



Meridian Matters

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WEBSITE:

www.bsameridian.org

CALENDAR

October

- 6 Eagle Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 12 District Committee meeting (D-LDS)
- 13 Eagle Orientation/Packet (D-LDS)
- 20 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- 27 Roundtable meeting (SR-LDS)

November

- 3 Eagle Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 9 District Committee meeting (D-LDS)
- 10 Eagle Orientation/Packet (D-LDS)
- 17 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- 17 Roundtable meeting (SR-LDS)

NEXT ROUNDTABLE

Our next Roundtable meeting will be Thursday October 27th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the San Ramon LDS Church, 5025 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. **Please note the new 7:00 starting time.** The OA Apanuc will meet at the same time and location. Hope to see you there!

DIST./COUNCIL CALENDAR

Just go to our website at www.bsa-meridian.org/Calendar.pdf to download.

ADULT TRAINING

Beginning with this fall's rechartering - all TOP ADULT leaders (Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Crew Advisor, and Team Coaches) need to be TRAINED.

Training opportunities from our training chair:

1. "How to Use Den Chiefs and Where to Find Them" training - Sept. Roundtable
2. "Magic of the Den Box" - Train the Trainer - Oct. Roundtable Cub Breakout Session
3. Den Chief Training - Oct 8 (Concord LDS) and Nov. 5; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (San Ramon LDS)
4. BALOO - Oct. 22
7. OS4WL and OLS - Oct. 22-23
8. Merit Badge Counselor Training - Nov. RT

Please see the training page of Smoke Signals or training website (www.3districttraining.org/). Contact Ray Chan, ray4scouting@gmail.com.

EMERGENCY PREP FAIR

A big THANKS to all who helped with this year's San Ramon Valley Emergency

Preparedness Fair! Check out the great website, too: [www.bereadysrv.org/!!!](http://www.bereadysrv.org/)

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food, Scouting's annual food drive which provides food for the local food banks, will be the week between Nov. 12 and Nov 19. As in the past, each Cub pack will be responsible for an area near where they meet, and they will share the area with one or more Boy Scout troops. This is a great opportunity for a pack and troop to work together and get to know each other better. We will also be collecting glasses for Lion's in Sight. A tentative meeting to cover details will be just before the October Roundtable meeting at 6:30. Contact Al Nichols, 997-6470, albert.nichols@comcast.net.

POPCORN

Why sell popcorn???? Popcorn is the main fundraiser that our scouting organization performs each year. Popcorn sales not only benefit our local packs and troops, but it also raises a significant amount of money for our local council. Please plan to participate because every little bit helps!!!

Remaining Key Popcorn Dates:

- Oct. 1 - Take Order (door-to-door selling) begins for Meridian District
- Oct. 31 - Take Orders/prizes due
- Oct. 31 - Unsold Show & Sell returns
- Nov. 18 - Take Order distribution

Contact Julie Graham, H: 556-9419; Julie@GrahamsGetaways.com.

WEBELOS TRANSITION

Webelos II's and parents should plan to attend the October Roundtable meeting on Oct. 27th. Learn more about the Webelos to Boy Scout transition and meet representatives from troops in your area. It is sure to be very informative! Contact Dan Chevez, 314-1360 danchevez@sbcglobal.net.

DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

(written by Norma Andres, T-36)

Do you know someone who lives out the Scout motto "do a good turn daily"? As Meridian District's Unit Commissioner since 1973, Mr. Rich Richmond has been doing so for over 52

years, contributing and serving in many other capacities as well.

While Mr. Richmond's first Scouting years started as a child in the 1930's, his first adult Scouting experience started with his eldest son joining Alamo's Pack 235 back in 1959. This led to active involvement as a den leader, pack committee member, and committee chairperson for several years. He moved onto Troop 216 with his three sons, who all advanced to rank of Eagle. While with Troop 216, he also served as Scoutmaster from 1965-1972.

Over the many years, Mr. Richmond has been a familiar face at many Scout outings, from countless camps and fairs, to Camporees, and Jamborees. He has shared his expertise at whittling with Scouts and adult staff at many locations, and has personally whittled over 4000 neckerchief slides, giving away many of them! His impressive shadow box collections are a testament to his talent and dedication, and have been graciously shared at many functions and meetings.

Commissioner Richmond has presided (and continues to do so) over many Crossovers, Courts of Honor, and Eagle Courts as well. He has graced many Eagle Courts with a distinguished wooden eagle display he made for his sons' Eagle courts back around 1968.

As an adult, he has received numerous awards for his noted volunteerism - Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, God & Service, Distinguished Commissioner, and Wood Badge beads.

While Mr. Richmond has served in many high profile areas, he has also spent much of his time filling areas of need without fanfare, which speaks of his humility, sincerity and strong belief in Boy Scouts of America. Despite the many years of giving, he and his wife, Jean, firmly believe that they have received much more in return.

Mr. Richmond, we honor you for your accomplishments! Also, we thank you for keeping the legacy of Boy Scouts strong over all these years, and for all you have done and continue to do for our youth. We hope that we can continue like you to "do a good turn daily"!