

THE BUGLER. NEWSLETTER OF PACK 1015



Halloween Pack Meeting

Calling all ghouls, ghosts, and goblins: This month's Spooktacular Pack meeting will be October 25th at 6:30 pm, in the Edison MPR. Scouts, family members, and den leaders are all encouraged to wear a Halloween costume instead of uniform!

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We have a fun-filled evening planned, where once we've done the normal flag ceremony & awards, we will have a Halloween Parade around Edison School! Den Leaders will pass out treats and Space Derby Kits for the Scouts during the parade, followed by a round of *(not so)* spooky story telling on the Blacktop! During the meeting we will also have room signups for Winter Lodge. And one last thing... remember to **bring a bag for treats**!

- WHEN? Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 6:30 pm
- WHERE? Edison MPR
- QUESTIONS? Email info@pack1015.org for more info



Halloween Trash Pickup

Halloween is fun of course, but an unfortunate consequence of handing out candy is that the ground tends to get littered with candy wrappers! Please join Pack 1015 the day after to pick up trash in the area around Edison School. The effort will last approximately one hour, starting at 5 pm, during which time we will split up into groups to canvas the neighborhood. Gloves and maps will be provided – we ask that you bring one trash bag per person. When we are done, we will weigh the trash we've picked up off the streets. Last year we picked up over 50lbs of trash!



- WHEN? Wednesday, Nov. 1, 5 6pm
- WHERE? Edison School, meet on Blacktop

New Pack "Class B" Uniforms!

A big thank you to **Andrea Long** for designing our awesome new Pack "Class B" Uniforms! Our Pack T-shirts and Sweatshirts may be worn to identify our scouts on Hikes, Overnights, Camping and other events wear it might be more practical to be wear something less formal. Your scout's sweatshirt is also a great place to keep all his valuable activity patches and *he should feel free to continue to wear the one he already has, if it still fits.* The order has been placed and the t-shirts/sweatshirts should be

delivered to you at the October Pack meeting. Thanks again, Andrea!

Popcorn, get your Popcorn, here!



Get ready Scouts, because 2017 Popcorn Sales begins **NOW!** The money generated from the Popcorn Sale is vital to Pack 1015's operating budget, by helping us with scout scholarships, Space and Pinewood Derby supplies, shipping on our care packages, special speakers for our pack meetings and much more! Money also goes to help our larger Alameda Counsel. Top sellers can earn awesome prizes and build their very own MEGACORN Patch! This year Pack 1015 has a sales goal of \$7,500. If we reach that goal, Cub Master Gordon will get a PIE in the FACE!

If you have any questions, please contact our Popcorn Kernal, **Rachele Latham** at rachelelatham@gmail.com or call 510-387-8146.

Note the following info:

- ORDER FORMS DUE: Monday, October 23rdto Rachele Latham (3239 Bayo Vista Ave.)
- SHOW 'N SELL: Nob Hill on Blanding Ave. from 2-4pm on Sunday October 1st, 8th and 15th
 - o http://pack1015.org/calendar-of-events/pack-events-calendar/
- COLLECT: You can collect money when it is ordered OR when it is delivered. All checks should be made payable to PACK 1015
- POPCORN: Will be ready for delivery after November 20th
- ALL MONEY DUE: Nov 27th

All **online** sales count towards Scout Rewards and popcorn is shipped directly to the buyer! Create an online sales account at:



Over 73% goes to local Scouting

- www.trails-end.com
- ONLINE SALES END: October 31^{st,}



Winter Lodge Signups

Signups start this month for our annual trip to historic Camp Richardson in Lake Tahoe, which **takes place Feb. 2^{nd} - 4^{th}**. The deadline to register is officially Dec. 1st but this event sells out every year, so act fast! Signups will begin at the October Pack Meeting. After that time, you can email **Stacey Plaskett** to make your reservation.

For generations, families have been drawn to

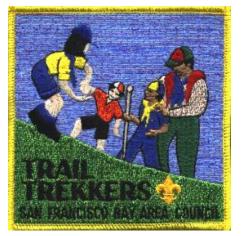
Camp Richardson for its rustic, cozy cabins and majestic views of Lake Tahoe, not to mention the numerous outdoor activities. Camp Richardson also has the distinction of being one of the few historic sites in the Lake Tahoe area where visitors are allowed to stay overnight. The hotel and nearby cabins retain their original, Old Tahoe style, yet include all the resort amenities you would expect, including a general store, a café, even an ice cream parlor!

Winter Camp in Lake Tahoe is one of biggest, best weekend events of the year. Friday through Sunday, Pack 1015 takes over the entire camp: snowball fights, snow fort building, bingo, den skits, pizza, fireplaces, board games, snow men, sledding, discovery, and den hikes abound!

- Various lodge and cabin accommodations available for anywhere from 2 to 8 guests
- Prices range from around \$200 to approximately \$400 for the whole weekend, which includes two nights' accommodations and dinner Saturday night (price depends on room accomodations.)
- QUESTIONS? For more info email <u>info@pack1015.org</u> or to signup e-mail Stacey Plaskett at <u>plaskett@aol.com</u>

October Pack Hike

Our next Trail Trekkers Hike will be on **October 28th** and take us to the Sunol Regional Wilderness. Little Yosemite is a scenic gorge on Alameda Creek about two miles upstream from the park headquarters. It is an especially attractive portion of this creek where you can see gorgeous waterfalls and pools after series of rain storms or season. The trail is approximately 4.5 miles long and a good hike for Tigers through Webelos Cub Scouts. Little Yosemite is open to the public through a lease agreement with the San Francisco Water Department, which owns the property. Please abide by the boundary signs and do not trespass onto Water Department lands that are not part of



the lease arrangement. Remember, every hike this year earns a "Trail Trekkers" patch for your Scout's sweatshirt! For more information on the this Hike or the Trail Trekkers program, visit http://www.sfbac.org/programs/hiking



Scouting for Food – Nov. 11th & 18th

Scouts and their families and friends are needed to help "Scout for Food" on two consecutive Saturday mornings, November 11th and 18th.

The food collected helps replenish the Alameda Food Bank which in turn helps many in Alameda with daily meals for their families. On Saturday, November 11th, Scouts will be distributing door tags in our assigned area. The following Saturday, November 18th, Scouts will go back to the assigned area and pick up bags full of food and load them into trailing vehicles. If you have a van and other large storage capacity vehicle, we could really use your assistance in slowly following the Scouts as they collect donations on the pick-up date (Nov. 18)...

Please volunteer one or both days. It's a great way to spend time outside on your feet, getting to know some of the other Scout families while helping those in great need. This event occurs regardless of the weather so wear comfortable shoes and bring a rain jacket if there is rain in the forecast.

All Dens: Meet on Saturdays at 9:00 AM at the Edison School Playground (corner of Lincoln and Versailles) to be assigned to an area and to get supplies. Please contact our Scouting for Food Coordinator, **Matt Brotze** at <u>mattbrotze@yahoo.com</u> if you have any questions.

Angel Island Hike

Join **Boy Scouts from Troop 73** and **Venture Scouts from Crew 512** on a beautiful 5mile hike around Angel Island! The experienced Scouts will help Cub Scouts with map and compass reading skills, pointing out wildlife, and other valuable Scout skills. Compasses will be provided if needed. All family members are welcome!

The trip starts and ends at the Alameda Main Street Ferry Terminal. Be there at <u>8:45 AM</u> to catch the 9:10 ferry. There will be a quick change of ferries at Pier 41 in San Francisco. After a great day hiking, we will return to Alameda via Pier 41, arriving at 3:50 PM.

The only cost for the trip is for the ferry rides. \$30 for adults; \$23 for youth 12-18; \$16 for youth 5-11. Prices are approximate and are dependent upon use of Clipper Cards, etc.

Tickets may be purchased online or purchased aboard the ferry.

Reminders:

- Scouts should wear their Cub Scout "Class A" uniform or Scout t-shirt. Dress in layers.
- Wear appropriate hiking footwear.
- Bring plenty of water, <u>lunch</u> and a healthy snack.
- If you have a compass you would like to bring, please do so!
- Pre-apply sunscreen and bring extra to reapply.

Thank you to **Eric Long** for helping coordinate this hike between Troop 73, Crew 512 and Pack 1015!



Recent Events

California Coastal Cleanup

The scouts of Pack 1015 hit the beach September 16th with buckets and shovels in hand, but not a single sand castle was built. Instead, they swarmed the beach eagerly combing for — TRASH! Pack 1015 was well represented for the Coastal Cleanup at Crown Memorial Beach here in Alameda, an annual statewide event organized by the Coastal Commission to clean the beaches and raise awareness of the danger trash poses to wildlife and the environment. So pleased were their parents with the cleanup, the scouts were whisked to their homes and told to continue their efforts in their bedrooms. Individual results varied...

~Andrew Massey, CA Coastal Cleanup Coordinator



UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS



ALAMEDA COUCIL PINEWOOD DERBY At the Park Street Classic Car

Show Saturday, October 14, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Park Street

Event open to all Cubscouts! NOTE: Our Pack will hold our own PWD event in February.

FINAL POPCORN SHOW N SELL Sunday, October 15

2:00 – 4:00 PM Nob Hill Foods

OCTOBER PACK MEETING Halloween Carnival!

Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 PM Edison MPR

Dress in costume!

WINTER LODGE TAHOE

Fri-Sun, Feb. 2-4 Camp Richardson South lake Tahoe

EVENT SELLS OUT, SIGN UP AT OCT PACK MEETING!

PACK HIKE

Little Yosemite Saturday, October 28 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sunol Regional Wilderness

SS Jeremiah Fall Overnight

Fifteen scouts along with parents and siblings voyaged off to the San Francisco Wharf to spend this night on the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, a World War II Liberty-Class Cargo Ship. Scouts and adults learned about the history of the ship, WWII, and the ships role in D-Day. The ship docents had a wealth of information to share, including a educational



and surprisingly fun and engaging game about how WWII ship convoys would operate and the grave risks that sailors faced during the war. A big thank you to Kara Eastwood for organizing the event!

"Hoot Owl" Hike a Creepy Success!

On our first official hike of the year, 26 Scouts ventured after dark to the California Historic Nursery in Fremont for a docent-led tour of barn owl habitat. In a historic Mission-era adobe structure, Scouts learned about different types of owls, their anatomy, behaviors and habitats, before venturing out into the dark to hunt for owls. Many heard the telltale screeches, and a few lucky hikers saw owls sailing in the night



sky. Scouts collected owl pellets by flashlight and returned to the adobe after the hike to dissect the pellets, revealing the skulls and bones of prey eaten by the owls. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who turned out for this creepy treasure-hunt of a hike!

~Kim Rankin, Co-Hike Coordinator

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS



HALLOWEEN TRASH PICKUP Wednesday, November 1, 5:00 PM Meet on Edison Blacktop

ANGEL ISLAND HIKE

with Boy Scout Troop 73 Saturday, November 4, 8:45 AM Travel via SF Ferry

PACK MEETING

Space Derby Thursday, November 9 6:30 – 9:00 PM Haight MPR

Test Night, Haight MPR Wednesday, November 8 6:30 – 8:00 PM

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Saturday, November 11 Saturday, November 18 9:00 AM Edison Blacktop

FALL BREAK November 20-24th

Happy Thanksgiving!

See

http://pack1015.org/calendarof-events/pack-events-calendar/

Cubmaster's Corner

We hope that your loved ones are all safe and sound with all that is happening with the Northern California fires. Part of the scout oath is to "help other people at all times," and in that spirit, we will have a supplies donation drive as part of the October Pack Meeting. We will be collecting personal care products, supplies, notes from the kids, and monetary donations that will be delivered one of the fire evaluation shelters. If you have love ones that are in need of help, let us know what we can do (e-mail info@pack1015.org). There will be more information to follow by e-mail before the Pack Meeting.

"Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy." — Robert A. Heinlein

The Pack has many exciting events coming up this month, with two hikes, the Little Yosemite Hike in the Sunol Regional Wilderness on 10/28 and the Angel Island Hike with Troop 73 the week after that (11/4). Then we have two upcoming service projects: the Halloween Trash Pick up to help cleanup our community on the day after Halloween (11/1) and Scouting-for-Food to help collect food for those in our community that need help (11/11 and 11/18).

I would like to especially acknowledge the contributions of the following folks:

- **Carlos Flores** for collecting and organizing all of the medical forms
- Kara Eastwood for organizing the Fall Ship Overnight on the SS Jeremiah O'Brien
- Kim Rankin and Mike Plocek for organizing the Hoot Owl hike
- **Beth Quirarte** for coordinating heavily attended the Fall Family Board Game (and Pizza) night
- **Tiffany McBride** for making this great bugler!
- **Rachele Latham**, our "Popcorn Kernal", for doing a stellar job coordinating Popcorn sales, show & sells, and bringing popcorn to nearly every scout event!

In addition, a big thanks to **all of the Den and Pack Leaders** who keep things going on a continuous basis. If you see these folks around, please take a moment to say "thanks"!

~Gordon Williams, Cubmaster

Additional Info

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 <u>http://www.bsa-</u>

<u>alameda.org/Donate</u> and choosing a contribution amount you are comfortable with. The Scouts thank you!

Pack1015.org

Remember that Pack 1015 is now on the web at pack1015.org. The website has lots of info about Pack 1015 and the Alameda Council, but the perhaps the most important resource you will find there is the Pack events calendar. There's also a calendar for each den; to see, please visit pack1015.org. ■