

Golden Gate Area Council

**Meridian District
Scouting Exchange**

February 11, 2021

Put Session # in front of your name

Select your Breakout Sessions (~7:15-8:15pm)	
Cub Breakout: Getting Parents Involved; Ideas/themes for virtual pack meetings	1
Scouts BSA Breakout: Leader Recruitment and Succession Planning; Recruiting in the Time of Pandemic	2
Unit Committee Breakout: Unit Committee Best Practices; Making Committee Meetings Fun	3
Training: Merit Badge Counselor	4

Opening

Flag Ceremony & Thought for the Day – Troop 0201



Meridian Scouting Exchange Plan

Ideas to Learn From

• Topics and Activities	Presenter
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<p>4. Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Merit Badge Councilor	James Reeve

Announcements

(For more details go to the Meridian Website)

- Training Opportunities
 - Youth Protection
 - Positions Specific
 - Wood Badge
- Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)
- Friend of Scouting
- OA Elections
- Other
 - GGAC Volunteer Recognition Event, Be The Change - Facebook Live, COVID Guidelines, Pinewood Derby, Meridian Day Camp, Meridian Camporee, Meridian “Leader” Drop-In

<https://meridian.ggacbsa.org/>



Training

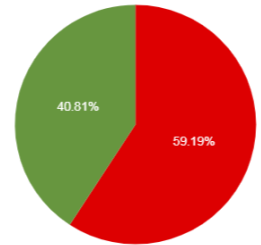
- James Reeve, Training Chair

- Youth Protection Training (YPT)

- Currently we have 20% of leaders needing YPT
- Please encourage leaders to update their YPT training now

- Position Specific Training

- Currently we have 59% of leaders needing some PS training. We owe our youth trained leaders (Note: we have more UNTRAINED leaders than TRAINED leaders)
- Now is the time for leaders to take training online
- Direct contact leaders also need to take Hazardous Weather every 2 years



- Other Training

- Wood Badge – **Spring Course**: Friday, March 26 – 28, 2021 and Saturday, April 17 – 18, 2021. Must attend both weekend sessions. Note: a “Go/No go” will be made shortly before the event.
- Wood Badge – **Fall Course**: Friday, September 17 – 19, 2021 and Saturday, October 9 – 10, 2021. Must attend both weekend sessions

STEM



- For fun STEM program <https://stem.ggacbsa.org/>
- Upcoming **NOVA** program for **Cub scouts** – 15\$/scout
 - **Uncovering the past.** February 12th @ 6:30pm.
 - **1,2,3 – Go.** March 27th @10:30am.
 - **Fearful Symmetry.** April 3rd @ 10:30am.
 - **Science Everywhere.** April 10th @ 10:30am.
- Upcoming **NOVA** program for **Scouts BSA** – 15\$/scout
 - **Whoosh.** April 3rd and 10th @ 1:00pm.
- Upcoming **Supernova** for **Cub scouts** – 50\$/scout
 - **Dr. Luis W. Alvarez Supernova** – March 1st @ 6pm
- Astronaut Charlie Duke – NCAC Facebook live on Feb 18th @ 7pm EST <https://www.facebook.com/NCACBSA/>

Friends of Scouting



- FOS 2021 campaign started
- We recommend unit and unit leader participation
- Have a dedicated FOS coordinator.
- Register for Meridian district FOS training.
 - <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMpce-rqzkuHNGIkB2Pb8rEA2zHJcYp0bV->
 - Training date: Tues., Feb 16, 2021 07:00 PM
- Our new FOS donation link <https://ggacbsa.org/donate/>
- We have the following FOS campaign materials available
 - Digital flyer(council website)
 - Iceberg analogy(council website)
 - Promotional video(<https://youtu.be/D8if2HQUzCM>)
 - Unit presentation template(Email lalitha.job@gmail.com)
 - How to donate online documentation(lalitha.job@gmail.com)
- Unit awards & Family gift(One-time: 240\$ or Recurring: 20\$/month)



Order of the Arrow



- Dennis Bleile, OA Chapter Advisor
 - **What is OA:**

The Order of the Arrow is the national honor society within the Boy Scouts of America. It was created in 1915 as a way to reinforce the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The goal of the Order of the Arrow is to establish the Scout Oath and Scout Law as lifelong guidelines, and to encourage participation in Scouting and camping.

The Order seeks to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a lifelong purpose of **leadership in cheerful service to others.**
 - **What I need you to know ...**

Other Announcements

- GGAC Volunteer Recognition Event

- Sat Feb 20; 7:00pm - 8:30pm; Free!
- 2 Meridian Silver Beavers – Stephanie Demeter & James Reeve
- Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-Annualedinner2021>



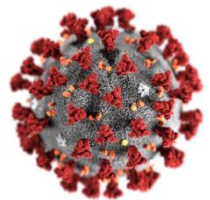
- Be The Change - Facebook Live Event

- Join us for a celebration of service, leadership and the groundbreaking accomplishments of the first female Eagle Scouts.
- Feb. 21, 2021; 5:00 pm PST
- <https://www.scouting.org/bethechange/>



- COVID-19 Update

- GGAC Risk Management Team will soon be issuing a update, color-coded document for offering COVID-19 guidance
- <https://ggacbsa.org/covid/>



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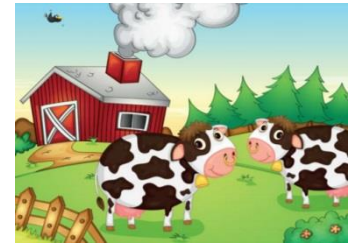
- Pinewood Derby (PWD)

- Calling ALL packs that want to join in a co-operative event
- Desired goal: mid-March weekend at BR parking garage. Packs sign up for a 2-3 hour slot to use the track.
- We need a small group of volunteers to make it happen. Contact Rand, rand.mahoney@scouting.org



- Meridian Cub Scout Day Camp

- New date: July 26-30 at Little Hills Ranch
- Paul Lannus, Camp Director, plannus@yahoo.com
- We need a program director and others to help!



- Meridian District Camporee

- Planning to have the event in Fall 2021 at RLM camp
- Andreas Metzger and T-0084 leaders are leading the event

Other Announcements (cont.)

- Meridian Unit Leader Drop-in Meetings
 - Our drop-in meetings continue in 2021 but are now twice per month
 - First and Third Thursdays at 7:00 pm
 - Topics vary but feel free to discuss any topic!
 - Register (once for 2021):
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ufuurrj4uGN2ezSLM6GXCyi1LuYjDYe76>
 - Questions: Contact Rand, rand.mahoney@scouting.org

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James Reeve

There will be NO Official Closing!

Thank you for your participation!

Stay Home! Stay Safe! Scout On!

Feedback is a gift!

We would love to hear your comments, ideas for future sessions, and how we can help you and your unit.

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Appendix