# March 2017 Newsletter

**March 15 Pack Meeting: NOVA 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the MPR Class A Uniform**
What do you know about the stars in the sky? At our March Pack Meeting, scouts will learn about various constellations and the stories behind them. We will also go outside to gaze at the stars, so please dress warmly.

**Hoot Owl Bike Ride Saturday, March 11th, 5:00 Iron Horse Trail - Crow Canyon intersection 3400 Crow Canyon Road Class B Shirt**
In celebration of the start of daylight savings time, let's ride our bike after dark! We will ride the Iron Horse Trail between Crow Canyon and Sycamore Valley Road and back for a total of about 5 miles. We will also discuss bike and road safety. All rider will receive a bike light. An adult is required to accompany each child. Bring your bike, helmet, jacket, water and optional snacks.

**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. Click here to learn more.

**Pack 1776 Spring Camping 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 1 to noon, Sunday, April 2 Anthony Chabot Family Campground (entrance at the end of Marciel Road; 0.4 miles beyond the Marksmanship Range entrance; Marciel Gate street address: 9999 Redwood Road, Castro Valley)**
Hopefully the rain will stop and we can finally go camping! Pack families are welcome to come for the day. To stay the night, please sign up via evite, coming soon, so we can budget for food. The pack will provide snacks, breakfast and charcoal for the grills. You must bring your own dinner. If you want a hot meal, we recommend brining a foil dinner to grill. Check online for recipe ideas. Here's our tentative schedule:

**Saturday**

2:00 to 3:00 - Arrive and set up camp
3:00 to 3:15 - Flag ceremony
3:15 to 3:30 - Snacks (solar oven S'mores made by Den 9)
3:30 to 4:30 - Hike
4:30 to 5:30 - Fun activities / BBQ prep
5:30 to 6:30 - Dinner (bring your own foil pack dinner)
6:30 to 7:15 - Fun activities or free time
7:30 to 8:30 - Camp fire, skits, games, snacks
8:30 to 9:00 - Get ready for bed
9:00 Lights out

**Sunday**

7:15 to 7:45 Start camp fires, prepare breakfast
7:45 to 8:30 Free breakfast provided by the Pack (coffee, hot chocolate, juice, muffins, croissants, bagels, and fruits) 8:30 to 10:30 Morning Activities
10:45 to 11:00 Closing Ceremonies
11:00 to 12:00 Break Camp and Leave

**BALOO Training**

In order for our Pack to attend an overnight event, there must be BALOO trained adults in attendance. If you enjoy going on overnight camping, please register. The pack will reimburse you. The next BALOO Training is on April 1 at Camp Fetterman, in Brentwood.

**Archery and BB Gun Marksmanship Day**
**Sunday, April 2, Camp Herms, 1100 James Pl, El Cerrito $30 per person**
Patches and pins awarded to all Cub Scouts. Register at the council website here.

**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 when purchasing them online. You can also choose the $42 all you can eat package. 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 form 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.

**Oakland A's Scout Day Sunday, May 21: A's versus Boston Red Sox**
Join the A's for their annual Scout Day. The event includes a pre-game, on-field parade for uniformed Scouts and leaders, a commemorative patch for all participating Scouts, and a discounted game ticket. (Field level $32, Plaza Level $26, Plaza Outfield $22, Plaza Reserved $16) In order to attend, we need someone to coordinate this outing for the Pack.

**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 $225 if registered by April 15. All scouts welcome! Here's the link to sign up: http://www.meridiandaycamp.com/

**We Need Volunteers; Click on Evites to Sign Up**
March 15: NOVA Pack Meeting – help with the stations

April 1 & 2: Spring Camping – lots of volunteers needed to run the activities
Sunday, May 21 – Scout Day with the A's – be the coordinator for this event
Saturday, May 27: Flag Planting at the Presidio – be the coordinator for this outing
Sunday May 28 and May 29: Cotton Candy Sale – Assist with set up band breakdown June 12 to 16: Cub Scout Day Camp – be the coordinator for this program

**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.

**Meridian District Round Table**
**Thursday, April 13th at 7:30, LDS-San Ramon, 5025 Crow Canyon Rd.**
**Class A Uniform If Available, Casual OK**

Get all the materials, ideas and information for the next three months for our Dens and Pack. All Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, are encouraged to attend. At the April meeting, experienced leaders will share about Cub Scout hiking and camping sites in our area and great recruiting ideas.

**April Pack Planning Meeting Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 pm, casual**

The April 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.