



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Golden Gate Area Council, BSA congratulates Troop 939 of Livermore as it turns 100 years old! In recognition of their 100 year milestone, the Troop is preparing for an Anniversary Celebration on June 24th, 2023. They will be hosting current and past Troop members and families, as well as, local dignitaries.

The Unit was initially Troop 1 chartered by "a group of citizens" in 1923. In 1957, the unit became chartered by the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore who has been their charter organization ever since. The Unit was renamed Troop 939 in 1958. The Troop is the second oldest in the bay area and provides a well rounded scouting experience to help scouts develop life, leadership and civic skills.

Troop 939 has produced 99 Eagle Scouts (number 100 coming soon) that have completed numerous service projects that benefit the community. Projects include planting trees and shrubs for churches and parks, building structures (greenhouses, wood benches, donation boxes, educational displays, chicken coops, a 1800s style entry gate, covered sandbox, outdoor play kitchen) for churches, schools and outdoor venues, renovating a church playground and a church parking lot driveway, collecting jackets and books for community programs, and constructing a flag retirement fire pit and outdoor educational displays.

In the spirit of scouting, Troop 939 Scouts continue to provide service to the community throughout each year. They perform color guard flag ceremonies, collect canned goods for food banks (Scouting for Food program), participate in Kids Bike Lane - Big Bike Build, conduct an annual flag retirement ceremony and pick-up trash along local trails, roads and waterways.

Troop 939 is known for its strong outdoor camping, canoeing and hiking programs. It is through these programs that the scouts learn the importance of camaraderie, fitness and nature. A couple favorite annual canoe outings are the Bodega Bay trip where scouts lash poles across the gunnels of two canoes making them stable and seaworthy for crabbing, and the Estero Americano trip where scouts canoe down the river to the ocean for an overnight campout on the beach. In addition to local camp trips to Pinnacles, Big Trees, and Big Sur, the troop has taken longer trips to Mount Whitney, Joshua Tree, Yellowstone, Zion and Mount Shasta, as well as, attended high adventure camps at Philmont, Seabase and Boundary Waters. However, on the second week in July, you can always find Troop 939 at Wente Scout Reservation enjoying the summer fun at the Madrone campsite!

Troop 939 is running strong at 100 years old and looks forward to the next 100 years!