



THE REDWOOD ROUND-UP
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More Changes Coming

Last month, we talked about the urgent, critical need to improve our Cub program so as to increase our retention rate.

This month, I want to share other changes announced at the National Annual Meeting (NAM). The NAM was rather remarkable for the effort that was taken by National to look at Scouting and itself in the mirror and take honest stock of what was reflected.

"Volunteering is too hard"

We ask a lot of our volunteers and that is making it hard for us to convince more people to volunteer. We need to explore "microvolunteering," whereby we ask people to take on smaller tasks to assist Scouting, short of becoming registered Scouters. (Yes, us Californians need to be careful so as not to run afoul of the AB506 definition of "regular volunteers.")

Revised and Simplified Training

Volunteer training will be redone to make it more appropriate, accessible, and less time-consuming.

Streamline for More Efficiency

National recognizes that much of Scouting's bureaucracy has become overbloaded and inefficient, with "alignment broken at all levels" leading to efforts at cross-purposes with each other. There is a push to "eliminate all that does not serve the mission of Scouting".

Unified Technology

Rather than running a number of separate systems that have problems "talking" to each other, National is creating a single tech platform that will support both professional and volunteer Scouters, based upon a single database. In this way, no more waiting for changes to populate in other platforms. For example, if a Scouter completes an online course, the status change will be made simultaneously everywhere. The whole system will strive to be much more user-friendly and intuitive.

This process has started. To see what's in store for us, go to the Scouting America "Tech Hub".

Locally, the Council is working on ways to make things easier for us Scouters. If you have any suggestions on how to make things easier, please let me know.

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FALL EVENTS

- * **USS Hornet: Scout Service Restoration Overnight**
Aug. 22 or Nov. 7
[Register or see more dates](#)
- * **Family Vacation Camps**
Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 4-7
[Royaneh](#) or [Wente](#)
- * **NorCal Advance O Rama**
Sept. 18-19
[Registration and details](#)
- * **Webelo-Ree**
Sept. 26-27
[Camp Herms](#)
- * **Shotgun Merit Badge**
Oct. 3 or Dec. 5
[Rancho Los Mochos](#)
- * **Mountain Bike Getaway**
Oct. 2-4
[Wente Scout Reservation](#)
- * **Scout Day at Schulz Museum**
Oct. 10
[Register Online](#)
- * **AOL Camporee**
Oct. 23-24
[Camp Herms](#)
- * **Klondike Derby - 2026**
Feb. 14-16
[South Lake Tahoe](#)

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

MIWOK DISTRICT

Troop 4 - Cotati

Andrew Wing, June 29

Troop 848 - Petaluma

Haddley Bushey, July 20

Poppiano Nelson-Smith, July 20

PACIFIC RIVERS DISTRICT

Troop 27 - Eureka

Timothy Groszmann, June 1

POMO DISTRICT

Troop 134G - Santa Rosa

Catherine Chávez, June 10

Troop 707 - Santa Rosa

Joshua Bade, July 15



*Congratulations
June & July 2026
RESA Eagles!*

**Catherine Chávez, Troop 134G**

Eagle Project: I rebuilt five benches for a church. I cleaned the outdoor altar, baptismal font, and the fire pit. The benches were sanded and stained.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Santa Rosa Junior College.

Best Scouting Experience: Philmont Scout Ranch Cavalcade with my troop.

Advice to Offer: Don't miss out on all the leadership positions and experience you can obtain from it.

Appreciation For: My scoutmasters, Mr. Polkinghorn and Mr. Kracht, because they advised me and helped me remain on track. They challenged me to better myself, and they have always supported me.

**Joshua Bade, Troop 707**

Eagle Project: I restored a walkway covering at Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Center. It changed the covering panels from fiberglass to plastic and replaced old wood support beams.

Future Plans: College, undecided where and what to study.

Best Scouting Experience: Sea Base "Out Island Adventure" in Summerland Key, Florida

Advice to Offer: If you act with confidence, people will follow.

Appreciation For: My brother, he was always a role model and pushed me to be better.

**Timothy Groszmann, Troop 27**

Eagle Project: My project is a life jacket kiosk that I constructed with the help of others at a bayfront. This project provides the community with easy access to life jackets.

Future Plans: I plan to go to my local community college, get my associate's in welding, and then go work in that trade.

Best Scouting Experience: When my troop first went to Camp Baker in Florence, Oregon. This is because of how active the troop was and the quality of the camp.

Advice to Offer: Take your time consistently working through the ranks and merit badges. The more you mature, the more you'll understand what you're learning and the better you'll retain it.

Appreciation For: My father, greatly assisted me with my journey through scouting. He pushed and motivated me to keep going even when I thought of quitting after the covid quarantine.

Miwok Twilight Camp Fun

Penngrove, June 22-26



Sonoma's Pack 16 Summer Activities

July 4th Parade & Ragel Ranch Hike



National Jamboree 2026

RESA Scouts & Scouters at
The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV



Order of the Arrow Orca Lodge



Upcoming Events:

August 28-29 – Fall Induction @ Wente. This will be our last Induction as Orca Lodge. [Register here](#)

September 3 – Miwok Luau Event email Kathy Peterson at CAscouter@jckpete.com if you have questions or to RSVP.

September 10 – Lodge BBQ @ Cotati Scout Hut

September 18-20 – Conclave @ Camp Marin Sierra
[Register here](#) (pricing goes up after Sept. 8)

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

December 10 – Holiday Meeting

Baldy the Eagle Scout with Sean & Dave Smilie at Jamboree



Calendars

LAKE

MIWOK

POMO

GGAC

PACIFIC RIVERS

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