Camp at Camp Wolfeboro

July 14-16. Give Webelos a chance to see what Boy Scout summer camp is like. Scouts and parents! **Experience Scoutcraft, nature lodge, handicraft, archery, BB guns, swimming (the water will be warm this year!), row boating canoeing and evening campfires.**

Information and registration at

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## Friends of Scouting (FOS) 2017

**Our 2017 FOS campaign progresses!** Some presentations have been pushed out to April and May, but we continue to encourage all of our families to give this year. Giving is easier than ever with old-fashioned checks, credit card and text! Need additional information or help scheduling your unit's presentation? Call, text or email Adrienne Watkins at (925) 984-3770, or [adriennewatkins@hotmail.com](mailto:adriennewatkins@hotmail.com).

## Upcoming Basic Adult Leader Training Events

**Both Position Specific Training for both Cub Scout Ldrs and Scoutmaster & ASM –**

## High Adventure Training

Our Council is offering the following High Adventure Training this fall:

- **HAT Core & Basic Backpacking Awareness-** Sept 22–24, 2017 (Camp Herms)
- **Cycling Awareness** –April 27, 2017.
- **Canoeing Awareness & BSA Paddle Craft Safety** – May 10 and June 3-4 & 7, 2017.
- **Sailing Awareness** – Oct 24 and Nov 4-5, 2017
- **Swimming & Water Rescue** –May 5 & 13, 2017
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid** –April 22-23; May 20-21; Sept 30-Oct 1, 2017.
- **CPR & AED** –April 21; May 19 & Sept 29, 2017.

Learn more – including dates and prerequisites and register at the council website: [www.mdscbsa.org/training](http://www.mdscbsa.org/training) Contact: HAT Coordinator John Reynolds [reynoldsjfr@netscape.net](mailto:reynoldsjfr@netscape.net) or (925) 689-9269



## Order of the Arrow

Contact Vishnu (Moluk Apanuc Chief) at [veeshnu222@yahoo.com](mailto:veeshnu222@yahoo.com) or Ray Chan,

Advisor at (925) 548-6179 or email: [ray4scouting@gmail.com](mailto:ray4scouting@gmail.com)

## Camp Wolfboro 2017 Site Reservations

We had a terrific past summer season and are excited about 2017 season. Reservations for your campsite are open; go to the Council website for the reservation form and booking details.

## Internet Advancement

**It's here! Advancement is now being recorded by the Council on the Internet.** Also, advancement reports – needed for Eagle advancement documentation – are available through the Council website. Want to learn more? Join the session at the February Roundtable or you may contact District Training Chair James Reeve at (925) 552-6582.

**p.s. One secret to making all of this work is that your unit must be rechartered!**

## Nuclear Science Day for Boy Scouts

Discover the elements on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at **Lawrence Berkeley Nat'l Lab**. A world class facility! Includes a tour of the Advanced Light Source accelerator, detection of cosmic rays, and investigation

of radioactivity in our daily lives. May qualify for the Nuclear Science merit badge. Information? [nuclearscienceday@lbl.gov](mailto:nuclearscienceday@lbl.gov).

## Las Aguilas de Diablo Eagle Dinner

The 2017 recognition dinner honoring young people who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, Sea Scout Quartermaster, or Venture Crew Summit Award will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 6:30pm at Crow Canyon Country Club (711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville). Featured guest speaker will be Joe Starkey, voice of the Cal Golden Bears and also for many years voice of the San Francisco 49ers.



## Int'l Committee Wide Patch Design Competition

Theme: "Lift Them Up". Supporting the Outspan School in Kampala, Uganda. Website: <http://www.outspanschool.org/>

Interested in submitting a design? Contact MDSC Int'l Cmte Chair Mark Weyland at [jadesigns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jadesigns@sbcglobal.net) Submissions due April 26.

## Six Flags Boy Scout Weekend

April 22-23. Purchase tickets online by April 21 at [www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom](http://www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom) and use promo code EAGLE in the upper right hand corner. \$2 of each ticket purchase is returned to the BSA!

## Leave No Trace Trainer Class

May 6-7. Camp Herms. Participants learn about Leave No Trace, TREAD Lightly! and wildland ethics including teaching techniques for disseminating these skills to their units. Questions? Contact course director Lillian Remer at [remer@astound.net](mailto:remer@astound.net).

## Scout Night at Avaya Stadium

San Jose Earthquakes vs. Houston Dynamo. Saturday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Each scout will receive an Earthquakes Scout Night Patch and access to a pregame activity (TBD). Questions? Contact Sean Smallwood at (408) 556-7704

## Opportunities to Support the District!

Our committees are recruiting for additional support. If you'd like to get involved more at the District level just let us know – there are always opportunities. In particular we are seeking to fill the following roles:

- Nominating Cmte
- Camping Chair
- Unit Commissioners
- Asst. Camping Chair
- Asst FOS Chair
- Boy Scout RT Commish.
- Popcorn Colonel
- Asst District Chair

All levels of commitment are possible; it's only an hour a week☺.

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