



# Zoom Etiquette

- Please use the “Raise Your Hand Tool” for questions or use the Chat function
- Please be patient. Zoom reshuffles the screen order so it can be difficult to keep track of the question order
- Please change your name to include the camp breakout you want to join





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# Summer Camp 2024 Leaders' Meeting

April 16, 2024



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL  
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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Safety Moment
- Introductions
  - Council Support
  - Camp Royaneh
  - Camp Wolfeboro
  - Wente Scout Reservation
- Camp Procedures
  - Communicable Diseases
  - Refunds
  - Merit Badge Sign-Ups
  - Leaders' Guide
  - Parents' Guide
- Special Programs
- General Questions
- Camp Breakouts





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# Change is the only constant...

-Heraclitus (Greek Philosopher, ~500 BC)



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# Safety Moment



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As of 3/26/24



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# Introductions

## **Council Support**

- Joe Barton (P)
- Alan Young (P)
- Melissa Yarns (P)
- Norman Gee (V)
- Bill Johansen (V)
- Don Kubik (V)
- Michael McDowell (V)

## **Camp & Program Directors**

- McKenzie Llano (CD)—Camp Royaneh
- Jonas Elam (PD)—Camp Royaneh
- Connor Brock (CD)—Camp Wolfeboro
- William Russell (PD)—Camp Wolfeboro
- Mike Hannah (CD)—Wente Scout Reservation
- Scott Suplick (PD)—Wente Scout Reservation





# Health Guidance For Summer Camp 2024

- No special COVID-19 specific procedures, only common-sense communicable disease precautions
  - No Norovirus
  - No Influenza
  - No Covid-19
- Masks are optional





# More Summer Camp Points

- Parents' Guides are available again this year
- Visitors are allowed this year
- Nearly full staffing levels in all areas with a few exceptions
- Anticipate Propane or Butane stoves and firepits, only!
  - No wood or charcoal campfires? (per CalFire, USFS, and anyone in fire fighting)





# Refund Policy

- GGAC Refund Policy applies

| Time Until Start of Event | Percentage Refund |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Up to 14 days prior       | 80% refund        |
| Up to 7 days prior        | 60% refund        |
| 7 days or less            | No refund*        |

- Participants who cancel from an event within 7 days will be considered for up to a 60% refund if the refund request is accompanied by a Doctor's note. Requests under these circumstances will not be considered if not received at the Council Service Center less than 14 days after the start of the event.
- There will be no special considerations for Covid.





# Merit Badge Sign-ups Open May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am

## Notes:

- Even though Arrow of Light Scouts do not have to pay until May 29<sup>th</sup>, they need to be input so they can select Merit Badges with everyone else on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Zoom Room FAQ and Trouble shooting will be open 9am to 4pm and again from 6pm to 8pm





# Merit Badge Changes

- Across All Three Camps
  - 2-Hour Time Slots
    - Environmental Science
    - First Aid
    - Swimming
    - Canoeing
- Camp Royaneh
  - All TARS MB's are now 2-hours
  - Some of the Handicraft MB's are expanded





# Merit Badge Sign-ups Info Requirements

## Scouts

- First Name
- Last Name
- Gender
- Dietary restrictions
- Allergies
- Medical Concerns
- Rank
- Age
- Schedule

## Adults

- First Name
- Last Name
- E-Mail
- Phone
- Gender
- Dietary Restrictions
- Allergies
- Medical Concerns
- YPT Date

Note: You will not be able to check out and finalize schedule if information is missing





# Forms, Forms, Forms

- EVERYONE needs a current AHMR Parts A, B, and C
  - Part C requires a Physician's Signature and is only good for one calendar year
- Youth must have one (1) copy of the Firearms Permission Slip in order to use the ranges.
  - We will be identifying those youth with permissions by their wristband
- Dietary Restrictions may not be accommodated if received less than two weeks prior to arrival
- **ALL** Adults must be **fully registered** (i.e. submitted their application, completed YPT, completed AB-506, and completed their CBC with National), not provisionally registered, to attend camp.







# Guides

- Leaders' Guide v1.2 (updated 3/31/2024)
- Camp-specific Parents' Guides (posted 3/31/2024)





# Clothing Guidelines

- The GGAC pulled together an ad hoc Clothing Guidelines team to draw up some commonsense clothing guidelines for our camps.
- The details are found in the Appendices of the Leaders' Guide and all three Parents' Guides.
- Key "Take Home": If there is an issue that you are concerned about, please take it to the Camp Director, so it can be handled by the Unit Leaders for that Scout.
- Adult Leaders should not be approaching youth from another unit regarding apparel.





# Propane Exchange

- Little Kampers (<https://littlekamper.com/>) is a propane exchange company.
- They will be giving a case of full exchangeable propane bottles to all of our Troops in camp this year as long as the Troop agrees to participate in the exchange program and help eliminate waste.
- Most REI's and Ace Hardware in the state are exchange locations.
- We are the first council in BSA to officially partner with them to eliminate propane waste and our Troops and leadership benefit by getting these bottles for free which is a \$264 value.
- Josh Simpson from Little Kampers is an alumni of Troop 4





## Trekker Troop 23

- This is a rebranding of our Provisional Camper Program. In 2023 we learned that 20% of the Scouts who did not attend camp, did not do so because the week their troop attended, they had a conflict.
- To help meet the growing demand of our Scouts and their families we are launching Trekker Troop 23, which will be a Troop in camp with Leadership provided by the staff and a group of Scouts who can come and work on advancement and participate in camp just as they would with their home troop.
- This program is ideal for Scouts who want to have more than one camp experience this summer or can't attend.
- To register contact Melissa Yarns





# Breakouts

- Main Room with myself and Joe Barton (General questions)
- Camp Royaneh with McKenzie Llano and Jonas Elam
- Camp Wolfeboro with Connor Brock and William Russell
- Wente Scout Reservation with Mike Hannah and Scott Suplick

