



A Good Turn

By Diane Disharoon, Yolano District Newsletter Editor

November marks the beginning of holiday season. As the weather changes, we retreat to our holiday traditions and reflect on the fortunes that we have. We are thankful for the clothes on our backs, food that we eat, and home that we keep. We are fortunate for the family we have and the friends we have made. In Scouting, the slogan 'Do a Good Turn Daily' especially resonates during the holidays.

Traditionally at this time of year, Scouts participate in clothing and food drives. But it does not stop there. Doing a 'good turn', can be any act of kindness. As leaders, we can encourage our scouts to smile to make someone's day; say 'Thank You' to the crossing guard or custodial and office staff; or invite a student who is sitting by themselves to their lunch group.

Science shows that as children, we are biologically wired to be kind and we can further develop this trait with practice and repetition. Doing a 'good turn' can also make you healthier. Kindness releases feel-good hormones, eases anxiety, and is good for the heart. Other benefits include reducing stress and preventing illness.

So, if your scout or family says, "I'm bored"; think of an out-reach activity to help, big or small. Do the research by finding a local organization. Contact them and ask them what services can an appropriate-age group do; and schedule a day to provide that service. For more information on community projects and Safe Scouting, consult the following documents: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-027.pdf> and <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/guidelines-policies/>.

Membership Fees

By BSA National Office

For more than 100 years, Scouting has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun and adventure in the outdoors. At Boy Scouts of America, we are dedicated to developing leaders of character by preparing young men and women for life by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

As we keep pace with an ever-changing world, costs to the organization have increased every year. BSA has worked to keep the annual membership fee as low as possible by subsidizing core costs, including liability insurance we must carry to cover all official Scouting activities. . . *Membership Fees Cont. on page 2*

Important Dates:

Oct 29-Dec 3: [Philmont Scout Ranch High Adventure Base 2021 Lottery Opens](#)

Nov 1-Dec: Recharter

Nov 9: University of Scouting

Dec 7: Cold Weather Camping OKPIK, Camp Pollock, Sacramento

Dec 15: [iFly Skydiving: BSA Nova Engineering, Roseville](#)

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Jan 2: [Scout Night: Kings vs. Grizzlies, Golden One Center \(Special Pricing\)](#)

Jan 31-Feb2: Klondike Derby

Jan 25 & Feb8: Merit Badge Weekends

Unfortunately, it is not longer possible to subsidize at the level we have in the past, especially as the cost of insurance has increased dramatically.

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting despite increasing operating costs, the National Executive Board of BSA has made the difficult but necessary decision to increase the annual membership fee effective January 1, 2020 to:

- \$60 for youth members in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts,
- \$36 for youth members in Exploring, and
- \$36 for adult members

Every dollar of the national membership fee will go toward the cost of essential services, including liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, program resources, safety standards, youth protection and personal safety training, and services to councils nationwide to sustain Scouting. The National organization will also continue to develop and improve resources that support our volunteers and youth members such as online registration, Member Care and Scoutbook, which now includes the Den Leader experience to ensure the safe and consistent delivery of Cub Scouting; as well as improvements aimed at simplifying the annual renewal process.

Across the country and in our own community, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make to support young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow. From once-in-a-lifetime adventures to merit badges that spark interests and future careers; from campouts under the stars to service projects that leave a lasting impact on our communities; Scouting's year-round program expands horizons and provides young people with a safe and welcoming place to learn, grow, and thrive.

That is why we are committed to ensuring that all youth can experience the character-building benefits of Scouting regardless of their financial situation. In addition to our existing council and unit membership assistance, we have established a national *Growing Future Leaders Fund*, which is funded entirely through donations, to provide additional financial support to those who need it.

Thank you for your continued role in empowering a generation of future leaders of character through Scouting programs. For additional information or questions, contact David Grundler, or our District Executive, Tyler Bonino.

District Meetings

By David Grundler, Yolano District Chairman

Starting in November, we will be moving away from a monthly roundtable meeting, and moving toward a quarterly district connections meeting. District connections, which is modeled after Council connections, will include presentations, announcements, breakout meetings, supplemental training, etc. Think of it as a combined district committee and roundtable with more. Our goal is to move the district connections meeting around the district, so it will not be in the same place each quarter. This change is in-line with Council operational changes that are being incorporated over the next month. For more information, please contact David Grundler at chairman@ydbsa.org or call (530) 746-7878.

8th Annual Autumn in the Park

By Christina Yeung, Membership Chair

Autumn in the Park was a huge success, raising over \$4,500 for Yolano District's Friends of Scouting community campaign. The event drew quite a crowd with carnival games, a pumpkin patch maze, hands-on activities hosted by various units, and a screening of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" to complete the evening.

There were 12 event sponsors in the Yolano Corporate Pinewood Derby Championship. Their support of Scouting is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Brooks Painting for claiming the Pinewood Derby checkered flag!

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Piper W. of Troop 1625-G with a friend



Venturing Crew 66 members Milena K, Mara B. and Sarah Y. help make Halloween themed stress balls.

Many dedicated District Scouters made this event a great success. Special thanks to David Grundler, Rod Nishikawa, Cathy Pickel-Hicks, Kandra Wong, Mark Wong, Kurt Schmidl, and Tyler Bonino for their countless hours of hard work on the organizing committee and thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters who volunteered their time and added to the success of the event.



A Cub Scout stops to chat with Scoutmaster Brian Meux

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 -2021 Philmont Lottery	2 -2021 Philmont Lottery	3 -2021 Philmont Lottery	4	5	6	7 -OKPIK:Cold Weather Camping, Camp Pollock
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 -BSA Nova Engineering: iFly Sac Indoor Skydiving	16	17	18	19	20	21 - First day of Winter
22 - Hanukkah (1st day)	23	24 - Christmas Eve	25 - Christmas	26 - Kwanzaa (1st day)	27	28
29	30 - Hanukkah (last day)	31 - New Years' Eve	<i>Jan 1, 2020</i> <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 - Kings vs. Grizzlies (special group pricing)		
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