



Meridian District

Webelos to Scout Transition Meeting

223 Arrow of Light Scouts total from 20 Packs

19 Scout BSA Troops – 17 Boys and 2 Girls

November 12, 2020

7 pm

Via Zoom



Webelos to Scout Transition

Agenda and Logistics

- Opening ceremony
- Overview of Webelos transition to Scouts BSA
- Troop presentations (~3 minutes each)
 - Those interested in a Girl Troop will be going to a separate breakout session
 - Those interested in a Boy Troop will be staying in this main room
- Closing remarks
 - Closing remarks including resource list will be provided at the end of each breakout session
 - Those in the Girl Troop breakout may leave the meeting after they are done (they will not miss any materials)

Feel free to use the chat function (specify name and Pack)
within Zoom and we will try to answer any
general questions at the end of the session as time allows

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.




The Basics

- Youth may join Scouts BSA if:
 - Have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old
 - Completed the 5th grade and are at least 10 years old
 - Age 11
- Unlike in Family Packs where girls and boys are in the same unit, Scouts BSA requires Troops with all girls or all boys (not mixed gender Troops)
- BSA Troops are not structured like a Cub Pack
 - Troops are scout led (not adult led)
 - Parents cannot sign off rank advancement
 - Troops in our area typically meet weekly as well as having monthly activities on the weekends

Finding a Troop

- Attend Troop “Open House” or Webelos events
 - Suggest attending events/meetings for 2-4 different Troops
 - Many may be virtual due to Covid-19
 - Many are held on Tuesdays so you will need to plan appropriately
- During the meeting, ask any questions of the adults and observe the meeting
 - Your scout should be engaged with the other Scouts and not with you during these meetings
 - After the meeting, ask your Scout about his/her experience
- Each Troop will provide information regarding registration process as well as deadlines
 - Some Troops will not be able to accommodate all scouts interested in the Troop
 - So it is good to have a few options to choose from



Enable your
son or daughter
to make the decision!

- As much as possible, enable/support your son or daughter to make the decision
 - Although it is tempting to consider convenience or where their friends are going as top priorities, it is not always the best predictor of a good “fit” Troop
- Consider the Troop meeting schedule and location – while not the top priority, it is important!
- Consider type of activities a Troop offers (camping, hiking, backpacking, water sports, etc.)
- Consider your scouts impression of the meeting
 - What did he/she learn?
 - Did he/she have fun?
 - Was he/she comfortable with the other scouts?
- What were your impressions of the meeting?
 - Did the scouts engage with your son/daughter?
 - Did the adult leaders and parents answer your questions?

Happy

Engaging

Comfortable

Friendly

We are ready for the breakout sessions!

- Reminder each Troop will have 3 minutes to give the overview of their Troop
- Some Troops will have adult leaders talking while others will have scouts
- Due to time and logistic constraints, no questions will be taken during the presentations
- After all presentations, we will try to answer any general (non-Troop specific) questions
- All Troop specific questions can be answered by the Troop when you attend their Webelos events or discussed offline

BREAKOUT SESSION

GIRL TROOPS

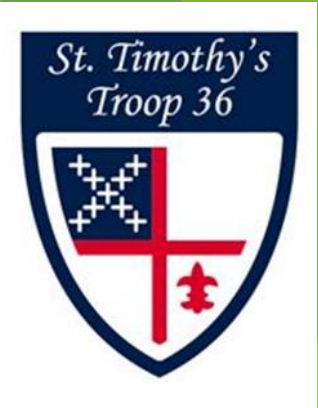
Troop 126, San Ramon

- ❖ Girl Troop
- ❖ Meeting Night: Tuesday 7pm – 9pm
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Gale Ranch Middle School MPR (pre-COVID)
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: Weekly
- ❖ Registration Contact: recruiting@troop126.org

- First Girl Troop in San Ramon area
- Focusing on outdoor activities, Scout independence, program quality
- Webelos events: Webelos night, Webelos hike

TROOP 36 DANVILLE, CA

- ▶ Girl Troop
- ▶ Meeting Night: Tuesday 7pm
- ▶ Typical Meeting Location: St. Timothy's Church
- ▶ Meeting Frequency: Weekly
- ▶ Registration Contact: Scoutmaster.Girls@Troop36Danville.org



Girls Troop 36:

- 35 Scouts (19 - Scout, 1 - 2nd Class, 7- 1st Class, 3 - Star, 4 - Life)

Boys Troop 36:

- 53 Scouts (21 - Scout, 1 - 2nd Class, 9 - 1st Class, 7 - Star, 13- Life)
- Over 241 Eagles Scouts since 1963

Venture Crew 36:

- 12 Crew Members



Activities:

- ▶ Virtual Troop Meetings (2/month) during Pandemic
- ▶ Regular Camping Events - Local, Snow Camping, District Camporee
- ▶ Summer Activities - Wente Scout Reservation
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- ▶ Service Projects, Leadership Development



Resources and next steps

- Thank you to the Troops for providing overviews!
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Any questions?

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BOY TROOPS

Troop 216, Alamo

- ❖ Boy Troop
 - ❖ Meeting Night: Tuesday's 7:00-8:00 pm
 - ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Stone Valley Middle School, Alamo
 - ❖ Meeting Frequency: Every week
 - ❖ Registration Contact: Charles Tai - CharlesTai2@yahoo.com
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- Monthly Patrol offsite activity meetings
 - Monthly outdoor car Camping/Hike/Biking: Ski Trip, Pinnacles, Yosemite, Angel Island, Pt. Reyes, Lava Beds, Big Basin, Echo Lake, Fiddletown Gold Country, Pt Montara Lighthouse, Samuel P Taylor, Camporee.
 - Backyard Patrol COH Ceremonies
 - Service projects: Yosemite, Angel Island, Sugarloaf, Scouting For Food, local Rotary evts
 - Merit badges this year: Cooking, Communications, Emergency prep, First Aid, Camping, Hiking, Personal Fitness, Nature, Photography
 - Advance camp: Advancement Day (U.S.S. Hornet), Advance Day (Antioch fairground)
 - BSA Summer camps: Wente, Emerald Bay, Camp Fiesta, Hi Sierra, Wolfboro, Makualla
 - BSA High Adventure: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, Seabase, Swamp Base
 - Troop High Adventure: 50mi. Backpack in Montana



TROOP 36 DANVILLE, CA

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- ▶ Meeting Night: Thursday 7pm
- ▶ Typical Meeting Location: St. Timothy's Church
- ▶ Meeting Frequency: Weekly
- ▶ Registration Contact: TBD



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Troop 236, Danville

- Boy Troop
- Meeting Night: Tuesdays 7 to 8:15 pm, COVID: Saturdays, Osage Park
- Typical Meeting Location: Community Presbyterian Church – downtown Danville
- Meeting Frequency: Weekly, COVID: Monthly 1st and 3rd Saturday
- Registration Contact: Jamie Van Randwyk, recruiting@bsatroop236.org

- Boy-led troop - our scouts learn by “doing”.
- Strong emphasis on teaching / living by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Oldest and biggest troops in San Ramon Valley, founded in 1953.
- 220+ Eagles - 7 so far in 2020.
- At least one campout each month. Summer: Wente, backpacking, High Adventure camp.
- Webelos invited to attend any/all troop meetings. Please RSVP recruiting@bsatroop236.org
 - Saturday, November 21st 10am to 12noon - Totin’ Chip (knife & ax skills) & Firem'n Chit (fire safety & building)
 - Saturday, December 5th 1pm to 3pm - Dutch Oven Cooking...Cowboy Stew and Cobbler!! YUM!!
 - Saturday, December 19th 10am to 12noon - Scout-to-First Class skill stations
- More information: <https://www.bsatroop236.org/aboutus>

Troop 803, Danville

- Boy Troop
- Meeting Night: Tuesday
- Typical Meeting Location: Green Valley School, Danville
- Meeting Frequency: Weekly
- Registration Contact: Adam Kennedy, bayareamallard@gmail.com
- We are an active, self-sponsored, medium sized, boy lead troop
- We have very strong boy lead training program for newly joined WEBELOS
- We organize boys into patrols by grade level
- We have a very strong Eagle program that turns out several Eagle Scouts each year
- We normally schedule at least 2 outings per month (campouts, hikes, service projects, etc.)
- We do at least one High Adventure outing with high school aged scouts each year (wilderness backpacking, whitewater canoeing, snow camping, SCUBA diving, etc.)

Contact: scoutmaster@danville803.mytroop.us

Troop Website: <https://danville803.mytroop.us>

Troop 805, Danville

- ❖ Boy Troop
- ❖ Meeting Night: Tuesdays, 7pm
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Sycamore Valley Elementary School
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: Weekly (PLC last Tuesday of Month-no meeting)
- ❖ Registration Contact: Bob and Pamela, recruiting@troop805.org

- “Boy Run” Troop founded in 1985 with ~80 Scouts and ~25 uniformed leaders
- Chartered by Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley
- Over 110 Eagle Scouts since inception
- Dec 1, 6:20pm - Parent Info Meeting - Parents only - no scouts
- Dec 1, 7pm - Scout Open House - For Webelos Scouts & parents
- Dec 10 - Troop Interest & Survey Form Due
- Register- <http://bit.ly/Troop805-2020>
 - We will email zoom link and further information
- Troop focus is outdoor activities with Camping, Hiking, Biking and Backpacking
- Older Scouts have opportunities for High Adventure; Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, World Jamboree/Bechtel
- During pandemic meeting weekly via Zoom and hope to restart in-person small groups soon!!



Scan for Open House

Troop 1630, Danville



- ❖ Boy Troop
- ❖ Meeting Night: Tuesdays, 7-8PM
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Charlotte Wood Middle School (Danville)
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: First 3 Tuesdays of each month
- ❖ Registration Contact: Andy Hill andy.hill@us.nestle.com

Troop 1630 focuses on leadership & life skill development, community service, and simply having fun!

Boy Lead Troop

- Patrol Based
- Opportunities for various leadership positions
- Leadership training offered.
- High number of Eagle Scouts each year.

First Year Program

- Activity and meeting plan built to drive rank requirements in year one.
- Older scouts teach new scouts requirements.

Exciting Activity Calendar

- Camping
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Summer Camps (Wolfboro, Winton, Wente)
- Philmont Scout Ranch
- Community Service

Strong Adult Involvement

- Mentoring
- Safety
- Advancement
- Skills Training

Zoom Recruiting Event on 11/16 at 7PM. Email Andy for details.

Troop 201, San Ramon

- ❖ Boy Troop: approx 60 Scouts strong
- ❖ Meeting Night: Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Canyon Creek Church
(9015 S. Gale Ridge Rd)
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: Weekly
- ❖ Registration Contact: Mrs. Madhu Katragadda (madhu_gan@yahoo.com)



Troop 201, chartered in November of 1962 as the first troop in San Ramon, follows a traditional Scouting program centered around the concept of a boy-led troop.

The focus of the program supports the 3 basic aims of Scouting: Character Development, Citizenship Training, Mental and Physical Fitness, is centered around outdoor activities, and demonstrates the Scout philosophy of "Prepared for Life."

Every scout in the troop has ample opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills and to enjoy the fun of being a productive member of a team.

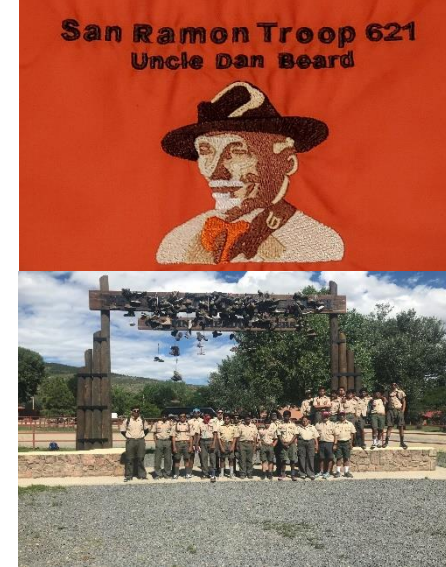
The program is especially successful in developing self-reliance, self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-respect, fundamental components of character.

There is at least one major outdoor activity each month. Typical activities include overnight campouts, snow camping, ski trips, day hikes, bicycling, the District Camporee, Scout Summer Camp (Wolfeboro), and annual High Adventure Backpacking Outings. All of our trips are supervised by leaders trained by BSA.

Troop 621, San Ramon

- ❖ Boy Troop
- ❖ Meeting Night: **Wednesday 7pm**
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: **Windemere Ranch Middle School**
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: **Weekly**
- ❖ Registration Contact: **Preeti Rana** Email : preetirana@gmail.com

- One of the most active Troops around. Over **35** outings year around.
- Troop has about 80 Scouts, Over **35** have attained **Eagle**, over **30** trained adults.
- **Philmont Scout Ranch** adventure in 2015, 2017 and 2019 (multiple treks).
Plan for 2021
- **Back Packing** - 10+ practice hikes (10-20 miles) **50 miler** in alternate years.
- **Snow Camping** - camp in snow shelters
- **Biking Program** - 50 mile ride, **SF Golden Gate Ride**
- **Summer Camps**: Emerald Bay, Royaneh, Wente, Oljato, Cherry Valley, Wolfeboro
- Kayaking, Broomball, Skiing
- **Webelos Hike** : **Nov 15, 8:30 AM**. Meet at Sports Park, Live Oak Elementary.
- Website <https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop621SanRamon>



Troop 834, San Ramon

- ❖ Boy Troop
- ❖ Meeting Night: Tuesday
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: 36 Holly Court (off Bollinger canyon near Las Trampas entrance)
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: Weekly
- ❖ Registration Contact: scoutmaster@bsatroop834.org,
- ❖ Troop Information: <http://www.troopmasterweb.com/Troop834SanRamon>
<http://www.sanramonscouts.org/join-troop-834>

Boy-Led, Outdoor-Focused, COVID Safe and Supportive, Rustic Meeting Space



Day Hikes,
Backpacking (1-80miles)



Camping
Overnights – week long



Backyard of our
meeting space –
The Shack



Canoeing, rafting,
other high-
adventures

Troop 874, San Ramon

- ❖ Boy Troop
- ❖ Meeting Night: Tuesdays (7:00-8:30 pm)
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Pine Valley Middle School MPR
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: 2nd through 4th Tuesdays each month
- ❖ Registration Contact: <https://tinyurl.com/t874sr-contact-us>

- ✓ Boy Led
- ✓ Leadership Training
- ✓ Two Summer Camps per Year
- ✓ Car Camping
- ✓ Backpacking
- ✓ High Adventure

Recruiting Events for Arrow of Light (AOL) Cub Scouts:

- AOL Hike at Sycamore Valley Open Space Preserve = **Sunday, 11/15/2020**
(With six Cub Essentials vs. ten Scout Essentials and an Interfaith Worship)
- AOL Troop Meeting #1 ("Animation") = **Tuesday, 11/17/2020**
- AOL Troop Meeting #2 = **Tuesday, 12/8/2020**
- AOL Troop Meeting #3 = **Tuesday, 1/12/2021**
- AOL Outing (Activity & Location TBD) = **Saturday, 1/30/2021**

Troop 888, San Ramon



- ❖ Boy Troop
- ❖ Webelos Meeting Night: 11/30/2020
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Gale Ranch Middle School, San Ramon
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: Mondays 7-8:30 pm
- ❖ Registration Contact: Smitha Panchumarthi, Committee Chair, smitha.joga@gmail.com

- Over 100 registered Scouts and 30 ASMs.
- Chartered by : American Legion Post 246
- “Boy-run” troop teaching the fundamentals of leadership, community service, outdoor skills, and activities that would otherwise be unavailable to boys outside of the Scouting program.
- Annual outings include: Wente, SeaBase, kayaking, snow camping, white-water rafting, and summer scout camp at Wolfeboro in Bear Valley, CA. Troop 888 has attended Wolfeboro for more than three decades.
- The troop offers hiking and camping opportunities, service projects, merit badge sessions and other fun activities for the scouts to discover new interests.

Troop 1776, San Ramon

- ❖ Boy Troop
- ❖ Meeting Night: Fridays
- ❖ Typical Meeting Location: Church of the Valley - 19001 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, CA 94583
- ❖ Meeting Frequency: Weekly
- ❖ Registration Contact: Mike Mahnken - mctm2@yahoo.com, Glenn Rustia - glennjo2@gmail.com

Yearly Webelos Activities:

- Webelos Aquanaut @ CalHigh Pool (cancelled due to COVID)
 - The troop run a Webelos Aquanaut adventure led by the Scouts
- Zombie First Aid (online Oct 30, 2020)
 - Zombie-themed first aid event that happens at Halloween time
- Pizza Hike (cancelled due to COVID)
 - We hike through Las Trampas over the hill to Danville and end at Hartz Ave for Pizza

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