

April 2017 Newsletter

April 19 Pack Meeting

Movie Night! Cosmos: A Space-time Odyssey

Wear your pajamas (or Class B), bring your sleeping bag and pillow to the MPR. We're going to watch a show about space! *Cosmos* has been critically praised, winning several television broadcasting awards and a Peabody Award for educational content. It is presented by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson. For those working on the NOVA elective, this is the final piece to complete your requirements. We will also be distributing the Rain Gutter Regatta kits after the meeting.

May 17 Pack Meeting (date and location may change): Graduation, Rain Gutter Regatta, Early Registration for Next Year, and Return Volunteer Checks

- If you have any images or videos that showcased our scouts and Dens this scouting year, please send them to Cub Master Jimmy Almeida so he can put them in the graduation video. Please submit them by 4/22. (almeida_images@yahoo.com)
- Please make sure that your scout is 100% finished with his Cub Scout requirements and that it's **correctly noted in Scoutbook.com. Deadline is May 5 to graduate.**
- Please log in all your volunteer hours. We will return the \$200 volunteer deposit check to those that contributed 8 hours or more, and cash the rest.
- We will once again give discounts to those who wish to pre-register for next year.

Become a Friend of Scouting

Mt. Diablo Silverado Council relies strictly on donations and fundraising to support camps, programs, facilities, and leader training. Donations of any size are very welcomed and honored. Please support our local BSA Council by donating through Friends of Scouting. Return your envelope with your pledge card to the Pack 1776 mailbox in the Coyote Creek office or donate online. Click [here](#) to learn more.

May 7 Pack Hike at Las Trampas Regional Wilderness

Time: 3:00 pm

Meeting at Parking lot at the end of Bollinger Canyon Road

Wear Class B and sturdy hiking shoes

Last year, we started with a 1.2 mile Las Trampas easy hike. Now that the scouts are older, let's try a 3 mile loop, starting and ending at the staging area. We will hike northwest along Bollinger Creek, and climb up a ridgeline to connect with the Las Trampas Ridge Trail. We will follow this trail southeast, summiting at Vail Peak (1,787 feet elevation), then back downhill along the Chamise Trail, which will return us to the staging area parking lot.

Directions: at the intersection of Bollinger Canyon Road and Crow Canyon Road, drive northwest 4.4 miles on Bollinger to the staging area parking lot, which will be on your left when the road ends.

Leadership Roles Available!

Our Pack is looking for volunteers to take on the Membership Coordinator role. This job can be shared and is active mostly during the summer and fall months. We are also looking for Committee Members to help in various areas. If you're interested, please reply to this email to learn more.

**Boy Scout Weekend at Six Flags Marine World
April 22 and 23**

Love exciting roller coasters and animal shows? Visit Marine World on Boy Scout Weekend and pay only \$30 per ticket by purchasing them online first. Click [here](#) and use promo code EAGLE on the upper right-hand corner. Receive one complimentary chaperone ticket for every 15 tickets purchased.

Blackhawk 500

Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Calling all Pinewood Derby fans! Come to the Mt. Diablo Silverado Pinewood Derby Championship at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. There will be speed racing and design competition for all scouts and an open racing class for parents and siblings. During the event, the family can tour the museum. Click [here](#) for more information.

Cub Scout Day Camp

8:30 to 4:00 pm, June 12 to 16 at Little Ranch

Registration for this popular Meridian District Day Camp opens now! The theme this year is "CSI Investigators Academy". The cost is \$250. All scouts welcome! Here's the link to sign up: <http://www.meridiandaycamp.com/>

All Inclusive Summer Camping in the Sierras

San Jose Family Camp, 11401 Cherry Lake Road, Groveland, CA

Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 6

Family Camp at Yosemite provides an all-inclusive camping experience where guests of all ages can fish, hike, swim, participate in organized programs, or just sit back, relax and take it easy. The camp provides three meals a day to campers, along with supervised recreational activities. Guests sleep in wood-framed tents scattered among the camp. Each tent cabin can sleep up to six people and has a deck, small table, a bench, electricity, and cots with mattresses. The cost is \$140 per person for 3 days and 2 nights. We only reserved 15 tents. Because space is very limited, we're going by first pay, first serve. **Please deposit your payment in the Pack 1776 mailbox before the end of May.**

April Pack Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 pm, casual

The May Pack Planning Meeting is at Grace's house. All Pack and Den Leaders and volunteers invited. This meeting allows us to discuss ideas and solidify action plans for our upcoming events.