

# REDWOOD ROUND-UP

APRIL+MAY  
2025

NEWS YOU CAN USE FOR SCOUTING FAMILIES AND LEADERS

Hello Redwood Empire Council

## We are merged...mostly.



The Golden Gate Area Council is proud to announce the selection of **Jeff Smith** to serve as the Redwood Empire Service Area Assistant Director of Field Service, effective April 15, 2025. In this role, he will be responsible for professional leadership serving Pacific Rivers, Yokayo-Logger, Pomo, Miwok, and Lake Districts. He also gives overall staff leadership for GGAC membership growth, new unit campaigns, and day camp.

Jeff came to the GGAC in June, 2024 from La Salle Council in Northwest Indiana/Southwest Michigan where he has been serving as a professional Scouter since 2016. He was first hired as a New Unit Executive and had most recently served as the DEI Director managing the Indiana Eli Lilly Grant initiatives. Prior to professional Scouting, Jeff spent most of his career in sales and sales management.

Jeff was a Star Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow as a youth and still enjoys the outdoors, particularly hiking, fishing, canoeing, and cooking in camp. Jeff's Scouting legacy "fun-fact" is that his mentor's mentor was Green Bar Bill.

Jeff has a daughter in college and an Eagle Scout son. He has served as an adult leader in various positions from Den Leader to Council Camping Chair. As an adult he enjoys vintage music on vintage stereo equipment and doesn't mind a stop at a good thrift store or local-favorite restaurant.

Scouting professionally, Jeff gets excited about growing membership and building relationships between Scouting and local communities. He believes that every kid deserves a face-to-face invite to come join Scouting once a year, that every family in Scouting deserves face-to-face opportunities to be generous and to be a part of their movement's legacy, that every community needs Scouting, and that every community deserves Scouting.



# Redwood Empire Council, Scouting America

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Saturday, May 10, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building

1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA



Join us for an unforgettable evening at the annual Recognition Dinner, where we honor the incredible contributions of our outstanding adult Scouters! This is a night of celebration you won't want to miss, featuring:

- \* **Silver Beaver Awards – Presented to *Patrick Driver* and *Sherry Kearney***
- \* **Lifetime Achievement Award – Honoring *Ray Leonard***
- \* **Dick Hacke Service to Camping Award –  
Celebrating several deserving honorees**



But that's not all! We will also be:

- \* **Presenting several Scouters with their BSA Veteran pins**
- \* **Celebrating our newest Eagle Scouts with commemorative coins**
- \* **Recognizing all units that achieved 2024 Friends of Scouting  
*Unit Program Partnership***
- \* **Acknowledging the top-selling Scouts and Cub Scouts  
from our Popcorn sale**

Indulge in a delightful dinner catered by *Pasta King*, a local favorite known for its Italian cuisine! Register by May 6, and dinner fees are just \$35.00 per person and \$15.00 for ages 2-10. Remember, it's free for 2024-25 Eagle Scouts and top-selling popcorn scouts!

Secure your spot through our easy reservation and payment link:

[REC Scouting Volunteer Recognition Dinner](#)

Please note, this year marks the final Redwood Empire Council Dinner as we transition to the Golden Gate Area Council next year. This is a unique opportunity to tie your community together one last time!

We eagerly await your presence, along with your spouse and fellow Scouters, for an evening filled with friendship, delightful food, and lasting memories. We encourage you to share this invitation with your fellow unit leaders—let's ensure everyone is included in this momentous occasion!

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# PENNGROVE CUB SCOUT TWILIGHT CAMP

**PENNGROVE  
PARK**

**JUNE 9-13  
4PM-8PM**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Registered Scouts 13 & Older  
Adults 18 & Older



Register and Info



**INVENTION  
CONVENTION**



**COME JOIN OUR INVENTION CONVENTION AND EXPERIENCE THE FUN OF:**

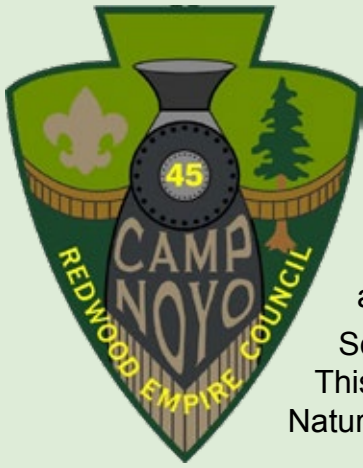
**Archery-BB Guns-Geocaching-Wood Working  
Leather Projects-Cooking-Firstaid-Science-Music**

**Fun Take Home Projects! Friday Night Family Song and Skit Dinner  
All Scouts going into 1st-5th grade are welcome! (Tiger through AOL)  
\$150 until May 9th, \$170 after that date if space available**

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for all Scouts, 1st - 5th grade. And yes, volunteer staff, both youth (13 - 18) and adults, are also in great need to make this amazing event fly high. Sign up today by clicking the link below!!

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

# CAMP NOYO



It's time to make your July 2025 reservation for Redwood Empire Council's Camp Noyo! We're running a 3-day/2-nights family camp session and one 6-day/5-nights Scouts BSA resident camp.

Family camps are open to all scouts and scouters and their families. You'll bring and prepare your food and enjoy all of the Camp activities.

Scouts BSA resident camp is open to boy and girl troops and their adult scouters. This will include camp food service and program areas: Shooting Sports, Aquatics, Nature, Handicrafts, and Eagle Claw/First Class skills.

## **Noyo Scout/Cub Scout Family Camp Adventure**

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 11:00am to Friday, July 18, 2025 at 11:30am*

Camp Noyo, On Skunk Train Line, Straddling the Noyo River  
West of Willits, CA 95490

Redwood Empire Council invites packs and troops, including Scouts, unit adults, and adults' family members to join us for Noyo Family Camp Adventure -- 3 days and 2 nights at Camp Noyo. Family Camp Adventure will include Cub Scout badge sessions, Scouts BSA merit badge sessions, and other advancement opportunities in our wonderful coastal redwoods setting.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FAMILY CAMP](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE LEADER GUIDE](#)

## **Noyo Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week-Long Session**

*Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 1:00pm to Friday, July 18, 2025 at 11:00am*

Camp Noyo, On Skunk Train Line, Straddling the Noyo River  
West of Willits, CA 95490

Scouts BSA Summer Camp in a 6-day, 5-night session, starting on Sunday afternoon and ending on Friday morning. Camp Noyo will have traditional merit badges as well as merit badges offered at very few other camps. For this session, some meals will be prepared "jamboree-style" by troops in campsites from camp food ordering, and there will be various campwide meals as well.

Please make your reservation as soon as possible! More information is at:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR SCOUTS BSA RESIDENT CAMP](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE LEADER GUIDE](#)

**Staffers can contact JEFF NEUMAN at: <JCNeuman@SWBell.net>**



# Scouting America



## 2026 National Jamboree



July 22 - 31, 2026  
at the Summit Bechtel Reserve

Calling all Golden Gate Area Council, Redwood Empire Council, Piedmont Council, and Greater Yosemite Council Scouts and Scouters.

Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of nearly 20,000 Scouts, unit leaders, and staff that showcases the best of everything that Scouting America has to offer to its members. The 2026 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be held on July 22-31, 2026. This page will be updated frequently as we make plans for our contingent. Members of Scouts BSA 12 years or older and members of Venturing will be eligible to attend as participants. Plans are in the works for Exploring members to be able to attend on the Jamboree Staff/Jamboree Service Team (JST).

### About Our Contingent

Local Scout Councils register Jamboree Contingents. We hope to be one of the largest contingents of Scouts to attend the National Jamboree. The contingent consists of multiple units, comprised each of 36 youth and 4 adult leaders. Unit types include Male Troops, Female Troops, and Venture Crews. Mixed gender troops may be a possibility depending on pilot programs in process now. The contingent will travel prior to the start of the Jamboree to tour sites around the Washington DC area.

Besides the registration cost for the Jamboree experience itself, there are many costs that are incurred in preparation for the event. A budget will be set in the fall of 2024. For reference, the cost of the 2023 National Jamboree for the Golden Gate Area Council Contingent was \$3900. Offsetting the cost of the trip is possible with fundraising and donor support. Even gifts in kind like pooled airline miles can make a difference in the cost of travel.

These costs include (but may not be limited to):

- Airfare to and from the east coast
- Luggage fees
- Hotel and security
- Jamboree training, meetings, and other events
- Jamboree gear, including all troop/crew specific gear (flags, unit numerals, water bottles, hats, shirts, jackets, backpack, duffle bag, patches)
- Jamboree event fee
- Dedicated Scouting professional and support staff to facilitate and assist in a successful Jamboree experience
- Bus transportation to all tour locations and to and from Jamboree with dedicated bus drivers
- A tour team to organize and facilitate all touring aspects
- Costs associated with tour events prior to the Jamboree

If you are interested in attending, or even just to learn more about our plans for the 2026 National Jamboree, click below to learn more!

[I'm a YOUTH MEMBER of Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, or Venturing](#)

[I'm an ADULT Volunteer](#)

# Luther Burbank Rose Parade

## Scouts' Parade Entry

Saturday, May 17, 2025  
9:00am to 2:00pm  
Santa Rosa Downtown



Our council is already signed up to participate as a walking entry, so all you have to do is [sign up your unit by clicking this link](#). Bring your scout spirit, banners, unit flags, and at least one rose! Additionally, see if you can get into the spirit of the theme Growing Together! The 2025 theme is a celebration of Sonoma County Agriculture. Join us as we recognize and celebrate the people, the land and the animals that make the landscape of Sonoma County agriculture so special. (We can also use the theme for growing together in scouting!). Hope to see you there!



# TRAININGS / BALOO AND IOLS

The trainings on the REC calendar for the end of April for IOLS and BALOO had to be canceled. In light of this, we would like to provide the following training opportunities



This course is an important and enjoyable part of the basic preparations to a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Venturing crew leaders, or parent volunteers.

- It covers the outdoor skills expected of a new Scout or Venturer.
- The skills sessions presented closely follow the Scouts BSA handbook and Venturing BSA outdoor skill expectations.
- Each skills session references specific chapters in the Scout handbook.
- Scout leaders and volunteers gain confidence in their ability: hands-on, practical application of skills and proven methods that influence growth in positive ways to achieve the purposes of the Boy Scouts of America.

**For GGAC Council IOLS May 16 - 18, Rancho Los Mochos / [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**



Get the most out of the Cub Scout experience, and learn how to have outdoor fun with your Pack families! Every pack should have at least two BALOO-trained adults. This training is a great opportunity to make sure you do, and for your new parents, you do not have to be a BSA-registered leader to attend! For pack overnight campouts, it is required that there be at least one BALOO-trained adult present.

Learn from experienced Cub Leaders to help your pack run successful outdoor events. Then, have fun with your Scout as you apply your new skills! This overnight training includes lunch, dinner, Sunday breakfast and all the program materials, located at scenic Camp Tamarancho in Fairfax.

**For GGAC Council BALOO October 18 - 19, Camp Herms / [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

# Scouting America™

The Redwood Empire Council, is striving to keep you informed of all this is happening in the world of Scouting with our first edition of the monthly **Redwood Round-Up**. If you have an event, activity, or general news for consideration for the next Redwood Round-up Newsletter, email Patrick O'Neill at [oneill.s13@gmail.com](mailto:oneill.s13@gmail.com).

Do check our [Council Website](#) homepage regularly for the most current information and don't forget to review the event calendar. We do have social media activity posted on our Facebook page and invite you to participate therein if you enjoy that medium.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY

#### **National Annual Meeting for Scouting America**

May 12th, 5:00 PM - May 15th, 12:00 PM

#### **Redwood Empire Council Volunteer Awards Dinner**

May 10th, 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

[Register your unit here](#)

#### **Luther Burbank Rose Parade**

May 17th, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Santa Rosa

[Register your unit here](#)

#### **Orca Lodge Order of the Arrow Fellowship Wknd**

May 31st - June 1st, Eco Camp

[Lodge Members register here](#)

### JUNE

#### **Pomo District Roundtable for Adult Leaders**

Monthly check-in for updates, network & idea share.

June 5th, 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM, Santa Rosa

#### **Miwok Penngrove Cub Scout Twilight Camp**

Jun 9th - 13th, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Penngrove Park

[Click here to register today](#)

#### **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

June 15th - 21st, Camp Tamarancho, Fairfax

[Click here to register](#)

### JULY

#### **Noyo Scouts BSA Summer Camp**

Jul 13th - Jul 18th, Camp Noyo

[Click here to register today](#)

#### **Noyo Scout/Cub Family Camp Adventure**

Jul 16th - Jul 18th, Camp Noyo

[Click here to register today](#)

### BEYOND SUMMER

#### **Wood Badge 2025 - Part 1**

Adult training you won't want to miss!

Sep 5th - Sep 7th, Camp Tamarancho, Fairfax

[Registration Link \(Marin Council Website\)](#)

#### **Order of the Arrow Section G17N Conclave**

Sep 12th -14th, Wente Scout Reservation

[Lodge Members register here](#)

#### **Wood Badge 2025 - Part 2**

Adult training you won't want to miss!

Sep 27th - Sep 28th, Camp Tamarancho, Fairfax

[Registration Link \(Marin Council Website\)](#)

#### **Fall Camporee & Cuboree**

Oct 3rd, 5:00 PM - Oct 5th, 10:30 AM,

Wente Scout Reservation