

# Meridian Matters

May 2017

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## District Calendar

May 2017	June 2017
3 District Committee (Alamo-LDS)	1 1st Thurs Eagle Orient, Boards & Proj Rvw (SR-LDS)
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11 Roundtable. 7:30 p.m. (SR-LDS)	12-16 Cub Scout Day Camp
18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Eagle Boards and Proj Rvws (SR-LDS)	12-17 NYLT
21 Shooting Sports (Concord)	15 3rd Thurs Eagle Boards and Proj Rvws (SR-LDS)
25 Scout Day at the A's	
27 <b>District Dinner (SR-LDS)</b>	
Eagle Recognition Dinner	

### Roundtable Coming Attractions!

**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 including Registration

**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.mdsCBSA.org/events/meridian-district-dinner-2017/>

### Next Roundtable is August 10<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendar for the resumption of Roundtables and our **Program Year Kick-off on Thursday Aug 10<sup>th</sup>** with our Ice Cream Social. In the meantime, **Happy Summer!**

### 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/>.

### 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

<http://www.mdsCBSA.org/events/webelos-weekend-2017/>

### Friends of Scouting (FOS) 2017

Many of you have worked hard to make FOS successful in your units. **Thank you to all the families who generously donated! Congratulations to T621's FOS Coordinator Preeti Rana for collecting over \$9000 for FOS!**

**We continue to encourage all our families to give this year.**

Collecting outstanding pledges is a critical part of the effort as well Need additional information or help? Call, text or email

Adrienne Watkins at (925) 984-3770, or

[adriennewatkins@hotmail.com](mailto:adriennewatkins@hotmail.com).

**Check your status!** Each unit's progress is noted on the attached table.

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## Wood Badge 2017

**Course dates: Sept. 15-17 & Oct. 7-9, 2017.** For more information, contact the Wood Badge Course Director: [Steve Laren](mailto:Steve.Laren@mdscbsa.org) by email or call (707) 372-6939

## 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)
- **Canoeing Awareness & BSA Paddle Craft Safety** – May 10 and June 3-4 & 7, 2017.
- **Sailing Awareness** – Oct 24 and Nov 4-5, 2017
- **Wilderness & Remote First Aid** –May 20-21; Sept 30-Oct 1, 2017.
- **CPR & AED** –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

## Youth Leader Training (NYLT)

Summer 2017 MDSC National Youth Leadership Training Conference will be held at Camp Herms June 12 thru 17, 2017 Registration for the 2017 Summer Course is currently available through the Council [website](http://www.mdscbsa.org).

## 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)

## FAGES Hike

**Join the Order of the Arrow *Un-in Sélica Lodge* for a day of hiking on the FAGES Trail.** 2017 is the 25th Anniversary of the Fages Hike which will take place on Saturday, June 3 (National Trails Day). Much more detailed information on the [website](http://www.mdscbsa.org). Still have questions? [Email Bill Lew](mailto:Bill.Lew@mdscbsa.org).

## Shooting Sports

Want to earn your rifle shooting merit badge outside of summer camp? We have some opportunities for you! The scheduled dates are: May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm at the Concord Police Association Range Also September 30 and October 29. Check the Shooting Sports Committee [web page](http://www.mdscbsa.org) for continued information on upcoming activities!

## NEW DATES for SCOUTING FOR FOOD!

Be prepared to do a good turn daily and help collect food before Thanksgiving travel week

**The 2017 dates will now be November 4 (distribution) and 11 (pick-up).** 2018 dates are November 3 and 10.

## 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

## Nature & Environment Day Camp



The day camp is centered at Camp Herms and nearby East Bay Regional Park lands. This is an in-depth and hands-on way to learn from expert University of California instructors about ecological science.

Motivated participants can complete most of requirements for the Nature, Soil and Water Conservation and the Environmental Science

merit badges, and for the coveted World Scout Environment badge. For more information, please contact [Len Bjeldanes](mailto:Len.Bjeldanes@mdscbsa.org), Program Director or [Peter Berck](mailto:Peter.Berck@mdscbsa.org), Camp Director.

## 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!**

## BSA Online Registration System

The BSA Online Registration system will go live on June 5, 2017. It is very important that units are ready to accept and approve these online applications starting in June! Just like with Online Advancement, Online Registration will require units to do some configurations and roll out planning. Council level training on how to configure the registration system is available on the following dates and locations:

Thursday, May 11. Roundtable/ San Ramon LDS Church  
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The following dates, training will be at the Council Service Center in Pleasant Hill:

Monday, May 15, 2017. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, May 22, 2017. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3, 2017. 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Please have at least two representatives (unit key threes, or membership/registration coordinators, etc.) attend one of the following training session**

Want to learn more about what Online Registration? Visit:

<http://www.scouting.org/onlineregistration.aspx>.

## 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 FOS Chair, Boy Scout RT Commish, Popcorn Colonel, Asst District Chair

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

Contact: Kent Screechfield, [kscreechfield@trcsolutions.com](mailto:kscreechfield@trcsolutions.com), or Sue Oki, [Meridian.Commish@gmail.com](mailto:Meridian.Commish@gmail.com).

## Meridian District; Friends of Scouting Totals as of 8 May 2017

Unit	FOS Chair	2017 Actual	% of 2017 Goal
P-0036	Norman Sandy	\$0	0%
P-0053	Carrie Carlton	\$1,400	47%
P-0201	Steve O'Connell	\$350	25%
P-0203	Yuji Yamada	\$1,010	67%
P-0205	Tiffany Egli	\$1,475	61%
P-0689	Michael Brown	\$175	7%
P-0800	Audra Ostler	\$5,030	210%
P-0802	Dean Matsis	\$1,930	74%
P-0804	Charlene Curry	\$0	0%
P-0805	Louisa Knapp-cc Chris Sabbe-CM	\$0	0%
P-0809	Chris McClure	\$2,165	155%
P-0814	Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam	\$360	18%
P-0815	Jordan Kahn	\$600	20%
P-0828	Eric and Sharon Cohen	\$500	42%
P-0841	Chad Stephens	\$2,150	98%
P-0842	Jon Marlowe	\$2,906	81%
P-0882	Kirsten Hayden	\$2,806	108%
P-0995	Mimi Quan	\$485	30%
P-0996	Angela Sheilds	\$4,344	109%
P-0997	Amy Kelly/ Alex Koumiss	\$6,475	147%
P-1776	Grace Dagen	\$1,375	46%

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T-0036	Yoonies Kim	\$4,581	76%
T-0060	Ulka Tawde	\$1,960	39%
T-0084	Christine Tong	\$6,733	168%
T-0201	Bobinder Singh (FOS) and Kristen Kiley (CC)	\$4,125	147%
T-0216	Mike Chew (Renee Brooks)	\$2,480	83%
T/C-0236	Tom Shaffer	\$0	0%
T-0252	Adrienne Watkins	\$300	21%
T-0621	Preeti Rana	\$9,572	160%
T-0803	Michelle Milosevich	\$4,850	97%
T-0805	Sherri Osmond	\$2,700	38%
T-0815	Kiran Kumar	\$300	7%
T-0834	Kari DeSoto	\$300	9%
T-0874	Raghuvir Goradia	\$2,330	58%
T-0888	Sauda Yerabati and Rupal Patel	\$5,785	121%
T-1630	Andy Hill	\$0	0%
T/S-1776	Lidia Vereen	\$100	6%
T-2001	Julie Graham	\$100	20%
LDS-AI (822)	Greg Coon	\$4,733	158%
LDS-Tass (206)	David Nearon	\$1,100	55%
LDS-Dan 1 (228)	Greg Call	\$500	13%
LDS-Dan 2 (P325/225)	Kevin Ganschow	\$1,800	33%
LDS-SR 1 (547)	Jay Ryan	\$200	7%
LDS-SR 2 (548)	Jim Teare	\$1,375	50%
LDS-Coordinator	Glen Robbins		
<b>LDS Stake</b>		<b>\$9,708</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Family</b>		<b>\$81,752</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>District</b>		<b>\$2,825</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>2017 YTD TOTAL FOR ALL OF MERIDIAN DISTRICT</b>		<b>\$94,285</b>	<b>73%</b>