

**THE REDWOOD ROUND-UP**  
 Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma

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### Seton Conservation Award

The GGAC Conservation Committee has established a Conservation Award for Adult Leaders, the Seton Conservation Award for "Distinguished Leadership and a significant commitment to the education of youth in conservation or natural resources."

Recently, RESA member Father Nayture (Bill Nay) was one of the first recipients of this new Award.

He was presented the Award by Kellye French, Chair GGAC Conservation Committee and Julie Seton, Granddaughter of first Chief Scout Ernest Thompson Seton.



### New Redwood Empire Service Area (RESA) Commissioner

Greetings. I'm Oren Noah and your new RESA Commissioner. Peter Carlson is now serving as the RESA Vice-Chairman. Many thanks to Peter for his years of dedicated commissioner service for both the Redwood Empire Council and RESA.

I've been the Pomo District Commissioner for the last ten years. Before that I was the Scoutmaster of Troop 14 in Sebastopol. My wife and I raised an Eagle Scout from Tiger Cubs on. I was a Scout with Troop 10 in San Rafael and an Explorer with both the San Rafael Police and Fire Departments.

I am looking forward to working with the dedicated and talented Scouters in RESA to help bring a quality Scouting program to even more youth and to grow our community of Scouters. It's not just the kids who benefit from Scouting.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [orennoah@comcast.net](mailto:orennoah@comcast.net) or 707-477-2276 with any comments, concerns or suggestions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Aviation Merit Badge**  
 May 9 & Oct 10  
 Charles M. Schultz Sonoma County Airport  
[Application and Flying Permit](#)
- \* **Annual Recognition Dinner**  
 Sat., May 9, 5:00pm  
 Veterans Building, Santa Rosa  
[Sign up here](#)
- \* **Pomo Twilight Camp for Cubs**  
 June 8-12, 3:30-7:30pm  
 Earle Baum Center, Santa Rosa  
[Sign up here](#)
- \* **Miwok Twilight Camp**  
 June 22-26, 4:00-8:00pm  
 Penngrove Park  
[Sign up here](#)
- \* **Family Vacation Camp**  
 July 17-19  
 Enjoy nature, handicrafts, target sports, the river, and more at Camp Noyo.  
[Sign up here](#)
- \* **More Cub Scout Camps**  
 April-October  
[See GGAC Opportunities](#)

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



#### PACIFIC RIVERS DISTRICT

Troop 27 - Eureka

Nicholas Groszmann, Mar. 23

#### YOKAYO LOGGER DISTRICT

Troop 75 - Ukiah

Charleton McChesney, Mar. 8

#### POMO DISTRICT

Troop 55 - Santa Rosa

Thomas Martin, Mar. 1

Ethan Simmons, Mar. 13

*Congratulations  
March 2026  
RESA Eagles!*



#### Thomas Martin, Troop 55

**Eagle Project:** For my Scout project, I installed a concrete-mounted plaque for the Brandon Champion Foundation and hung sponsorship banners for Santa Rosa American Little League (SRALL). Since my brother and I have played in the league since 2012, this project was a meaningful way to give back. The new signage helps drive league sponsorships and honors the Brandon Champion Foundation, which supports local youth sports in memory of a lost son.

**Future Plans:** I haven't decided on a college yet, but I'm looking for a four-year school that has a solid engineering program, a big sports scene, and a great campus vibe.

**Best Scouting Experience:** My favorite scouting events were some of my earliest as my brother was still in the troop, and I had recruited a lot of my friends. As time went on, they went their own way, but these are fond memories.

**Advice to Offer:** It is hard work, but stay with it. It teaches you a lot of character.

**Appreciation For:** My family and Dave Smilie have always been supportive of helping me balance baseball, work, and scouting.



#### Ethan Simmons, Troop 55

**Eagle Project:** Repair and refurbishment of the existing benches located near the labyrinth at Earle Baum Center. Replacing the sign for the labyrinth with brand new wood and paint.

**Future Plans:** After high school, I plan to attend SRJC, where I will complete my general education and transfer to a university to finish my schooling.


**Best Scouting Experience:** My favorite was the backpacking trip at Redwoods National Park. The scenery there was absolutely beautiful and it was a much more relaxed trip compared to others I've been on.

**Advice to Offer:** Go out and experience all the things you want to, but don't overdo it, or you'll get burnt out.

**Appreciation For:** Two people, Kandi Andrade and Dave Smilie. Kandi was my den leader when I was a Cub Scout and was the person who started my adventure in Scouting. Dave has been my scoutmaster since I started in a troop. I have been through so many new experiences and gained so much knowledge from being in Troop 55 with Dave.


## Cub Scout Twilight Camps

### Pomo

**Santa Rosa**  
**June 8-12**  
**3:30 PM-7:30 PM**  
[Sign Up Now](#) 



### Miwok

**Penngrove**  
**June 22-26**  
**4:00 PM-8:00 PM**  
[Sign Up Now](#) 

Cub Scout Twilight Camp is a later afternoon camp for boys and girls entering 1st-5th grade. Cubs will work in small groups with an adult leader to learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun. Cubs will explore the concepts of invention and through building projects and presentations by professionals in the community about inventions we use every day. Each day will include cooking a healthy Cub Scout snack, sling shots and archery, games, and living the Cub Scout values with friends in the outdoors.

### 2026 Registration Fee

\$120 per Cub Scout  
 \$145 per Cub Scout after June 8, 2026

### Registration Notes

- All staff positions are at no charge
- Adult Staff volunteers who can attend the FULL WEEK will be granted ONE free Cub Scout Youth. This Free Cub Scout Youth registration selection will only be offered after selecting an Adult Staff registration. Maximum one free Cub Scout per Full Week Adult.
- TAGS (Tag-a-longs) registration is a free registration for youth of Adult Staff members who are attending but not part of the program.
- If you are not a currently registered Cub Scout or Adult Leader, you may register to participate but must follow up with completing registration and any mandatory Adult Leader training prior to camp.

## Noyo Family Camp



Camp Noyo Family Vacation Camp is scheduled for the weekend of **July 17-19**.

This weekend offers fun and exciting activities for people of all ages.

Come and participate in our summer-camp-style program designed for you and your entire family. Bask in the glory of majestic redwoods and swim in the brisk and refreshing water of the Noyo River. You will bring your own tents; however, we will cook your meals! Hot showers and restrooms are nearby the campsites.

**SIGN UP**



## Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Recap

By Peggy Bimbi

The RESA Training Team is pleased to announce that we trained 14 Cub Scout Leaders in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). In attendance were 11 Scouters from GGAC's Miwok, Pomo, Mission Peak and Alameda Districts, and three out of council Scouters from the Pacific Skyline Council (1) and Greater Yosemite Council (2)!

We gathered together at beautiful Camp Royaneh and learned how to take Cub Scouts on overnights. We learned how to plan and organize all of the aspects of an outstanding and fun outdoor event. We also learned how to keep everyone well-fed, safe, and comfortable.

The two patrols joined together as mostly strangers, and ended up being great friends and high-performing teams with flags and yells! Congratulations to all of the newly trained Cub Scout Leaders. The members of your packs are fortunate to have you. Many thanks to the outstanding trainers who brought their expertise and planning, and to the RESA Camporee for sharing Camp Royaneh with us during the Spring Camporee, as well as preparing some of our meals.



## Can We Count on Your Support for Scouting in 2026?

Today, our **2026 Friends of Scouting** kickoff campaign is nearly 80% complete—which means we are close to our goal, but not quite there yet. To finish strong, we’re asking every Scouting family and leader in the Redwood Empire Service Area to consider making a gift to support the program that benefits all of our youth. Your support helps provide:

- Exceptional local camps and outdoor programs
- Training and resources for volunteer leaders
- Financial assistance so every family can participate

If every Scouting family contributed even a modest gift, we would easily meet—and exceed—our goal, so please consider making your contribution today:

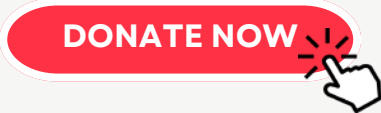
- [Donate online](#)
- Mail a contribution to:

Scout Service Center  
1000 Apollo Way, Suite 106  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

You may donate by check or credit card, and you can give monthly, quarterly, annually or as a one-time gift.

Thank you for helping ensure that Scouting continues to grow and serve youth across the Redwood Empire.

Dale Radcliff  
Fund Development Chair  
Redwood Empire Service Area



## 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).



### 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



## Popcorn Sales are Coming Are you prepared?

For all Popcorn Kernels and Unit Leaders – Please join us as we celebrate the incredible 2025 success of our units and gear up for another fantastic year! This event is a great opportunity to share your achievements, learn about the 2026 plan, and connect with fellow leaders and volunteers. We want to celebrate your 2025 successes, and we are looking forward to sharing with you: Trails End storefront scheduling updates, promotional plan for units and scouts, GGAC incentive ideas, Kernel resources, and important dates for Fall’s popcorn sales.

We would love to see you in person, but you are also welcome to join via Zoom if that’s more convenient. Light breakfast items and drinks will be provided.

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**  
**9 am – 11 am**

Pleasanton Service Center  
6601 Owens Drive, Suite 100  
Pleasanton, CA 94588

[Please RSVP here!](#)

David Carter, District Executive  
david.carter@scouting.org



## RESA Recognition Dinner

We will be holding our annual recognition dinner on **Saturday, May 9th**, and want you to attend.

Gathering at 5:00pm at the Veterans Building – 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. This event is a celebration of accomplishments from 2025, and highlights include recognition of our Silver Beaver class, District Award of Merit, Hacke Awards, and Eagle Scout class of 2025 recognition. Dinner will be provided by Pasta King and the cost to attend is \$40 per participant. Our class of 2025 Eagles attend at no cost. Questions should be sent to Moe McCool, Maureen.McCool@scouting.org



## Order of the Arrow Orca Lodge



Over the weekend of April 10th–12th at Wente Scout Reservation, Orca Lodge inducted 21 new Ordeal members—the highest number since the LodgeMaster system began in 2016. We also welcomed 4 new Brotherhood members, with a total of 51 participants providing service throughout the weekend.

Mark your calendars for our next Induction on August 28th–30th.

### Upcoming OA Events:

**Wonkatonk Chapter Meeting:** April 16th 7–8pm @ Racks-N-Cues Billiards and Brews 8928 Lakewood Dr, Windsor CA

**Miwok Chapter Meeting:** May 12th 7–8pm Dave and Busters, 600 Santa Rosa Plaza, Santa Rosa, CA

**Wonkatonk Chapter Meeting:** May 14th 7–8pm Conclave planning meeting @ Council Office, 1000 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa

**Spring Fellowship:** May 22–24th @ Camp Herms

**Conclave is Sept 18–20** @ Camp Marin Sierra  
Registration: [registration.oa-scouting.org/Event/1336](https://registration.oa-scouting.org/Event/1336)  
Early Bird pricing ends May 5th

[REGISTER NOW FOR CONCLAVE](#)



### Calendars

LAKE

MIWOK

POMO

GGAC

PACIFIC RIVERS

YOKAYO-LOGGER

### UNIT EVENTS

**Troop 707** of Santa Rosa invites you to their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual pancake breakfast and silent auction on April 25, 8–11 am at Hidden Valley Elementary, 3435 Bonita Vista Dr, Santa Rosa. Tickets sold by scouts or at the door for just \$8.



## Joining Events

By David Carter

Golden Gate Area Council supports your recruiting efforts! Every unit is encouraged to hold at least one Unit Join Event in 2026 using the type of Open House or Recruiting Event that fits your unit best. [Fill out this form for all recruitment activities](#) – to not only show your recruitment efforts but to also offer you the opportunity to request Online Marketing, Council Resources, and more! For any questions or assistance, contact our District Executive David Carter, [david.carter@scouting.org](mailto:david.carter@scouting.org).

UNIT JOIN EVENT



## 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.

## 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](mailto:resaroundup@goldengatescouting.org)