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GONE HOME

The circle with a dot in the middle has long been Scouting's trail sign to indicate that one has gone home. Lord Robert Baden-Powell's resting place is marked by just such a symbol.

Please consider a lasting tribute for someone you care about by making a donation to the Alameda Council. Details available on our website www.bsa-alameda.org

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Council Calendar

Save the date for...

January 2007

- 1 New Year's Day**
Office Closed
- 4 Commissioner's Meeting & Roundtable**
- 6:30pm & 7:30pm
- 11 Executive Board**
Annual Business Meeting
- 7:30pm
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** Office Closed
- 18 FOS Kick-Off**
- 7:30pm

February 2007

- 1 Commissioner's Meeting & Roundtable**
- 6:30pm & 7:30pm
- 7 FOS Report 1**
- 8 Executive Committee**
- 5:30pm
- 17 Cub Fun Fest/Snow Day**
- 19 President's Day**
Office Closed
- 22 Council Annual Dinner**
- 6:00pm - Elks Club
- 24 NorCal Commissioners Conference**
- San Jose
- 28 FOS Report 2**

*All meetings at
Council Service Center
1714 Everett Street
unless otherwise noted.*

A Happy New Year With a Little Help From Our "Friends"

As the new year rushes in, so does our annual *Friends of Scouting* campaign. Alameda Council prides itself in being able to raise the many dollars needed to support our local Scouting program. The *FOS* campaign raises the funds needed to support council programs including: Day Camp, Family Camp, Webelos Woods, Camporee, Scouting for Food, Scoutreach, camperships, community service projects, recognition events and awards, leader training, Roundtable, insurance for all registered Scouts and leaders and more.



Our 2007 budget calls for \$106,000 to be raised through *Friends of Scouting*. We ask our Scouting families to contribute \$35,000 of this goal. This represents less than 7% of our total council operating budget but these funds are absolutely vital to our council. Council program support costs over \$150 per Scouting family annually. *FOS* is voluntary and no boy or unit is ever denied service based on participation.

Each unit is asked to select an *FOS* Coordinator to solicit families for financial support of council programs that directly effect our youth through program services. When we all "pitch in" and contribute to *FOS* we all benefit. The *FOS Family Campaign Kick-Off* is January 18, 2007 for all unit coordinators at the council office. Those wishing to start early should contact Bob Johnson.

Alameda Council 2007 Business Meeting

Charter Partner Representatives, Executive and Advisory Board Members, please take note that this year's council annual business meeting is Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Service Center, 1714 Everett Street. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers and board members for the upcoming year. We look forward to your participation.

Annual Council Dinner

Mark your calendars now for one of our council's premier annual events. This year's dinner and awards presentation will be Thursday, February 22, 2007 at the Alameda Elks Lodge. The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:45. Committee Co-Chairs Greg Falkner and Tom Farris, with help from the council leadership, promise a great event.

2006 Scouter Awards

Nomination forms have been mailed to unit committee chairs and unit leaders as well as other council Scouters for our 2006 awards. Anyone may nominate a deserving adult Scouter by the February 9 deadline. A new form must be submitted every year for a nominee to be considered. The awards committee considers Scouter's quality of service and commitment to youth. Your nominations are essential to recognize those volunteers who most represent the dedication of all Alameda Scouters.

2006 Eagle Scout Award Recipients

Congratulations to all 2006 Alameda Council Eagles Scouts!

- Thomas Arthur Bowen, Troop 11
- Ryan George Carder, Troop 1015
- Kurtis Geoffrey Fong, Troop 3
- Joseph Wesley Gay, Troop 3
- Damian Javier Hall, Troop 1015
- Erik Alexander Holgerson, Troop 89
- Peter Joseph Holgerson, Troop 89
- Eric John Kim, Troop 11
- Josef Guy Levi, Troop 11
- Maxwell Robert Lynch, Troop 11
- Vincent Leonard Morgado, Troop 11
- Christopher Robert Ng, Troop 3
- Anthony Joseph Ramirez, Troop 78
- Kevin Werner Rosen, Troop 89
- Tyler Scott Sanderson, Troop 1015
- Ryan Douglas Soule, Troop 2

Save the date...

ALAMEDA COUNCIL

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION & LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Honoring Those Who Serve Youth in Our Community



A BENEFIT TO SUPPORT ALAMEDA SCOUTING

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Disabled and Special Needs Scouts

BSA policy has always been to treat members with disabilities and special needs as much like other members as possible, but councils may make accommodations in advancement requirements if necessary.

A Scout with a permanent physical or mental disability may select an alternate merit badge in lieu of a required merit badge if his disabling condition prohibits the Scout from completing the necessary requirements of a particular required merit badge. This substitute should provide a "similar learning experience."

Complete guidelines are available through the council and on the Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, No. 58-730. A Scout may also request changes in the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. The council advancement committee must approve the application.

PACK 78 SCOUT BINGO NIGHT & SPAGHETTI FEED Friday, February 2, 2007

5:00 - 10:00 pm
Adults \$15.00 / Kids \$8.00
(includes 12 games of bingo)

RSVP Required to
Steve & Shelly at 522-1109 or
Leisofshelly@aol.com

Cub Scout Summer Camp Coordinators

With summer camping plans under way, Cub Scout packs are asked to recruit a camping coordinator with whom the council office can contact regarding camping dates, locations, anticipated youth attendance and any special unit needs.

The council uses this information to make sure that all units are participating in major summer camping program experiences. Our first camp coordinators meeting will be March 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the council office where details for Day

Camp and Family Camp will be presented.

What's Your Story?

The *Scouter* is our council communication tool and a way to stay connected each month. Units are encouraged to submit articles to the council office sharing their adventures and fun! So, Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews... let's hear from you!

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