

Meetings

Our troop meetings are held every *Tuesday night, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Pine Valley Middle School in San Ramon*. The school is located on of Pine Valley and Broadmoor Drives. During the Summer months (June – August) we meet outdoors at Boone Acres on Davona Drive.

Leadership

Troop 874 is a boy-run troop and operates by the patrol method. The Patrol Leader's Council (PLC), with oversight from the Scoutmasters and Troop Committee, plan and implement the troop's activities, including our weekly troop meetings, campouts, and our annual summer camp. Our troop presents Troop Leader Training program (TLT) and sends Scouts annually to the Council-run National Youth Leadership Training program, NYLT. Our adult leaders are trained in Scouting policies, training skills, and safety; appropriate to or exceeding the requirements for their positions and for our outings.

Parent Participation

Troop 874 is fortunate to have good parent participation. We can always use more. In addition to adult leadership and Troop Committee positions, we have many parents who help with special projects. Our Troop Committee meets monthly to discuss ongoing troop issues and to ensure the troop's safety and its success.

Service to the Community

Troop 874 participates in the Council's annual Scouting For Food drive in the Fall. We have also participated in the *911 Remembrance Ceremony, Donated Shoes to Hurricane Katrina victims* and *assisted Pine Valley School during Red Ribbon Week*. Our Troop also helps our local schools and churches with various projects. Our members have helped run activities for Cub Scouts at the Den, Pack and District levels.

Our troop has had a variety of Eagle projects, both indoors and out: Some examples are:

- ◆ *Refurbishing and repairing historic signs at the Old St. Raymond's Church Cemetery*
- ◆ *Designing and installing maps displays on the Iron Horse Trail*
- ◆ *Repurposing and building a refreshment stand at the Dublin Heritage Center (Old St. Raymond's Church)*
- ◆ *Installing a Plasma Television and fixing the inside of the Old St. Raymond's Church*
- ◆ *Designing and Building Shelving system for the California High pool*
- ◆ *Turning an old storage barn into a museum display at the Dublin Heritage Center.*

These projects encourage all Scouts of any rank or age level to participate.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 874

San Ramon, California

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We invite
Webelos Scouts or Scouting-age boys
and their parents to visit our troop
meetings.

Contact the Scoutmaster,
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or
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Visit our Website to see more information about our troop, upcoming and recent events, and our calendar:

www.Troop874.net



Our Troop

Boy Scout **Troop 874**, San Ramon, was chartered in 1983, We part of the Meridian District which is in the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council.

Our troop has about 50 members and is very active. We have an outdoor activity (camping/hiking) about once a month in addition to summer camp and our District Camporee. Our Scouts enjoy participating in outdoor activities like camping and hiking. In addition to camaraderie and leadership, the boys learn and practice outdoor skills like camping, cooking, and orienteering on these trips.

Our troop has a wide range of equipment including tents, stoves, and other cooking gear for our troop and patrols. All of our gear is kept in our Troop Shed.

Our youth leaders plan varied activities and destinations each year. In addition to camping, other activities have included:

- ◆ Rocket Jamboree
- ◆ Whitewater Rafting
- ◆ NASA Tour
- ◆ Cycling on the Iron Horse Trail
- ◆ Skiing/Snowboarding
- ◆ Hiking at East Bay Regional Parks

Fundraising

Boy Scout **Troop 874** has three major fundraisers each year: Popcorn sales in the fall, an evergreen wreath sale before Christmas, and Christmas Tree Pickup/ Recycling in January. Each Scout has his own Scout account, and a portion of the funds he raises gets credited to his account to help offset the costs of monthly campouts or summer camp. We have occasionally added a spring fundraiser to help our new Scouts with funds for summer camp or for more expensive upcoming outings.

Summer Camp Trips

Troop 874 attends Camp Wolfboro in the Sierras. Every third year the Troop also attends Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina Island.

In addition to Summer Camp, we also offer a high adventure summer program. In 2008, we went to Philmont Scout Ranch and in 2009, we took a crew to Alaska.



Scout Advancement

Our patrol leaders and older Scouts, under the guidance of the Scoutmasters, work with younger Scouts on rank advancement during the year. Additional opportunities are available in summer camp programs and merit badge camps. Boys are encouraged to earn merit badges individually or in groups /patrols. Many troop parents are merit badge counselors. We bring in other community members to our meetings to help Scouts with specialized skills. **Troop 874** holds quarterly Courts of Honor, where advancement is formally acknowledged.

Rank of Eagle Scout

Troop 874 is proud that twelve of its members have reached the rank of Eagle Scout since 2005. We are very proud of all 36 scouts that have earned the Eagle rank in Troop 874.

We have three active Eagle Project Counselors

Mentoring our Life Scouts as they work toward their Eagle Scout rank.



Growing with the Boys

As the Scouts get older, we offer them a chance to join our Venturing Crew 874. Our Crew was formed in 2008. This co-ed Crew (ages 14-21) pursues high adventure activities like wilderness canoeing, rock climbing, backpacking, caving, and more.