



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.

IN MEMORY OF

CENTENNIAL EDITION

the SCOUTER

ALAMEDA COUNCIL BSA VOLUME 28 / ISSUE 1 JANUARY - MARCH 2010

Council Calendar

Save the date for...

January 2010

- 1 New Year's Day** Office Closed
- 7 Commissioner's Meeting & Scouter's Roundtable**
- 7:00pm & 7:30pm
- 14 Executive Board Meeting**
- 7:30pm
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Office Closed
- 19 FOS Kick-Off** - 7:30pm
- 23 FOS Poker Tournament**
- 10:00am Elk's Lodge
- 30 B.A.L.O.O. Training** - 9:00am

February 2010

- 4 Commissioner's Meeting & Scouter's Roundtable** -
7:00pm & 7:30pm
- 7 Scout Sunday**
- 11 Executive Committee** - 5:30pm
- 12 President's Weekend**
Office Closed **02/12** and **02/15**
- 13 Scout Sabbath**
- 18 Centennial Worksheets Due**
- 18 Council Annual Dinner**
- 6:00pm - Coast Guard Island
- 20 Cub Fun Fest / Snow Day**
- 24 Cub New Leader Specific**
- 7:00pm

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

Happy Centennial Anniversary - BSA!

2010 marks a milestone for the Boy Scouts of America as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in the USA. The centennial theme - *Celebrating the Adventure and Continuing The Journey* - will be marked with numerous national and regional events (see details throughout this Scouter). Alameda Council will highlight the anniversary locally with events and activities for Scouts and the Scouting community. You can log on to www.scouting.org/100 years for additional details from the BSA.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Friends Of Scouting Kick-Off January 19 We Need Your Support!

The Alameda Council 2010 *Friends of Scouting* campaign is ready to get underway with our annual kick-off on Tuesday, January 19. The *FOS* campaign raises the funds needed to support council programs including: Day Camp, Webelos Woods, Camporee, Scouting for Food, Scoutreach, Roundtable, leader training, camperships, community service projects, canoes, recognition events and awards, insurance (for Scouts and leaders) and more.

Each unit is asked to select an *FOS* Coordinator to contact families for financial support of council programs that directly affect our youth through program services. Unit Coordinators are requested to join us for a brief and informative training which will be held at the council office on January 19 at 7:30pm. When we all "pitch in" and contribute to *Friends of Scouting* our entire community benefits.

Alameda 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 - but we need your support. The 2010 council budget is approximately \$452,550 and we count on our Scouting families to contribute \$32,000 (which represents only 7% our operating budget) towards this goal.



Alameda Council Centennial Patch Design Contest

Calling all Scouts! Help the Alameda Council celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA. We are accepting council strip patch designs from currently registered Cubs, Boy Scouts and Venturers. Patch designs will be judged on centennial spirit, community representation and overall design/originality. Entries must arrive at the council office by February 11th with the winner announced at the February 18th annual dinner. Entry forms are available at the council office and at the January 7th Scouter's Roundtable.

FOS - Family Campaign

The annual Family *Friends of Scouting* Campaign fund-raising effort will be *kicked-off* on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the Alameda Council office. Unit FOS Coordinators (or unit representative) will be trained to present this year's FOS program to their individual units.

For any units **not represented at this training, please attend the February 4th Roundtable** to receive your FOS information packets. If your unit does not yet have a FOS Unit Coordinator or your unit has made changes in this leadership position, please contact the council office at 522-2772.

FOS money should be turned into the office within two days of the unit's FOS presentation. Additional money can be turned into the office by all units throughout the FOS period (January 19 to April 29).

You're Invited... 2010 Alameda Council Annual Awards Dinner

The annual *Awards and Recognition Dinner* for Alameda Council adult volunteers will be held in the Point Welcome Room at Coast Guard Island, **Thursday, February 18, 2010.**

Socializing begins at 6:00pm. Dinner and awards begin at 7:00pm and will wrap up by 9:30pm. Cost for the event is \$35.00 per person and includes dinner, dessert, and coffee or tea.

Please join the many volunteer Scouters in sharing an evening of recognition for the outstanding 2009 Scouting year. Mayor Beverly Johnson will be the Master of Ceremony and Captain Keith J. Turro, Commanding Officer, Base Support Unit Alameda, will present the keynote address.

Nominations will be accepted at the council office until 3:00pm on January 15th for all awards. 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.



Join Us At Our Monthly Scouter's "Roundtable"

The council *Scouter's Roundtable* is scheduled for 7:30pm on the 1st Thursday of every month (except July and August) Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings at the council office: January 7, February 4, and March 4.

Roundtable is an informative and fun gathering and a great opportunity for unit leaders and adult volunteers to share their good ideas, concerns and comments with other Scouters.

Cub Scout Snow Day

Boy Scout Troop 73 will be coordinating a *High Adventure* snow play trip on Saturday, February 20, 2010. Cub Scouts are invited to participate in a fun-filled day trip to the snowy Sierras.



Cub Scouts (and their parents) will join Troop 73 at Donner Summit on Interstate 80 at noon. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will eat lunch (bring bag lunch) and then it's off to play in the snow.

Participation in a pre-trip cold weather seminar is essential for a safe and fun outing. Please contact Bill Wrigley (info below) to schedule a date and time for a **Cold Weather Seminar Preparation Meeting** for your unit.

Packs provide tour permit, transportation and snacks/lunch, water and cold weather gear. For more information contact Bill Wrigley, Scoutmaster, Troop 73, by email at backpacker40@hotmail.com

Looking for Unit Commissioners

Are you a current or former adult volunteer who enjoys working with fun and active Scouts and Scouters? Here is your chance to assist units and really make an impact for Alameda's youth and our Scouting volunteers.

The "Commissioner Corps" invites you to visit a Commissioner's meeting - held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm - at the council office - to get an introduction to this vital Alameda Council support system. For more information please contact the council office.



Annual Alameda Council Business Meeting

Charter Partner Representatives, Executive and Advisory Board Members are requested to attend this year's council annual business meeting Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Service Center, 1714 Everett Street.

This very important meeting will include the election of officers and board members for 2010. We look forward to your participation.

Cub Scout Pack 78
SCOUT BINGO NIGHT & SPAGHETTI FEED
Friday, February 12, 2010
5:00pm - 9:00pm

At St. Philip Neri Parish Hall
 Adults \$15.00 / Kids \$8.00
 RSVP Required to Henry at
 510.865.1374 or
hramos@attglobal.net

Webelos Bridging to Scout Troops: Tradition Continues

Webelos are preparing to make 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 new Boy Scout.

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.

Council Calendar

Save the date for...

March 2010

- 2 **This Is Scouting**
- 7:30pm
- 4 **Commissioner's Meeting & Scouter's Roundtable**
- 7:00pm & 7:30pm
- 11 **Executive Board & Annual Council Business Meeting**
- 7:30pm
- 12 **Unit Centennial Award**
Paperwork Due
- 13 **Alameda Council Crab Feed**
- 6:00pm
"O" Club - Alameda Point
- 16 **New Leader Specific**
- 7:00pm
- 18 **Day Camp Coordinators**
7:30pm
- 25 **Merit Badge Training**
- 7:30pm
- 26 **Scoutmaster Training**
- 5:00pm Fri - 11:00am Sun
Camp Herms

April 2010

- 1 **Commissioner's Meeting & Scouter's Roundtable** -
7:00pm & 7:30pm
- 2 **Council Office Closed**
- Good Friday
- 8 **Executive Committee**
- 5:30pm
- 12 **Camp Staff Applications**
Due @ Council Office
- 16 **NorCal Jamboree**
- Fri 04/16 - Sun 04/18
Alameda County Fairgrounds

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Every Boy Deserves A Trained Leader

Scouting is an educational program specifically designed to develop men and women of good character. It is subtle, yet simple. Trained leaders learn how to lead youth in a variety of character building, leadership and citizenship, camping programs and activities. Not only that, but boys, parents and leaders have more fun when packs, dens, troops and crews are led by trained Scouters.



So how does this work? If, for example, you have been recruited as a new den leader, you might wish to go to the BSA website at www.scouting.org/training and click on

Youth Protection Training. This brief introduction to the BSA policies and procedures is essential before beginning any leadership role or direct contact with youth in the program. *Youth Protection* is also routinely offered at our April Roundtable.

The **Cub Scout Fast Start Program.** This gets you started and ready to start meeting with the boys and only takes about an hour. *Fast Start* tapes are also available at the Council Office.

Next you would attend the new **This Is Scouting** Training (for ALL New Leaders), which lasts approximately 1-1/2 hours and the **Den Leader Specific Training**, which lasts about 3 hours.

BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation is also essential for any packs conducting overnight/outdoor activities. At completion of these sessions, you would be a certified trained leader.

If you were a new troop committee member, you would start with **Fast Start** and then attend the **This Is Scouting** Training and the **Troop Committee Challenge.**

Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters would start with **Fast Start**, attend **This Is Scouting** Training, one 2-1/2 hour **Leader Specific** session and one **Outdoor Skills** training.

This Is Scouting	Thursday, 3/2/2010, 7:30 p.m.
BALOO	Saturday, 1/30/2010, 9:00 a.m.
Cub Scout New Leader Specific	Wednesday, 2/24/2010, 7:00 p.m. OR Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 7:00 p.m.
Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster	Saturday, 3/27/2010, 8:00 a.m.



Space Still Available!

2010 National Jamboree - Join In The Centennial Celebration

There's still a chance to be a part of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America - at the 2010 Centennial National Jamboree. A couple of spots for Scouts (12 years and older with First Class rank) have just opened up on Alameda Council Jamboree Troop 633. This spectacular trip includes ten days at Fort AP Hill (*last time at this site*) and four days of touring the east coast.

Please call the council office at 522-2772 or Rick Lewis at (510) 482-6326 or e-mail rlewis89@hotmail.com for additional information and to secure your spot today.

Cub Scout Summer Camp Coordinators - Recruit Yours Now!

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 coordinator meeting will be March 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the council office where details for Day Camp will be presented.

Merit Badge Counselor Training

Our spring Merit Badge Counselor Training will take place on **Thursday, March 25, 2010** at 7:30pm at the Council Office. All adult volunteers who are interested in becoming an "approved" merit badge counselor are invited to attend. Merit badge counselor training is valid for two years.

This informative (and brief) meeting will prepare counselors for this vital component of the Boy Scout advancement program. More information on the training will be available at the March Roundtable.



2010 Cub Day Camp Staff Applications Available

Alameda Council, BSA is soliciting for Camp Staff applicants to be camp counselors for **Cub Day Camp** (June 14-18). Boy Scout and Venture Crew members are urged to submit applications (applications can be obtained at the Alameda Council office).

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 be self-motivated. Camp programs will revolve around nature, science, Scout skills, crafts, songs/skits, games, sports, first aid, and more.

Day Camp Staff Training will be held on Friday evenings - May 7 through June 11 - from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Council Office. A final pre-camp training will take place on Saturday, June 12 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.

2009 Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to all 2009 Alameda Council Eagle Scout Award Recipients!


- Andrew Altomare, Troop 2
- Cole Ashcraft, Troop 89
- Liam Davis, Troop 11
- Spencer Dial, Troop 11
- Jan Fejt, Troop 89
- Harrison Freck, Troop 73
- Toby Gay, Troop 1015
- Sean Hunter, Troop 1015
- Alex Jones, Troop 78
- Scott Glenn Kerns, Troop 11
- Ryan Lim, Troop 3
- John Lynch, Troop 11
- Kevin Padway, Troop 1015
- Colin Russell, Troop 3

Save the date...

ALAMEDA COUNCIL

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION & LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 27, 2010



Honoring Those Who Serve Youth In Our Community

A BENEFIT TO SUPPORT ALAMEDA SCOUTING

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Disabled/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.

Alameda Council Trading Post

Many supplies, including uniforms, literature, pinewood derby kits, etc. can be purchased at the Alameda Council trading post. If we don't have it in stock we can order it for you (please allow approximately two weeks). Please remember that all Alameda Council Scout Shop sales benefit our programs here in our community.

Scouter Submissions

Units are encouraged to submit articles to the *Scouter* sharing their adventures and fun! So, Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews and Ships... let's hear from you!

The *Scouter* is a quarterly publication by the Alameda Council, Boy Scouts of America
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Council PresidentJeri Morgado
 Council CommissionerRick Lewis
 Scout Executive..... Charles Howard-Gibbon

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10:00am - 3:00pm

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510-522-2772

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- Camp and Uniform Scholarships
- Youth and Adult Training
- Advancement Records
- Scouting for Food
- Special Activities
- Cub Camp
- Flyers and Manuals
- Service Center and Trading Post
- Unit Fall Packets
- *Scouter* Newsletter
- Webelos Woods
- Awards and Recognition
- Camporee
- Program and Camp Equipment
- Office and Camp Staffs

81¢ of every dollar goes directly to programs.

Support the Alameda Council by making your FOS pledge today.