

Meridian Matters

November 2017

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District Calendar

November 2017		December 2017	
1	District Committee (Alamo-LDS)	1	RecharTERS Due!
2	1st Thurs Eagle Orient, Boards & Proj Rvw (SR-LDS)	6	District Committee (Alamo-LDS)
4	Scouting for Food Door Hanger Distribution (to houses!)	7	1st Thurs Eagle Orient, Boards & Proj Rvw (SR-LDS)
9	Roundtable. 7:30 p.m. (SR-LDS)	14	No Roundtable!
9	Recharter Help Night SR-LDS	21	3rd Thurs Eagle Boards and Proj Rvw (SR-LDS)
11	Scouting for Food Pick-up		
16	3rd Thurs Eagle Boards and Proj Rvw (SR-LDS)		

November Roundtable-Training & Resource Fair

Welcome to our special, biennial Program, Training, & Resources Fair! Talk to scouting experts about any scouting questions you may have. Learn how to do Scouting "smarter" and better! 30+ booths are staffed with Scouters willing to share decades of knowledge to help make your program the best!

December Roundtable

No roundtable in December. Enjoy your holiday season!

January 2018 Roundtable

Jan 11th - 7:30 p.m.

Cubs: Helpful/"Jobs,Jobs, Jobs" & Cheerful/ Abracadabra!" (BSA Jan/Feb),
-or- Engineer Fun/ Derby Alternative /Cub Magic Resources

Boy Scouts : Advancement/ Eagle Process; Eagle Advisors, Update on Resources on District Website

Committees: Day Camp

Friends-of-Scouting Pre-Meeting (6:30)

Rechartering Assistance Tonight!

A "Recharter Help" session – featuring our esteemed Council Commissioner, Jerry Dees, together with the one and only Julie Graham, Unit Commissioner - will be held Thurs Nov 9th from ~8 -9 p.n. at the SR LDS Church. Learn more about the NEW online Recharter system. **Remember that all RecharTERS are due Dec. 1.**

Scouting for Food! Pick-up Saturday!

Thanks to all units who did such an excellent job in getting door hangers distributed last weekend! **Collection is next Saturday, 11 Nov.** Be prepared to collect the food in the same area where your unit distributed flyers! **The collection center is The Meridian District's food collection site will be open from 9:00AM – 2:30PM at the Danville LDS Stake Center, 655 Old Orchard Road, Danville.**

Questions? Contact Meridian District Coordinator. M'Lu Knaus (925) 934-3493 knaushouse@astound.net

Next year's dates are Nov 3 & 10, 2018 for doorhanger distribution and pick-up, respectively.

Friends of Scouting Update

We are in the homestretch for 2017 FOS!

YTD Actuals: \$124,842 - 95% of our \$129,956 goal! We need \$5k more to finish 2017!

2018 kickoff training January 11, 6:30 pm. - before the January Round Table.

Cub Scout Day Camp

June 11-15, 2018. Little Hills Recreation Area – San Ramon. This year's theme is "Big Hunters." Information at <http://www.meridiandaycamp.com/>

Camporee 2018!

Save the Date: **Friday April 20th - Sunday April 22nd!** Rancho Los Mochos – Livermore!

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Adult Leader Training

BALOO: Nov 11 (Camp Herms)

Cub Scout Position Specific:

Introduction Outdoor Leader Skills: Nov 11-12 (Camp Herms)

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training:

LEAD: Jan 27, 2018 (DVC)

More Spring 2018 dates coming soon!

High Adventure Training

Check-out the Council High Adventure Training offerings:

HAT Core & Basic Backpacking Awareness:

CPR & AED:

Canoeing Awareness: Indoor: May 9. Outdoor: June 2-3

Cold Weather/OKPIK: Indoor: Feb 6 & 13. Outdoor: Mar 3-4

Cycling Awareness: TBD/Spring.

Paddle Craft Safety: June 13

Sailing Awareness: Nov 4-5, 2017

Wilderness & Remote First Aid:

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

LEAD – Jan 27th

L.E.A.D. (Leader Education and Discovery) is Mount Diablo Silverado Council's **ultimate training event for Scout Leaders**, Parents and Senior Scouts. L.E.A.D. offers 136 classes across five colleges: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Outdoors and Continuing Education. **For 2018 there are 22 New Courses.** Additional information and registration links are on the Council website at: <http://www.mdsbsa.org/events/leader-education-and-training/>

Girls! Girls! Girls!

No, not the 1962 Elvis movie! **Rather, during the Fall of 2018, girls are being included in the Cub Scout program.** The BSA also will deliver a program for older girls - following the same Boy Scout curriculum and expected to be available in 2019 - allowing girls to earn the Eagle Scout rank. Curious? Additional information is available at the Council website: <http://www.mdsbsa.org/> and the national BSA site: <https://www.scoutingnewsroom.org/press-releases/bsa-expands-programs-welcome-girls-cub-scouts-highest-rank-eagle-scout/>

Adopt-a-School

Adopt-a-School is an exciting and comprehensive BSA program that connects Scouts with the schools in their community through service. Each participating unit pledges to perform a service project for a chosen school during a one-year commitment. Scouts earn a patch for their participation and hours are reported on JTE. For general information, see the national website: <http://adoptaschool.scouting.org/> or in the Meridian District, contact M'Lu Knaus at knaushouse@astound.net.



Silver Beaver Nominations

The Silver Beaver is the highest award a Boy Scout council may bestow upon a volunteer. All Scouters are encouraged to nominate a worthy fellow Scouter for this prestigious award. Nominations due Dec 1, 2017. Form at the Council website: <http://www.mdsbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017-Silver-Beaver-nomination-form.pdf>

Awards will be presented at the Council Annual Recognition Dinner, Saturday 10th Feb 2018. Registration is on the Council website at:

<http://www.mdsbsa.org/events/annual-recognition-dinner-2018/>



Order of the Arrow

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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, or Sue Oki, Meridian.Commish@gmail.com.

