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SUNDAY, AUG. 28



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FRI-SAT, OCT. 7-8

# THE BUGLER. NEWSLETTER OF PACK 1015

## Welcome Back Pack 1015!

*Youth is a period of timelessness when the horizons of age seem too distant to be noticed.* -Ezra Taft Benson

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Welcome back returning Pack 1015 families and greetings to the new families joining us this year! Summer seemed to go by in flash, but the quote above makes me remember the richness of summer when I was a kid, where the adventures of the school break seemed never-ending. We've got an awesome year planned for our scouts, with plenty of exploration ahead, including coordinated hikes every month; unique overnight experiences at the Santa Cruz Beach Board Walk, USS Pampanito submarine, and Camp Richardson Winter Lodge; Space Derby, Pinewood Derby, Cake Boss, and tons more!

We have a change in the Bear den this year. **Craig Spahn** is taking on a new role, joining **Nancy Park**, as a Bear Den co-Leader. Thank you to Craig for stepping up and thanks to **Marta Palacios** for your two years of service as a Den Leader!

Thanks also to **Mike Britton** and **Daniel Nolan** for coordinating the summer events (4th of July Parade, Sand Castle Contest, and Flag Day Ceremony), to **Eric Taylor** for

coordinating the summer family overnight trip to Chabot Regional Park, to **Kim Rankin** for reviving the good ol' Pack 1015 Family Game Night, to **Christy Sawler** for coordinating all of the room bookings for this upcoming year, and to **Sophia** and **Alika Hirano** for coordinating the Welcome Back BBQ.

-Gordon Williams, *Cubmaster* ■



## Welcome Back BBQ Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>



It's hard to believe summer vacation is almost over, but...this means a whole new year of Scouting events is about to start! Please get ready to come join your fellow Cub Scouts at our annual Pack 1015 Welcome Back BBQ. Pack 1015 will provide hot dogs for all attendees but we ask that each

family also bring a main or side dish to share, so don't be shy and show off your signature recipe!

This year's event will be at Krusi Park in Alameda. Your den leaders will be reaching out to you sometime this week with more info; however, keep in mind that the highlight of this event is the annual water balloon fight between the Scouts and their Cubmaster Gordon Williams! Be sure to aim well and give Gordon a nice, *wet* welcome back from the Pack. 🧺

- **WHEN?** Sunday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 12pm
- **WHERE?** Krusi Park (Otis Dr. & Mound St.)
- **QUESTIONS?** Email [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) for more info ■

## Pack1015.org Website Launch

I would like to start the Scouting year off by sharing some great news: the official website of Pack 1015 is live! I encourage you to go to [pack1015.org](http://pack1015.org) and see for yourself.

The website is meant to be the primary means of sharing info among the Pack, particularly between the leadership team and the members; it has been in testing for some time already and we feel it is very user friendly. Among the features that you now have at your fingertips are:

- **Pack Events Calendar** – This feature enables families to plan for Scouting events well in advance and avoid schedule conflicts. The Pack calendar will be available for download to your mobile device so that you can sync with Outlook, iCal, etc.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



#### INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday Aug. 24, 7pm  
Edison MPR

#### WELCOME BACK BBQ

Sunday Aug. 28, noon-3pm  
Krusi Park

#### PACK MEETING

Wednesday Sep. 7, 7pm  
Edison MPR

#### PACK HIKE

Saturday Sep. 10, 10am-noon  
Leona Canyon, Oakland  
([ebparks.org/parks/leona](http://ebparks.org/parks/leona))

#### COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Saturday Sep. 17  
Crown Beach (Pack meets  
across from McDonalds on  
Shoreline Dr.)

#### \*USS PAMPANITO

Details to follow via email

#### \*BOARDWALK OVERNIGHT

Fri-Sat Oct. 7-8  
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

\* Denotes an overnight event.

See

<http://pack1015.org/calendar-of-events/pack-events-calendar/> for the most up-to-date Den meeting schedule.

- **e-Forms** – Members are encouraged to look at the forms we have uploaded (e.g., Medical Forms). You can download forms and fill out as needed.
- **Closer to our Council** – Literally, we are *one click away* from the Alameda BSA Council's official site. This link redirects you to the Council where you can learn more about other local Packs and Troops.
- **Archive** – We will have a space to document and save our rich history.
- **Links to other Troops** – For Webelos (and forward-looking Scouts in the younger Dens), Pack 1015's website provides links to all Troops and Crews currently registered with the BSA Council Office. You can reach these sites directly from our own website. Outgoing Cub Scouts are advised to spend some time learning about the Scouting opportunities that await them; this will facilitate a smooth transition to one of the local Troops/Crews after they complete Webelos II.
- **Link to the World** – Now we can be found by other Scouts around the world!

There are many other advantages of the site in addition to the ones listed above; however, I will leave the pleasure of finding them out to the users. That being said, **we welcome any member who is interested in helping out as a webmaster/site administrator for the Pack's new website to please step forward!** Keep in mind we are a volunteer-driven organization with the sole purpose of teaching our kids the advantages of being a Scout; however, we need everyone's help to make this Pack successful. And all users please feel free to share your comments/feedbacks with us. This site should be a living document able to adapt to the current needs of the Pack.

-Carlos Flores, *Committee Chair* ■

## September Pack Meeting & Vivarium Demo!

The first Pack Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday Sep. 7, from 7-8 pm, in the Edison Multipurpose Room**. We will have a special demonstration from Berkeley's East Bay Vivarium, one of the largest reptile stores in the nation! Scouts will meet some scaly new friends, which may include a tortoise that can outlive your grandchildren, a giant boa, a frog that can kill a horse, and a lizard with five legs. To learn more, visit [www.eastbayvivarium.com/](http://www.eastbayvivarium.com/).

For those who are new to Scouting, the Pack meeting is where the entire Pack gets together each month to recognize and celebrate our Scouts' achievements, hear about upcoming events, and participate in a group activity or learning experience, often with a seasonal theme. The whole family is invited to attend as the Pack Meetings are for everyone, not just Scouts. ■



## Useful Info: the Cub Scout Uniform

The following section applies more to new families than anyone else but is nonetheless a good refresher for returning Wolves and Bears as well.

Pack 1015 Scouts are required to wear the Class A uniform to all Den/Pack meetings (and other functions – ask your Den leader and/or the event coordinator if you are unsure how to dress) throughout the year with one exception: the Halloween Pack meeting, where costumes are welcomed!

So when you are told to show up in the Class A uniform, what your leaders mean is that you should be wearing the following:



- Official BSA uniform shirt (for Tigers, Wolves, and Bears this is dark blue; Webelos have the option of wearing khaki. The shirt comes in l/s or s/s – either is appropriate.
- Neckerchief & neckerchief slide (these are Den-specific and will be provided to you at your first Den meeting).
- Official BSA pants/shorts, belts, and socks are optional.

Patches you will be responsible for acquiring and sewing/gluing on your shirt are: the World Scout Crest above the left chest pocket, the Council Shoulder Patch, and Unit Numerals on the left sleeve (see picture). Check with your Den leader about getting an all-in-one 1015 unit number patch.

Scout uniforms and other supplies can be purchased at:

- **Alameda Scout Council Office** (1714 Everett Avenue, Alameda 510-522-2772)
- **East Bay Scouting Store** (1001 Davis Street, San Leandro 510-633-2005). This is a big place with lots of cool stuff to look at!
- <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsasupply/> (Another big place with lots of cool stuff to look at, you just can't touch the merchandise!)
- To learn more about the Scout uniform, please visit the uniform section of our website at <http://pack1015.org/cub-scout-uniform/>. Here you will find links to the local BSA retail shops as well as a link to a document about the 100+ year history of the uniform.

Be sure to consult your Den leader if you have any questions about the uniform. ■



## Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Overnight



This year's Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Overnight will be **Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Come join us at this special event exclusively for Scouts. The itinerary includes dinner, free play in the casino arcade and Neptune's Kingdom (there's laser tag and mini golf), a short evening program followed by a movie on the beach, camping under the rides, breakfast, a sand castle contest, and an All-Day Rides Wristband for Saturday. The cost is \$70 per person and the **registration deadline is Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. More details can be found at [beachboardwalk.com/boyscout](http://beachboardwalk.com/boyscout) and in forthcoming emails, or contact Dave Latham at [latham@davelink.net](mailto:latham@davelink.net). This is a favorite activity of Bay Area Scouts! ■

## Peace Corps Service Project a Big Success!

As returning Scouts already know – and new Scouts will soon find out – community service is a big part of what we teach. In addition to cleanup events and Scouting for Food, Pack 1015 does an annual service project as part of our May Pack meeting. Last year's project was to send care packages and thank-you notes to Peace Corps volunteers in the Dominican Republic. We were able to send care packages to almost 20 volunteers, and have already received thank-you notes from several grateful recipients! The following are just a few of the words of thanks we've gotten back from the volunteers:



At our May Pack meeting, guest presenter Arya Zellinkirk shared about his experience of Peace Corps service.

*"I have to ride 45 minutes on bumpy dirt roads on the back of a motorcycle to get a Hershey's chocolate bar, so I am VERY thankful for my treats!"*

-Liv

*"It's nice to have some American comfort food to get us through the nights of no electricity and the occasional tarantula."*

-Ali

*"I learned about the importance of service to my community when I was young, as a Girl Scout. **I encourage you all to continue to serve your community and look for new experiences to learn from!**"*

-Anna

Many thanks to all the families that helped make this project such a big success!

-Kim Rankin, Webelos I Den Leader ■

## Webelos “Take Flight” at Cub Resident Adventure Camp!



Five Pack 1015 Scouts from the Webelos Dens spent an amazing week camping in the redwoods at beautiful Camp Royaneh during Cub Resident Adventure Camp (formerly known as Webelos Adventure Camp). This sleep-away camp, which is also open as a 3-day camp for Bears and Wolves, gives Scouts fantastic opportunities to grow in independence, leadership, and teamwork – not to mention swimming, archery, BB guns, handicrafts, sports, and a variety of other activities geared toward rank advancement. The theme of this summer's camp was *Take Flight*; Scouts learned through hands-on projects about robotics, rocketry, and other topics guaranteed to prepare them for a career at NASA. One night we slept out under the stars and watched the Perseid meteor shower! Our teenage counselors, many of them Eagle Scouts, kept us entertained with nightly campfire skits. I highly recommend this camp for Scouts of all ages; I hope we can send a big group from Pack 1015 next summer!

-Kim Rankin, *Webelos I Den Leader*

## Summer Activities Recap

Scouting is a year-round pursuit and not just limited to the school schedule. As such, we came up with numerous activities for Scouts to stay engaged with the Pack over the summer. The very first weekend started off with the City of Alameda 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Castle & Sculpture Contest on Saturday, followed by the Elks Lodge Flag Ceremony. The highlight of the entire summer was probably a toss-up between the Mayor's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, where Scouts brought their bikes and rode the parade route with the other Packs, Troops, and Crews of the Alameda Council, and the two-night campout in Chabot Regional Park. There was also Game Night, which we hope to have more of in the coming year, and of course there is still this upcoming weekend's Welcome Back BBQ. Scouts who have completed three or more of the aforementioned activities will be awarded a pin at next month's Pack meeting. See the pictures below and decide for yourself whether you think they had fun!





Clockwise from bottom left: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade; Game Night; Campout; Game Night; Sand Castle Contest; Flag Ceremony; Game Night.

Center: fun & games following Sand Castle construction!

## Additional Info

### Volunteering for Pack 1015

Pack 1015 is 100% volunteer staffed, and we are constantly in need of new and additional volunteers to help coordinate the many activities we do during the year. Time commitments can be as little as just a few hours to plan one event. We have a truly great Pack, and this is because of the voluntary contributions of the parents who step up and take on a small part of the coordination effort. The volunteer positions listed below need to be filled in order to continue to offer these activities to our Scouts:

- Popcorn Coordinator (shadow outgoing coordinator)  
*Approx. time required: 10 hours per month during September and October. This volunteer will be shadowing the current popcorn coordinator so that he or she can take over when the incumbent matriculates out of Pack 1015.*

**INTERESTED?** Please contact our Committee Chair, Carlos Flores. Carlos can be reached at [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org). Thank you!

### Friends of Scouting

Help grow big things with the Boy Scouts of America. Donate to the Alameda Council and give young people the chance to have fun, gain confidence, and become leaders who live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.



Financial resources for Alameda Council come from our Friends of Scouting (FOS) annual giving campaign, foundation grants, special events, product sales, and income from invested assets. You can help us close the gap by going to <http://www.bsa-alameda.org/Donate> and choosing a contribution amount you are comfortable with. The Scouts thank you! ■