

GOLDEN WEST DISTRICT

CALENDAR

JULY

- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 18 Committee Meeting
- 20 OA Chapter Meeting

AUGUST

- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 15 Committee Meeting
- 17 OA Chapter Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 19 Committee Meeting
- 21 OA Chapter Meeting

Our District is in need of Unit Commissioners!

A Unit Commissioner helps Units to be healthy and strong. They help out new and existing leaders by answering any questions that they may have about Scouting.

For More Information,
Contact Jerry Thompson
at (559) 439-4354

MEMBERSHIP

Over the past 3 months we have been working hard on retaining youth and recruiting new members, we are 16 % over in Membership at this time over last year. Golden West will be having a Race to Cub Scouting in the near future, so please look for information to come. The Council will be having an overnight campout at the Grizzlies Stadium on August 5th which is a great opportunity to get new Scouts for your units (anyone can spend the night). Have each Scout bring a friend and double your unit. We have 2 good leads on 2 new Troops that we hope to start by the fall.

If you have an idea for recruitment please contact Bob Collins 559-320-2100 ext 116.

-Patricia Barton

District Membership Chair

TRAINING CHAIR'S REPORT

Golden West has had a good couple of months for leader training. The March 18th training had numerous participants from our District, as did the Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Skills training a few weeks ago at Eastman Lake. Congratulations to all those who completed their basic training requirements! Roundtable attendance has continued to rise, our thanks to Mark Bloomquist, Golden West's Advancement Chair, who presented the advancement to Eagle workshop in May. Our next training will be BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) for Cub Scout leaders to qualify their packs for overnight camping activities. It is currently scheduled for June 17 which conflicts with the service projects going on at the Airshow at Chandler Field the same morning. It is likely it will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, June 24

-Dennis Dooley

SUMMER IS HERE!

It's time to enjoy summer camping! Senior Patrol Leaders, Team Captains, and Crew Presidents remember to include advancement opportunities in your event planning. Younger Scouts will be learning new things while participating in unit events. Design your activity to take advantage of the situation. Immediately following instruction sign off the requirement. Naturally, this requires every Scout to bring their handbook or record book with them to each outing and unit meeting!!!

Adults, if you have a Scout who is experiencing difficulty meeting rank advancement requirements. And you believe, or know, this Scout may have some mental or physical limitations, your Scout may be a Special Needs Scout. Please contact Bob Collins, myself or Tony Ratkus, Council Advancement Chairperson, for assistance in setting up a meeting between your Unit Leader, the youth's parents and our Council Special Needs Advisors. All Scout advancement requirements must be followed as stated in the Scouting handbook, other opportunities are possible if a youth member has been officially designated a Special Needs Scout. This status must be requested prior to a youth member earning rank.

-Mark Blomquist

District Advancement Chair

NEW DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

We would like to welcome Patricia Barton to our District Committee. Patricia is our new Membership Chair. Patricia was directly responsible for starting a new unit in our District, Pack 21 and received the new unit organization knot; she is also the Cubmaster of that Pack. Her son Nicolas is a Bear.

Patricia and Steve Shaw are the reason that Golden West is 17 % ahead on Membership from last year by closely working with all the volunteers in our District.

Patricia is also the Manager of the Scout shop and is doing a great job on all fronts.

WELCOME PATRICIA!

We would like to welcome Greg Ferguson to our District Committee. Greg is our new Activities Chair. Greg is an accomplished Scouter, third generation Eagle Scout, a member of the OA, he is also the Golden West Chapter Advisor for MACHQUE, and is heavily involved in his Troop 130.

Greg is married to Daphne and is a father of four boys all in Scouting. Daphne also works in the Scout Shop. Daphne is our Day Camp Director for Golden West and is doing a great job. Greg's family is a truly a devoted Scouting family.

WELCOME GREG!

Check out the Golden West District Website for
Upcoming Events!

<http://home.comcast.net/~dooleytroop95/>