

Mission Peak News

November 2019

Key District Notices

- **Communications Changes:** In a poll of Mission Peak Scouters this summer, three key requests was for better communications.
 - **A regular Newsletter** – Our target is to publish monthly starting with this edition.
 - **A dedicated Mission Peak Website** – Using the SFBAC.org site did not allow as much district specific information as desired. Hence, we have launched <https://MissionPeakScouts.com>. This will be the home for information related to Mission Peak and Mission Peak specific events.
 - **Better Email system** – The old Yahoo group had difficulty in signing up and recent changes in the Yahoo group policies dictated a better system. The new Google group for Mission Peak is: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#forum/missionpeakdistrict>. If not a member yet, you may apply thru this link.
- **Arrow of Light Scout Bridging:** In the next 3 to 4 months, most of the Webelos II Scouts will bridge over to Scouts BSA. Three critical things need to happen:
 1. The Webelos must find a unit that matches them. [Contact us](#) if you are having issues.
 2. The Advancement Records for the Arrow of Light Scouts MUST be recorded by National **BEFORE** the youth is registered in the Scouts BSA Unit. This is critical! As soon as the youth is registered in the Scouts BSA unit, it is no longer possible to record the Arrow of Light with National.
- 3. The Cub Pack is responsible for collecting the PAIA fee for all youth registered with the Pack as of January 1, 2020, including the Webelos who are about to bridge. It is strongly advised that the Pack collects the PAIA fee for the Webelos before they are allowed to bridge into Scouts BSA.
- **Re-charter Reminders:** By this point, all units should be fairly well along on their re-charter. As a reminder, ALL registered adults must fill out a BSA Waiver for a periodic background check. Click [here](#) to download the current form. The signed wafers are to be turned in at re-charter.
 - When complete, packets may be turned in as follows:
 - **Mon 12/2, 6:00-8:30** @ Fremont Main Library, Conference Room A
 - **Tue 12/3, 6:00-8:30** @ Fremont Elks, 38991 Farwell Dr.
 - **Sat 12/7, 12:00-1:00** @ Fremont Main Library, Conference Room A
- **Open Positions:** The District needs assistance in filling critical roles. This is an opportunity to make the District more responsive. More involved adults will make the District better able to serve all units.
 - Commissioners – Both Roundtable and Unit
 - Vice Chair for Finance • Activities Chair
 - Training Chair • Camping Chair
 - Others - <https://missionpeakscouts.com/org-chart/>

Coming Events – Click Links for more information

- **Merit Badge Extravaganza** – Dec 7 – 9 AM to Noon. Registration and details thru [link](#).
- **Roundtables** – Click [link](#) for complete schedule.
 - Dec 10 – Holiday Pot-luck and OA discussion for Scouts BSA
 - Jan 14 – PAIA and FoS
- **Indoor Rally** – Jan 31 – 6:30 PM to 9 PM - Holy Spirit Church – Details: Contact [Jeff Airth](#)
- **Spring Camporee** – April 3-5 – at Rancho Los Mochos – Details: Contact [Larry Peck](#)
- **Acorn** - See [link](#) for details
 - SM/ASM Leadership Training – May 2 – at YLTC
 - Intro. to Outdoor Leadership Part 1 – May 3 – at YLTC
 - Intro. to Outdoor Leadership Part 2 – May 15-17 – at Rancho Los Mochos

If you have additions, suggestions, corrections or ideas, please send to: MP-Commissioner-Allen@comcast.net.