

# Meridian Matters

May 2018

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## District Calendar

### May 2018

2	District Committee (Alamo LDS)
3	1st Thurs Eagle Orient, Boards & Proj Rvw (SR-LDS)
10	Roundtable (SR-LDS)
17	3rd Thurs Eagle Boards and Proj Rvw (SR-LDS)

### May 2018 Roundtable

#### May 10<sup>th</sup>

**YPT Training: Starts at 7:00 a.m.**

**Cubs: YPT**

**Boy Scouts: YPT**

**Committees:** Finance - Best Practices and Guidelines for Packs and Troops (Starts 7:30)

**Tonight is the last Roundtable of the Season! We will resume on August 9<sup>th</sup>. See you then!**

**Enjoy your summertime Scouting activities!**

### District Dinner: Sat Aug 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Eagle Reviews Over the Summer

The Eagle team will continue with its normal schedule during June and July:

**Orientations, Boards and Project Reviews** – First Thursdays (June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Boards and Project Reviews** – Third Thursdays (June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>.)

### Camporee – Thank You!

Congratulations and thank you to all who worked behind the scenes to make last month's Camporee the great experience it was!

### Camporee – 2019 Dates Set!

But didn't we just finish? Yes, but our cracker jack staff has confirmed that our 2019 Camporee will be **Friday April 26 through Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at Rancho Los Mochos. Mark your calendars!

### Cub Scout Day Camp

**June 11-15, 2018.** Little Hills Recreation Area – San Ramon. This year's theme is "Big Hunters." **Still looking for some adult volunteer help.** Information concerning activities, electives, as well as registration at <http://www.meridiandaycamp.com>.

### New BSA Youth Protection Training Program

The Boy Scouts of America emphasizes Youth Protection as a central part of our culture: we must be vigilant and always seek to improve the protection of our youth. To that end, BSA has worked to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse including bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, as well as child sexual abuse. This is the foundation for significant changes in our Youth Protection Policies in 2018. **All registered leaders and adults will be required to take the new YP training by October 1, 2018 (even if their current YPT has not expired).** More info available at: <http://www.mdscbsa.org/training/adult/youth-protection/>. Or from James Reeve (District Training Chair).

**We are running the four new YPT training modules at the May Roundtable. Plan to attend!**



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## Adult Leader Training

**BALOO:** Oct 27-28, 2018; Mar 4-5, 2019.  
**Cub Scout Position Specific:** TBD  
**Introduction Outdoor Leader Skills:** Oct 27-28, 2018; Mar 4-5, 2019.  
**Outdoor Webelos Leader Training:** TBD

## High Adventure Training

Check-out the Council High Adventure Training offerings:

**HAT Core & Basic Backpacking Awareness:** Autumn 2018 session dates TBD.

**CPR & AED:** May 18, Sept 28.  
**Cold Weather/OKPIK:** Winter 2019.  
**Cold Weather/OKPIK II:** Winter 2019.  
**Cycling Awareness:** TBD.  
**Canoeing Awareness & Paddle Craft Safety:** Spring 2018 session underway.  
**Wilderness & Remote First Aid:** April 21-22, May 19-20, Learn more – including dates and prerequisites – and register at the council website: <http://www.mdscbsa.org/training/adult/high-adventure-training-hat/> or contact: HAT Coordinator John Reynolds [reynoldsjfr@netscape.net](mailto:reynoldsjfr@netscape.net) or (925) 689-9269

## Wood Badge

**WOOD BADGE is the ultimate in Scout leadership training** focused to teach leadership skills to adults involved in ALL levels of Scouting; Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, Venturing, and District, Council, and professional positions.  
Fall 2018 courses are Sept 14-16 and Oct 6 – 8, 2018 at Camp Herms in El Cerrito. For information, visit <http://www.mdscbsa.org/training/adult/wood-badge/> or contact course director Michele Poloka at (925) 262-3613 or [wb2018mdsc@gmail.com](mailto:wb2018mdsc@gmail.com).

## Order of the Arrow



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## Friends of Scouting

2018 FOS Campaign continues to progress! At this time we are at approx. 45% of our annual goal. **Our near term objective should be to wrap-up your unit's campaign before summer fun commences!** Additional details and scheduling help are available from Adrienne Watkins at (925) 984-3770 or [foschair@bsameridian.com](mailto:foschair@bsameridian.com)

## Camp Cards



**The Camp Card Sale is back for all Mt Diablo Silverado Council Packs, Troops and Crews!** This is a terrific way to help Scouts earn their way to summer resident camp, high adventure or Cub day camp! The sale kicks-off March 29th, ends on May 25th. For more information, contact Rand Mahoney at (925) 674-6125 or e-mail [steven.dunn@scouting.org](mailto:steven.dunn@scouting.org) at the Council office or search 'Camp Cards' on the Council website.

## 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, Finance Chair, Unit Commissioners, Asst FOS Chair, Boy Scout RT Commish, Popcorn Colonel, Asst District Chair  
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**All levels of commitment are possible; it's only an hour a week 😊.**

