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LAKE TAHOE, CA  
JAN. 29 – 31, 2016

# BUGLER NEWSLETTER

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## December Pack Meeting & Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party and December Pack Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the Multi-Purpose Room at Edison School. Scouts are encouraged to bring their families for a festive evening of music, refreshments and good old-fashioned holiday cheer. Kim Rankin will be playing piano and leading the Pack in a holiday themed concert!

In addition to the usual announcements and awards, we’ll have holiday music, a holiday tree from Encinal Nursery, (which the Dens will decorate with homemade ornaments), and maybe even a special visit from a jolly fellow in red who is expected to hand out Pinewood Derby Cars (in advance of the Pinewood Derby in February). The man in red will also be available for photos. **[cont’d on Pg. 2]**



[cont'd from Pg. 1] The holiday tree will be donated to the Alameda Point Collaborative (APC), a housing program at Alameda Point which serves approximately 500 formerly homeless families and individuals, including many children.

- **WHEN?** Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, 7:00pm
- **WHERE?** EDISON SCHOOL MPR (2700 BUENA VISTA)
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) ■

## Winter Lodge at Camp Richardson, Lake Tahoe

### January 29 – 31, 2016



We've had 163 participants sign up for this year's Winter Lodge event, and rooms are now completely sold out. For those who are registered, if you have not yet made your final payment then please email Chris Kelly at either [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) or [ckelley@vodafone.com](mailto:ckelley@vodafone.com) to make arrangements.

Additional room requests will be wait-listed. By mid-January, participants will have received notices including web links and directions, as well as information on what to bring, where to park when you get there, and more.

**QUESTIONS?** For info and to put your name on the list, please email [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) and/or [ckelley@vodafone.com](mailto:ckelley@vodafone.com). ■

## Scouting for Food, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Thanks to all Scouts and families who came out for one or both weekends to assist with Scouting for Food! And a special thanks to Matt Brotze for coordinating the Pack 1015 effort. Alameda scouts collected 25 pallets of food during this year's drive.



# Christmas Caroling 2015

## Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

An important part of Cub Scouting is being part of the community. Our annual tradition of Christmas Caroling brings the joy of the holiday season to older folks in a local nursing home.

Families are invited to join Scouts on Sunday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in front of Alameda Care Center, (near South Shore Shopping Center). There will be a brief rehearsal at 9:45am, followed by caroling and cookies starting at 10am.

**IMPORTANT:** *At the request of the facilities we are visiting, anyone with cold/flu symptoms is asked to refrain from attending. This is for the health and safety of the residents.*

Scouts, please wear your Class A uniform, and feel free to dress it up with a festive hat or holiday outfit for adults and siblings!

- **WHEN?** Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, 9:45am
- **WHERE?** Alameda Care Center (430 Willow Street)
- **QUESTIONS?** Email [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) or [tikioasisgirl@gmail.com](mailto:tikioasisgirl@gmail.com)

Song books will be passed out at the event. Songs will include:



We look forward to seeing you there! ■

### *Space Derby, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>*

The Scouts had a great time at the annual Pack 1015 Space Derby! This is a valuable opportunity for Scouts to begin working with their hands, transferring a concept into an actual aircraft! (Not to mention the practice will come in handy at the upcoming Pinewood Derby.) The event would not have been possible without the over 50 volunteers who generously gave their time and expertise.



# December Pack Hike

## Lafayette Reservoir

### Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Lafayette Reservoir



This year the Pack has decided to include hikes beyond the Oakland ridge parks. On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we are venturing through the tunnel to the Lafayette Reservoir to enjoy the hilly terrain (the walking path will be an alternative if the ground is too muddy).

**Driving Directions:** Take Highway 24 east through the Caldecott tunnel towards Walnut Creek. Exit 24 at exit 11 to Mt Diablo Blvd in Lafayette. Follow Mt Diablo for 2 minutes and take a right up the narrow road to the reservoir parking area (follow the signs). There are parking meters at the reservoir that take credit cards. We will meet at the west end of the lot (near the lot's entrance). Drive time from Alameda is approximately 22 minutes.

#### Other info:

- **WHEN?** Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, 10:00am
- **WHERE?** Lafayette Reservoir main lot, north side of reservoir (see above for detailed directions)
- **DURATION:** 75 minutes hiking (plus time for Scouts to play and explore while there)
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Jack Kotovsky at [slumart@yahoo.com](mailto:slumart@yahoo.com) or (415) 637-9040 ■

## Cubmaster's Corner

*Peace begins with a smile – Mother Teresa*

*Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections – Gerard Way*

*Sometimes our light goes out, but it blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light – Albert Schweitzer*

A scout is CHEERFUL. A scout looks for the bright side in life. He cheerfully does whatever task come his way and tries to make others happy. With so many recent tragedies in the news, it can be a challenge to find peace and joy in a world with such unfathomable darkness. In this season of light, remember that the light shines brightest in our children and this is truly a gift with which we are all blessed. [cont'd on Pg. 5]

**[cont'd from Pg. 4]** Our upcoming annual caroling event at the Alameda Care Center is a great example where scouts can spread their CHEERFULNESS with our community. During this year's event, remember to take a moment to discuss with your scout why we go caroling and how we all benefit through the sharing of goodwill.

Many thanks to the volunteers who keep the Pack running strong! A big thanks to Matt Brotze for coordinating our Scouting for Food effort, Tracy Brotze for handling all of the Pack event scheduling, Ray Delgado, Scott Hildreth, Chris Robinette and Edwin Lager for coordinating the Space Derby, Sophia Hirano for coordinating the space derby café, Jeff Thomas for coordinating the December Pack Meeting Christmas Tree Donation, Anna Williams for coordinating the winter clothes exchange, Dorinda von Stroheim for coordinating our Annual Christmas Caroling event, Jack Kotovsky for coordinating the upcoming Pack hike, and Chris Kelly, Bonnie Wehmann, and Sara Ward for coordinating the Winter Lodge event. In addition, thanks to all of our Den and Pack Leaders for all that you do on a continual basis. If you see these folks around, take a second to say "thanks!"

## GOT SPACE???

Did you ever think about where Pack 1015 stores all of the equipment we use throughout the year? Turns out it's not magic. Things like the Pinewood Derby Track, Space Derby setup, holiday decorations, and bowling alley? Well, Pack members just like you who have extra space (e.g. in a garage or attic) have been storing these items for years. Turns out all of these folks are about to graduate out of the Pack and we are in need of new storage volunteers. If you've got some extra space you can share, please e-mail us at [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) and let us know. Thanks in advance for stepping up! ■

## Pack 1015 Receives a Special Honor!

One of the special service projects our Pack 1015 Scouts and families have completed each of the past three years has been to assemble and send care packages to our troops overseas. We gather magazines, candy, toiletries, and other fun and useful things, along with letters and pictures that the Scouts create in thanks for the troops' service, fill flat-rate boxes to their brim, and send them to bases in Afghanistan, where they are opened and enjoyed by our servicemen and women as well as those of allied countries working alongside our troops.

And while we have often received some very nice thank-yous for these packages and the sentiments our Scouts **[cont'd on Pg. 6]**



[cont'd from Pg. 5] have shared, this year our Pack received an even more special token of appreciation - an American flag flown over the Mission Resolute Support Base in our honor, along with a special plaque thanking everyone in Pack 1015. The accompanying letter mentioned:

*“The team members at the Head Quarters Resolute Support Combined Joint Center want to say thank you for all the wonderful care packages. They were a true boost in morale. Please spread the word that everyone loved each and every item. We hope you like this flag; we flew it in honor of your troop at our base.*

*-- Sincerely, the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Patient Evacuation Team”*

The framed certificate that came with the flag, signed by Sergeant Major Jason Skeen of the US Army, and Brigadier General David Wainwright of the Australian Army, states:

*“The Flag of the United States of America is presented to The Cub Scout Pack 1015. Be it known that the accompanying American Flag was flown in your honor over Camp HQ Resolute Support, Afghanistan, on the 5th of October, 2015, in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. This flag represents the will and resolve of the American people to stand strong and defeat all who attempt to bring us harm.”*

We've sent almost 100 boxes to our troops in the past three years, and just gathering donations, making cards, and packing the boxes are fun activities that the Scouts enjoy while they learn about the value and importance of being of service to our community and our country. The special flag flown in our Pack's honor, and the certificate, are visible examples that reinforce for everyone that these efforts are meaningful, and appreciated. ■

## Looking Ahead

### Blue and Gold Dinner

The annual Blue & Gold Dinner for Graduating Webelos II will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 from 5:45 to 8:30 at the Elks Lodge Ballroom. The event is complimentary for all Pack 1015 Scouts and one parent per Scout. Additional family members and guests can attend for a small fee to cover the cost of food (fee is expected to be \$15 or less). There will be a table set up at the upcoming December Pack meeting to sign up for the dinner. Please come prepared to sign up, as we need to have a headcount before we order food. The payment for additional guests will be due at the time of the January Pack meeting.

The Blue & Gold event is a formal celebration of the members of our Webelos II Den as they near the end of their tenure in Cub Scouts, and as some choose to atriculate into local Boy Scout Troops. The event also [cont'd on Pg. 7]



[cont'd from Pg. 6] gives the younger Scouts in Pack 1015 a wonderful chance to look forward to when they, too, earn the Webelos rank. We encourage all scouts and their families to attend this beautiful event.

## Alameda Council Annual Crab Feed & Auction

The Alameda Council is holding its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction on January 30, 2016. This event will draw Scouts from all Packs and Troops in Alameda and, as such, is a great opportunity for Pack 1015 families to make new friends! Dinner starts at 6pm and will be followed by both silent and live auctions. Please note that tickets will not be sold at the door. Register online by going to <http://www.bsa-alameda.org/Event.aspx?id=25>. ■



## 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:

- Summer Resident Camp Coordinator (approx. time required: 10 hours in Sep./Oct.)
- Summer Overnight Coordinator (approx. time required: 10 hours during summer)

**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! ■