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One of the Golden Gate Area Council's signature fundraising events is coming to Sonoma County! On **Saturday, November 7**, Harvest in the Vineyards will bring decades of tradition to the DoubleTree by Hilton in Rohnert Park.

Now that we've joined as one Council, this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the generosity and community spirit of the North Bay—and help make the event a success.

We're asking every Scouter in the Redwood Empire Service Area to contact a few local businesses, restaurants, or craftspeople about donating silent-auction items. Wine support is already strong, so we especially welcome gift certificates, dining experiences, local products, and other unique offerings.

When you secure a donation, please contact Dawn Eddins for next steps at 925-674-6152 or dawn.eddins@scouting.org.

Please register through the GGAC website, join us for a terrific evening, and consider sponsoring a table. Let's bring our Scouting community together and make this a Sonoma County success story!

Dale Radcliff
RESA Fund Development Chair

## FALL EVENTS

- **Jamboree On The Air**
  Oct. 18, 9am-5pm
  RESA Office
  1000 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa
  Scouts and guests will be able to make contacts on the radio, earn the Radio Merit Badge, and hunt for a radio transmitter.

- **AOL Camporee**
  Oct. 23-24
  Camp Herms




- **Petaluma Veterans Day Parade**
  November 11 - join us!
  Wickersham Park, see page 6.

- **Scouting for Food Drop-off**
  Nov. 14 (Miwok, Nov. 21)
  RESA Locations, see page 4.

- **Shotgun Merit Badge**
  Dec. 5
  Rancho Los Mochos

## Be A Scout Pin Data for Each Unit




Your unit, and all of Scouting, needs a steady influx of new Scouts. We can't retain every Scout, and even the ones we do retain will eventually age out. They need to be replaced by new Scouts, and we need even more Scouts than we lose in order to grow Scouting.

National has invested a lot of effort into greatly improving and expanding Scouting's outreach and marketing. A key element of this is the Be A Scout program. It is designed to attract interest from youth and their parents and to direct them to appropriate units close to them.

It's critical that each unit updates its "pin data" for the Be A Scout program with current and complete information. In August, the system expanded the amount of information each unit needs to put in its pin, which means every unit needs to update the new fields.

National has also enlisted artificial intelligence in this recruiting effort. Prospective scouts' and their families' questions will be answered, at least initially, by an AI entity known as "MOVO" which will screen the inquiries and point them to an appropriate unit or get them in touch with a real human to answer their questions.

Starting soon, you may receive a text, email, or call from "Jess", an AI agent tasked with updating pin data. Jess will ask a few quick questions about your unit meeting location, times, fees, and what makes your unit great. Your answers will be used to automatically update your Be A Scout pin, saving you from having to do it.

To learn more about pin updates, including step-by-step instructions, visit https://www.scouting.org/pin/.

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## Troop 32: Turns the Page

*Celebrating 16 Years of Leadership and Welcoming a New Scoutmaster*



On September 21, 2026, Troop 32 marked a major milestone at its Fall Court of Honor as long-time **Scoutmaster Mr. Ray Leonard** passed the leadership mantle to **Mr. James Vickers**.

Mr. Leonard once compared his decision to step down to a lesson from Hall of Fame 49ers coach Bill Walsh: it is better to make a transition a year too early than a year too late.

During his 16-year tenure, Mr. Leonard guided the troop to as many as 99 Scouts (with ~60 active today) and saw 92 Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle. His leadership steered the troop through 800 meetings, 16 summer camps, high-adventure trips to Philmont, and 15 Pancake Breakfasts—including a free breakfast for first responders following the 2017 Sonoma County wildfires. Even when faced with devastating wildfires that destroyed the homes of over 25 troop families, as well as pandemic disruptions, Troop 32 adapted with online meetings and out-of-state camps at Lake Coeur d'Alene, building a resilient tradition of service and leadership.

The true impact of Mr. Leonard's legacy extends far beyond weekly meetings into the lives of troop alumni. Former Troop 32 Scouts have gone on to serve in the Armed Forces, attend U.S. Military Academies (West Point, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy), and pursue higher education at institutions including Stanford, Cornell, Notre Dame, USC, Purdue, and Cal Poly SLO.

While stepping down as Scoutmaster, Mr. Leonard isn't leaving the troop; he is stepping into a new role as Trail to Eagle Assistant Scoutmaster to mentor First Class and Life Scouts through their final milestones, while continuing to support the outdoor program and upcoming trips such as another summer camp adventure in the Pacific Northwest.



Taking over as Scoutmaster is **Mr. James Vickers**, who previously served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and active high-adventure leader across trips to Point Reyes, Yosemite, Philmont, and an upcoming Northern Tier expedition. A Scouting father himself, Mr. Vickers brings extensive leadership experience from his military service as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps and his current role leading the Training Unit at the Santa Rosa Police Department. Having spent the past three years embedded in the troop's culture and operations, Mr. Vickers is well-prepared to guide Troop 32 into its next exciting chapter.

While eternally committed to its mission—**Change Lives. Create Leaders. Eagle Bound!**—Troop 32 is launching into its next chapter, "Version 2.0," with exciting momentum after welcoming 27 new Scouts in the past year alongside the growth of Troop 32G and Pack 32. By handing over leadership to Mr. Vickers while remaining active as an assistant scoutmaster, Mr. Leonard fulfills the ultimate mark of a great leader: building an organization strong enough to thrive into the future without relying on a single individual. Built on sixteen years of steady foundation, shared resilience, and strong community support, Troop 32 now looks forward to the unwritten adventures, new leadership, and fresh stories that await under Mr. Vickers' guidance.

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

# Congratulations September 2026 RESA Eagles!

**MIWOK DISTRICT**

Troop 2 - Petaluma
Kadin Kisling, September 10
Daniel Tanguay, September 10

**POMO DISTRICT**

Troop 55 - Santa Rosa
Aiden Andrade, September 29

Troop 121 - Santa Rosa
Jax Brandt, September 9
Devin Hereford, September 17

## Aiden Andrade
## Troop 55



**Eagle Project:** We built and installed two gates, cleared brush along the fence line, and placed wood chips in the flowerbeds in front of the office of the Earle Baum Center in Santa Rosa.

**Future Plans:** I have plans to move up to Redding for a little while and make some extra cash before joining the Navy.

**Best Scouting Experience:** Going to National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) and Emerald Bay Summer Camp. Both trips felt like a movie.

**Advice to Offer:** You get what you put into it.

**Appreciation For:** My scout Master Dave Smilie and my mother.

## Reminder: Discount Codes until Nov. 30

Members and units may now follow the standard online registration and renewal process in my.Scouting.org. During checkout, simply enter the appropriate discount code in the Discount Code box on the payment page before completing the transaction.

**Renewals:**
Enter the Discount Code: **RESARenewY** (for youth) or **RESARenewA** (for adults).

**New Registrations:**
Enter the Discount Code: **RESAYouth** (for youth) or **RESAAdult** (for adults).

Discount codes are case-sensitive.

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# SCOUTING FOR FOOD

## DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Church of Christ, Petaluma, 9am-12pm, Nov. 21
Redwood Empire Food Bank, Santa Rosa
Friends in Sonoma Helping (FISH), Sonoma
United Christian Parrish Food Pantry, Lakeport
Food for People, Eureka

UNITED CHRISTIAN PARISH

FISH of Sonoma Valley

REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK

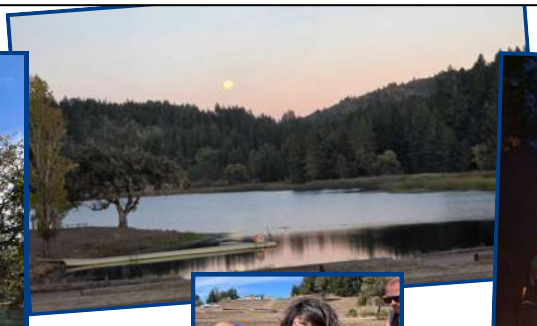
Food for People
The Food Bank for Humboldt County

Drop-off times will be set for
Saturday, November 14th.
Miwok: November 21st




Get your door tags at the RESA office now!











## Pack 42, Willits Camp Wente Campout

This was our first Pack campout of the year, so we decided to keep things pretty laid-back. Our main goal was to get the Scouts and families outdoors together, let the kids have fun, and give everyone a chance to enjoy camping as a Pack.

The Scouts had a great time exploring Camp Wente. We did some fishing, and almost every Scout caught at least one fish! We also took a little hike around camp and had plenty of wildlife visitors throughout the weekend. We saw deer, raccoons, and foxes; heard bobcats nearby, and even heard what we thought may have been a mountain lion.

Our most persistent visitors were definitely the raccoons. Levi came up after work Friday night and managed to get a picture of a couple of our little “trash bandits” after he and the raccoons had a few standoffs over the course of the night. They eventually found their way into some trash, which turned into an unexpected lesson in taking care of the outdoors. Everyone pitched in for a big cleanup, and while we were out hiking, we made a point of picking up any other trash we came across along the way. It gave us a good opportunity to practice leaving the area better than we found it.

We’re looking forward to doing more outdoor activities and campouts throughout the year and gradually incorporating more Scout skills and advancement opportunities as we go.

This page is a repeat. Good info!

## Every Scout deserves a trained leader!




At the recent District Operations Summit, we launched our 100% Trained ribbon - pictured here in red, white and blue to recognize the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

The program recognizes units that have 100% of their Direct Contact Leaders fully trained in their positions.

District leadership teams have ribbons for their units that qualify. So far that's 37 units with another 82 very close behind with only one leader needing training!

Adult leaders in units are considered "Trained" and eligible to wear the official Trained emblem when they have completed Safeguarding Youth Training and an appropriate, position-specific training course. The courses are available online – log in to your My.Scouting account.




How can your unit be among the units that have 100% of their Direct Contact Leaders fully trained for their position? Amazingly enough, a large number of RESA leaders only need to complete **Hazardous Weather** to become fully trained! How would you know this? Look online at your training records at my.scouting.org!

And, for those of you in Pomo District, you will have received an email from Dave Smilie with instructions on how to complete this 30-minute training. Here are the instructions for everyone!

To complete your training:
1. Log in to the Scouting America Training Center
2. Click on My Training. It should be at the top.
3. Search for Hazardous in the Catalog if you don't see it

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your unit leadership, Dave Smilie scoutmastert55@gmail.com, or your Pomo training chair, Peggy Bimbi at peggy.bimbi@comcast.net.

Also contact Peggy if you would like to schedule a training for BALOO, Basic Adult Leader Training, or IOLS.

## University of Scouting
### Leader Training & Networking




Mark your calendar TODAY for the 2027 University of Scouting to be held on **January 9, 2027** in Santa Rosa.

This is a "not-to-be-missed" supplemental training day designed for any leader or parent involved with Venture Scouts, a Scout Troop, or Cub Scouts. Select from a variety of classes intended to give you the Scouting information you need. Meet other Scouters in RESA and build your Scouting friendships. Come learn more about Scouting and get fresh ideas for bringing the program to your Scouts.

Pick the classes that fit your needs and enjoy a day of training and camaraderie. At the incredible cost of $25.00 that includes snacks, beverages, and a delicious home-cooked lunch, this is a day you won't want to miss!

## L.E.A.D.
### Leader Education And Discovery

**January 23, 2027**
Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill

The L.E.A.D. Degree Program provides an informal program of advancement in an atmosphere of fellowship and fun. The intent is for you to be able to track the progress of your supplemental training and to reward yourselves for your accomplishments. The incentive is not only for you to carry on with your training, but to inspire you to return each year and share the wealth of your experience with all of us, as you continue your own Scouting Trail. More info.

**What is L.E.A.D?** Leader Education and Discovery (L.E.A.D.) is the ultimate one-day training conference for Scout Leaders, Parents, Volunteers, and Older Youth. It combines University of Scouting and Pow Wow into one epic training event. Join us for an action-packed day of learning, fun, and connecting with fellow Scouters!

**What Will I Learn?** L.E.A.D. offers over 120 classes across seven colleges. Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Young Adult Programs, Outdoor Education, Continuing Education, Technology, and, new this year, Special Needs and Disabilities.

**Upcoming Training at Camp Herms in El Cerrito:**
IOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Troop Leaders) and BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (Cub Scout Leaders) on October 10 & 11.

## Miwok Luau Thanks

Jennifer Masterson would like to extend thanks for the Miwok Luau, organized again by the indomitable Kathy Peterson. And thank you to Moe Llanes for again smoking your delicious pork for the pulled pork sliders. Scouts from Troop 848 and Troop 8 helped with serving and clean-up. Scouts from Troop 222 helped with crafts. Leaders from across Miwok manned info tables covering anything to do with Scouting! Thank you everyone who helped out.



## Petaluma Veterans Day Parade - Nov. 11

All scouts are invited to join in and march along the Petaluma Veterans Day Parade route to honor our veterans. We meet at Wickersham Park, on 4th St. between G and H St. at 12 noon. Parade starts at 1:00 pm. Scouts can be picked up by their parents at Walnut Park, Petaluma Blvd So. and D Street, where the parade ends around 2:00 pm. Scouts and leaders will take a group photo at the end of the parade.

## Calendars

LAKE | MIWOK | POMO | GGAC | PACIFIC RIVERS | MENDO-LAKE

**UNIT EVENTS:**

**Troop 55 Invitational Campout**, Oct. 17-18
Contact ScoutmasterT55@gmail.com.

**Troop 32 Webelo Adventure Day**
AOL advancement activities and fun!
Oct. 17, 10am-4:30pm, Cleland Ranch
Contact scoutmaster@troop32.org or 707-620-5032

**Troop 707 Pumpkin Carving for Web/AOL Scouts**
Oct. 27, 7-8:15pm, Hidden Valley Elementary
RSVP to scoutmaster@Troop707.org

**Troop 134 Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction**
Saturday, Nov. 14, 8-11:30am
$5 for ages 6+, free for 5 and under
Schaefer Elementary School
1370 San Miguel Ave., Santa Rosa

## Venture Crew 73




In case you missed it last month, Venture Crew 73 is a proposed Amateur Ham Radio, electronics, and STEM-based Venture Crew looking for new members, ages 14-20. It is chartered by the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs Club, with the intention of supporting young people in learning about radio science and technology. They would meet monthly, the first Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave in Santa Rosa as part of the SCRA monthly club meeting.

The goal, according to Crew Advisor Darryl Paule is "To have fun learning way cool stuff."

If you are interested in learning more about Crew 73, please contact Darryl at KI6MSP@gmail.com, with the subject "Venture Crew 73". Scouts, please remember to include another adult to maintain 2-deep leadership.

## 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 HALLOWEEN at Camp Herms

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
**Trackers Earth**

## TRACK-OR-TREAT 2026

**10/31 - 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

Archery • Costumes • Candy Trail
Goblin Market • Axe Throwing

Scan for more info & event details:
https://trackersbay.com/community/events/track-or-treat

## HAUNTED HERMS

**Saturday, October 31, 2026**
**2:30 PM to 5:30 PM**

A family-friendly event to experience the Cub Scouts program with a Haunted Lodge and fun activities

HAUNTED LODGE | FUN ACTIVITIES | FOOD (extra cost)

**FREE** for current and prospective Cub Scouts Open to everyone!

## CAMPING CONNECTION

**OVERNIGHT CUB SCOUT CAMPING**
**(EXCLUSIVELY FOR REGISTERED CUB SCOUTS)**

NIGHT HIKE | CAMPFIRE PROGRAM | BREAKFAST THE NEXT MORNING

**$50** per Cub Scout Youth and Adult/Parent Partner

Scan for more information, event details, and registration:
https://www.scoutingevent.com/023-cc2026

## CAMP HERMS

1100 JAMES PLACE, EL CERRITO, CA