

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

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Cub Scout Twilight Camps

Pomo
 Santa Rosa
 June 8-12

Take a look at what we did!



Miwok

Penngrove
 June 22-26
 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

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MORE EVENTS

Cub Scout Camps
 June-October
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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 Now](#)

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



MIWOK DISTRICT
Troop 7 - Petaluma
John Sotelo, May 11

POMO DISTRICT
Troop 220 - Windsor
Anthony Bates, May 11

*Congratulations
May 2026
RESA Eagles!*

John Sotelo, Troop 7



Eagle Project: I built a long jump pit at Meadow School to improve the school's athletic facilities and provide students with a safe place to practice. This project allowed students to learn and practice proper long jump technique while improving their fitness. It also supported physical education classes and encouraged more students to participate in track and field.

Future Plans: I plan to attend UC Santa Cruz, where I will work toward a degree in IT Management.

Best Scouting Experience: My favorite Scouting experience was working for Camp Lassen for 2 years. Those two summers were the most life-altering experiences of my life and I would give anything to relive those moments.

Advice to Offer: Scouting offers you so many opportunities in the future that your average person would never be able to accomplish.

Appreciation For: For my experience in scouting I can give credit to my parents as they have really pushed me along and given me the guidance and support I've needed throughout the years.

End-of-Year Cub Scout Events

Pack 25 recently gathered for their annual Bridging Ceremony. Families, leaders, and Scouts came together to recognize the achievements of each den and celebrate the next step in their Scouting journey.

Pack 16 had an end-of-year celebration and rocket launch event! We hosted it at Hanna Center in Sonoma, with donuts for the kids and coffee for the adults!



Ensuring Scouting's Future

We've got a problem. Scouting isn't growing. We're shrinking.

If we don't change the way we do things, there will be only 500K Scouts in 2030, down from our current 877K. These stats are all the more worrisome in that we have registered 1.5 million new Scouts in the last five years.

We are pretty good at attracting new Scouts, but where we fail is at retaining those new Scouts. We lose 42% of new Cub Scouts in the first year!



Why are they leaving in that first year? 30% feel that the meetings aren't interesting. 28% feel that their Pack is disorganized. 18% blame poor communication. 15% cite behavior issues and 9% report that adult leaders didn't work well with youth. Most of those problems are solvable and within our reach!

By delivering a quality Cub program, we can turn everything around. The Commissioner Corps is fully committed assist Cub leaders make this happen. Together, we need to assure that each Pack has a New Member Coordinator, who's responsible for welcoming new Cub families and helping them integrate into the Pack and into the Scouting family in general. We need to make sure that the Packs have the resources and support they need for quality programs. The Packs need fully trained adult leaders, especially Cubmasters and Den Leaders. We need to provide quality training and continuing education for Cub leaders, such as Roundtables and University of Scouting,

The Commissioner Corps understands that this is largely our responsibility. However, we're a bit thin and could really use more hands to get this critical job done properly. There are currently 18 Cub Packs in RESA (and one more on the way!). However, only 11 have a Unit Commissioner.

What's involved in being a Unit Commissioner?

A Unit Commissioner (UC) is a friend to the Unit. The UC builds a relationship with the Unit leadership and helps the Unit to succeed. How? It depends on the Unit and its needs at the time. Generally, the UC is a sounding board, counselor, advisor and coordinator for bringing in District, Service Area and Council level resources for the Unit.

When I was a Scoutmaster, my UC was an invaluable resource to me. He introduced me to many District and Council resources, both people and programs, which made my tasks as Scoutmaster much easier and my experience as a Scout much richer. He was there when I had problem Scouts/parents and needed advice. He was the "silent partner" in my Troop's success. He was also the reason I agreed to become a Commissioner after my Scoutmaster days, because I wanted to give back to other Units and "pay forward" his help.

Please consider being a UC and helping us build Scouting and provide this wonderful program for more youth. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!** We will provide training, support and guidance for those who wish to ensure the future of Scouting.

News from the recently-concluded National Annual Meeting is that the minimum age for Commissioners has now been dropped from 21 to 18. That means that youth that are "aging out" of Scouting as a participant can continue in Scouting as a Commissioner. We would love to welcome such "newbie adults" into the Commissioning Corps.

You can ALWAYS call, text or email me to talk about Commissioning.

Oren Noah, Commissioner

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Order of the Arrow Orca Lodge



Upcoming Events:

August 11, 7-8pm – Miwok Chapter Meeting, where we are going to be planning our September Dutch Oven Cookoff Meeting @ Church of Christ in Petaluma

August 13 – Wonkatonk Chapter Meeting + Lodge BBQ @ Cotati Scout Hut

August 28-29 – Fall Induction @ Wente. This will be our last Induction as Orca Lodge, and we will be implementing the New Induction Experience.

September 18-20 – Conclave @ Camp Marin Sierra
Registration: registration.oa-scouting.org/Event/1336

November 6-8 – Fall Fellowship + Lodge Dinner + Vigil Weekend

December 10 – Holiday Meeting + Chapter Elections

Miwok Luau Event



The Miwok Luau is September 3rd, 6-7:30 pm, at the Church of Christ, 370 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma. You must be a registered Miwok leader or parent, and you MUST RSVP by August 28 by emailing Kathy Peterson at CAscouter@jkpete.com.

Pomo District Dutch Oven Meeting in June:



Calendars

LAKE

MIWOK

POMO

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PACIFIC RIVERS

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