

Meridian Matters



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CALENDAR

January

- 5 Eagle Orientation/Packet and Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 11 District Committee meeting (D-LDS)
- 19 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- 21 L.E.A.D. (DVC)
- 26 Roundtable meeting (SR-LDS)

February

- 2 Eagle Orientation/Packet and Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 8 District Committee meeting (D-LDS)
- 16 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- 23 Roundtable meeting (SR-LDS)

Save the Date

- Camporee at Los Mochos - Jun. 1-3
- Cub Day Camp at Little Hills - Jun. 25-29

NEXT ROUNDTABLE

Our next Roundtable meeting on Thursday January 23rd, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the San Ramon LDS Church, 5025 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. **Please note the 7:00 starting time.** RT topics include:

Where to go Camping / Hiking (Cubs) and Quality Units/Journey to Excellence (Scouts).

The OA Apanuc will meet at the same time and location. Hope to see you there!

COUNCIL CALENDAR

Just go to our council website at <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/resources/calendar>.

ADULT TRAINING

The adult training calendar is on the Meridian website at: www.bsa-meridian.org/Training-Dates-for-2012.xls.

Please see the training page of Smoke Signals or training website (www.3districttraining.org/). Contact Ray Chan, ray4scouting@gmail.com.

L.E.A.D.

Plan to attend the Leader Education and Discovery on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Diablo Valley College. This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to LEARN more of what is available for your SCOUTING PROGRAM and to NETWORK with fellow Scouters and potential contributors from outside Scouting. Classes are available for

leaders of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. Subjects for NEW leaders as well as EXPERIENCED leaders are covered.

For more information or to register, go to: <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/scout-leader-education-and-discovery-lead>

EAGLE RANK

The Eagle project workbook has been completely updated and the new version will be used exclusively starting January 2012. There will be an information session at the February 23rd Roundtable meeting to review the changes. All Scouters involved in advancement to Eagle Rank are strongly urged to attend this session.

The information sessions for the Eagle Project will be changed. Starting January 2012, the Eagle orientation and packet distribution and the Eagle project information session will be held on the first Thursday of each month. The Eagle Board of Reviews will remain on the third Thursday of the month.

Eagle Packets: Virginia Luchetti; 575-0566; vluchetti@sbcglobal.net

Eagle Projects: Jim Bergsten; 838-4615; jim@thebergstens.com.

Eagle Board: Myron Hagen; 831-1532; myronhagen@yahoo.com.

Dan Hugens, who has organized the Eagle Project Boards for seven years has stepped down and will remain as a board volunteer. On behalf of all of us involved with Eagle Boards and the Meridian District, "THANK YOU DAN!", for all of your time, help, effort, friendship, and wise counsel.

Questions? Contact George Gavrell, H: 837-6248, gavrells@aol.com. or see the district website: <http://www.bsa-meridian.org/>

M.B. COUNSELORS LIST

The Merit badge counselor application has been revised and updated. The new version is available for download on the Meridian website: www.bsa-meridian.org/November-2011-Merit-Badge-Weblist.xls. Please be sure to use the newer version in the future. Questions? Contact George Gavrell, H: 837-6248, gavrells@aol.com.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS)

Thank you again for everyone that made the FOS campaign a big success in 2011!!! We were able to raise over \$121K for local scouting! We helped support the many scouting programs and units in our district and our council. Thanks again for your support!!!

We are now starting our FOS campaign for 2012. A FOS representative from each pack, troop, and crew should plan to attend one of two FOS kick off meetings.

FOS meeting #1

Saturday, Jan. 14, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the San Ramon LDS Church

FOS meeting #2

Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (before RT meeting) at the San Ramon LDS Church.

Contact Rand Mahoney, 899-3840, rand.mahoney@gmail.com.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's new council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. Learn more about it at the Scouting breakout session during the January Roundtable. More info at <http://www.scouting.org/JTE.aspx>.

WHERE TO CAMP AND HIKE?

Want to learn more where the best places are to camp or hike in the Bay Area and beyond for Cub Scouts? Plan to attend the Cub breakout session during the January Roundtable.

CAN YOU HELP???

The **Camporee** staff is looking for people to help in a variety of tasks before and during the event (June 1-3). Contact Dave Newton.

Cub Day Camp staff is also looking for assistance before and during camp (June 25-29). Contact Tim Welty.

We need additional **Unit Commissioners**. If you enjoy working with other scout leaders and have some experience working with packs or troops, please contact Sue Oki.