

# Meridian Matters

January 2019

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## District Calendar

**Eagle Boards & Roundtable at:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2949 Stone Valley Rd, Alamo

**District Committee at:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2949 Stone Valley Rd, Alamo

### January 2019

10	Roundtable
10	Eagle Boards & Project Proposals
24	Eagle Boards and Project Proposals
24	Eagle Orientation Presentation
24	OA Chapter meeting

### February 2019

6	District Committee + Annual District Committee meeting
14	Roundtable
14	Eagle Boards & Project Proposals
28	Eagle Boards and Project Proposals
28	Eagle Orientation Presentation
28	OA Chapter meeting

### January 2019 Roundtable

[January 10 – 7:00 p.m.](#)

- \* Fireside Chat w Key 3 MDSC leaders
- \* Cub Scout Day Camp
- \* Advancement – annual update
- \* Girl Troops – Q & A w/ Stephanie Demeter
- \* Friends of Scouting – 2019 FOS kickoff

### February 2019 Roundtable

[February 14 – 7:30 p.m.](#)

- \* Camporee & Camporee Events
- \* Cubs – Scout spirit, songs, skits & pizzazz
- \* Adult recruiting and succession planning

### Friends of Scouting

The great news, Meridian District raised \$152,055 in the 2018 Friends of Scouting – 109% of goal.

The not-so-good news – only 30% of families in the District have contributed.

The even more not-so -good-news is that Council only got to 69% of its goal. \$175K lack of funds will have an impact on the services & resources Council can provide.

Please plan in donating to FOS in 2019!

<https://app.mobilecause.com/f/cxh/n>

### BSA Youth Protection Training

Effective October 1, 2018 any leaders not YPT trained (with the new training as of Feb 2018) cannot work with youth, and you will be dropped from your unit's recharter. You will then need to re-join Scouting by taking the required YPT training AND completing a new BSA Adult application.

[Youth Protection Training](#)

### Hazardous Weather Training

BSA is now making the NEW [Hazardous Weather Training](#) (still an online course - Code SCO\_800) a mandatory course for all direct contact Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders. This is basically all leaders except unit committee members and chartered organization reps.

### Adult Leader Training

**BALOO:** May 4-5, 2019, Oct 19-20, 2019

**Introduction Outdoor Leader Skills:** May 4-5, 2019, Oct 19-20, 2019

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## High Adventure Training

Check-out the council's High Adventure Training (HAT) offerings:

### Cold Weather/OKPIK:

#### Winter 2019 Course:

The classroom session will be Jan. 24 6-10 pm. at the MDSC Service Center. The Outdoor session will take place on Feb. 23 - 24 in the Sierra Nevada Mountain.

[Click for more information or to register.](#)

## Order of the Arrow



Contact Joey (Moluk Apanuc Chief) at [Joey.curley7@gmail.com](mailto:Joey.curley7@gmail.com) or Ray Chan, Advisor at (925) 548-6179 or email: [ray4scouting@gmail.com](mailto:ray4scouting@gmail.com).

## Opportunities to Support the District!

If you'd like to get involved at the District level just let us know – there are always opportunities. Initially why not consider becoming a Committee Member and when you'd like more of a challenge take up one of the vacant roles; of course if you are ready just let us know. We are seeking to fill the following roles: Nominating Cmte, Finance Chair, Unit Commissioners, Asst FOS Chair, RT Commissioners, Popcorn Colonel, Asst District Chair. All levels of commitment are possible; it's only an hour a week ☺. Contact:

Gregg Ankenman, [Gregg Ankenman](#) OR  
Sue Oki, [Sue Oki](#).

## Adopt-a-School



The program is a great way for Packs, Troops and Crews to connect with their local schools. Scouts offer volunteer services that help schools. Project ideas may include landscaping, building improvements, book drive coordination, helpers during school events, and so on. This overall intent is to provide an enduring bond between individual Scouts and their immediate Community, between Scouting and the Community as a whole.

[Click for more information.](#)

## Save The Date

- \* LEAD: Jan 26, 2019 8:00a – 5:00p
- \* MDSC annual awards dinner: Feb 9, 2019, 6:00p
- \* District Awards Dinner: Mar 23, 2019, 6:00p
- \* Camporee 2019 Fri, April 26 – Sun, April 28, 2019
- \* Cub Scout Day Camp: June 10 to June 14, 2019

## L.E.A.D.

The most important BSA training event is coming up at the end of January. Join your Fellow Scouters on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Diablo Valley College for a complete day of learning, fun and experience. L.E.A.D. is Mount Diablo Silverado Council's ultimate training event for Scout Leaders, Parents, Venturers and Senior Scouts.

Click the link below for more info and to register  
<https://scoutingevent.com/023-LEAD2019>

## Some Interesting Facts & Figures for Meridian District in 2018

- \* We have a Youth membership of 3,0198 supported by 1,400 adult volunteers.
- \* We contributed 20,100 hours of service through Scout Service and Eagle projects
- \* We collected 29, 205 pounds (that's 14.6 tons) of food from the Scouting for Food drive.
- \* We held 24 Eagle Review Board sessions and a total of 106 review boards. 117 Scouts earned their Eagle Rank and 120 had their project proposals approved. 180 adults participated as board members.
- \* At Camporee, we had 540 Scouts and 42 Webelos participate.
- \* 304 Cub Scouts participated in outdoor camps
- \* Along with the \$152,055 raised for FOS, we also raised \$225,440 in product sales of which 70% supports local Scouting programs.
- \* We have 220 Merit Badge Counsellors who support 90 Merit Badges.