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# Twin Valley Roundtable

April 11, 2024

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# Welcome to Roundtable

Tonight's slides are available online at:



The screenshot shows the website for the Golden Gate Area Council, Twin Valley District. The header includes navigation links for Calendar, Advancement, Camping, Resources, Roundtable, Newsletter, and Training. Below the header is a navigation bar with buttons for Volunter Opportunities, Join Scouting, District Contacts, and Webelos to Scouts BSA. The main content area features a 'Recent News' section with a featured article titled 'Drive-Through Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser' dated August 3, 2022. The article text reads: 'Everyone loves a good barbeque, but now you can enjoy good food for a good cause! This dinner is to help raise money for the Twin Valley District Scouting program. Proceeds go directly in support of the local Scouting program for our youth in the Tri-Valley Area...'. A 'Read More' button is located at the bottom right of the article.

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

Rather Important Stuff

# **VITAL NEWS**

# Our New District Executive



**Elijah Gonzales**



# Beware of Scams

This email was sent to Mike Lennox from someone **pretending** to be Keith Lam asking for donation help.

## Please be careful

Note sender's **actual email address** and make sure it is one you recognize.

Ask “**Does this request make any sense?**”

----- Forwarded message -----  
From: **Keith Lam** <[group@cncvncm.org](mailto:group@cncvncm.org)>  
Date: Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 2:12 PM  
Subject: Golden Gate Area Council - Twin Valley District  
To: [mike@lennox.cc](mailto:mike@lennox.cc) <[mike@lennox.cc](mailto:mike@lennox.cc)>

Mike,  
Are you available to assist?

This is a simple donation task, **Golden Gate Area Council - Twin Valley District** needs some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice Palliative care units for preventive items and medication from Disease due to their vulnerability. I will be liable for the reimbursement.

Very truly yours,

**Keith Lam,**  
District Chair.

# The Scouter Share

There are so many wonderful moments in our scout life - let's share them!

Highlight your unit's great moments or great scouts to be shared across the Twin Valley District's newsletter, website and social media handles.



All you need:

- Name, Email, City, Unit
- A sentence or two about the moment/scout
- One photo approved to be used

A screenshot of a Google Form titled "The Scouter Share". The form includes a header image of a stream, a title, a submission instruction, a user profile section for "rene.saroukhanoff@gmail.com", and several text input fields for "Name", "Unit", and "City". It also features a "Share your story or background on the image" field and an "Attach approved image or video clip" section with an "Add file" button. At the bottom, there are "Submit" and "Clear form" buttons, a "Never submit passwords through Google Forms" warning, and a footer with "This form was created inside of Boy Scout Troop 941, Pleasanton, California" and the "Bison 2024" logo. The Google Forms logo is at the very bottom.

# Friends of Scouting Gifts

## GGAC Board Matching

For the districts, we have **\$126,684 matching funds** for NEW and INCREASED recurring donations. The Board will match each dollar a district adds to its recurring donations up to the above amount.

### Family FoS Award

**Day at Roaring Camp Mining** - Each unit that does a FOS presentation in Feb 2024 (tracked by the DE) will get one Roaring Camp Mining certificate to raffle off for any donation.

**FOS Thank You Luncheon** - Any person or company donating more than \$1000 per year will get two tickets to a free FOS luncheon in the Fall-Winter. Donations of \$2000 or more will get four tickets

### Unit FoS Award

**Free camping weekend/ice cream social/pizza party/kites** - One unit in each district with the highest annual donation per scout can choose a weekend at one of the GGAC Scouts Camps for their unit, a free ice cream social, free pizza party or free kites for their unit, they get to choose. A minimum of \$20/scout annually on the roster is required to qualify.

**Free advancement patches** - Every unit that can meet their Family FOS goal (to be determined with your DE) will get free advancement patches for the rest of 2024.

# Friends of Scouting

## Units Needing a Presentation

Pack 901

Pack 912

Pack 914

Pack 915

Pack 942

Pack 947

Pack 948

Pack 950

Pack 951

Pack 969

Pack 981

Pack 986

Troop 904

Troop 905

Troop 908

Troop 911

Troop 916

Troop 924

Troop 939

Troop 947

Troop 948

Troop 998

Troop 999

Troop 2942

Troop 2999

# GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL EAGLE'S NEST

## BY: GGAC NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION



This group is open to anyone who earned the prestigious Eagle Scout rank and lives, works, or is registered within the boundaries of the GGAC or one of its legacy councils. Best of all, membership is completely free.



*Next Gathering*

**Calicraft Brewing Co.'s Taproom**

Walnut Creek

**Friday, April 12, 4:30 - 7:30**



# GGAC Summer Camp Staff

Hiring positions in

climbing, nature, shooting sports, waterfront, administration,  
scout skills, first year scouting, COPE, dining hall, facilities, and more!

## What we offer:

- Tent space, meals, wifi, and laundry are all provided
- Leadership and professional development
- Access to free merit badge courses at camp, including Eagle badges
- Salary range of \$365-\$460 per week
- Resume worthy skills for college and future job applications
- Staffers who successfully complete the summer will receive a reference letter



Improvement Stuff

# TRAINING

# Training



- 450 online classes @ <https://training.scouting.org/catalog>
- Training questions contact: [training@twinvalleyscouting.com](mailto:training@twinvalleyscouting.com)





two training opportunities this year to take either

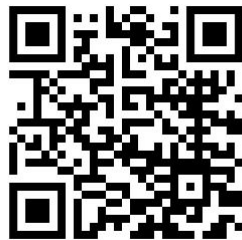
**Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor** or  
**NEW!! Leave No Trace Skills Course**

May 18-19, 2024

Camp Herms, El Cerrito

October 12-13, 2024

Rancho Los Mochos, Livermore



# Upcoming Trainings

- **BALOO** - Contact Mr. Lennox at
- **SM/ASM Position-Specific** - March TBD
- **Blue Oak** - April 10 (indoor) and April 26-28 (outdoor portion)
- **Den Chief Training** - TBD

Airborne Stuff

# **EAA'S YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM**

# Keith Johns

- Vice President, EAA 663 Livermore
- Flight Instructor for 15 years ✈️
- Music Instructor for 25 years 🎺
- Young Eagle Pilot
- Aviation Merit Badge Counselor (2023)



# EAA & Young Eagles

EAA - 250,000 members and nearly 1000 chapters

The EAA Young Eagles program is dedicated to giving youth ages 8–17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane.

These flights are offered FREE of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

*It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation!*

Since 1992, the **Young Eagles program has flown over 2 million kids!**

Young Eagles have been registered in more than **90 different countries** and have been flown by more than **41,000 volunteer pilots.**



# EAA Chapter 663

LIVERMORE, CA

- 150+ members
- 10 active Young Eagle pilots
- Youth Build Projects
- Ray Aviation Scholarship





# Dedicated Young Eagles Event for Scouts

- Our goal is to fly more local kids
- Possible Dates (Saturdays - May 11th, June 15th, Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th)
- Livermore Airport Main Terminal, 9am-12ish
- Looking for 20-25 scouts
- Flights usually last 20-30 minutes
- BSA has no organization liability, a EAA hosted event
- Parental consent required, EAA insured.
- Merit Badge Path for those interested



# BSA Aviation Merit Badge

## Requirement Highlights

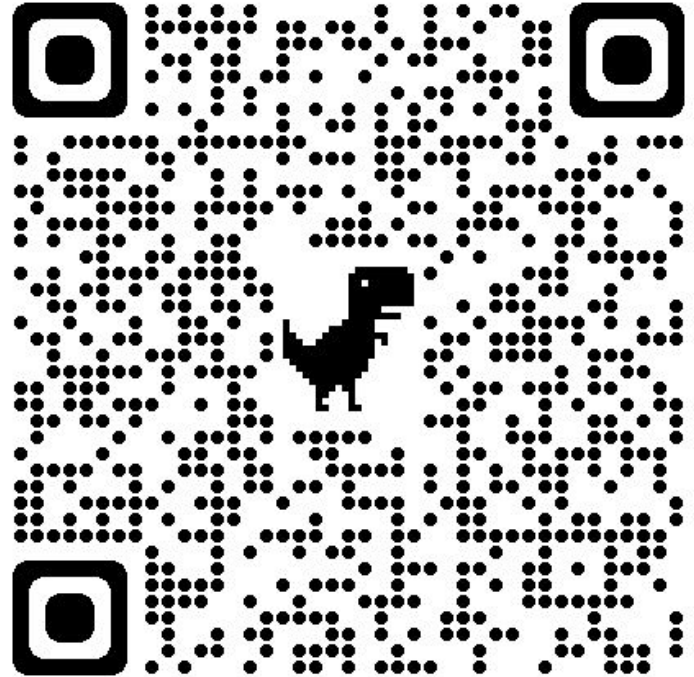
- Take a Flight
- Visit an Airport
- Aviation Definitions and Explanations
- Build a model RC plane
- Find out about Career Opportunities in Aviation





# Questions?

If interested, please fill in form and I will contact you.



Really Fun Stuff

# ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Free, Family-Friendly Activities

## Sundays at Hagemann Ranch

### Charlotte's Web

April 28, 2024, 1-5 pm

Visit with Wilbur and  
Spend Time in the Country  
with Music & Fair Foods

Cantabella Children's Chorus

Livermore Public Library

Lion's Chuckwagon,  
Pigs in a Blanket

455 Olivinia Ave., Livermore

Ongoing activities: Refreshments, Tours, Ranch Chores  
Blacksmith Shop & Art Demonstrations

# Recruiting Opportunity!

Contact:

**Jeff Orthmann**

510-589-4251

[kinns36@aol.com](mailto:kinns36@aol.com)

Spend a little bit of time simply  
handing out info and you're sure  
to get some new scouts!!!

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# Another Recruiting Opportunity!

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# THE TIGER CUB YEAR



Tiger Cub Pumpkin Patch Day --- Tiger Cub Kite Day --- Tiger Cub Safari



The World Famous....Tiger Cub Safari  
is truly **“The Highlight of the Tiger Cub Year.”**

Session #1: April 20 - April 21, 2024 at Wente Scout Reservation in Willits

Session #2: April 27 - April 28, 2024 at Wente Scout Reservation in Willits

**Camp Registration opens on January 1, 2024**

Capacity is limited - Sign-up Early.



*As featured in Scouting Magazine (Mar/Apr 2016) and Boys' Life (Mar/Apr 2017) .....*

## Tiger Cub Pumpkin Patch Day

Sunday, October 22, 2023

From 10:00am-1:00pm, Tigers and their Adult Partners can explore the wonderful fruits of Joan's Farm in Livermore.



## Tiger Cub Kite Day

Sunday, March 24, 2024

From 1:00pm-3:00pm, Tigers and their Adult Partners can explore the friendly skies over Ted Fairfield Park in Dublin.

Celebration Staff

# RECOGNITION

# BSA Total Solar Eclipse Emblem

BSA is offering a glow-in-the-dark

**Total Eclipse 2024 Emblem**

to youth members who complete five simple requirements  
after viewing the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024



# Register to Attend!

## Twin Valley Volunteer Dinner



**May 11, 2024**

**Veterans Memorial Hall**

301 Main St. Pleasanton

<https://twinvalley.ggacbsa.org/64th-annual-twin-valley-district-dinner/>



# District Award of Merit



# T-Shirt Club

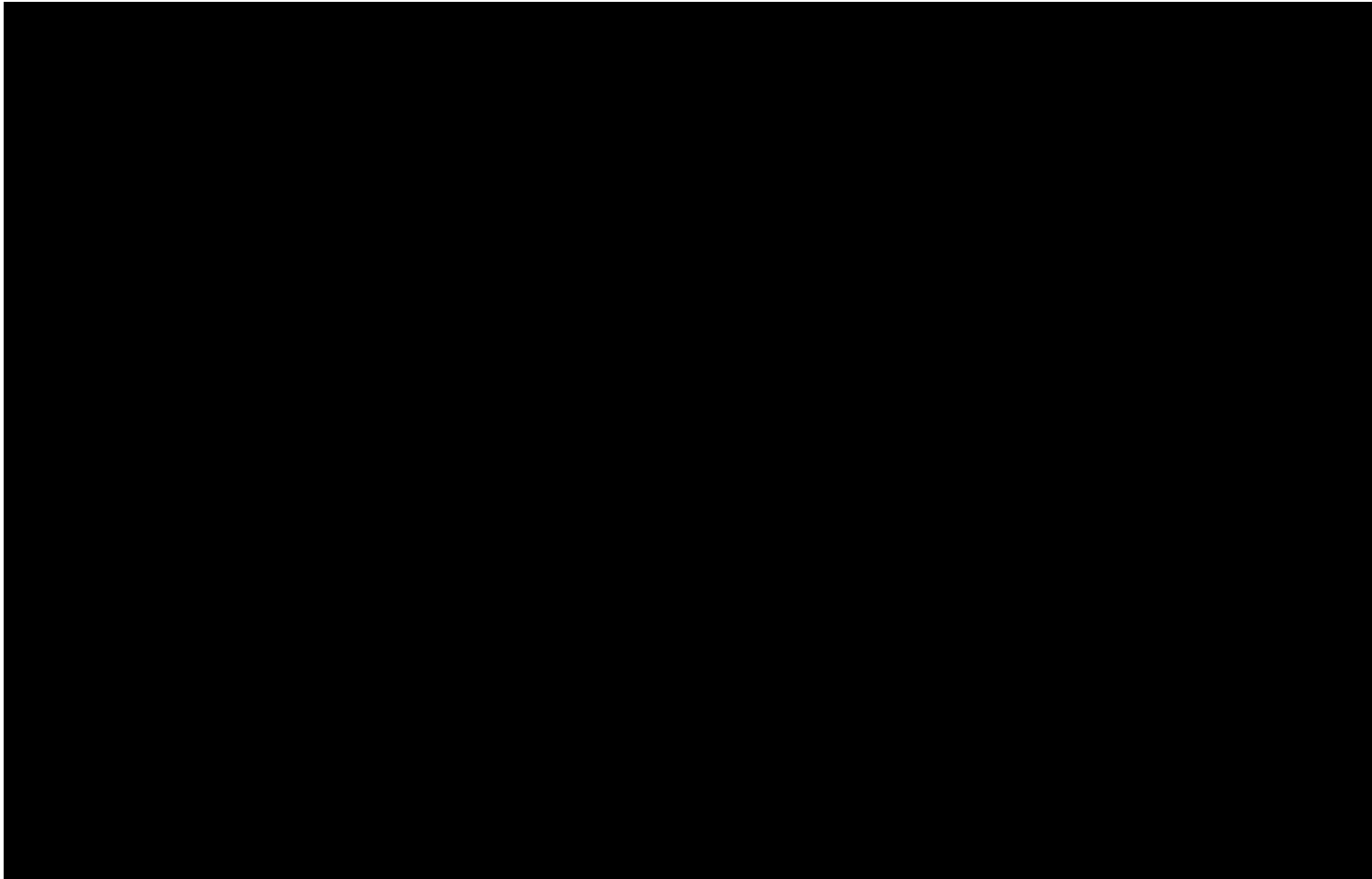
Be in the room where  
it happens

change into a t-shirt  
and see you there!



# Scouts BSA Breakout





# Conflict Resolution

Scouting and life are full of conversations. Most are pleasant and productive, but at times, conflicts can arise. Conflicts can occur for a variety of reasons. As adult volunteers, it is important that we learn how to navigate difficult conversations for the good of the troop.

1. What are some tools you use to address a conflict in your troop?
2. How can we set an example for our youth when resolving conflict?
3. Consider role-playing common conflict situations at your next meeting, then discuss what did.....and did not work.

# Work Parties

[Royaneh Work Party](#)

[Wente Work Party](#)

[RLM Work Party](#)



<https://scoutingevent.com/023-TVCamporee2024>

# Eagle Requirement Camp



## Camp Royaneh

June 30 - July 6

Contact

**Liz Brandon**

[snebrandn@aol.com](mailto:snebrandn@aol.com)

(925) 449-8378



# Cub Scout Breakout



# Cub Camping Registration is Open!

## Tiger Cub Safari

April 20 & 21 @ Wente Scout Reservation

April 27 & 28 @ Wente Scout Reservation

## Mom & Cub Camp

May 3 - 5 @ Camp Royaneh

May 17 - 19 @ Camp Royaneh

## Wolf & Bear Adventure Camp

July 12 - 14 @ Rancho los Mochos

July 19 - 21 @ Rancho los Mochos



## Cub Camping Connection

October 12 - 13

October 19 - 20

## Webelos Adventure Camp

July 30 - August 3 @ Camp Royaneh

## Webeloree

October 5 - 6

October 26 - 27

We Live in the Tech Capital of the World  
Let's Make Sure Our Units are Accordingly Equipped

# SETTING UP A G-SUITE



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# Google Workspace Adoption and Implementation

April 12th, 2024

# Let's talk Pack/Troop Tech

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## Ain't Nobody Got Time for That!

- Use what already exists
- Change only when absolutely necessary
- Don't rock the boat!

# Why did we change things?

It was absolutely necessary.

## Share Sites Closure

🕒 Mar 28, 2023 · CS Knowledgebase

Important Share Sites Announcement:

Effective March 27, 2023, all Share Sites have been deactivated, and users no longer have access to Share Sites content.

# What we needed



Communication



Websites



Productivity  
Tooling



Calendars



Video Chat



Photo Sharing

# We, mostly me, chose Google Workspace

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## Why?

- It is Free for nonprofits!
  - You still have to buy your ourPack.org name which is usually less than \$30 a year.
- Google isn't going anywhere
  - !!!Although they do discontinue product!!!
- People know these tools.
  - G-Suite/Workspace is popular



# The Roses

- Communication and Collaboration has never been better
- Our Websites are easy to maintain (allowing anyone in the pack to maintain it)
- Shared Drive with Security Groups has been a game



# The Thorns

- Giving my leaders a @pleasantonpack948.org account was extremely tedious
- Assumption that everyone knows Google Applications was simply wrong
- Photo Sharing was way way way harder than it should have been.



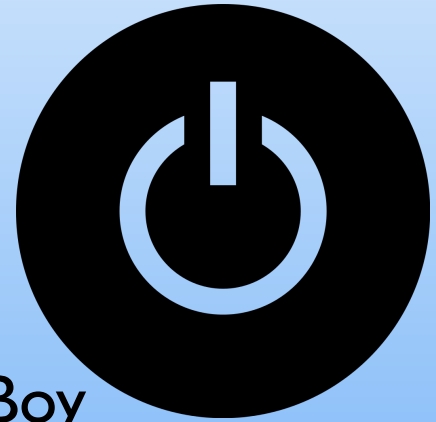
# Buds

- E-mail Groups are a huge enabler. We now have an [alumni@pleasantonpack948.org!](mailto:alumni@pleasantonpack948.org)
- Video Sharing both private and public (maybe even some ad revenue?!?)
- Sharing this with everyone here!



# Getting Started

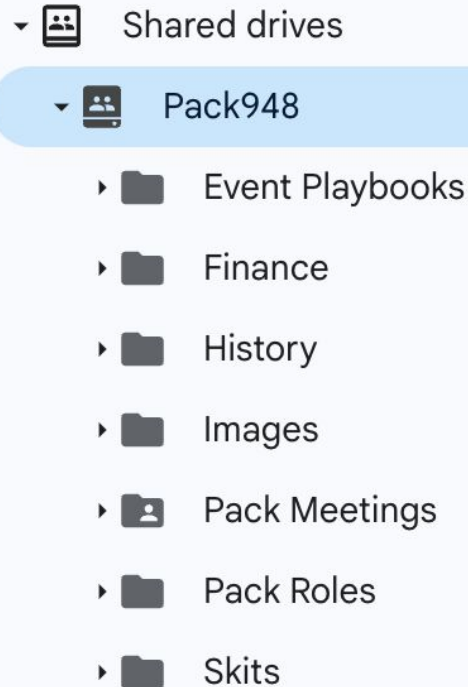
- Request a “[Google Workspace for Nonprofits](#)”
- You will need proof of eligibility:
  - your Chartering Organization’s IRS 501(c)(3) document.
  - your BSA Charter
- I applied as - “Golden Gate Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Pack 948”
- Happy to help and document the process better - [anthony@pleasantonpack948.org](mailto:anthony@pleasantonpack948.org)



Details on what we did... Basically a braindump...

# Implementation











# Shared Drive - Pack 948 lives forever

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- Shared drives
    - Pack948
      - Event Playbooks
      - Finance
      - History
      - Images
      - Pack Meetings
      - Pack Roles
      - Skits

- Most of these are self-explanatory.
- Parents have access to Pack Meetings
- A lot of this tries to make future efforts easier (Images and Skits folder)
- Root contains the most touched items such as our

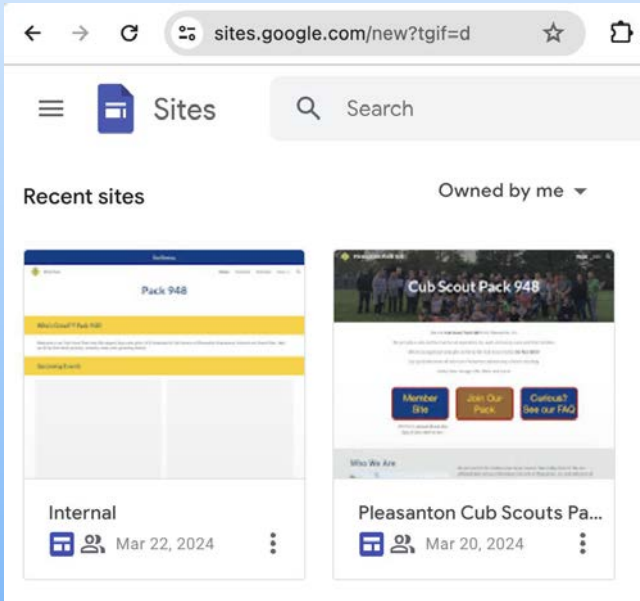
# Groups

My groups 14 groups

- Groups ↑
-  **leaders**  
leaders@pleasantonpack948.org  
leaders
- info**  
info@pleasantonpack948.org
-  **Security - Parents**  
security\_parents@pleasantonpack948.org  
Parent Security Access to Pack 948 (access to website,
-  **Parents**  
parents@pleasantonpack948.org  
E-mail All Parents
-  **Tigers 2023/2024**  
tigers-2023-2024@pleasantonpack948.org  
General information and message exchange between pa
-  **Bears 2023/2024**  
bears-2023-2024@pleasantonpack948.org  
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-  **Webelos 2023/2024**  
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-  **New Scouts 2023/2024**  
new-scouts-2023-2024@pleasantonpack948.org
-  **denleaders**  
denleaders@pleasantonpack948.org
-  **Alumni**  
alumni@pleasantonpack948.org

- info@ is our public e-mail monitored by CM, CC, CR and Membership
- Security is for parent gmail accounts to see assets including Internal Website, Photos and Calendars
- We send our general

# Website



[www.pleasantonpack948.org](http://www.pleasantonpack948.org)  
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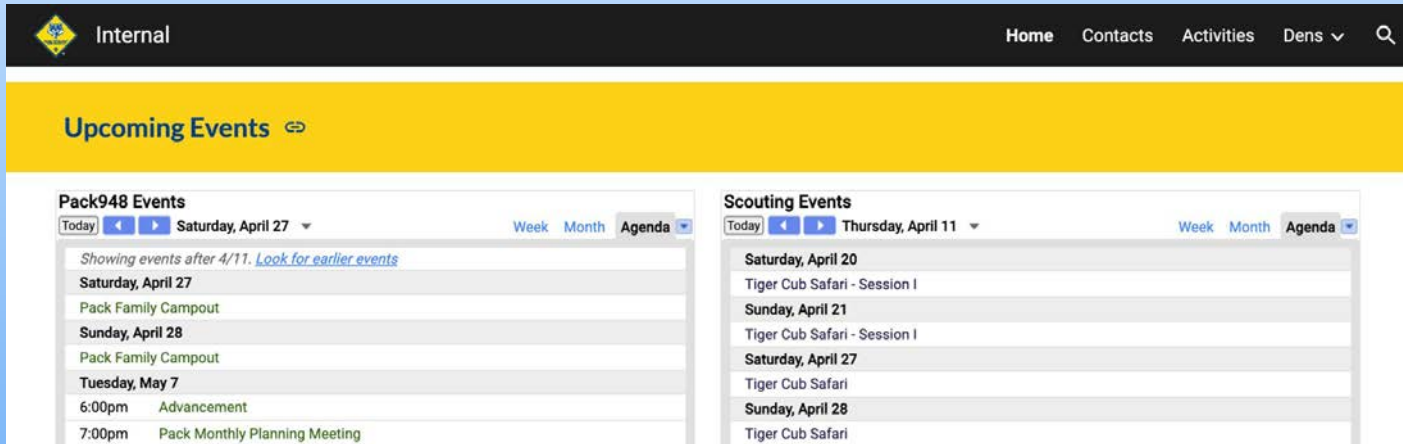
[in.pleasantonpack948.org](http://in.pleasantonpack948.org) -  
open to members of  
Security - Parents security  
group

All Drag and Drop



# Calendars

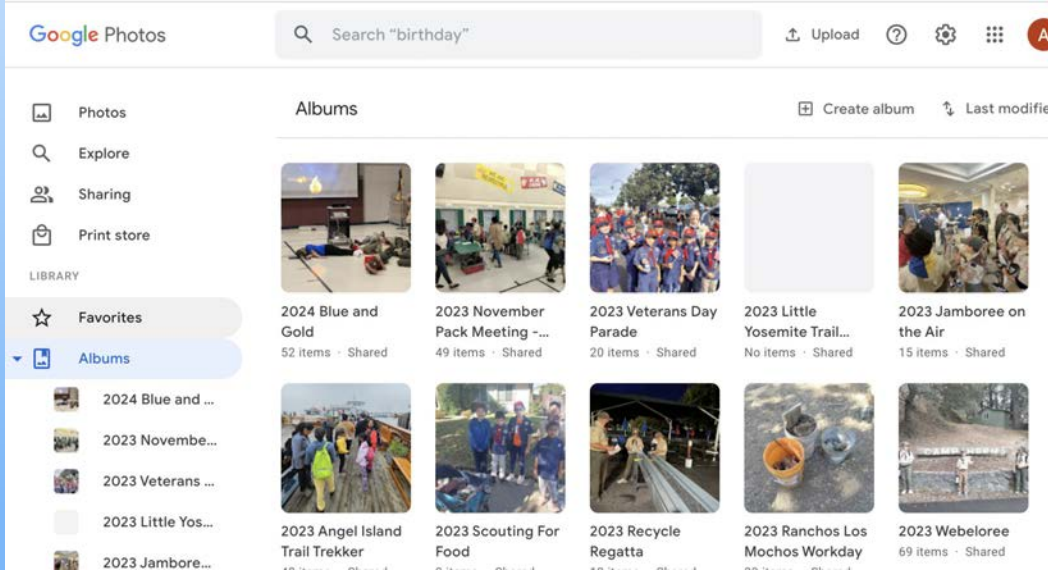
Included in internal website for finding and subscribing.



The screenshot displays an internal website interface. At the top, a dark navigation bar contains the text "Internal" on the left and "Home", "Contacts", "Activities", "Dens", and a search icon on the right. Below this is a yellow banner with the text "Upcoming Events" and a double-headed arrow icon. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Pack948 Events" and shows a calendar for "Saturday, April 27" with a "Week", "Month", and "Agenda" view selector. It lists events: "Pack Family Campout" on Saturday, April 27; "Pack Family Campout" on Sunday, April 28; and "Advancement" at 6:00pm and "Pack Monthly Planning Meeting" at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 7. A note at the top of the calendar says "Showing events after 4/11. [Look for earlier events](#)". The right column is titled "Scouting Events" and shows a calendar for "Thursday, April 11" with a "Week", "Month", and "Agenda" view selector. It lists events: "Tiger Cub Safari - Session I" on Saturday, April 20; "Tiger Cub Safari - Session I" on Sunday, April 21; "Tiger Cub Safari" on Saturday, April 27; and "Tiger Cub Safari" on Sunday, April 28.

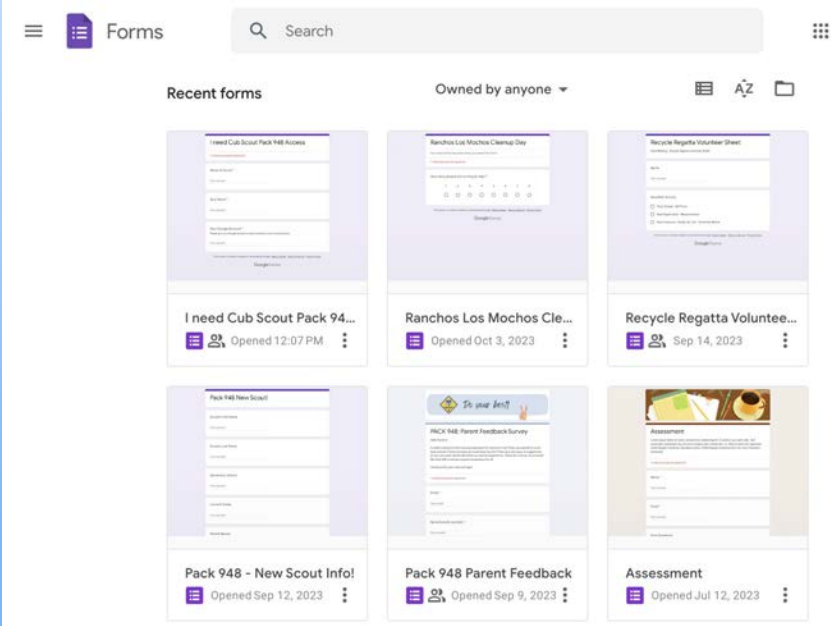
# Photos.google.com

Works... Sorta... still working out the kinks.  
Confusing for parents on how to add photos.



# Google Forms

Alternative to Sign-Up Genius. Outputs to Google Spreadsheet.



# Things we don't use yet (but maybe want to)

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**Contacts** - would be useful for continuity. Hard to maintain though.

**Chat** - would be nice to have a more interactive communication channel. Hard to get people to adopt if they are not already using it. More work to publish to both.

**YouTube** - Can be used for sharing private videos. Goes against your total storage (100GB)

# Closing

May the great  
Master of all Scouts  
be with us till we  
meet again



Scouts BSA

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