

GOLDEN WEST DISTRICT

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Round Table
- 17 Committee Meeting
- 19 OA Chapter Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 16 Round Table
- 16 OA Chapter Meeting
- 21 Committee Meeting

DECEMBER

- 12 Commissioners Meeting
- 14 Round Table
- 19 Committee Meeting
- 21 OA Chapter Meeting



POPCORN

Scouting for Free?

Would your Scout's like to increase their den and pack activities? Would your scouting families like it all to be for free? It really can be! Every group has the opportunity to get involved with the popcorn fundraising campaign through Trails End. It's really very easy and your group can receive many benefits.

To get involved, contact your District Popcorn Kernel and ask for a fundraising packet. If you haven't heard from a Popcorn Kernel yet, please contact the Council Office and ask whom your Popcorn Kernel is and they will be happy to provide you with their contact information. Inside your packet, you'll receive sales forms for your group, key dates to remember and complete easy to follow instructions. If you have any questions, your -Popcorn Kernel is there to assist you every step of the way. Once your packet is received, your group simply starts selling the products to friends, family, neighbors and community contacts. Your group can then earn 30% commission on every product they sell plus really neat prizes! That can really add up! The Sequoia Council has also sweetened the deal by offering a PSP to the top overall individual seller!

At the same time, it allows our Scouts to be a part of a successful team; their group really can't lose! It also encourages them to interact with their community and share their scouting spirit. They improve their communication skills. It helps them be responsible by following through from the initial sale to the product distribution and collection of funds. It builds their self-esteem as they work to earn really cool prizes. AND BEST OF ALL, it gives each Scout the opportunity to have all the benefits of scouting for FREE!

Angela Gamino
Popcorn Chair
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ROUNDTABLE

Golden West's October Round Table on the 12th will have Cub Scout Fast Start and Boy Scout New Leader Essentials as well as an opportunity for all Committee Chairs to get the recharter packet for their unit. These classes are just in time for new adult leaders to make the most of the council wide, University of Scouting on October 21st where they can take just about any training available, whether to qualify your group for an outing, complete basic training or more advanced training for the seasoned scouter. Visit the Golden West's web page on <http://home.comcast.net/~dooleytroop95/> or event information and district bulletins.

Dennis Dooley
Training Chair

GOLDEN WEST ADVANCEMENT

Summer camp is over and many merit badges have been earned. Some completed and others not. Please make sure everyone is following up on the paperwork. Advancement reports must be filed with the council office for completed badges and new ranks. File the reports sooner rather than later. Remember partial blue cards are the only record of progress towards a merit badge. Store them in a safe place you will remember. Ask your scoutmaster for a councilor and complete the badge.

Advancement chairpersons; schedule your court's of honor as soon as possible. A boy is recognized. This must happen soon after earning an award. Otherwise the boy may loose his enthusiasm for earning future awards.

Conservation, 50 miler, mile swim, SCUBA, and snorkeling awards all have paperwork in addition to the Unit Advancement Report that must be filed with the council office. Some of these forms are available on the council web site under resources. The remainder can be obtained at the office.

Mark Blomquist
Golden West Advancement Chair

MEMBERSHIP

There are some key things we should be aware of for the fall season. For starters never stop your recruitment in November the council will be have their annual Scout night with the Falcons. This is a great time to have all your scouts invite a friend to see the fun things we do. The more active your unit is the stronger it will become. Now once we have them hooked as cub scouts we need to make sure the move on to boy scouts with no problems The Webelos Awareness, helps with this by introducing the cubs to boy scout experiences.

Patricia Barton
Membership Chair