

## Homenetmen Scouts

Building Sarkavoroum, camping, going on field trips and going through different trials and tribulations are few objectives of Homenetmen Scouts. When you give an oath as a Scout, you carry that title with you everywhere, and the knowledge that you gain can help you in different life situations. In addition to becoming educated and physically fit, Homenetmen scouts strive to serve others and have high moral standards and purpose in life. They often touch upon the significant pages in the history of the Armenian people culture, history and future. Through our lectures, camping, field trips we touch on every aspect of scouting and life.

## Structure of Scouting

Masnajoughi Khumpabed - Y. Hovig Aristakessian

Miavori Khumpabed - K. Claudia Leist

Yerets/Barmanouhi Khumpabed - Y. Shant Kiljian

Ari/Arenoush Khumpabed- K. Talar Kiljian (Vareech Arachnort)

Kayleeg/Ardzeveeg - K. Karoleen Amanian (Vareech Arachnort)

- Khorourt

K. Nelly Shirikian

K. Aline Aghababian

K. Tamar Kiljian

- Meeting frequency and location:

Our meetings are bi-monthly typically taking place at our Agoump.

## Scouting Accomplishments

### February Leadership Training Seminar with Northern California Chapters

- Our Scout leaders participated in a Seminar with Fresno, Walnut Creek, and Santa Clara which helped their maturation process in becoming future leaders of our community.
- Training Seminar in LA for Vareech Arachnort
  - Y. Hovig accompanies K. Galia, K. Karoleen, as well as K. Teveen and participated in a leadership seminar in Los Angeles to better understand the structure of scouts. K. Lea Der Abrahamian and K. Julie Avetisyan were gracious hosts to our scouts during their time in Los Angeles.
- Azkayin Shekaneshan Lecture at Quad Camp - Led by K. Karoleen Amanian
- Y. Andre Der Mikaelian (Ari scout) took his community service to the next level by volunteering to be a counselor in the Youth Corps (summer camp) which took place in Armenia.
- Gronagan Shekaneshan - Gronagan Shekaneshan Emblem
  - In order to receive this emblem, our scouts sat through a weekend planned and instructed by Hair Sort for the scouts. The purpose of this weekend was to teach our scouts our Christianity background. We had 6 scouts go through the program to achieve their emblem (to be honored during future event).

## Scouting Events

- November Homenetmen Hokehankeest
  - Homenetmen Chapters attend church service to remember Homenetmen-agans who have passed.
- December Annual Holiday Events
  - Scouts host a Christmas party every year, where not only scouts but families as well, partake in a potluck party, gift exchange, and holiday activities.
- January Annual Ski Trip
  - Every year, leadership and Khorourt take our scouts on a trip that focuses on developing camaraderie with their peers.
- February Dyarentarach at St. Gregory
  - (Nelly can you please populate this? Thank you )
- March Scouts Open House – Recruitment
  - A day where regular scout ashkhadank is open for recruiting new scouts. Unfortunately, this past year wasn't as successful as past years so we decided to switched gears and focus our strength towards the recruitment of younger children.
- Easter Baking event at KZV preparation for Bake Sale
  - Every year, K. Nelly Shirikian leads our bake sale event which is a day where all the scouts meet at KZV and bake goods to sell Palm Sunday at church. The purpose of this annual bake sale is to raise funds to accommodate the scouts who will be going

to Armenia to participate in the Jamboree. This year, we invited a lot of the younger kids who are interested in our K. & A. program. We had over 10 new Kayleeg & Ardzeveeg prospects who showed interest in our scouting program

- April 24th Commemoration Mt. Davidson Apr 24
  - Scouts from Bay Area chapters participated in our opening ceremony
- May – Youth Drug Lecture
  - Presented by 10 year veteran of the SFPD, Sergeant Tigran Antonian; Sergeant Antonian educated our scouts in an open forum discussion strictly for kids to allow our kids to comfortably exchange thoughts and get advice.
- June Field Day with Kayleeg & Ardzeveeg
  - Led by K. Aline Aghababian and the Vareech Arachnort leaders; held a day at the park that consisted of different activities to recruit prospect K. A. It was a huge success and we had a total of twenty five kids who showed interest in future scouting activities.
- Navasartian Games doghantsk
  - Scouts were present at the doghantsk this year but our participation level was low (holiday falling on a weekday was a factor for many of our kids who were not able to participate).
- Quad Camp

- Y. Hovig Aristakessian took a group of our scouts and leaders to participate in a Quad camp with Fresno, Walnut Creek, and Santa Clara chapters. K. Nelly Shirikian led the kitchen and prepared meals all the kids and volunteers the entire week.
- SF Games Fundraiser
  - During our annual San Francisco games, the scouts ran the concession stands selling snacks and drinks. K. Nelly Shirikian led the kitchen with the leaders providing fresh cooked meals to all the athletes and their families.
- September Santa Cruz Town Hall
  - This was a joint event with AYF and was led by K. Claudia Leist; we met with Richelle Noroyan, who is a Santa Cruz City Councilmember. Ms. Noroyan gave the scouts a tour of town hall as well as daily operations of the town hall. Afterwards, we went to dinner and further discussed politics and the Armenian presence within different divisions of the government.

## Fundraising Update

- For last few years our scouts have been fundraising for 2018 Jamboree 2018. We have raised \$4,008
  - Bake Sales - \$2,003
  - SF Games \$654
  - Scouting sweatshirt, sweatpants and T-shirts \$1,351
- Scouts will continue these efforts next year

## 2018 Event Key Events

- Azkayin Shekaneshan part II
- Centennial Scouting Camp March 16- 18 to bring together Alumni , Current and Future Scout Leaders
- Pre Jamboree Western Regional Camp
- Jamboree 2018 – (camp dates 7/30/2018-7/28/2018; travel dates to be confirmed at a later time.
  - Scouts over age fourteen from around the world participate in a camp for about ten days in Armenia.
  - Next month a few of our scouts will be tested by Regional Executive and Scouting Committee to pass a global examination to be honored the privilege to go to Armenia and participate in the Jamboree.
  - It's an opportunity only our scouts can partake in and we call it a privilege not only are our scouts going to be visiting our homeland and visiting the attractions that they have learned about all their lives, but they will be

doing so with friends they will meet from around the world and experiencing our culture first hand.