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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...

March 2007

- 1 Commissioner's Meeting & Roundtable**
- 6:30pm & 7:30pm
- 8 Executive Board**
- 7:30pm
- 14 FOS Report 3**
- 15 Day Camp Orientation**
7:30pm
For Cub Scout Parents
- 17 BALOO Training**
8:00am - 2:00pm
- 16 Adventure Day Camp**
Scoutreach Cub Camp
- 24 Scoutmaster Training**
- 8:00am
- 29 New Leader Essentials**
- 7:00pm

April 2007

- 4 FOS Report 4**
- 5 Commissioner's Meeting & Roundtable**
- 6:30pm & 7:30pm
- 6 Good Friday**
Office Closed
- 12 Executive Committee**
- 5:30pm
- 13 Camp Staff Applications**
Due @ Council Office
- 27 FOS Victory Celebration**
- 30 Day Camp Fees Due**

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

2007 Friends of Scouting - Help Us Reach New Heights

Over the past forty years, Scouting supporters vowed to keep Alameda Council BSA a separate council by committing to fund yearly operating costs via foundations, bequests, wills, grants, special fundraisers like golf tournaments, popcorn sales and...*Friends of Scouting*.

While annual Scout unit registration (\$10.00 per year per youth/adult and \$20.00 charter fee) is sent to the National Council BSA, to help support nationwide programs, each council is operated separately from national and must fund its own operation.



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.

A family pledge of \$150 (of course, any amount is appreciated) can help us reach our 2007 goal. The money stays in Alameda and is used to help the many programs and services offered by the council.

Making a pledge is painless and the office will be happy to bill pledges quarterly, semi-annually, annually or by credit card.

Thanks to our many FOS supporters—keep up the good work.

Cub Day Camp Orientation For Parents

All parents of Cub Scouts who will be attending Cub Scout Day Camp (June 18-22, 2007) are encouraged to attend an orientation on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at the council office. This year's theme for camp is "The Wild West". Cost per Scout is \$110 and payment is due by April 30 to assure your spot. Camp fee is \$175 for payments made May 1 through June 12.

Join camp staff to find out specific information regarding the exciting day camp program. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets and Sponsorships Available...

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EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION
& LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 17, 2007

*Honoring Those Who Serve
Youth in Our Community*

Keynote Speaker
Rick Cronk

*President Boy Scouts of America
and former
President Dreyer's Ice Cream*



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Camp Staff Applications Available for Cub Day Camp and Resident Camp

Alameda Council, BSA is soliciting for Camp Staff applicants to be camp counselors for Cub Day Camp (June 18-22) and Cub Scout Resident Camp (July 19-22). Boy Scout and Venture Crew members are urged to submit applications.

The ideal camp counselor should be... a team player, have a positive attitude, be flexible, get along with fellow staff members, campers and leaders, be willing to follow instruction, learn new skills and is self motivated. Camp programs will revolve around nature, science, scout skills, crafts, songs/skits, games, sports, first aid, field sports (archery and BB Gun), swimming and boating.

Day Camp Staff Training will be held on May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8. Trainings are held from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Council Office. And again on Saturday, June 16 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Paid camp staff is 16 years old and up. Counselors-In-Training (CIT's) are 14 and 15 years old and can earn 40 hours of community service hours for high school.

Applications can be obtained at the Alameda Council office and at the monthly leaders Roundtable.

Adult Leader Training

Don't miss these three great opportunities for adult leader training in March...

BALOO Training

Saturday, March 17th 8:00am-2:00pm

Scoutmaster Training

Saturday, March 24th 8:00am-3:00pm

New Leaders Essentials

Thursday, March 29
7:00pm to 9:00pm

The trainings will be held at the Alameda Council office - 1714 Everett Street. Please R.S.V.P. three days in advance of all trainings.

Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner... Thanks Leaders

The *Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner* held at the Elks Lodge in Alameda highlighted and gave thanks to the many volunteer leaders in Scout units, on committees and the executive board who made the 2006 Scouting year so successful.

Besides sitting down to a lavish prime-rib dinner, with all the trimmings, the highlight of the evening came when the many volunteers were thanked and recognized. These volunteer leaders are to be commended for *service above self* in giving their time, energy, talent and financial support to a most worthy cause, our youth in Alameda.

Again...many thanks to all volunteers for their contributions.

Webelos Bridging to Scout Troops: The Tradition Continues

Webelos are making the traditional *bridge crossing* into Boy Scout Troops. The *bridging ceremony* concludes the Cub Scouting program for second year Webelos and opens up endless opportunities as a member of a Boy Scout Troop.

Scoutmasters are reminded that many Cub Scout Packs hold their bridging ceremonies during February and March and need to be on hand to greet these new Boy Scouts into their troops.



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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