

# Meridian Matters

April 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

April 2019		May 2019	
4	District Committee	2	District Committee
11	Roundtable	9	Roundtable
11	Eagle Boards & Project Proposals	9	Eagle Boards & Project Proposals
18	Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner at Blackhawk Museum	23	Eagle Boards & Project Proposals
25	Eagle Boards and Project Proposals	23	Eagle Orientation Presentation
25	Eagle Orientation Presentation	23	OA Chapter Meeting
26-28	OA Chapter meeting District Camporee & Webelos Day (4/27)		

### April 2019 Roundtable

**April 11 – 7:30 p.m.**

- \* Outdoor cooking without a stove
- \* Family Scouting / Recruiting – Adults & Youth
- \* Camporee Youth Staff Training
- \* Merit Badge Counselor Training

### May 2019 Roundtable

**May 9 – 7:30 p.m.**

- \* Hazardous Weather Training
- \* Den Leader Training

### Friends of Scouting

The 2019 FOS campaign is under way. Your donations are key to a strong, local Scouting program.

[Please plan to donate in 2019!](#)

### Wood Badge

The ultimate in Scout leadership training focused to teach leadership skills to adults involved in **ALL** levels of Scouting; Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and District, Council, and professional positions.

**Follow the link below for more information:**

[MDSC Wood Badge](#)

### District Award of Merit

Congratulations to **Jeff Smith**, Troop 547 who was recognized with the District Award of Merit at the District Dinner on March 23.

### Facilities Search

The search for a new location to hold District meetings – Roundtable, Eagle Boards, OA, and such – is well under way with a number of possible venues under review. If you are aware of facilities that may be suitable and available, please contact [Gregg Ankenman](#) or [Sue Oki](#). Ideally, we would like to start using our new location in September – the beginning of the Scout Year.

### Camporee 2019



“Worldwide Web of Scouting” is the theme.

April 26 – April 28, 2019  
(& Webelos Day – April 27)  
at Ranchos Los Mochos

[More information](#)

Registration is open, click to:

[Register Troops](#) | [Register Webelos dens](#)

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## Scouts BSA Program

Starting February 2019 the BSA program, Boy Scouts (grades 6-12) is now open to both boys and girls and the program will now be known as **Scouts BSA**. It is a year-round program that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves. Our parent organization will still be called **Boys Scouts of America**. It is only the program (formerly Boy Scouts; grades 6-12) that has the name change. Having girls in the Scouts BSA program now matches what we have had in Explorers for the last 48 years, and Sea Scouts and Venturing for the last 20 years. BSA joins nearly 170 other WOSM countries that have girls in all scouting programs. Contact [Stephanie Demeter](#) for more info on Family Scouting (Cub Scouts) or Girl Troops (part of Scouts BSA).

## Scout Camp

Just a reminder that ALL adults attending all long term camps (>72 hours continuous) e.g. Camp Wolfeboro, Camp Wente, etc. MUST be a registered BSA leader. All the paperwork (BSA Adult app, YPT certificate, payment) needs to be turned in at least 2 weeks before camp for processing.

## Order of the Arrow



Meetings are now the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. 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!

The district has some new, simple needs for:

- **Exploring Champion** – promotes/help Exploring
- **Webeloree Champion** – coordinates help from troops
- Contact [Rand](#) for the above positions.

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](#).

## Hazardous Weather Training

The NEW [Hazardous Weather Training](#) (online course - Code SCO\_800) is a mandatory course for all direct contact Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing leaders.

## Adult Leader Training

[BALOO](#): May 4-5; Oct 19-20 at Camp Herms

[IOLS](#): May 4-5; Oct 19-20 at Camp Herms

All other training: Check the [CALENDAR](#).

## Medical Forms (aka AHMR)

- [Parts A&B](#) can be filled out by parents and are needed for Cub Scout Day Camp, and short overnight trips.
- [Part C](#) is also required for all long term camps (>72 hours continuous) and must be filled out by a doctor every year! Get those physicals now!

## Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

Las Aguilas de Diablo, an organization of older Eagle scouts, annually recognizes new Eagles, Quartermasters and Silver Award recipients at an annual dinner. This year's Annual Recognition Dinner for Eagle Scouts will be held on Thursday, April 18th, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Blackhawk Museum in Danville, CA. The dinner and presentation are free to all new (last 12 mo.) Eagles, Quartermasters and Silver Award recipients. There are also five \$1000 scholarships available! Don't miss it!

[Click for more information & register.](#)

## Save The Date

\* [Camporee 2019 Fri, April 26 – Sun, April 28, 2019](#)

\* [Cub Scout Day Camp: June 10 to June 14, 2019](#)

Registration should be available in the next few days. Check the [MDSC website](#) or [Meridian Camp website](#). We really need adult volunteers to help this camp run. Contact Praveen Nori at:

## [Scout Day at the A's](#)

**Sunday, June 2, 1:00pm start vs Astros**

Justin Jabs, Eagle Scout and Oakland A's Scout Day champion will be at the April Roundtable.

## [Scout Night at San Ramon Futbol](#)

Scout Night at San Ramon's semi-pro soccer team on Saturday May 11 at 7 p.m. \$5 tickets. More info at:

<https://teamup.com/event/show/id/Rx3vtgJJCdCiCuUOssRJ8upbEHYHfy>