



THE REDWOOD ROUND-UP
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Scout Sunday: A Tribute to Reverence and Service

Randy Huffman | RESA Chair

Each February, Scouts around the world celebrate Scout Week, a time to reflect on the anniversary of Scouting, which began in the United States on February 8, 1910. It is a special day dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of both youth and adults to the Scouting movement.

On this significant occasion, typically celebrated on the Sunday preceding February 8th, scouts are encouraged to actively participate in religious services. This observance allows us to reflect on our duty to God and enhances our spiritual growth. By attending services, we reaffirm our commitment to faith and recognize the importance of reverence in our lives, embodying the 12th point of the Scout Law: "A Scout is Reverent."

Scout Sunday also highlights the essential role that religious institutions play in supporting the Scouting program. Many faith communities welcome Scouts into their services, showcasing the collaborative relationship between Scouting and faith-based organizations.

This partnership enriches our lives and strengthens the fabric of our communities.

Scout Sunday stands as a testament to the dedication and service of Scouts of all ages. Through this observance, Scouts are empowered to uphold their values, recognize their spiritual duties, and contribute meaningfully to both their faith and their communities.

I always look forward to wearing my uniform alongside fellow leaders in our church while leading the worship service. It is a day that truly embodies the spirit of Scouting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Scout-o-Rama / Discovery Day

Sat., March 7, 10:00am-4:00pm
Sonoma County Fairgrounds

Our annual Scout-o-Rama will be held in conjunction with the North Bay Science Discovery Day. This is a free event to attend. [Sign up here](#)

* RESA Pinewood Derby



Saturday, April 18, 1:00pm
Open to all registered Cub Scouts. This event will take place at Hansel Ford in Santa Rosa.

* Aviation Merit Badge



May 9, Oct 10
Charles M. Schultz Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa | [Application and Flying Permit](#)

Each month we plan to list the newest Eagle Scouts in RESA, and any bios we receive.



MIWOK DISTRICT

Troop 8 – Petaluma
Shea Warner

Troop 16 – Sonoma
Thomas Brady

POMO DISTRICT

Troop 32G – Santa Rosa
Keely Ann Dickey

Troop 134G – Santa Rosa
Beatrice Belt

*Congratulations
January 2026
RESA Eagles!*



Keely Ann Dickey, Troop 32G

Eagle Project: Built a 29' x 3' x 2' cedar planter box at Mark West Charter School, including filling it with 7 yards of dirt. Gathered materials thanks to donations from local businesses (Healdsburg Lumber, Friedman's Home Improvement, Wheeler Zamaroni) and completed with the help of scouts and leaders from both Troop 32B and 32G.

Future Plans: Attending Azusa Pacific to study liberal arts (with the goal of being a teacher) and play women's water polo.

Best Scouting Experience: My first summer camp as SPL at Camp Meriwether in Oregon. The troop was the largest it has ever been. It's my favorite summer camp and I learned a lot that year.

Advice to Offer: To not get discouraged if it takes a while to get a merit badge or requirement done. They can do it no matter what!!

Appreciation For: Ms. Tricia Woods for starting the troop, Mr. Ray Leonard for helping guide my scouting journey and Ms. Emily Dickey for being a consistent presence in the girls' troop.



Beatrice Belt, Troop 134G

Eagle Project: I designed the layout for a permanent, commercial-grade shade sail where athletes could warm up and stay protected from sun and rain during rainy track meets at MCHS. Designing the project was the longest and most challenging part. I fundraised \$623 to buy all the materials needed. I also got \$864 of material donations, like the steel and powder coating from local small businesses. In total, I had a materials list of over 30 different items I bought, 4 power tools rented, and many gardening tools borrowed from the Santa Rosa Tool Library.

Future Plans: I've applied to the UCs and a few CSUs. I'm hoping to go to UC San Diego, UC Davis, or Cal Poly for pre-med or pre-dental. I hope to continue running track in college. Staying active is so important to my mental health and is a great way of meeting people, just like in Scouting.

Best Scouting Experience: My favorite scouting experience was the cavalcade at Philmont Scout Ranch in the beautiful New Mexican wilderness. Riding on horses with no cell reception and immersed in nature strengthened the bond with my troop.

Advice to Offer: Encourage your friends to join scouting. You will make friends along the way but having some friends from your school will strengthen your friendship and you'll make many fun memories.

Appreciation For: I'd like to thank my scoutmaster Mr. Polkinghorn. Although he currently isn't my scoutmaster he's helped me through scouting ever since our weekly meetings were on Zoom.

Safeguarding Youth Training:

Required for all registered adults
by May 31, 2026

Scouting America has updated Youth Protection Training—what many of us still call “YPT”—to the new Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). **All registered adult volunteers must complete SYT by May 31, 2026 (even if your current YPT still shows as valid).**

GGAC compliance reminder: GGAC enforces YPT/SYT compliance. If your required safeguarding training expires and you aren’t current, your registration may be suspended and can be terminated under GGAC policy—meaning you may not be able to participate until your training is up to date.

What you need to do:

1. Log in to my.scouting.org
2. Go to My Training
3. Complete Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT)

Please don’t wait until the deadline—knocking this out early helps your unit, your district, and our whole Redwood Empire Service Area stay fully compliant and ready for activities.

Questions? Start with your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner. If needed, you can also contact the Redwood Empire Service Area Commissioner: carlson.peter@gmail.com

FYI: Parents who aren’t registered are welcome to take SYT to better understand Scouting’s safety framework.



Hazardous Weather Training:

Required for Direct Contact Leaders.
Valid for 2 years

Hazardous Weather Training is required for all Direct Contact Leaders. Completed training for this course is valid for two years—so it must be renewed to stay current and retain “trained” status.

Direct Contact Leader positions need this training.

Cub Scouts: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Webelos Den Leader
Scouts BSA: Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster,
Venturing (Crew): Advisor, Associate Advisor
Sea Scouting: Skipper, Mate
Exploring: Advisor, Associate Advisor

How to check your Hazardous Weather Training status (and renew if needed)

1. Log in to my.scouting.org
2. Go to My Training
3. Find Hazardous Weather Training to see your completion/expiration date, and retake it if expired or expiring soon.

Please take a moment to verify your status now so your unit stays ready for outdoor activities and outings.

References

[Scouting America: RTHT - Hazardous Weather Training \(PDF\)](#)

[Scouting America: Hazardous Weather Training FAQ \(PDF\)](#)



Redwood Empire Scouting America
Friends of Scouting Investment in Character Breakfast
Friday, February 27, 8:00–9:00am, DoubleTree Hilton, Rohnert Park

Please join us! Our 60-minute program includes our keynote speaker, Captain Brett Crozier, USN (retired), a brief update about local Scouting, a few minutes to accept pledges/donations, and the fellowship of friends. We will wrap up promptly at 9:00 am. [Reserve your Seat by Friday, February 20th.](#)

There is no cost to you to attend the breakfast. However, you will be asked to invest in character and leadership development in youth through your financial support of over 1,000 youth in Scouting programs of our Redwood Empire Service Area.

If you would like to join us in investing in youth character development through Scouting, but are unable to attend the breakfast, please use [this Give - Scouting America link](#) on the council website and designate either your District or RESA.



The poster is for the 2026 Breakfast for Scouting event. It features a dark blue background with white and red text. At the top left is the Golden Gate Area Council logo. In the center, the text '2026 BREAKFAST FOR SCOUTING' is prominently displayed. To the right is a QR code with the text 'SCAN ME!' below it. Below the QR code is a portrait of Guest Speaker Brett Crozier, with his title 'Guest Speaker Brett Crozier, Retired Aircraft Carrier Captain/Leadership Coach' underneath. To the left of the QR code are two circular images: one showing two scouts in uniform and another showing three scouts in uniform. A red speech bubble in the center says 'Join us for food and fellowship to support the Scouting Programs in the Redwood Empire Service Area'. A blue speech bubble on the right contains contact information for Mark Manchester. Another blue speech bubble at the bottom right lists sponsorship amounts. At the bottom, a white box contains the event location, date, and registration link.

2026
BREAKFAST FOR SCOUTING

Join us for food and fellowship to support the Scouting Programs in the Redwood Empire Service Area

Guest Speaker Brett Crozier
Retired Aircraft Carrier Captain/Leadership Coach

Contact:
Mark Manchester
Mark.Manchester@Scouting.org
650-235-0791

Sponsorships Available
Presenting Sponsor: \$5000
Breakfast Sponsor: \$2500

Double Tree Hotel Rohnert Park
One Doubletree, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Friday, February 27th, 2026. 8AM-9AM
Registration Link:
<https://scoutingevent.com/023-httpsRESAFOSBreakfastRegistration>

Email: resaroundup@goldengatescouting.org

Web: redwoodempire.goldengatescouting.org

University of Scouting Summary

By Peggy Bimbi

With a heart for scouting, thanks to everyone who joined us for the RESA University of Scouting 2026 in January. It was a GREAT DAY FOR SCOUTING! We had about 80 Scouters from all over RESA participating in 45 different class offerings. There were new classes and new professors as well as amazing opportunities to network, learn more about topics, and find out what other units are doing. All day long we had great food including delicious smoked pulled pork sandwiches for lunch.

Thanks to all who made this day great: the participants, the volunteers at the LDS church, the many Scouters and RESA staffers, the Chancellors and Registrar, the wonderful display tables, the photographer and slide show presenter, and the Scouts who did our opening flag ceremony.

Every year our University of Scouting gets better and every year we grow just a little bit. Mark your calendar for next year's University of Scouting on January 9, 2027!



Santa Rosa Trading Post

The Santa Rosa Trading Post is open Monday - Friday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Saturday hours are by appointment - call the office to schedule. The Trading Post is closed on Sunday and most holidays. Visit us at 1000 Apollo Way, Suite 106, Santa Rosa | (707) 546-8137



Cub Twilight Camp

We are looking for Scouters who would like to assist in organizing and staffing the Cub Twilight Camp, scheduled for June 22-25 at Penngrove Park. Also, Camp Noyo is scheduled for July 11-19 and the Program Director role is still open. This position requires certification at [National Camp School](#). The only 2026 National Camp School offered in California is near Lake Arrowhead, May 16-22. Both of these are great opportunities for adult Scouters and near- or recent- Eagle Scouts. If you are interested, please contact RESA Camping Chair, Jeff Neuman, JCNeuman@SWBell.net.

RESA News and Info

Did you receive an email recently from Keith Lam, the incoming GGAC Vice President of Marketing and Communications, about choosing the news and information you would like to receive from the council? Did you opt in yet?



Take a few quick minutes to [select the messages](#) you want to receive so the council can better send you the right messages at the right time.

It is recommended that, as a minimum, you subscribe to messaging about/from your District, the Redwood Empire Service Area, Council News & Activities, and the Scouting program(s) of your Scout(s).

Pomo District Totem Design

The Pomo District is looking for designs for its district totem. All youth participants are welcome to submit design ideas for this totem.

1. Totem should be round
2. It should represent the area in which we live.
3. Youth are welcome to submit finished designs prior to February 28, 2026.
4. Designs for other districts can be found on the [GGAC website](#).
5. Please submit designs to ScoutmasterT55@gmail.com
6. The winning design will be announced at the Pomo District Roundtable on **March 5**.

Camporee, Cuboree, & BALOO

Now in the Spring!

Camp Royaneh

CAMPOREE for Troops - [Sign up here](#)

Brought to you by the Order of the Arrow, Camporee will be held at Camp Royaneh from **Friday, March 27th to Sunday, March 29th**. The Camporee will emphasize patrol teamwork and sportsmanship, along with knowledge of the scout skills of that particular event. Some events will be compilation scores (like top 4 scout scores in shooting sports per patrol). Some events will be timed. Cost: \$45

The Camporee events will be:

Rifle - best scores for 4 Scouts in patrol
 Archery - best scores for 4 Scouts in patrol
 Tomahawk toss - best scores for 4 Scout in patrol
 Climbing program - Scored
 Obstacle course - Timed
 Escape room - Timed
 Teamwork Games - Scored
 Orienteering, Knots, First Aid - Scored
 Scavenger hunt - patrol will be given a list of items to find around camp
 A Leader's guide will be sent out soon!



CUBOREE for Cub Scouts - [Sign up here](#)

On **Saturday, March 28th** our Cuboree Royaneh will host Cub Scouts/Webelos grades K-5 and adult leaders! You won't want to miss out on the fun games, ability to check off a few requirements in your handbook, a tasty lunch, & shooting sports! So bring your dens and challenge yourself! Meet other Scouts & leaders in the outdoors at Royaneh! Cost: \$15

BALOO Training for Cub Scout Adult Leaders

Saturday, March 28 to Sunday, March 29

Scouting America requires that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event. A BALOO-trained leader should be at any overnighter regardless of whether it is a pack, district or council event.

Cost: \$60 before March 13th, \$70 after

[Sign up for BALOO](#)

[REGISTER NOW FOR CAMPOREE / CUBOREE](#)



Calendars

LAKE

MIWOK

POMO

GGAC


PACIFIC RIVERS

YOKAYO-LOGGER

New Membership Line

RESA Membership has implemented an experimental new contact system for connecting people interested in our Scouting programs. Instead of having each individual unit post their own contact number, all RESA promotional material will list a central number that will route to the Scout Office in Santa Rosa. The call will go directly to voicemail, and a message will ask callers to leave their contact information along with the age and school of their child. The membership team will then contact the caller and refer them to one or more units in their preferred area. This new system was developed at the suggestion of unit leaders.

The contact number is **707-546-8161**. Please feel free to use it on your promotional materials and yard signs.



REDWOOD EMPIRE SERVICE AREA

PINEWOOD DERBY

APRIL 18TH - 1:00 PM


HANSEL FORD

3075 CORBY AVE. SANTA ROSA, CA


COST: \$15

OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED CUB SCOUTS


OPEN CLASS RACE ALSO AVAILABLE



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF RACING,
CHEERING, AND TROPHIES!



HOSTED BY
CREW 55



Write to us!

If you have an event, activity, or general news for consideration for the next Redwood Round-up Newsletter, email resaroundup@goldengatescouting.org

Cub Scouts CAMPING



TIGER CUB SAFARI

April 18-19 or April 25-26, 2026 @ Wente Scout Reservation
For Current Tigers (1st Graders)

MOM & CUB CAMP

May 1-3 or May 15-17, 2026 @ Camp Royaneh
For Moms (or Female Adult Partner) and Cub Scouts

WOLF & BEAR ADVENTURE CAMP

June 26-28, 2026 @ Rancho Los Mochos
For incoming Wolves and Bears (Current Tigers/1st Graders and Wolves/2nd Graders)

ADVENTURE CAMP FOR WEBELOS & AOL SCOUTS

August 4-9, 2026 @ Camp Royaneh
For incoming Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts (Current Bears/3rd Graders and Webelos/4th Graders)

WEBELO-REE

September 25-26, 2026 @ Camp Herms
For incoming Webelos (Current Bears/3rd Graders)

AOL-O-REE

October 24-25, 2026 @ Camp Herms
For incoming AOL Scouts (Current Webelos/5th Graders)



FAMILY CAMP

Family-friendly camping weekends for the whole family!
Open to families and friends of registered Scouts.

Camp Royaneh

Memorial Day Weekend - May 22-25, 2026
Labor Day Weekend - Sept. 4-7, 2026

Wente Scout Reservation

Memorial Day Weekend - May 22-25, 2026
Labor Day Weekend - Sept. 4-7, 2026

Camp Wolfeboro Family Camp Info Coming Soon!



REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1!

REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://GOLDENGATESCOUTING.ORG/CUB-SCOUTS/CUB-SCOUTS-CAMPING](https://goldengatescouting.org/cub-scouts/cub-scouts-camping)

