

# SCOUTER

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The *Scouter* newsletter is here. Learn more about exciting events like the Camp Cards, Distinguished Citizen of the Year, Scout Shabbat, District Awards, Camporee, and more happenings in the San Gabriel Valley District.

## 2024 District Awards

It is the time of year to recognize the San Gabriel Valley District adults who have worked hard this past year in your Units and the District. Please complete applications for any awards you feel you have earned and nominate those individuals who you feel deserve these awards. Applications and nominations must be submitted by February 29th to Estela Chicas ([estela.chicas@scouting.org](mailto:estela.chicas@scouting.org)), as we plan to honor award recipients during the March Roundtable. A list of the both National awards (presented by the District) and awards created by the District are listed below with along with links to the applications. You will need to download the District applications in order to fill them in.



National Awards	District Awards
<a href="#">Cubmaster's Key</a>	Committee Chair of the Year ( <a href="#">Pack</a> , <a href="#">Troop</a> , <a href="#">Crew</a> )
<a href="#">Scoutmaster's Key</a>	<a href="#">Baden Powell Award</a>
<a href="#">Venturing Advisor's Key</a>	<a href="#">Most Valuable Scouter Award</a>
<a href="#">Unit Leader Award of Merit</a>	
<a href="#">District Award of Merit</a>	

## Roundtable

By David Granillo

We know how much you all love scouting, so please join us this Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM at the Azusa Eagles Lodge in Azusa.

This month we will hold breakout sessions for Scouts BSA leaders to learn more Exploring while Cub Scout leaders can learn more games and skills.

If units have questions, need guidance, or have suggestions for Roundtable topics of interest, please email David Granillo ([davidgranillo@aol.com](mailto:davidgranillo@aol.com)). Also, remember to ask your Unit Commissioners if you have questions. We are all here to support our leaders run successful programs. Also, remember to encourage unit leaders to get take their position specific training because every youth deserves a trained leader!

### Join Us In- Person



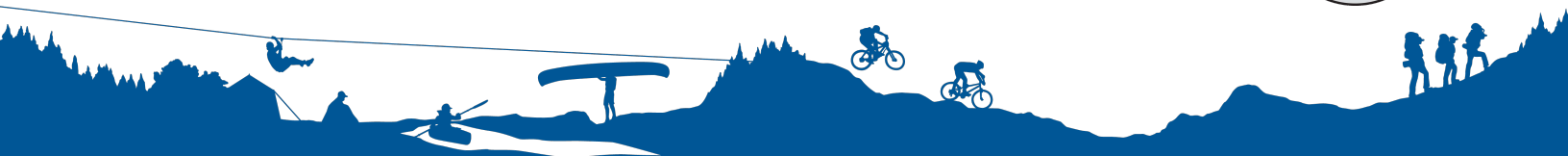
Wednesday, 02/14 @7 PM

Azusa Eagles Lodge  
1603 San Gabriel Canyon Rd  
Azusa

## January Eagles

Please join us in congratulating the SGV District's Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank in January!

- ◆ Gregory Berrios , Troop 408
- ◆ Emily Tran, Troop 333G
- ◆ Andrew Cullen, Troop 486
- ◆ Nate Haas, Troop 174
- ◆ Julien Barajas, Troop 489
- ◆ Anson Law, Troop 266
- ◆ Orlando Soriano, Troop 448



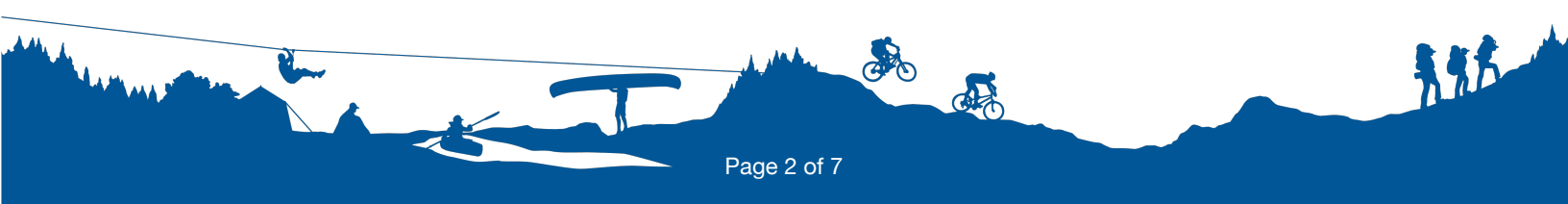
## Journey To Excellence



Thank you to all units that submitted their Journey To Excellence (JTE) scorecards last month. Don't know what Journey to excellence is? [Click here to learn more.](#)

Congratulations to the units below for submitting their scorecards and for their unit awards. Certificates and ribbons will be distributed at the District Dinner on March 19th. Units can contact the LA Scout Shop (213-718-6676) or Arcadia Scout Shop (213-718-6227) to place orders for patches.

Unit	Program	Unit Type	Unit Award
66	Troop	Boys	Special Recognition
66	Pack	Family	SILVER
91	Pack	Family	GOLD
103	Troop	Girls	GOLD
103	Troop	Boys	GOLD
104	Troop	Boys	GOLD
110	Troop	Boys	GOLD
110	Troop	Girls	GOLD
110	Pack	Boys	GOLD
111	Troop	Boys	GOLD
125	Troop	Boys	GOLD
126	Troop	Boys	GOLD
161	Troop	Boys	GOLD
174	Troop	Boys	GOLD
185	Troop	Girls	GOLD
185	Troop	Boys	GOLD
188	Troop	Girls	GOLD
188	Troop	Boys	GOLD
266	Troop	Boys	GOLD
333	Troop	Girls	GOLD
373	Troop	Boys	GOLD
373	Pack	Family	GOLD
407	Troop	Boys	GOLD
407	Troop	Girls	GOLD
408	Troop	Boys	GOLD
408	Troop	Girls	GOLD
408	Pack	Family	GOLD
411	Troop	Boys	GOLD
423	Troop	Girls	GOLD
423	Pack	Family	GOLD
448	Troop	Boys	SILVER
448	Pack	Family	GOLD
462	Pack	Family	GOLD
483	Troop	Boys	GOLD
489	Troop	Boys	GOLD
490	Pack	Family	GOLD
491	Pack	Family	GOLD
551	Pack	Family	GOLD
777	Pack	Family	GOLD
818	Troop	Boys	GOLD
820	Pack	Family	GOLD
888	Troop	Boys	GOLD



## Upcoming Events

02/09	<a href="#">2024 Annual Scout Shabbat</a> - Temple Beth Israel
02/10	<a href="#">Klondike Derby (pre-camporee)</a> - Trask Scout Reservation
02/10	<a href="#">Council Quarterly Strategic Planning (QSP) Meeting</a> - Cushman Watt Scout Center
02/22	<a href="#">Distinguished Citizen of the Year</a> - Glendora Country Club
02/24	<a href="#">Health &amp; Safety Merit Badge</a> - Trask Scout Reservation
03/02	<a href="#">Lion/Tiger Cub Scout Day</a> - Trask Scout Reservation
03/03	<a href="#">Scouting Day at the LA Kings</a> - <a href="#">Crypto.com Arena</a>
03/09	<a href="#">Innovation Science Merit Badge Day</a> - Trask Scout Reservation
03/15 - 03/17	<a href="#">Cub Rocket Academy 2024</a> - Firestone Scout Reservation
03/16	<a href="#">Citizenship Merit Badges</a> - Trask Scout Reservation
03/19	<a href="#">San Gabriel Valley District Awards</a> - SAVE THE DATE

*\*All District Hikes are open to all scouters and their families, including dogs. No need for advance registration, just show up. For more information on the events above and additional upcoming events check the [SGV District Calendar](#).*

## Helpful Links

Our [district website](#) has a wealth of information, more than we can squeeze into this newsletter each month. Here are some of our favorites:

### REQUEST RECRUITMENT MATERIALS:

<https://greaterlascouting.org/recruitment-materials-order-page/>

### GEOFENCING REQUEST FORM

Submit a Geofencing Request Form to have council promote events for the units on social media

<https://greaterlascouting.org/geofence-request-form/>

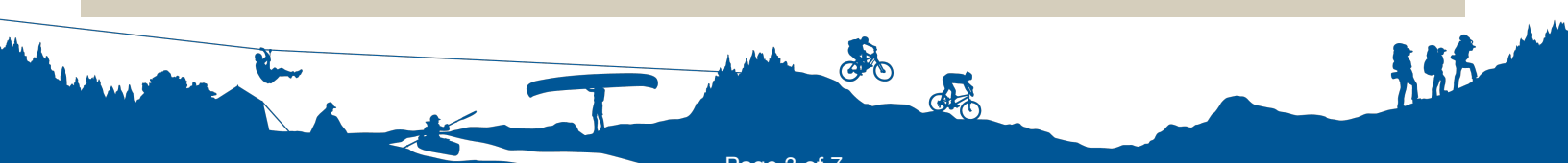
### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FORM

<https://greaterlascouting.org/financial-assistance/>

## Upcoming Training

02/10	8:00 AM	<a href="#">HAT - Canoe Training</a> - Bonelli Park/Lake Puddingstone
02/23 - 02/25	Overnight	<a href="#">HAT - Adult Leader Backpack Training</a> - Cabrillo Scout Center
03/02	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<a href="#">HAT - Lead Scout Backpack Training</a> - Cushman Watt Scout Center
03/15 - 03/17	Overnight	<a href="#">HAT - BSA Climbing Level 1</a> - Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
03/16 - 03/17	Overnight	<a href="#">Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills</a> - Firestone Scout Reservation
04/06	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)</a> - Trask Scout Reservation
04/26 - 04-28	Overnight	<a href="#">Lifeguard Training</a> - Trask Scout Reservation

For more information on the trainings above and additional upcoming training check the [Scouting Training Calendar](#).



## Commissioner's Corner

By Susan Kimball



Are you compliant with the state-mandated reporter requirements? In 2022, California required mandated reporter training and fingerprinting. All registered BSA volunteer positions must comply with AB506. What does it mean to meet the AB506 requirements? First, the mandated reporter training is met by completing the 2-hour online training provided by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the Social Services at this link: <https://mandatedreporter.ca.com/training/volunteers>. Second, the Live Scan background check must be done.

Please reach out to your commissioner or email us at [sgv.recharter@greaterlascouting.org](mailto:sgv.recharter@greaterlascouting.org) with any questions or concerns.

## Camp Card Campaign Kickoff

By Estela Chicas

I wanted to inform you that we are coming up on our annual Camp Card Campaign! We are looking to begin earlier this year on February 10th marking our kickoff. We will be providing units that attend the kickoff their first orders, along with their sales kit, and answering questions you may have. The meeting will be at Cushman Watt Center after our Quarterly Planning meeting. This is a great opportunity for raising money for your unit and getting out into the community for recruitment.

If you are interested in attending or want to request more information please follow the QR code on the flyer, or go to this link.

At this time we are still finalizing the order form and the leader guidebook, but when it is made available I will make sure it becomes available to you all.

If there are any other questions, please let me know. Reminder - All leaders must complete the Livescan and AB506 training as soon as possible. To ensure your training is recorded properly send a copy of the training certificate to me ([estela.chicas@scouting.org](mailto:estela.chicas@scouting.org)), and I can submit to our registrar to record.

**2024 Camp Card Kickoff**

Learn more about the Campaign, receive a sales kit and ask questions!

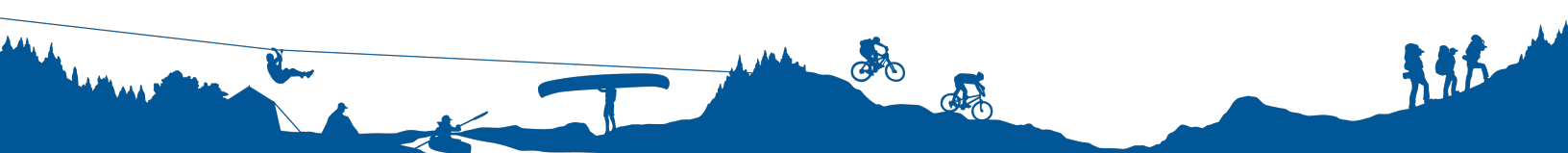
RSVP OR REQUEST MORE INFO

Cushman Watt, 2333 Scout Way, LA 90026

**FEB 10th 2024**

**1PM - 3PM ON THE SECOND FLOOR**  
FOLLOWING THE QUARTERLY PLANNING MEETING

The flyer includes a collage of coupons from various businesses such as Great Clips, Smart & Final, Legoland California Resort, Six Flags, and Rally's.




## Distinguished Citizen of the Year

The San Gabriel Valley District would love for you to join us for this special event. To register, scan the QR code or click on the flyer below.


**Please Join**  
Greater LA Scouting  
San Gabriel Valley District

For The  
**Distinguished Citizen of the Year**

Honoring  
**John Aguirre**  
Recreation & Human Services Director  
City of Glendora



Sign Up Now



**February 22, 2024**  
Glendora Country Club  
2400 Country Club Dr. Glendora, CA 91741  
5:30pm Reception | 7:00pm - 9:00pm Dinner & Program

**For more information please contact Melissa Bueno at**  
Melissa.Bueno@Scouting.org | (213) 718-6908

The San Gabriel Valley District of Greater Los Angeles Scouting, and the Glendora City Council, invite you to join us as we honor John Aguirre for his 34 years of distinguished service as an employee of the City.

A native of Glendora, through his tenure with the City, he has provided programs and services to benefit youth, seniors and residents of Glendora.

Greater LA Scouting's mission is to empower people to live confident, capable, complete, and compassionate lives through dynamic leadership opportunities and fun outdoor adventures.

## Scout Shabbat 2024

If you haven't signed up, there's still time! Click on the flyer below to sign up.

Register Online at [scoutingevent.com/033-ScoutShabbat](https://scoutingevent.com/033-ScoutShabbat)

**Scout Shabbat** is held yearly to coincide with the founding date of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1916. Please join us in celebrate Scouting's 108th anniversary with Scout Shabbat Services. The National Jewish Committee on Scouting (NJCOS) urges all Jewish Scouting youth to show pride in their faith by holding a Scout Shabbat service for their unit, district or council.

Since 2015, The San Gabriel Valley District Boy Scout Religious Committee has been coordinating a yearly San Gabriel Valley celebration. The Tenth annual event will be hosted this year at Temple Beth Israel in Pomona for all Scouting Youth and Scouters.

### Annual Scout Shabbat 2024 information:

**Who:** Scouts BSA, Cub Scouts, Ventures, and their families

**When:** Friday, February 9, 2024 Packet Pick Up with patches and/or Kippot **6:30PM- 7:15PM**

**Nothing will be available for purchase on Shabbat, must purchase on listed link before arrival. Site will close on February 7 or when supply runs out. Limited Kippot are available.**

Take your seats at **7:15PM** Service **7:30 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Where:** Temple Beth Israel, 3033 North Towne Ave., Pomona, CA (909) 626-1277

**Cost:** If you are just attending its **FREE!!!** Please RSVP so that we have enough refreshments. If you enjoy patches and would like the unique **Scout Shabbat 2024 Patch, it is available for- \$6 on [Scoutingevent.com](https://scoutingevent.com)** (Image shown is sample patch personalized not available to preview)

To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> annual event, we will be selling an embroidered Scout Kippot for \$10.

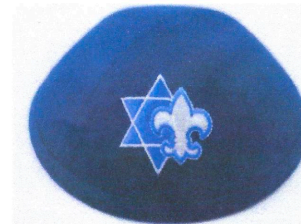
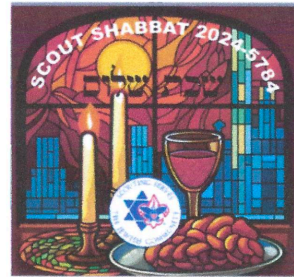
Come and participate in a traditional Jewish Religious Service.

### Additional Information:

- Please direct any questions about this event to Cheryl Becker, Religious Emblems Coordinator/Committee Member for San Gabriel Valley Boy Scout District at [c6ecker@gmail.com](mailto:c6ecker@gmail.com).
- Scouts should wear their Class A uniforms, sashes and any Scouting religious awards earned.
- Scout Shabbat is open to scouts of all religions.
- Refreshments will be provided after the service; donation of sweets are appreciated.
- Scouts can obtain the event patch through the National Jewish Council on Scouting website or by ordering them through listed link. They will be available on a first come first serve basis. **They will not be for sale at the service.** This is out of respect for the Temple.

**Sponsored by The San Gabriel Valley District, Boy Scout Religious Committee, Temple Beth Israel, and Troop 818.**

Register Online at [scoutingevent.com/033-ScoutShabbat](https://scoutingevent.com/033-ScoutShabbat)



## Earn the Official 2024 Solar Eclipse Emblem

By John Campbell

A celestial phenomenon is about to grace the skies once again, captivating the hearts of Scouts across the nation. On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cast its shadow, offering a unique spectacle that won't be seen again until 2044. In the spirit of exploration and learning, Scouts have the opportunity to earn the coveted 2024 Solar Eclipse Emblem, a glowing testament to their curiosity and dedication. Let's embark on a journey to discover how Scouts can prepare for and commemorate this extraordinary event.

### HOW TO EARN THE 2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE EMBLEM

For details on how to earn the emblem [check out the Aaron On Scouting article](#) from Scouting Magazine.

Follow the steps in the article and you could earn the [BSA Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Emblem](#). The Scout Shop is also offering the [glow-in-the-dark patch set](#) and a [nifty looking glow-in-the-dark T-shirt](#).



## Upcoming OA Events

03/08 - 03/09	Overnight	Trade-O-Ree, Foothill Vineyard Church
04/12 - 04/14	Overnight	Induction - Spring 2024, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
05/17 - 05/19	Overnight	Kihaawk Fellowship 2024, Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
07/29 - 08/04	Overnight	National Order of the Arrow Conference, University of Colorado Boulder

## Scouting Needs You!

The San Gabriel Valley District has open positions. If you're a leader and want to continue to give back to Scouting, please consider volunteering for one of these roles (click the links to learn more):

- ★ [Activities Chair](#)
- ★ [Friends of Scouting Chair](#)
- ★ [Fund Development Chair](#)
- ★ [Health & Safety Chair](#)
- ★ [Training Chair](#)
- ★ [Marketing Chair](#)
- ★ [Special Events Chair](#)



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