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**GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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OA Lodge Name Announced

At the December 16, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, the new name for the Order of the Arrow Lodge of the Golden Gate Area Council was revealed by the three Lodge Chiefs of the current GGAC Lodges. The name of the new merged Lodge will be called:

Yerba Buena Lodge

The name was decided by the nine youth members of the merger team who discussed many, many names and ideas to represent our large multi-county Lodge. Yerba Buena, located in the middle of the San Francisco Bay, is known as the connector island between the West Bay and the Contra-Costa or "opposite coast". Still to be discussed is the Lodge Totem, Lodge colors and a patch design . . . Questions? [Send an email](#)



Hooty's Grand Adventure



Meet Hooty. He's a Great Horned Owl who patrols the skies in the wilderness area south of Livermore. The other day, briefly distracted by thoughts of what might be on the dinner menu, he found himself entangled in some barbed wire. Really embarrassing and really painful . . . [Continue reading](#)

YERBA BUENA LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

**48th Annual
Winter Camp Awareness**

A banner with a background of a snowy mountain landscape. It features the Order of the Arrow logo and text for the 48th Annual Winter Camp Awareness event.

Saturday, January 16, 2021: 9:00am to 3:00pm

And all from the comfort of your home - virtually!

Get prepared - take your Troop or Crew on cold weather outings, snow camping or future Klondike Derbies. Registration is \$6.00 per person . . . [more information](#)



Scouting for Food -- Campaign Results

An incredibly challenging year but Golden Gate Area Council's youth and adult volunteers collected over **55,000 pounds** of food and enough direct donations to provide **247,732 meals** to those in need.

Part of the Scouting ethos is to "Help other people at all times". With an estimated 1.5 million Bay Area families experiencing food insecurity exacerbated by COVID-19, never was the challenge greater nor the response more impressive.

Thank you to all those hundreds of Scouts and volunteers who made this year's event an outstanding success. GGAC also wants to acknowledge the wonderful support of our Community Partners - Republic Services, Alameda County Industries, Alameda County Food Bank, Contra Costa Food Bank, Solano County Food Bank, and San Francisco-Marin Food Bank.

Gifts to Scouting before Year's End

We have a lot of uncertainty after the recent election. Even so, we wanted to share what we think are the four best giving options for those who want to invest in Scouting before year-end (and beyond!). Of course, all donors should visit with their own advisors to discuss any such gifts.

- Gifts of Appreciated Stock
- Cash Gifts with Special 2020 rules
- Direct Transfers from IRAs
- Donor Advised funds

[More information](#)



2021 Summer Camp Staff

Want to spend YOUR summer at one of the greatest BSA Scout Camps on the entire West Coast?

Golden Gate Area Council offers 3 amazing Summer Camp Staffs to join. So, whether you prefer the beautiful setting amongst the Redwoods of **Camp Royaneh**, the awe inspiring granite banks of the Stanislaus River at **Camp Wolfeboro**, or enjoying the lake at **Wente Scout Reservation** we have the Staff camp setting for you.

Come be apart of the summer experience that inspires and educates the youth of our communities in California's great outdoors!

Staff Interviews - the week before Christmas

CIT Interviews - the first week of January

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Program Areas & Positions for all interests:

- Aquatics
- Outdoor/Scouting Skills
- Commissioners
- COPE/Climbing
- Corral
- Dining Hall/Kitchen
- 1st Year Camper Program
- Handicraft
- Health Officer
- Mountain Man (Royaneh)
- Mtn. Biking (Wente)
- Nature/EcoCon
- Shooting Sports
- STEM/ACE (Wolfeboro)
- Trading Post

Once your application is reviewed a link to interview will be emailed to you.

Note this year's interviews will take place online via Zoom.

What's new . . . recent additions & updates to the Council website

[Eagle Rank \(COVID\) Extension Requests](#)

[Cub Scout Adventures](#)

[Unit Support \(Help Desk\)](#)

2020 Friends of Scouting

Help Make Scouting Grow,
Donate Now: ggacbsa.org/donate/



Your Friends of Scouting (FOS) donation supports Scouting programs in our local communities for 20,000+ youth. Thank you for your continuous support!

[Donate Using Our New Fillable Brochure](#)

Scout Shop Hours

Currently, both the Pleasant Hill and East Bay Scout Shops are closed on Sundays and Mondays. Please check [GGAC Scout Shop](#) for their Tuesday - Saturday hours.



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