# March 2016 Newsletter

**March 9th Pack Meeting (note this month’s meeting is a week early!)**

**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the MPR**

**Class A uniform**

Come to our awesome March Pack Meeting lead by Children’s Discovery Museum. Scouts will learn to make two different catapults to take home. Together we will:

* Investigate the laws of physics after creating two different types of catapults
* Discover the potential and kinetic energy that your catapults hold
* Compare the distance of a projectile as it springs into action

We reserved a total of 60 kits. Siblings can participate if there are extras available.

**Become a Friend of Scouting**

Making a donation to Friends of Scouting provides vital funding needed to operate Mt. Diablo Silverado Council camps, programs, facilities, providing insurance to units like our Pack, and leader training. Donations of any size are very welcomed and honored. Please consider making a pledge to support our local BSA Council. Return your envelope with your pledge card to the Pack 1776 mailbox in the Coyote Creek office ***whether or not you pledge***. To learn more, please visit <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/funding/fundraising/friends-scouting> or contact Esther Wooten at echo\_333@yahoo.com.

**Hoot Owl Hike at Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore**

**Saturday, March 12th, 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm**

**Cost: $10 per person. RSVP and pay by February 26th to guarantee your spots.**

**Attire: Class B uniform**

This special night hike is limited to 20 people. Over 30 people expressed interest, luckily only 20 people paid. The following scouts and their parents are confirmed for the hike: Hayden Lee, Lukas Platzbecker, Darren Huang, Jacob Dagen, Anay Durgude, Anthony Lamiero, Sreeneel Pamujula, Aditya Harish, Krish Singh, & Rishi Singh. To those that missed it, we will offer this hike again next year.

**Coloma Outdoor Discovery Camp Pre-Trip Meeting**

**March 30, 7:00 pm in the MPR**

**Class B**

Get ready to mine for gold! For those going on the Coloma Outdoor Discovery Camp this spring break, there’s a pre-trip meeting on March 30, at 7:00 pm in the MPR. This meeting will give the boys a chance to meet one another, give parents the opportunity to share thoughts with the chaperones, and allow us to go over what to pack. As part of being prepared, please have your scout bring his sleeping bag. He will practice unpacking and repacking his sleeping bag.

**Balclutha Overnight Encampment**

**7:30 pm May 14th (Saturday) to 8:00 am May 15th (Sunday)**

**Balclutha, 2905 Hyde Street Pier, San Francisco**

**Cost: $30 per participant, max participants 35**

**RSVP: Pack Form and Check payable to Pack 1776**

**Class A & B Uniform**

Spend a night going back in time and experience first-hand what it was like to work and sleep aboard a turn-of-the-century tall ship. Limited to 35 people. You must submit your payment promptly to confirm your spot. So far we have 31 people interested but only 19 people paid. Click [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZndbCjxRLhWHANlf5eb_ZOf5lP1MRqLf3Vk73BsXDMw/edit#gid=961972994) to see who else signed up and your payment status. Please deposit a check in the Pack 1776 mail box at the Coyote Creek office.

**Prepare for the April 13 Pack Graduation**

Tiger, Wolf, Bears and Webelos will graduate at the April 13 pack meeting. By March 31, please make sure your scout has completed all his Cub Scout requirements and that [ScoutTrack](http://www.scouttrack.com/).com reflects his achievements. Surat, our Advancement Coordinator, will order the patches and belt loops shortly after. Please check with your Den Leader if you have any questions.

[**BALOO Training**](https://pack1776.com/posts/201602_9582/)

In order for our Pack to attend an overnight event, there must be at least one BALOO trained adult in attendance. The next BALOO Training is on April 9 at Camp Herms in El Cerrito. The one-day training teaches skills needed to conduct pack outdoor activities safely. **We need BALOO trained leaders for the May 14th Balclutha Overnighter!** Please register! The pack will reimburse you for your class once you completed your training.

**Blackhawk 500**

**Blackhawk Auto Museum**

**3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA 94506**

Join the fun! Bring your Pinewood Derby Car for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council race at the Blackhawk Automobile Museum (3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville) on March 5, 2016. There will be speed racing and open class categories. Everyone is eligible for the design competition. During the event the whole family can tour the Blackhawk Museum's magnificent auto collection and other fabulous exhibits. ALL CUB SCOUTS may enter the Blackhawk 500 event. <http://www.blackhawk500.org/>

**Other Outings That May Interest You**

As scouts, we are invited to numerous events for free, at a discount, or exclusively. Here are a few upcoming events that may interest you. You can make these outings or other educational activities a Pack event simply by coordinating the logistics for the Pack; please contact Grace Dagen at gracedagen@yahoo.com if you want to help.

* [3rd Annual Boardwalk Spring Jam, March 4, 2016](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/events/all-programs/community-event#overlay-context=events/all-programs/community-events)
* [Shooting Sports Day in Livermore, March 6th](https://pack1776.com/posts/201601_shooting-sports-day-in-livermore/)
* [California Academy of Science Overnighter for Scouts, March 12](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/date/penguinspajamas-sleepovers)
* [Scout Saturday at Hiller Aviation Museum, March 5, 2016](http://www.hiller.org/scout-saturday.shtml)
* [Annual Gem and Mineral Festival, April 16 & 17, 2016](https://pack1776.com/posts/201602_scvgms-61st-annual-gem-and-mineral-festival/)
* District Camporee, April 29 to May 1 at Rancho Los Mochas
* [Oakland A’s Scout Day, May 22, 2016](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/date/oakland-scout-day-0#overlay-context=about/our-council/camp-herms)
* Cub Scout Day Camp: August 1 to 5 at Little Hills Ranch

**March Pack Planning Meeting**
**Monday, March 7, 7:30 pm, casual**
The March Pack Planning Meeting is at Hartwell’s home at 9590 Velvetleaf Circle. All Pack and Den Leaders, and February, March and April volunteers are invited. This meeting allows us to discuss ideas and solidify action plans for our upcoming events.

**Meridian District Round Table
Thursday, March 24 at 7:30, LDS-San Ramon, 5025 Crow Canyon Rd.
Class A Uniform If Available, Casual OK**
This month's District Roundtable topic is “Cub Summer Program Planning” and “ScoutBook, what’s available on new Scoutbook and how to make it work!” Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, and parent volunteers are encouraged to attend.