# September 2016 Pack News

**September Pack Meeting: San Ramon K-9 Unit Demonstration**

**Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Coyote Creek School MPR**

Discover how San Ramon police officers and their trusted canines work together to apprehend criminals, uncover illegal drugs, and locate evidence. They will be onsite to perform demonstrations. We will also be taking scout portraits and conducting the initiation ceremony. Please note the earlier 6:30 PM meeting time, and be on time! Class A uniform.

**Scout O Championship**

**October 9, Tilden Regional Park, Lake Anza parking lot**

**Award: BAOC Orienteering patch, a progressive course patch**

The Bay Area Orienteering Club is hosting its Annual Bay Area Scout Orienteering event. Orienteering is a fun adventure in which scouts have to find their way through the wilderness using only a map and compass. All ages welcome and no experience needed. Instructions will be offered prior to the event at 9:00 AM. $7 per participant (shadowing adults do not need to pay). Please make checks payable to Pack 1776 and drop it off at the pack mailbox or at the September Pack Meeting. Click here for details and to sign up. Deadline to sign up is September 16 at 3:00 PM. Class B uniform, sturdy trail shoes, long pants; bring a compass, watch, pen, sun protection, lunch and water.

**Final Call for Cub Scout Registration**

**Deposit Forms and Check in Pack 1776 Mailbox at Coyote Creek Office**

The final day to register with Pack 1776 is September 21. Please check attached for your scout’s registration status and assigned Den number. Every scout must have updated forms and payment. If your scout is not listed or has incomplete documents / payments, he will be placed on inactive status in Scoutbook.com starting September 21. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/join/registration/) to [sign up](https://pack1776.com/join/registration/) or download your forms. You can deposit the forms and checks at the September pack meetings or in the Coyote Creek office.

***Canceled!* Wednesday, September 28, Lion and Tiger Den Formation and Bobcat Requirements for New Scouts, Coyote Creek School MPR**

New Lions are in Den 1, led by Jimmy and Jessica Almeida. New Tigers are in Den 2 lead by Andy Szeto, Paul Lannus, and Dave Brown. Bobcat requirements will be done within each individual Dens. There will not be a separate meeting on September 28.

**Bingo Night!**

**Friday, September 23rd, 5:30pm - 8:00pm (First game starts at 6:30 p.m.)**

**Location: Coyote Creek Elementary MPR**

Scouts can read the bingo numbers at Coyote Bingo Night! You must [purchase a ticket first](https://ck.futurefundapp.com/store/campaigns/2146). And dress in your Class A uniform to participate. Cost: $5 (includes bingo, pizza, drinks, cookies and raffle ticket).

**Saturday, September 24** [**San Ramon Emergency Preparedness Fair**](http://www.bereadysrv.org/)

**Location: San Ramon Central Park from 10 AM to 2 PM**

Child fingerprinting, kids’ fire safety house, interactive demos, fire and police vehicles, CPR and AED instruction, and much more! Great for scouts working on emergency preparedness.

**Sunday, September 25 Pack Hike at 4:00 PM**

**Meet at the end of the parking lot, by the basketball court of Sycamore Valley Park at 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville**

We will take a sandy trail up to a short ridge, then down another shady trail. Total hike is approximately 2 miles with an elevation gain of about 400 feet. This is comparable to the Las Trampas hike and we will enjoy views of Danville. The hike should take about 1 hour. Scouts can enjoy the beach sand on parts of this trail. Wear Class B shirt or comfortable clothes, sun protection, and closed toe walking shoes. Bring water, light snack and a positive scouting spirit.

**Popcorn Sale Going on Now**

Popcorn sale is going on now! Click [here](https://pack1776.com/posts/201608_2016-popcorn-show-and-sell/) for details and [here](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dabae2caaf49-popcorn1) to sign up for selling at Draegers. If the time slots don’t work, go to Suma’s house at 3244 Carpenter Way on Saturday or Sunday morning between 9 and 10 am and pick up some popcorn and catalog; sell door to door. It’s the method our top sellers use! Catalog order due back on October 15 at the Pack Outdoor Meeting, all show and sell money and popcorn due back October 22. All participants earn a patch. Sales earned at the store along with individual sales all count toward prizes. Practice good safety rules and wear your Class A uniform!

**Saturday October 15 Outdoor Pack Meeting**

**Arroyo Flats Group Campground, Garin Regional Park, Hayward, 2:00 PM**

Join us for a fun outdoor pack meeting! We will go on a pack hike, conduct the Bobcat face painting ceremony for our new scouts, perform skits and songs, make crafts, and have S'mores at the end of the hike. Class A uniform.

**Saturday to Sunday, October 15 & 16 Outdoor Pack Camping**

For those who want to party on, we reserved 75 spots at the Arroyo Flats Group Campground. Click [here](https://docs.google.com/a/pack1776.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV8i86zU1TECB2LU8mpdoZEFR9gxeR_NGRfB-tPkw4GVgctw/viewform?entry.180554711=None&entry.1662013377&entry.1457002335&entry.727222638&entry.1935622118&entry.302866764) to sign up! **Scouts should bring a tent and prepare food at home to cook in our fire pits for dinner.** There’s also a small pond for fishing. The Pack will provide simple breakfast food for the following morning. Space is limited to 75 people, first come, first serve.

**Friday, October 28, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Pack 1776 Halloween Party**

**Location: Coyote Creek Elementary MPR**

**Free to Pack 1776 Families; Costume Highly Encouraged for Everyone Attending**

Beware the ghosts and goblins! Come for an evening of games and fun mayhem. Kids and adults wear your costumes! Best costumes win medals! Pizza plus a bottle of water will be available for $1 in the food booth. No sign ups needed. Entire scouting family welcome!

**Cornfield Maze Fun**

**Location: I-580 to Livermore, exit Isabel Ave. South, left on East Airway Blvd.**

**Saturday, October 8 from 10:00 to 12:00**

**Weather permitting**

[$9 with coupon](http://www.gmfarms.com/pdfs/2015coupon.pdf)

Let’s get lost in a cornfield maze because that’s what kids like to do. Go early to avoid the crowd, pay at the door. Print the coupon to receive $1 off admission. Click [here](http://www.gmfarms.com/pdfs/2015coupon.pdf) for more information.

**Enter Personal Contact in www.ScoutBook.com**

Scoutbook.com is our scout advancement tracking and pack communications tool.

Please log into ScoutBook.com ASAP and complete your personal contact information. Provide all email addresses you’d like us to send Pack and Den communications. To add an adult, scroll to the bottom and click your scout’s “Connections” then click “add” at the top of the screen. Please include your cell phone number in case we need to reach you while we’re at an outing. Check in often to review your scout’s advancement. It’s the parents’ responsibility, not the Den Leaders, to make sure your scout has a successful scouting program.

**National Summertime Award Pins**

**Last Call!** Scouts that participate in three Pack level summer activities can earn the [National Summertime Award](http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/award/award-1584.asp) Pin. If your scout participated in any three events this summer, please email Surat Perez at surat.perez@gmail.com by **September 23** to receive a pin. ***Please include your scout’s 1) name, 2) Den and 3) events he participated in.***The summer activities that qualify are: Cotton Candy Sale, June Pack Bike Ride, July 4th Parade, August Cub Scout Day Camp, and August 20th Pack Kick Off. Other scouting events may qualify on a case by case basis.

**Recruiter Stripe**

Scouts can earn the recruiter stripe by getting a friend to join our Pack. Click [here](http://usscouts.org/advance/recruiter.asp) for more details. Email Surat Perez at surat.perez@gmail.com by **September 23** if your scout qualifies.

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

Can you help with these events? Your time counts toward your volunteer hours. Click [here](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dabae2caaf49-volunteer1) to sign up. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/volunteering/) to log your hours; new scouts have been added. You need a minimum of 8 service hours by June 2017 to get back your $200 deposit.

* October 15: help direct campers where to drop off equipment and set up tents.
* October 15: guide interested scouts on making [a foil & ribbon comet](http://www.kiwicrate.com/projects/Foil-plus-Ribbon-equals-Comet/502), supplies provided.
* October 15: guide interested scouts on making a [pencil cup catch toy](https://www.google.com/search?q=pencil+craft&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjRst_R5YnPAhVLxoMKHa06BGIQ_AUICCgB&biw=1097&bih=568#tbm=isch&q=pencil+cup+catch+craft&imgrc=288gprP5ZtAvQM%3A), supplies provided.
* October 15: guide interested scouts on beading a [neckerchief slide](http://ahandfulofeverything.blogspot.com/2012/11/bead-cub-scout-neckerchief-slide.html), a [charm](https://www.google.com/search?q=beaded+charm&espv=2&biw=1097&bih=528&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjMoNnuxJHPAhUB6CYKHS7zCOQQ_AUIBygC#tbm=isch&q=cub+scout+beaded+craft&imgrc=AylnnPmP8ldubM%3A) or bracelet. Supplies provided.
* October 15: guide interested scouts on making [large bubbles,](http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/really-big-bubble-maker/) help mix the bubble solution. Supplies provided.
* October 15: lead a sport or physical activity during downtime.
* October 15: lead some camp fire games and songs.
* October 16: help purchase and prepare simple breakfast the following morning. You decide on food, no cooking required. Pack will reimburse expense.

**Signup Coming Soon!** [**Santa Cruz Mystery Spot**](https://www.mysteryspot.com/)**, Pack Hike, and Mount Hermon Adventures on Saturday November 5**

**Mystery Spot: $8 per person 4 and older, $5 parking, 25 people per group**

The Mystery Spot is a gravitational anomaly located in the redwood forests just outside of Santa Cruz. Come experience these phenomena for yourself! Ticket price includes a 45 minute guided tour. There can only be 25 people per tour group so we reserved 3 slots for a total of 75 people: noon, 12:36 pm, and 1:36 pm. The last slot is reserved for people going on the Mount Hermon Adventures. First pay first serve. After the tour, the first two group can go on a 1.5 mile hike and enjoy a spectacular view. If you would like to spend the rest of the afternoon at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk or beach, it’s only 20 minutes away.

[**Mount Hermon Adventures**](http://mounthermonadventures.com/adventures/)**, $25 per person, 5 years and up, 20 people max** is a multiple aerial adventure courses designed to challenge kids and adults. The course features seven different activities, at heights of 25 feet above the forest floor, with a short zip line descent back to the ground. The cost is $25 per person for two hours and limited to 20 people 5 years and up and weigh between 45–250lbs. Kids under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Our only available slot is at 10:00 am; those going on this adventure should sign up for the 1:30 Mystery Spot tour and may miss the group hike, though you can form a hike of your own.

**The Next Meridian District Round Table is on Thursday, October 13 a**t **7:30** at the LDS-San Ramon, 5025 Crow Canyon Rd. Webelos II’s and parents should plan to attend the October Roundtable. Learn more about the Webelos to Boy Scout transition and meet representatives from troops in your area. It’s sure to be very informative! All Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Committee Members are encouraged to attend.

**The Next Pack Leadership Meeting is on October 5 at Grace Dagen’s home.**Den Leaders, Pack Leaders, and parents leading key October events invited.