

SCOUTING: Recent Past, Present, & Future

Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council
2024 Council Recognition Dinner

2024 RECOGNITION DINNER

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KEY 3 MESSAGE

Welcome to the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Annual Recognition Dinner honoring our class of 2023 Eagle Scouts and Silver Beavers. Tonight, we come together to recognize and celebrate the dedication, determination, and cheerful spirit shared by all of us in Scouting.

Our honorees tonight represent the pinnacle of Scouting. Both awards are earned through a lengthy journey comprised of hard work, selflessness, dedication, leadership, service, and perseverance. Earning the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest achievement a young person can attain through their Scouting journey. Being awarded the Silver Beaver is the highest recognition a Council can bestow on an adult volunteer.

The theme for this evening is Scouting's recent past, present, and future. Our keynote speaker will be Mike Surbaugh, the 13th Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

In 2023, 309 SVMBC Scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to all of you and thank you to all the parents, family members, and volunteers who were part of each of their journeys. No Eagle Scout walks this path alone. Tonight, we also honor six Silver Beaver awardees, nominated by their peers, for their contributions, dedication, commitment, and service to Scouting. You have positively impacted the lives of countless Scouts, and we owe you a sincere debt of gratitude. Thank you.

As we come together tonight to honor these achievements, we thank each of the 4,000+ Scouting volunteers, donors, Board members, and community partners who dedicate their time, expertise, care, and resources to make Scouting possible for nearly 9,000 youth in our Council.

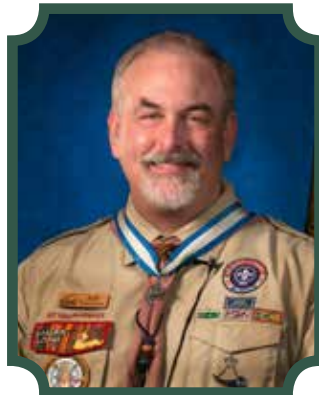
Thank you all for being here tonight. We hope you have a great evening!

Chris McGugan
Council President



Chris McGugan

Jeff Thompson
Council Commissioner



Jeff Thompson

Eric Tarbox
Scout Executive



Eric A. Tarbox

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Tina Urata



Tina Urata is a longtime Scouter with two Eagle Scout sons and a third son, who, as center snare, led Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps to the National Final Championships. She began her Scouting career in Japan in the Far East Council, BSA as a den leader.

Here in SVMBC, Tina served as Cubmaster for Pack 201 and Scoutmaster for Troop 201 and has held numerous Council positions such as the Scout-O-Rama Chair, University of Scouting Chancellor, International Rendezvous Director, and Training Chair, as well as serving on the Board. Tina has been recognized in the BSA National Hall of Leadership and has received the OA Vigil Honor, Silver Beaver, James E. West and other recognitions and awards.

Retired from a career as an Intercultural Trainer, teacher, author and translator, Tina now enjoys playing ukulele and dancing hula around the Bay Area in her copious free time. In Scouting, she recently returned to help her Pack reprising her role as Cubmaster.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michael Surbaugh



Michael B. Surbaugh was the 13th Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), serving from October 1, 2015 – December 29, 2019. He began his professional career in Scouting in 1984 as a District Executive in Jacksonville, FL, and then served as a Senior District Executive and Program Director in Syracuse, NY; Director of Field Services, Director of Development, Field Director and Development Director in Minneapolis, MN; Scout Executive in Sioux Falls, SD; Scout Executive in Appleton, WI; and Scout Executive in Pittsburgh, PA. He then joined the national Council going on to serve as Group Director of HR, Innovation, Exploring and Learning for Life.

Throughout his career, Mike demonstrated a record of success and achievement in fundraising and program development, including innovative programs designed to meet the needs of employees, volunteers and youth. In each assignment, Mike worked to extend Scouting's reach in disadvantaged communities, Native American outreach, and those with Special Needs.

Mike earned his Eagle Scout award in Troop 360 in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania in 1976 and served on the summer camp staff of the Allegheny Trails Council, the predecessor of the Laurel Highlands Council in Pittsburgh, PA. He is a graduate of Salem College in West Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Youth Agency Administration.

During his tenure as Chief Scout Executive, Mike was met with both criticism and praise for his changes in the BSA's admission policies. During his administration, the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America removed the ban against homosexual adult membership, changed the membership application to allow youth to include the gender they identify with instead of requiring the gender on their birth certificate, and began accepting girls into the Cub Scout and Boy Scout (now renamed Scouts BSA) programs.

Mike and his wife Lisa now reside in Florida and are still very active and involved in Scouting in support of the Coral Restoration project at Sea Base. They also spend a great deal of time traveling and being active outdoors.

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The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Proudly Presents
The 2023 Class of Eagle Scouts



Congratulations to the following Scouts!

Gregory Abucejo, Troop 390
Akhil Agarwal, Troop 296
Lakshya Agarwal, Troop 566
Pranit Agrawal, Troop 296
Zayd Ahmad, Troop 399
Daniel Alam, Troop 14
Aaditya Anand, Troop 493
Jacob Anderson, Troop 201
Grayson Ando, Troop 201
Pranav Annapillai, Troop 466
Vachan Arora, Troop 600
Spencer Arrington, Troop 436
Samuel Arthur, Troop 498
Jonathan Bailey, Troop 535
Amrithalakshmi Balaji, Troop 442
Shrinand Bangalore, Troop 264
Sirtaj Bansal, Troop 600
William Berridge, Troop 623
Noosheen Bevalian, Troop 2466
Sindhuja Bokkisam, Troop 492
Andrew Borjigin, Troop 466
Ryan Bosso, Troop 799
Lorien Bower, Crew 479
Isabella Brady, Troop 2566
Casey Brechtel, Troop 212
Gregory Brown, Troop 466
Benjamin Brown, Troop 799
Gideon Brown, Troop 350
Fletcher Brunson, Troop 2
William Bulfin, Troop 633
Samuel Burpee, Troop 2
Nyko Cabigas Anthonio, Troop 264
Matthew Cahill-Mallory, Troop 799
Andrew Cai, Troop 468
Lucas Castro, Troop 212
Ryan Chan, Troop 400
Achyut Chebiyam, Troop 466



Brandon Chen, Troop 408
Matthew Chen, Troop 468
Justin Chen, Troop 468
Howard Chen, Troop 468
Clarence Choy, Troop 566
Patrick Chu, Troop 468
Harshaan Chugh, Troop 164
Shane Cleary, Troop 134
Forrest Crandell, Troop 604
Vinicios Cuellar, Troop 330
Alvin Dang, Troop 818
Ryan Dang, Troop 610
Hana Leah Daron, Troop 406
Rajan Dasu, Troop 611
Kayla Decker, Troop 688
Samuel Della-Maggiore, Troop 340
Gabriel Delos Angeles, Troop 390
Eeshan Desai, Troop 457
Anthony Dinh, Troop 164
Hieu Do, Troop 818
Kay Doan, Troop 2285
Aidan Douppnik, Troop 504
Avishai D'Souza, Troop 48
Nathaniel Duong, Troop 285
Tyler Dwelle, Troop 127
Matthew Ely, Troop 504
Matthew Enright, Troop 599
Andrew Enriquez, Troop 240
Chase Erickson, Troop 2090
Nathaniel Escalada, Troop 14
Nicholas Escalada, Troop 14
Matthew Ford-Wellman, Troop 539
Joseph Fridgen, Troop 264
Justin Gabel, Troop 539
Priyanka Ganguly, Troop 2163
Reuben George, Troop 443
Abem Girmai, Troop 566

Once An Eagle, Always An Eagle!

Liam Glynn, Troop 233
Lucas Goguen, Troop 581
Pasha Golshan, Troop 330
Jack Gray, Troop 539
Jackson Grove, Troop 290
Giovanni Guerra, Troop 330
Oscar Guo, Troop 170
Shakthivel Guruswami, Troop 48
Andrew Haas, Troop 2
William Hand, Troop 127
Daniel Hansen, Troop 340
Ioan Har, Troop 394
Shuchir Harsha, Troop 296
Lorelai Hartman, Troop 2400
Noah Haug, Troop 294
Patrick Hayes, Troop 566
Thomas Hector III, Troop 48
Aminah Hedges, Troop 2394
Mary Hooper, Troop 2002
Gavin Hopkins, Troop 286
Finlay Hughes-Bland, Troop 2
Adarsh Iyyavoo, Troop 443
Saija Jacobson, Troop 618
Winston James, Troop 792
Vedant Janapaty, Troop 294
Vikram Jangid, Troop 48
Justin Jeng, Troop 452
Tom Joseph, Troop 330
Lakshya Kalra, Troop 286
Ryan Kanemoto, Troop 116
Shrutik Kanukuntla, Troop 443
Nicholas Karmirantzios, Troop 466
Phanindra Karnati, Troop 443
Ashish Kashyap, Troop 466
Nithin Katere, Troop 493
Tanish Katkar, Troop 92
Niklas Kinne, Troop 493



Anjali Kiran, Troop 2019
Mohit Kolli, Troop 493
Laasya Kolli, Troop 2390
Warren Korte, Troop 400
Nathan Kotab, Troop 116
Thomas Kouwenhoven, Troop 730
Walter Kucharewski, Troop 233
Varun Kumaravelu, Troop 476
Samarth Kunhody, Troop 264
Gilbert Kwa, Troop 170
Noah Kwasnoski, Troop 43
Alex Lam, Troop 232
Alexandra Latimer, Troop 2260
Truman Lawson, Troop 674
Ryan Le, Troop 170
Brian Le, Troop 719
Austin Le, Troop 294
Anthony Lee, Troop 110
Matthew Lei, Troop 170
Peter Leonard, Troop 479
Kevin Leroy, Troop 539
Ryan Leroy, Troop 539
Edwin Leung, Troop 498
Ethan Li, Troop 234
Justin Lim, Troop 14
Ivan Lin, Troop 453
Meredith Lin, Troop 2485
Daniel Lin, Troop 606
Ivan Lin, Troop 452
Lori Liu, Troop 2400
Amadeus Liu, Troop 452
Ronald Liu, Troop 290
Kevin Liu, Troop 330
Moulik Lohmor, Troop 443
Hongyu Ma, Troop 498
Sadie Maher, Troop 673
Michael Mailhot, Troop 539

Julian Malin, Troop 340
Bryce Mankovsky, Troop 792
Danny Martin, Troop 14
Kyle Martins, Troop 287
Michael Maszy, Troop 581
Ellen Maszy, Troop 582
Shreya Math, Troop 492
Glen Maughan, Troop 127
Joshua McDonald, Troop 325
Ryan McElroy, Troop 286
Aidan McFarlane, Troop 60
Ethan McKee, Troop 623
Connor McNally, Troop 508
Zachary Mechlin, Troop 394
Ozair Mehmood, Troop 399
Derek Michael, Troop 93
Sandra Moffat, Troop 582
Thomas More, Troop 93
Jake Morgan, Troop 730
Nicholas Morris, Troop 394
Aadhil Mubarak Syed, Troop 499
Daniel Muller, Troop 163
Kartik Muralimohan Pulipati, Troop 493
Sagnik Nag Chowdhury, Troop 494
Adithya Nair, Troop 286
Kenneth Namba, Troop 325
Varun Narayanan, Troop 493
Eric Ngo, Troop 127
Lance Nguyen, Troop 466
Michaelminh Nguyen, Troop 230
Kaden Nguyen, Troop 230
Nhi Nguyen, Troop 2285
Andrew Nguyen, Troop 288
Justin Nguyen, Troop 817
Ashton Nguyen, Troop 745
Brendan Nguyen, Troop 817
Jazlyn Nguyen, Troop 2745
Eric Nordmo, Troop 2
Eric Norris, Troop 508
Joshua Ong, Troop 436
Gabriel Orange, Troop 604
Sofia Orosa, Troop 2394
Dominic Osorio, Troop 604



Gael Padilla, Troop 13
Abhiram Paidakula, Troop 494
Andrew Park, Troop 290
Akshar Parmar, Troop 340
Aahan Patel, Troop 296
Rohan Patel, Troop 566
Mandar Patil, Troop 493
James Peal, Troop 286
Rishab Perati, Troop 494
Liam Peterson, Troop 170
Mythos Pham, Troop 719
Stanley Pham, Troop 230
Benjamin Pham, Troop 251
Brandon Pham, Troop 745
Nathan Poggemeyer, Troop 60
Suparn Posina, Troop 14
Saish Pottabathula, Troop 493
Chase Potter, Troop 535
Andrew Prescott, Troop 127
Upasana Puranik, Troop 582
Angela Qian, Troop 555
Ayman Rabia, Troop 399
Rajeev Raghuram, Troop 466
Esha Rai, Troop 582
Pranav Rajan, Troop 508
Akshay Ramanathan, Troop 296
Shreyas Ramaswamy, Troop 290
Josiah Rangel, Troop 287
Rithvik Rao, Troop 457
Adhvaith Ravi, Troop 404
Arhan Ravi, Troop 457
Rahul Ravindranath, Troop 457
Ayden Reed, Troop 792
Samay Rele, Troop 457
Owen Rokes, Troop 339
Winston Rong, Troop 296
Carlos Rosa, Troop 170
James Rose, Troop 609
Brianna Row, Troop 2019
Noah Rowe, Troop 609
Arnav Saharan, Troop 443
Nihal Sahul Hameed, Troop 264
Sarbesh Sankar, Troop 390

Saanvi Sao, Troop 2019
Ronak Saraiya, Troop 14
Chatanya Sarin, Troop 407
Akash Satya, Troop 498
Thomas Scharrenberg, Troop 577
Aerin Schmall, Troop 730
Ian Schroeder, Troop 90
Steven Schroeder, Troop 390
Rayan Sengupta, Troop 294
Ravi Sevalia, Troop 566
Kayan Shah, Troop 290
Ved Shah, Troop 400
Nimay Shankar, Troop 566
Brian Shawver, Troop 599
Austin Shawver, Troop 599
Nolan Shieh, Troop 294
Nirmal Shiju, Troop 476
Andrew Solberg, Troop 604
Yash Srivastava, Troop 479
Aditya Srivastava, Troop 286
Logan Stratton, Troop 792
Jeffrey Su, Troop 498
Bilal Syed, Troop 399
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Alec Szeto, Troop 170
Aidan Taber, Troop 539
Samantha Tang, Troop 2400
Nathan James Tanlimco, Troop 466
Hailey Tavares, Troop 2233
Caitlyn Taylor, Troop 673
Dylan Theocheung, Troop 251
Logan Thornton, Troop 436
Vijay Tirumalai, Troop 163
Karan Tolani, Troop 566
Elijah Tomasini, Troop 504
Brandon Tran, Troop 262
Edward Tran, Troop 285
Alexander Truong, Troop 230
Darren Tsai, Troop 606
Parth Upadhyay, Troop 494
Michael Valenti, Troop 340
Jeremy Van Ham, Troop 212
Rajesh Veera, Troop 163

Pranesh Velmurugan, Troop 476
Diego Villalpando, Troop 455
Ashwath Vimal, Troop 251
Rohan Vittal, Troop 476
Karen Vo, Troop 2818
Brian Vu, Troop 745
Suchir Vyasamudri, Troop 407
Matt Wallace, Troop 233
Ava Walters, Troop 2019
Kevin Wang, Troop 498
Justin Wang, Troop 43
Angelina Wang, Troop 2468
Fauzaan Waqas, Troop 499
Afnaan Waqas, Troop 499
Caitlin Weber, Troop 582
Serena Wei, Troop 2468
Dylan Wheeler, Troop 101
Danielle Wirnowski, Troop 582
Zander Wolf, Troop 127
Keaton Wong, Troop 262
Cyrus Wong, Troop 400
Sterling Woodson, Troop 60
Sophia Wu, Troop 2468
Amanda Wu, Troop 2468
Jeremy Xiang, Troop 606
Kenneth Xu, Troop 164
William Xu, Troop 170
Ryan Yacono, Troop 799
Eric Yang, Troop 466
William Young, Troop 286
Justin Yu, Troop 457
Samuel Zahrt, Troop 730
Aarush Zarabi, Troop 290



EAGLES IN ACTION



Andrew P. - Troop 290 Quicksilver
Mystery Box for Alum Rock Park
Visitor Center



Ava W. - Troop 2019 Coyote Creek
Shower Kits for HomeFirst



Sarbesh S. - Troop 390 Pioneer
Library Book Carts for
Cupertino High School



Brianna R. - Troop 2019 Coyote Creek
Cat Trees & Blankets for Town Cats



Elijah T. - Troop 504 Loma Prieta
Revitalization of Aromas
Dog Park Entrance



Gregory A. - Troop 390 Pioneer
Picnic Tables for History
San Jose



Grayson A. - Troop 201 Coyote Creek
Bocce Ball Court for Yu-Ai Kai Senior
Center



Meredith L. - Troop 2485 Polaris
River of Life Food Pantry
Mural Painting



Ethan M. - Troop 623 Loma Prieta
Horseshoe Pits for San Lorenzo Valley Museum



Ian S. - Troop 90
Fog Catcher for PGHS Community Garden



Isabella B. - Troop 2566 Polaris
Blankets for 88 Children at Project Linus



Shay P. - Troop 294
Quicksilver
Goat Feeders for Animal Assisted Happiness



Shuchir H. - Troop 296 Coyote Creek
Bench for Vaidica Vidhya Ganapathi Center



Liam P. - Troop 170
Coyote Creek
Reid-Hillview Airport Sign



Nathan P. - Troop 60
Santa Lucia
Dog Park at Toro Park



Lakshya A. - Troop 566 Polaris
Menlo Church Fence Building



Osborn W. - Troop 170 Coyote Creek
Picnic Tables for San Martin Airport



Varun N. - Troop 493
Polaris
Solar Pathway Lights for St. Luke Lutheran Church



Nirmal S. - Troop 476 Polaris
Food Bank Shed



Kai M. - Troop 340 Pioneer
UC Davis, Agriculture & Natural Resources Kiosk

2024 Silver Beaver Award Recipients

Karen Dyck



Lovingly referred to as the "Loma Prieta District Mom". I got involved with Scouting in 2008 when my son, after bridging over from Cub Scouts, became part of Aptos Scout Troop 609. Shortly thereafter Advancement Chair position for the Troop became available, and I thought, huh, I can do that...and the rest is history. In 2019, I became District Advancement Chair. Advancement is my passion in Scouting. I love working with Scouts, from Merit Badges, to advancement questions, to Eagle Project Approvals to Eagle Boards of Review, and everything in between. In 2022 I helped to start Troop 2609 and currently serve as their Committee Chair. In addition, I also serve as a Unit Commissioner and the Co-Chair of the Skillicorn BBQ Friends of Scouting Fundraiser. In 2020, during the that time of COVID, I was making a presentation to the other couple in Loma Prieta (Geoff and Cathy Hamilton) when Betsey Crandall, Jim von Schmach, and Steve Solberg surprised me at Oscar Mayer Weiner Mobile. This was a very memorable day for me. For this year's Silver Beaver, I was notified by Jon Day, Michael Maher, Carmen Fuller and Hal Hendrickson. I have loved every minute of Scouting. I have met incredible people, both youth and adults and feel very blessed to share this journey with them. My husband Ron and I just celebrated 35 years of marriage and have 3 wonderful children and 2 bonus daughters (Timothy (Nicole), Jeffrey (Natalie) and Emily).

Ray Dyck



Ray's scouting journey began as a youth in the General Herkimer Council of upstate New York. A knock on a neighbor's door around 2004 started Ray's adult scouter career as an Assistant Den Leader. From there he progressed through Den Leader, pinewood derby chair, district pinewood derby chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, District Commissioner, and a member of the technology, shooting sports, and various other committees throughout his tenure. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and conservatively has over 300 nights of camping as an adult scouter. Ray has received the Scouter of the Year award from his unit and has been honored with the District Award of Merit. Both his sons have achieved the rank of Eagle, his daughter achieved the Venturing Ranger Award, and His wife, Laura, currently serves as the SVMBC Council Advancement Chair. During his many summers and family camps at Camp Pico Blanco, Ray participated in a variety of camp conservation projects, served as a range master, and was honored to be inducted as a Pico Pioneer. During the 2016 Soberanes wildfire, he assisted the council in the evacuation of staff and guests from Camp Pico Blanco. Ray is an avid amateur radio hobbyist that fostered the adoption of amateur radio in his troop program leading to over 20 youth and adults obtaining their amateur radio license. He constructed portable radio kits currently used for events such as Scout-o-Rama, Cub Scout Day camps, Camp-o-Ree, and has assisted with camp network and communications infrastructure at council camps. He also uses these communications skills as a volunteer for several Bay Area events, such as Sea Otter Classic, and Morgan Hill Independence Day, and serves the City of Morgan Hill as an Assistant Emergency Communications Coordinator.

Samn Gilbert



Samn Gilbert's journey with Scouting began in 2009 when her son joined Cub Scouts. A year later, a Cub Camp director learned that Samn had a First Aid certification, and within 24 hours Samn was the Health Clerk at a Cub Camp! Next, she was a Webelos Den Leader. Then her passion led her to volunteer at multiple levels. Even now she volunteers her time to multiple packs, multiple troops, and at the District and Council levels. In addition to being the Scoutmaster of Troop 342 for over 6 years, Samn's dedication extends to many other roles. She also serves as the Charter Organization Representative for multiple units, a District committee member, a member of the Council and District training committees, and a member of the Scout-O-Rama planning committee. Girls in Scouting? Heck yeah! Samn is helping multiple new female troops get started. Samn's biggest passions include STEM, cooking, and shooting sports. Her degree is in metallurgical engineering and she's a certified rangemaster/instructor. She still champions the BSA Nova and SuperNova awards by counseling/mentoring Scouts through the awards and by training adults to help scouts earn the awards. Samn is a familiar face at Merit Badge Midways, Cub Scout Camps, Friends of Scouting presentations, NYLT camps, and shooting sports events. Under her guidance, many Scouts earn the cooking merit badge and the Cub Scout awards for Archery and Slingshots. Her personal goal is that no Troop should subsist on burgers, spaghetti, and instant oatmeal. Beyond Scouting, Samn chairs the Trustees for a local church and volunteers for a Maker Space Club at a middle school. Despite her busy schedule, she finds joy in cooking, camping, hiking, scuba diving, and indoor skydiving. Her secret to managing numerous responsibilities? "Nap whenever you can get away with it!"

Geoff Hamilton



A carpenter for over 30 years, Victor Geoffrey Hamilton, known to all as Geoff (aka the Stash), has been honored this year as a Great Legend at Camp Hi Sierra, in the Order of the Arrow as a Vigil, and this Silver Beaver Award. As a child, he joined Cub Scouts at the age of 10 in Fort Belvore, Virginia and particularly enjoyed working as a camp counselor at Camp Lone Oak in Florida as a Scout. Geoff is a Life Scout, which means Geoff is a Scout for life. In every job he steps up to do, at work, in play, in time of need, or volunteering such as a Cub Scout Camp Director, an Indoor-Outdoor Leadership Skills Trainer, a Chapter Advisor for Sit-Caw-Yu in the Order of the Arrow; he brings honest passion, solid reasoning, natural talent, never misses a teachable moment, and brings a lot of enjoyable humor. He did a little Stand-Up Comedy when his son Lincoln was two-years-old, attending open mic nights in San Francisco. There is something spectacular about Geoff; the way he teaches, the way he works and the way he leads. He instantly captures the attention of those he's teaching as well as everyone else around. Geoff stepped back into Scouting as an adult in 2015 with his 12-year-old son Dylan and his six-year-old son Lincoln. For four years he was the Troop's Assistant Scoutmaster as well as the Pack's

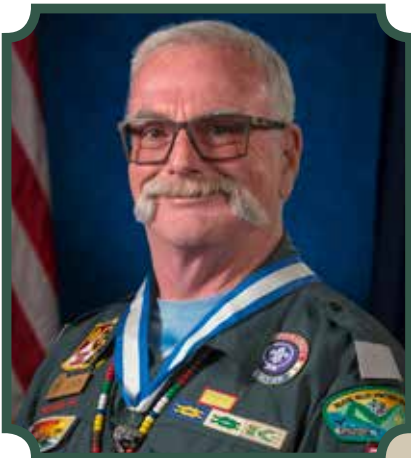
Cub Master and took over as Scoutmaster after Lincoln crossed-over from Cub Scouts. Beginning in 2022, Geoff and his family look forward to their quarterly trips to Homestead, Florida enjoying his childhood stomping grounds; the Keys, the Everglades, and South Beach, Miami. Geoff is always delighted when he runs into past Scouts and is especially moved by those who were a part of his Troop even if that was for only a short time. They all share how positive Scouting was for them in that period of their life and how much fun they had doing it. He religiously replies to each of them with a proud grin, "Once a Scout, Always a Scout!"

John Lin



John started his Scouting journey with a simple idea - to grow up with his son. He became the Scoutmaster of his home Troop 468, went on outings, camping trips, summer camps, and a 12 day Philmont High Adventure with his son. His idea of growing up with his son concluded 8 years ago but his Scouting journey continues on. He took on the Committee Chair role in Crew 468 and completed his Wood Badge training in 2012, staffing Wood Badge courses in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2023. Inspired by all his fellow Scouters and experiences with the youth and their parents, he took on the challenge and stepped up to become the President of CASA (Chinese American Scouting Association), a Charter Organization with 17 Scouting units under Polaris District, following its mission to promote the Scouting program in Chinese communities. After four years of being CASA President, he is going to hand over the baton to a fresh face. Working with Scouts will always be his passion and seeing them grow up with the Scouting spirit is his greatest reward. So moving forward, he will take the next step in his journey by taking the Scoutmaster role in Troop 2468. As the Wood badge song said, "... I'm growing old and feeble, And I can Bear no more, So I'm going to work my Ticket if I can.."

John Stephenson



John started his scouting career in 1967 as a Cub scout in Pack 309 and Scout in Troops 339 and 375. He continued as a Scouter for 45 years, as Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 375 and Webelos Leader in Pack 375, He also served as Associate Advisor for Posts 151, 835 and 836. Committee Member Crew 55, Mate for Sea Scout Ship 2017 and District Advancement Chairman of Pioneer District. He was destined at an early age to serve on the Council Shooting Sports committee and Shooting Sports director at Camp Hi-Sierra. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for the 1977 National Jamboree council contingent. He has attended Wood Badge, National Camping School, and has been on staff for numerous training courses and Council events including TLD, Bristlecone, Pow Wow, Council, district Camp-o-rees, Scout O Rama and Sporting Clays for several years. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, A Great Legend and 50-year Golden Camper at Camp Hi-Sierra and holds Scouter Training Award, Scouters Key and Den Leaders Training award. He has served on Camp Stuart and Hi-Sierra staffs as Foxfire, Aquatics, Commissioner and Shooting Sports Director. John introduced the extremely popular Cowboy Action shooting to Camp Hi-Sierra and constructed the set for the range and instituted

Motherlode Shootout and Sea Scout shooting events. In other community service he has been active at Christ the Good Shepard Lutheran Church and served as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Campbell. John is Married to Joanne Stephenson who he met at Camp Hi-Sierra in 1986 and proposed at the Rifle range where she promptly said no, but married him in 1988. They have three children Jared, Alyson, and Emily. Emily has also served on Hi-Sierra staff and Joanne serves as the Nurse at Camp.

Past Silver Beaver Award Recipients

2023

Karen Dyck
Ray Dzek
Samn Gilbert
Geoff Hamilton
John Lin
John Stephenson

2022

Paul Brannon
Cathy Hamilton
David Lo
Michael Maher
Chris McGugan
Ruth Pal-Freeman
Stan Searing

2021

Michael Catelani
Patricia Cuadros
Matthew Fleming
Michael Gabler
Todd Hauschildt
William (Bill) Jennings
Darby Marshall

2020

Christine Conover-Hill
Jon Day
Sally Erickson
Linda Grier
Stephen Henkenmeier
Robert Lupfer, Jr.
Hassnain Malik

2019

Eve Brasfield
Fred Conley
John Craig
Jeff Cushman
Dave Holt
Daniel Knappenberger
Jeff Thompson
Mel Tolentino

2018

Betsey Crandall
Rick Dexter
Mark Fisher
Jack Howe III
Daniel Krent
Cynthia McCollister
Brent Nicolai
Joanne Stephenson

2017

Andrew De Gregorio
David Hertzberg
Wayne Ho
John Huynh
Alan Jepsen
Ian Campbell MacInnes, Jr.

Eric Shank
Deborah Ward

2016

Jon Ball
Phil DeCocco
Deborah Falconio-Porras
Gabrielle Garrett
Steven Goldammer
William Kiff
Anna Narie Kirkham
Giang (Vince) Nguyen
John Truitt
Dawna Wolfson

2015

Dave Adamski
Peter Chiu
Greg Kirkham
Thai Luu
Neal Osborn
Steve Ricossa
Dan Rusanowsky
Todd Trekell
Ann Ventura

2014

Peter Baird
Trisha Bergthold
Michael Davis
Dung Huynh
Paul Kershing
Cathryn Larson
Charlie Miller
Don Pannell
Teresa Powell
Vince Ventura

2013

Fred Bismonte
John Corrigan
Rebecca Feng
Doug Gips
Maria Guerra
Alma Guimarin
Doug Hales
Eric Hudson
Debbie Jancis
Nicholas Matulich
Mark Montrose
Susan Von Schmacht
David Wahl

2012

Woody Barrett
Harold Chase
Michael Djubasak
Wendy Glasser
Jill Landucci
Terry Lanier
Dan Matthews
Izzy Morrish

Jorge Porras
Leonard (Al) Schader
Luis Vargas

2011

Dr. Michael Cahn
Kevin Cole
John Cumming
Rob Davis
Fred Fischer
Wayne Jones
Edward Kelleher, Jr.
Bill Landucci
Bruce Lee
Peter Lemon
Kathi Lucas
Jon Michaelson
Brandon Milligan
Deborah Olsen

2010

James Blank
Jim Bowles
Robert Constant
Hal Hendrickson
Steve Kahermanes
Lynn Liebschutz
Larry Litchford
John Lucas
Mike Malone
Robert Mills
Andy Ratermann
Pete Scudder

2009

Don Chapin
Stanley Crane
Edward Fischer
Pauli Hsueh
Bryan Kramer
Mark Lazzarini
Shannon McCann
Michael Olsen
Neal Owens
Maria Papurello
Derek Riehl
Michael Soto
Edward Stephenson
Robert Wedig
David Willoughby

2008

Stephen Earley
Kyna Hendra
Paul D. Hill
David Low
Ed Maisen
Barbara Rogers
Steve Rossetta
Mark Surber
Bobby Toda
Roy Tsai

Charles W. (Chuck) Walton
Art Williams
John Wrobel
Bob Zeroun

2007

Leslee Bell
Rene Briones
Jay Isaacson
Jack Kent
Tuan Le
Jim Loweecey
Karen Vahamaki
Diane Varrelmann
James von Schmacht
Art Wong
Wesley Wong
Joe Yetter

2006

David Ashby
Michael Berry
Greg Buchanan
Peter Enright
Renee Forrest
Gary Hendra
John Phillips
Ray Rodriguez
Bob Varrelmann

2005

Shirley Brush
Don Burt
William E. Colli, Jr.
John Fisher
Pam Jenkinson
Ernest Mill
Timothy J. Morgan
Dick Noack
Ann Resch
Kiet Tran
Flora Tzeng
Charley Wilson

2004

Roy Avondet
R. Tim Day
Don Hagerty
Denise Hearnberger
David Nikssarian
Jill Okamura
Adolph Quilici
Charlie Schenck
Charlie Schramm
Long Tran
Tina Urata
Robert Woolery DDS

2003

Mike Berryhill
James Dassel
Debbie Gary

Cindy Hunter
Tod Johnson
Gail McCauley
Garry McLeary
Marcia Morrow
Scott Morse
Floyd H. Okada
Stephen Peltz
Harry Robins, Jr.
Kerry Varney

2002

Ed Chang
Doug Erickson
Carmen Fuller
Chuck Guthery
David Laredo
Kenneth Leja
Yo-wei Liu
Emile A. Mestressat, III
Craig Parker
Ken Rodgers
Than Tran

2001

James Bosso
Mark Bushman
Patricia Clark-Gray
Bill Flood
Jim Fuller
Nora Jue
Hoi Leung
Kevin Pung
Thomas Ruth
Ken Schott
Sakiko Wehrman
Norcliff Wiley

2000

Bob Bimbi
B. Scott Caldwell
David Cook
Doyle Grimmett
Bruce Hearnberger
Ted Horton
Armon Mills
Michelle Myers
David Rigmaiden
Ron Salwasser
Les Schreiber
Alan White

1999

Craig Basset
Carol Brugge
Thomas Green
Hugh Hodges
Tom Lackovic
Henry Leinen
David Okamura
John Pascoe
Jamie Rogers
John Starkweather
Vuong Tran
Harry Wiggins

1998

Eugene Blakeslee
Wayne Cunningham
Chuck Ertell
Patricia Friedrich
Carol Hellie
Douglas C. Lee
Grant McCauley
Thomas Pelino
Rick Shelton
Patrick Wilson

1997

David T. Allen, Sr.
Dolores Bergen
Ken Bower
Lawrence Cooke
Kathy Denise
Jeffrey A. Doane
Alfred Friedrich
Kay Lovell
D. Lynn Melville
David M. Stone
Lawrence Turley
David H. Watts

1996

David Affleck
Richard Brenner
Eddie Dinsmore
David Green
Donn Love
Pam Martin
Leland Osburn
Maxine Robson
Arlene Rodgers
Richard Schwind
Angela Shelton

1995

William S. Beeman
George Denise
Kelly Grant
Allan Grier
Russ Jones
Michael Milligan
Jamie Moreland
Ed Mortensen
Ray Trebbien
Frank Young

1994

Kamal Amer
Robert W. Benge, Jr.
Stephen Cardinali
Cloyd Chamberlain
Willis S. Clayton III
Bob DeMattei
Pete Goodell
Rena Johnson
M. Dean Klingler
Rick Silveria
Dan Smith
James Soares
Ronald W. Wood

1993

Linda Allen
Kathy Diaz
Floyd Dunbar
Robert Evans, Jr.
Kathleen Jordan
Teri Moser
Kevin Reeve
Jose Salame
Michael Shane, DDS
Raimo Vahamaki
Paul Wesling

1992

Walter Cacace
Maria Ceja
Mary Damm
Jim Holt
Stanley Kawamata
John D. Laughton
Ronald Masuda
Mario Ramirez
Lanny Ross
Joyce Summers
Ann Tavan

1991

Robert Calvin
John Czerniec
Pat Dawson
Frank Diaz
Charles Fetter
Greg Finley
Larry Grace
Silas Jue
Ferne Mammen
Lee White
William White

1990

James Adams
Star Baker
Charles E. Bancroft
Mary Clarke
Carl Cookson
Charles Erickson
Hilburne G. Fuls
Victor Jensen
John McCarthy
Max Howarth Parker
Max Pedersen
Bruce Raby
Joseph Rodgers
Dietrich Von Dohlen

1989

Goldia N. Barclay
Aldo Bonincontri
Jerry A. Corbett
Lynn Covington
Howard Davis
Jerome L. Dvorak
Arnold Fontes
Raymond Jue
Hung Le

Stanley Matsuo
John E. Partanen
Charles J. (Chuck) Schmidt
Carleton K. Stalions
Lawrence Summers

1988

Theodore Brown
Oscar G. Garcia
Ida Hale
Robert Kraemer
Robert Lacey
James Lyon
James McDonough
Sam Messina
Ken Myers
John L. Ritchey III
Lanna Von Dohlen
Ronald W. Williams

1987

Peter Anderson
Cynthia Benge
Chuck Carlstrom
Robert E. Coffin
Ronald Jungels
Chuck Kocher
Thomas Lackovic
John B. Lochner
Lynn Sheldon
Ray Silva
Ernie F. Smith
Diane Stalions

1986

Rev. Wayne Adams
Gary Citti
Glenna V. Corsen
Brent Dickson
Gale Ross Gordon
Wayne P. Keyes
John Kistingier
Hans Krieger
Richard LaValley
Donald Mammen
Gerald Marks
Grace Matthews
Gary Swager
Douglas A. Velberg
Bobby Yount

1985

Shirley Adams
William Adams
Enide Allison
Randy Christensen
E. Reese Davis
Suzanne Dewar
Fr. John Geary
Fr. Joseph Geary
Robert Humphreys
Gen. Robert E. Huyser
Helen Keyes
James Ross

1984

Frank Cunningham
 Jim Egbert
 Roger Emanuel
 Robert W. Gross
 George Imokawa
 Janette Lawson
 James Lyman
 Richard McGhee
 Glen McLaughlin
 James Ross
 Donald Simpson
 Robert Webber
 William L. Wegner
 Donna Wood

1983

Cyrus Fitton
 Glenn A. George
 Charles Ingebritsen
 Darrell D. Jensen
 Dr. Harold H. Klepfer
 William J. Larson
 Leo Lehar
 Linda Newman
 Cheryl Sanchez
 Howard C. Shaffer
 William H. Winter

1982

Glenn Cantrell
 Norman Ehmann
 Ken Henry
 Robert Hoggan
 Ed Kent
 Donald C. Loucks
 John Newman
 Jan W. Passmore
 James Radich
 Thomas P. Reilley
 Harry Singh
 Lee Swan

1981

James D. Brent
 Nessie E. Chesebrough
 Paul Chesebrough
 Elvera Chronert
 Merrill F. Cook
 Rod Diridon
 Raymond J. Ewan
 Glen E. Fitzsimmons
 Dorothy Gatjen
 Sharon Getz
 Edward H. Goodard
 Willis C. Hannah
 Raymond Hansen
 Margaret King
 Thomas Koontz
 Margaret Limberatos
 Noboru Masuoka
 John H. Mortensen
 Winifred Stuart
 Thomas Whitehouse
 Thomas Zeitvogel

1980

Leroy T. Adams
 Robert Bouchard
 Angelo Canepa
 Elizabeth M. Crane
 Jack M. Currie
 Raymond R. Doying
 Ian H. Graham
 Judy A. Griffin
 J. Richard House
 B.W. Hughes
 Verle M. Shank
 Albert B. Smith
 Elsie Thomas

1979

Wilma Ruth Adams
 Robert S. Anderson
 Sam E. Case
 James O. Daulton
 Dennis L. Hatch
 Joseph A. Hendrix
 Donald R. Lundell
 Mary O'Neill
 Carmen Pulido
 Charles Rickard
 Loretta C. 'Nikki' Shank
 Walter J. Stephenson, Jr.
 Dan L. Stuart
 Charles J. Swanner
 Dale A. Thomas
 May Tindall
 Leonard Williams

1978

Michael J. Brady
 Earl S. Burke
 Dr. Jeffrey S. Crane, Sr.
 John P. De Heras, D.C.
 Donald Eugene Denk
 John A. Enslin
 Jean Goodman
 Jean F. Haff
 Laurine J. Jenkinson
 C. Marvin Jensen
 Kendon R. Jensen, Jr.
 Patty M. Martin
 Carolyn Minker
 John Minker
 Willard R. Ray
 Thomas F. Robinson
 Frederick Duane Southard
 Kay Ward

1977

Michael Antonacci
 Marilyn Hardy Berry
 Burton A. Corsen
 Jerry L. Crosby, Sr.
 James L. Devine
 C.R. Gordon
 Willis Gowin
 Lyman B. Hitch
 Ronald D. Irvin
 George H. Martin

Ariel C. Merrill
 Dale L. Pratt
 Robert C. Quincy
 Knowlton Shore
 Thomas A. Smith
 Richard E. Trevisan
 James R. Wall
 Paul Ward
 George C. Wise

1976

Mildred M. Alley
 Ray L. Byrne
 Kenneth N. Curzon
 Richard DuBrau
 Malcom R. Gaddis
 Ralph W. Gray, Sr.
 Arthur S. Green
 Charles T. Grim
 Larry J. Herpel
 Nick M. Milichevich
 Dr. S.V. Quartararo
 Herb Quick
 Robert M. Reynolds
 James P. Staehs
 R. Maurice Tripp
 Ronald H. Workman

1975

John Alden
 David Leroy Badal
 Harold L. Beatty
 John Berney
 Dick H. Berry
 Andrew J. Bonfield
 Richard J. DeVilbliss
 Ralph Ellington
 Ronald Fitzgerald
 Richard Haff
 Alice Helberg
 Robert Herring
 Loyce L. Holt
 Jacob Hoover, Jr.
 John Hopson
 Jerry Millon
 Robert O'Harver
 Donald Ostergard
 W. William Ritt, Jr.
 Loren E. Sheldon
 Allan Warner
 Thomas Wason
 Henry J. Ten Zeldam

1974

Jack Brittain
 Frank Filer
 John Foster
 Winnifred Gilbert
 Robert Holt
 Joseph A. Jackson
 Max Jenkins
 Jane Reed
 Joan G. Reynolds
 Imogen Skee
 Dr. Lloyd Smith, Jr.

Rudy Tokiwa
 Mike Troiano
 Ann Warfield
 Charles Watkins

1973

C. Donald Allen, Jr.
 William L. Beck
 Pamela Boutelle
 Dr. Joseph Brown
 Thomas Cardona
 Frank Catalano
 Dr. Joseph Evers
 Willard Gieseke
 Bill T. Hirano
 George Kuska
 Robert Moger

1972

James Anderson
 Eileen Brutsche
 Carol Favorite
 Dale Follas
 Gerald Galloway
 Jack Goodman
 Richard Harline
 F. Daniel Hayes
 Elaine Ho
 Ken Fon Ho
 John C. Howay
 Helen Hurt
 Louis C. Lang
 Terrie Masamori
 John McCloud
 Charles N. Munger, Jr.
 Vi Schneider
 Ralph Storti
 Judson T. Stull
 Robert Wilson
 Gertrude Wright
 Tami T. Yagi

1971

Earle Boutelle
 Harry Buchalter
 Walter D. Chronert
 John Collins
 Bob Ellington
 Gene Ellsworth
 A.M. Ernat
 Richard Fellows
 Richard Hurt
 Louis C. Lang
 Jessie McNeil
 Jack Pearce
 Jules Schneider

1969/1970

William J. Adams, Jr.
 Roy Anderson
 John D. Crummey
 Dr. James Fassett
 Harry Gai
 Stephen H. Goodman
 Ted Hall

Forrest Handley
Albert Herschback
Samuel Jenkinson, Jr.
August Johnson
Stanley Lawson
Fred Logan
Adm. Robert McNitt
Joseph A. Rose
Donald Shaw
William Tefertiller

1968

Lewis Brown
Joe English
John Espinoza
Floyd Hobbs
Roy Hurtig
Charles Orr
Verle Shank
Matthew Sheedy
E.J. Warne
Gavin Work

1967

Lyman O. Ash
Edward R. Gunion
John Ittner
K. Allan Mahugh
O. N. Molmen
Robert B. Morris, Jr.
Edward Pearce
Charles Pitts
J. Winter Smith
Elwood Wilson

1966

Howard Bethel
Fulvio Brazzio
Shirl Burton
A.D. Coffman
Milton Harrell
Max Nigl
R.N. Stark
Wayne Wright

1965

Dr. Arthur Benoit
Wayne Blevins
Byron Favorite
Bev Freeman
Severance Hauck
Frank Masamori
Ed. N. Stalling

1964

E. Jerry Collins
John Doyle
Donald Hines
Dale Hirt
William King, Jr.
Robert Richardson
James P. Sturrock
George Toole, Jr.
Terry Worden

1963

Dr. Frank S. Bernard
Walter Cooley
Allen Gerblick
J. Edwin Gwynn
George Hammond
O.N. Hansen
Greg MacGregor
Paul F. Sujan

1962

James Buell
Edgar Jackson
Archie McKellar
Wilmot J. Nicholson
Gilbert Perry
Hugh Philips
Joseph St. Clair

1961

Earle Bernier
Jack Hayes
Harry B. Hunter
Robert McConnell
Carlos C. Ogden
Loren Smith
R. R. Stuart
J. Eric Thorsen
Tiz Urbani

1960

Bela Banathy
Fred Byle
Dr. John E. Cox
Rev. F. J. Franchi
William J. Fuller
Paul Holbrook
Daniel Kohn
William Sutcliffe

1959

Victor Chernoff
John Martin
Harold Sparry
Walter Velasco
Austin D. Warburton

1958

Russell G. Hoxsie
Dr. O.S. Hubbard
Leon Maus
Alden Moody
Hardy Tsuda

1957

Robert Bowman
Jack Harvey
Roger Little
Dr. Vinton S. Matthews
Charles Mitchell
Charles Tipper

1956

Charles Binns
Alvin Marcheski

William S. Powell
Herbert Powers
Kenneth Robison
Dennis Tedford

1955

Dr. H.G. Anderson
Sen. Clark L. Bradley
Col. John Cook
Lyndon Farwell
Ree C. Grim
Laurence Hill
O. William Irwin
August Ricard
Edward M. Seifert, Jr.

1954

Karl von Christierson
James D. Foster
Henry Henrichsen
Wayne Matthews
Ralph Sproull
Lewis Terven, Jr.

1953

Donald Bruce
Jim Hitchcock
John Morrill

1952

Robert F. Benson
Stanley B. Ellis
Don K. Fyfe
F. Austin Hayes
Morris F. Kaplan
Jules Stephens

1951

Frank Bartletti
Guy J. Pedroni

1950

Fred Hilton
Walter Tavernetti

1949

Darrel Cardiff
Don Gilchrist

1948

H. H. Hallin
Albert Lester
Fran B. Petersen
Richard G. Wells

1947

Sewall S. Brown
P.S. George
Hon. William F. James
Jack Mann
Forrest Owens

1946

John Grau

1945

Fred Floodberg
Dr. Clinton Gurnee
B.F. Petersen

1944

Harvey Edmund
Milton P. Ryder
William Tetrick

1943

Russell R. Crane, D.D.S.
F.E. Dayton
Hon. Marshall S. Hall
C.F. Hollinger

1942

R.E. Burton
Deloss Wilder

1941

Fred Walti

1940

Earnest A. Abbott, D.D.S.
T.B. Hawkins
Claude Smith

1939

Anthony Amori
Edward Simpson
Marcus J. Vertin

1938

Frank Grantham

1937

Irvin C. Cople
R.J. Jungermann
Dr. Dorsey A. Lyon
George Taylor

1936

Sheldon Gilmer

1935

John O. Hansen
John E. McDowell
Harris Rowe

1934

Andrew M. Mortensen
Dr. H.G. Watters

Silver Awards

Of the hundreds of awards that are presented each year by the BSA to those at the national, regional, council, and local district levels, the Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver, and District Award of Merit are the most prestigious. Although the criteria are different for each of these awards, there is one common thread: the recognitions are granted by one's own peers in Scouting for distinguished service to youth. While other BSA awards are granted to those who have completed a prescribed course of study or have participated in special training sessions, these recognitions honor Scouters of exceptional character who have gone above and beyond.

The Silver Buffalo Award

Established in 1925, this award is presented for distinguished service to youth on the national level.

Past Silver Buffalo Recipients

Glen McLaughlin • Fred C. Mills • Lester Steig, Ph.D.

The Silver Antelope Award

Established in 1942, this award is presented for distinguished service to youth within the region.

Past Silver Antelope Recipients

Frank S. Bernard, Ph.D. • Richard Bolster* • Kenneth Bower • Rich Brenner • Earl Burke, Jr. • Burt Corsen • Dr. John E. "Jack" Cox • Chuck Erickson • Marshall S. Hall • Karen McDonald • Glen McLaughlin • Charles Menzies* • Wilmot "Bill" Nicholson • Elwood Wilson*

**Received under Monterey Bay Area Council*

The Silver Beaver Award

Established in 1931, this award is presented for distinguished service to youth within a BSA Council.

Congratulations to our 2023 Silver Beaver Recipients!

Karen Dyck • Ray Dzek • Samn Gilbert • Geoff Hamilton • John Lin • John Stephenson

The District Award of Merit

These Scouters rendered service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

Congratulations to our 2023 Award of Merit Recipients!

Santa Lucia: Chris Browning • Douglas Fouts - **San Benito:** Casey Long - **Loma Prieta:** Chris Garcia • Mike Heinecke - **Polaris:** Cindy Chock • Peter Peng • Janet Yen - **Pioneer:** Muhammed Luqman Jukaku • Jeff West - **Coyote Creek:** Dean Bradshaw • Shannon Walters • Thomas Trang - **Quicksilver:** Chandler Cord • Kristen Wallace

James E. West Fellowship Award

The James E. West Fellowship Award recognizes gifts of \$1,000-\$15,000 to our council endowment fund. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts on behalf of someone else — such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver Recipient, an anniversary, or in memory of a special individual.

Thank you to our active participants of the James E. West Fellowship in 2023. These donors have either made an initial gift at one of these levels or are actively contributing working toward the next level.

Diamond - \$15,000

Richard Hendricks

Gold - \$10,000

Jason Govig

Silver - \$5,000

Todd Hauschildt
William Stevenson

Bronze - \$1,000

David & Myra Albrecht

Michael Graff

Susanne Mallory - in memory of Jack Mallory "Mr. Saratoga"

Shawn McPeck

Prasanth Pulavarthi

Pearson Randall - in memory of Bill "Mystery" Edwards

Second Century Society

This is a group of individuals who have pledged or given an outright gift of \$25,000 or more, payable over five years or a deferred gift of \$100,000 or more to a local council for operating, capital, or endowment.

**Ray & Margo Combs • Robert Oren Webber (In Memoriam) • Pepper Snyder • John Sobrato
David Henderson • Dominic Giacalone • Santa Clara Chapters of the National Electrical Contractors
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*Interested in making a gift that keeps Scouts in canoes and on the trail beyond our lifetime?
Contact Mark McHaddon, at Mark.McHaddon@Scouting.org.*

Venturing Leadership Award

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Venturing Oath.

Lórien Bower, Crew 479 • Jeffrey Lam, Crew 451 • Gus Tambuluri, Crew 233 • Michael Hendricks, Crew 566

Top 3 Friends of Scouting

The following Scouting Units have demonstrated exceptional leadership and generosity in their efforts to support the Friends of Scouting campaign within their district:

Coyote Creek

Troop 0201 - San Jose
Troop 0110 - Milpitas
Pack 0264 - San Jose

Loma Prieta

Troop 0604 - Santa Cruz
Troop 0673 - Scotts Valley
Pack 0673 - Scotts Valley

Pioneer

Troop 0539 - Los Gatos
Troop 0340 - San Jose
Troop 0325 - Saratoga

Polaris

Troop 0466 - Sunnyvale
Troop 0582 - Saratoga
Troop 0453 - San Jose

Quicksilver

Troop 0286 - San Jose
Troop 0233 - San Jose
Pack 0224 - San Jose

San Benito

Pack 0455 - Hollister
Pack 0444 - Tres Pinos
Troop 0436 - Hollister

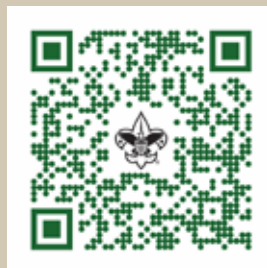
Santa Lucia

Pack 0125 - Pacific Grove
Pack 0093 - Salinas
Troop 0350 - Jolon

We are truly inspired by the passion and commitment shown by these Scouting units, and we are honored to have you as partners in this mission. Your generosity will make a lasting impact on the lives of young people in our community and will help to ensure that Scouting remains a strong and vibrant program for future generations.

To learn more about Friends of Scouting, or to make your own contributions, please visit:

www.GiveToScouts.org





2023 Council Points of Pride

1. Achieved Top 5 Council in the country for **ethnic diversity** with a 72%+ Diversity Ratio.
2. Achieved Top 6 Council in the country for **youth retention** (78%+) through strong Unit Leader Training and Commissioner Service.
3. Grew **female participation** in Scouting to 22% of overall membership.
4. More than **doubled Scout-O-Rama** attendance to 13,000 attendees to showcase Scouting to the public and offer joining opportunities to new families.
5. Achieved **record high Camp Hi-Sierra** 4-season attendance with 18,453 camping days and 17,278 camping nights.
6. Established the **Hispanic American Scouting Association (HASA)** to increase Scouting opportunities for Spanish speaking families. HASA will support **5 new units south of King City** started by Santa Lucia District.
7. Vietnamese Scouting Committee (VSC) **exceeded 1000 attendees** at the highly successful Trại Đòng Tâm family camping event in King City, California.
8. Training Team conducted **49 in-person trainings** resulting in 1000+ hours of First Aid instruction and 341 nights of hands-on, adult outdoor training under the stars.
9. Order of the Arrow **Saklan Lodge increased membership 39%** over last year by inducting **183 new Ordeal members** in 2023, resulting in more than **3000 service hours** recorded. Ordeals were so well attended in 2023 that a 3rd Ordeal will be added in the 2024 Camp Chesebrough schedule.
10. Achieved a 13% increase in popcorn sales per Scout over 2022, exceeding \$1.15 million budget and marking the **highest popcorn sales in council history**.
11. Secured a **\$1 million cash gift** for Camp Chesebrough to build the new Valley Foundation Youth Development Center, doubling our ability to serve youth.
12. Grew Friends of Scouting (FOS) to **record high \$1.3 million+**, Total Support to **record high \$5.9 million+** and achieved a **49-year record high** for the Distinguished Citizen Dinner honoring Pepper Snyder.
13. Accomplished CEQA/NEPA level Timber Management Plan (NITMP) approval for Camp Hi-Sierra, **securing our forest resources in perpetuity**.
14. Entered contract to achieve multi-year goal to sell 2 properties to **gain \$7.9 million in unrestricted capital funds** to significantly expand service to our community.
15. Scouts earned nearly **7,000 rank advancements** and **14,200 Merit Badges**; **more than 300** young women and men earned **Eagle Scout**, providing leadership to 5,400 volunteers producing 44,500 hours of local community service **worth \$1,112,500**.



ORDER OF THE ARROW VIGIL AWARD

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. Tonight, we recognize 6 members of the Order of the Arrow who have been chosen to receive the Vigil honor in 2023.

Laura Sun • Neil Tsai • Daniel Wehbeh • Brielle Wong • Geoff Hamilton • Scott Fortner

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

Eagle Scout Sponsors

Many thanks to the generous donors who sponsored the attendance of one or more Eagle Scouts!

(list as of print deadline)

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Russell Brunet

Mike Catelani

George Denise

Chuck Erickson

Sally Erickson

Matthew Fleming

Douglas Fouts

Michael Gabler

Samn Gilbert

Larry Grace

Todd & Karen Hauschildt

Stephen Henkenmeier

Dave Holt

Alan Jepsen

Tom Lackovic

Mark Lazzarini

Kathi Lucas

Sharon Marshall

Doug Mueller

Robert Nessler

Richard Noack

David Okamura

Rama Penumarti

Larry Polyak

Annabelle Resch

Charles Schenck

Bobby Toda

Anish Tubati

Bob Wedig

Thank You!

Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, BSA President's Circle

Friends of Scouting 2024

Join the President's Circle and make a lasting impact to Scouting. Your generous donation of \$10,000 or more in support of our FOS Campaigns, either in the Field, District and /or Board campaigns, automatically makes you a member. Matching donations and volunteer hours can also be used to qualify.

President's Circle members enjoy:

- **Exclusive invitation to President's Circle Appreciation reception in 2024**
- **Distinctive President's Circle Pin and recognition items**
- **Recognition at Board Meetings, Annual Council Dinner, publications and more**
- **Invitation for two to the 50th Anniversary Distinguished Citizen Event**
- **Preferred table of 10 at Community Breakfast**
- **And more!**

2024 President Circle Members:

Bob & Janet Wedig	Stephen Henkenmeier
Eric & Annie Tarbox	Kathi & John Lucas
Rich & Beth Brenner	Paul Ueunten

PLEDGE TODAY!

Help us achieve our FOS goal to support Scouting!



Silver Beaver Awardee

John Stephenson

Thanks for your many years of service to the Scouts at Camp Hi-Sierra!

- Ed Fassett

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Beds for Best Friends



Patch Designer
Extraordinaire

Chase Erickson!

We're so proud of you! Love, Dad & brother Philip

Congratulations Henry Jennings National Medal for Outdoor Achievement



The National Medal for Outdoor Achievement is the highest recognition that a Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer can earn for exemplary achievement, experience, and skill in multiple areas of outdoor endeavor. **We are proud of you Henry!**

Congratulations

TO TROOP 494'S 2023 EAGLE SCOUTS:



- Abhiram Paidakula
- Sagnik Nag Chowdhury
- Parth Upadhyay
- Rishab Perati

From: Ed Snyder



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SILICON VALLEY MONTEREY BAY COUNCIL



RESERVE
YOUR SPOT
TODAY



HIGHLIGHTS

Sierra Camp surrounded by the Stanislaus National Forest

1800s Frontier Themed

Modern Facilities & Amenities

50' Tall Climbing Tower

Sailing at Pinecrest Lake

Cowboy Action Shooting Range

Diamond Jubilee! Camp's 75th Birthday Celebration!! Commemorative patch, special program, & more!



JOIN US FOR CAMP HI-SIERRA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Blacksmithing & Welding
- ✓ Trail to Eagle
- ✓ Great Handicraft Area
- ✓ Games & Sports
- ✓ Shooting Sports
- ✓ Mountain Biking



AMENITIES

- ✓ Large The Valley Foundation Dining
- ✓ Hall
- ✓ Great Food!
- ✓ Individual Showers
- ✓ Private Campsites
- ✓ Centrally Located Program
- WIFI for Adults

Contact: CHS@SVMBC.ORG



CONGRATULATIONS, EAGLE SCOUTS!

SCOUTING...VA LA PENNA!

- Frank Diaz, Troop 730 - Morgan Hill, CA



BUILDING A HOME FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF CAMPERS

CHESEBROUGH SCOUT RESERVATION

We are so excited to share our newest project to improve camp! CSR is utilized throughout the year, nearly to full capacity. Last year alone, CSR hosted 35,869 day campers and an additional 17,976 overnight campers. We are currently working on building a **new ADA accessible training center** with kitchen, showers, and camping to **double our capacity** and leave a legacy for our future Scouts.



Thank you for your generous support of Scouting!

CONGRATULATIONS, VIJAY TIRUMALAI!



WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.



TROOP 163, MILPITAS



Gavin Hopkins, Troop 286
Quicksilver District
Eagle Scout December 21, 2023

We are so proud of you, Gavin. You are an amazing son, brother, leader and scout. May God bless you always. Congratulations on earning your Eagle Scout Rank! Love Papa, Mama, Ember, Pascha and Braeden



YOUR NEXT
OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP FUN



ALL
SUMMER
LONG



DROP
OFF



Silver Beaver Awardee

Ray Dzek

Raymond Dzek, Troop 799, QuickSilver
District Commissioner

Congratulations!

We are very proud of you!
With love and admiration, Laura,
Johnathon, Sarah, and Christopher



Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout Is:

Trustworthy ★ Loyal ★ Helpful ★ Friendly ★ Courteous
Kind ★ Obedient ★ Cheerful ★ Thrifty ★ Brave ★ Clean ★ Reverent