# Camp Royaneh 100th Anniversary Gala and Auction



Saturday May 3, 2025 San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront

# Welcome to the Camp Royaneh Gala

One hundred years ago, The Chief, Raymond O. Hansen, stood on rolling hills looking beyond the Douglas Fir and Coastal Redwoods towards the banks of the East Austin Creek at what would soon become Camp Royaneh — a place he envisioned as the most beautiful Scout camp in the United States.

Since its opening in 1925, Camp Royaneh has welcomed hundreds of thousands of Scouts into the heart of the redwoods. What began as a haven for Scouts from San Francisco has grown into a nationally recognized destination, serving youth from across California, the United States, and beyond.

For nearly a century, Camp Royaneh has been a place where young people discover personal growth, leadership, and advancement. It has fostered resilience, community, and a deep respect for nature—values that last a lifetime.

Tonight, we gather to celebrate the legacy and the future of this remarkable place. Your presence and support make a lasting impact on the young men and women we serve. Because of your generosity, we can continue to offer life-changing programs and unforgettable outdoor experiences.

Scouting's mission is to prepare young people for a lifetime of leadership. Through hands-on learning, skill-building, and meaningful challenges, Scouts develop confidence and character. Camp Royaneh is where those lessons come alive, surrounded by the beauty of the natural world.

Today, Camp Royanch operates a six-week summer program for Scouts BSA, a Webelos Adventure Camp, and a Family Camp, along with year-round weekend programs that bring Scouting to life in every season.

When you raise your paddle tonight, you are investing in the next century of Royaneh. You are helping us preserve its legacy, expand its reach, and continue our mission of shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping keep the spirit of Royaneh burning bright for generations to come.

With gratitude, The Royaneh 100 Committee

<sup>\*</sup> We will have a professional photographer and videographer at tonight's event. Therefore, we ask for NO VIDEO RECORDING at tonight's event. Also, IF YOU DO NOT WISH your picture to be used in a downline event, promotional or other GGAC affiliated materials please directly advise a member of the Registration Team.

# Tonight's Program

### **Cocktail Reception**

Enjoy drinks, music, and hors d'oeuvres while bidding on the silent auction.

### Mess Call

Gathering Bugles and Bell for the evening's program.

### Welcome and Introductions

Presented by Greg Teshara

### **Opening Ceremony**

Presented by Boy Scout Troop 14
Chartered to Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

### **Three Cheers**

A Royaneh Tradition – Led by McKenzie Llano, 2025 Camp Director and Jonas Elam, 2025 Program Director

### Invocation

Offered by Kevin Handeland

### Remembering Those Who Have Gone Home

Led by Steve Erle

### **Live Auction**

Bid generously to support Camp Royaneh!

### Camp Royaneh Through the Years

A special commemorative video presentation

### Fund-A-Need

Introduced by Robin Praeger
Directly supports camperships at Camp Royaneh

### Dear Royaneh

Robbie Hickox A heartfelt closing to the evening

### **After Dinner Reception**

Enjoy refreshments, campfire songs and continue fellowship

# **Dinner Menu**

### Salad

Mediterranean Salad Crispy Romaine, pickled onions, fresh tomatoes, marinated olives, and feta

### Entrées

Braised Beef Short Ribs
Balsamic roasted shallots, farro mushroom risotto, braised red cabbage,
glazed baby carrots

Ginger Soy Glazed Sea Bass

Bamboo rice pilaf, ginger and garlic wine sauce, baby bok choy, glazed baby carrots

Butternut Squash & Mixed Mushroom Wellington (V) Herb roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, tomato sauce reduction

### Dessert

Handcrafted Tiramisu with a Truly Tasteful Touch



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# Happy 100th Birthday Camp Royaneh! Thanks for all of the memories!

The Teshara Family









# The Value of Scouting

Scouting in the Golden Gate Area Council (GGAC) provides life-changing experiences for thousands of youth across the San Francisco Bay Area. Covering a diverse and dynamic region — from urban neighborhoods to rural communities — GGAC offers young people opportunities to develop leadership skills, build character, and discover their potential through outdoor adventure, service, and hands-on learning.

In a time when youth face increasing challenges, from digital overload to social pressures, Scouting offers a grounding force rooted in timeless values. Through programs like Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring, GGAC empowers youth to take initiative, work as a team, and make ethical decisions. These experiences aren't just preparation for adulthood — they're preparation for life.

Scouting in GGAC is uniquely enriched by access to world-class outdoor spaces, including council-owned camps like Camp Royaneh, Camp Wolfeboro, and Rancho Los Mochos. These locations offer immersive opportunities in hiking, aquatics, environmental stewardship, and high adventure. For many youth, camp is where confidence is built, friendships are forged, and personal growth is realized.

Beyond outdoor experiences, GGAC fosters a spirit of service. Scouts lead community projects, respond in times of need, and serve as role models in their schools and neighborhoods. With the support of trained volunteers and a strong Council infrastructure, each Scout has access to mentorship, advancement opportunities, and leadership development programs like NYLT and Wood Badge.

The impact of Scouting in the Golden Gate Area Council is profound and lasting. It shapes young people into leaders of integrity and compassion—ready to meet the future with confidence. With continued support from families, communities, and donors, GGAC will remain a powerful force for good, helping the next generation rise, lead, and serve.

# Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

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### Wine

Scott Sporte Larry Youngman





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### **Table Hosts**

Joe Barton And J.J. Panzer Mark Weyland

Andrew Hazard

John Ferrel, Jr.

Tom Moretti Vincent Tobkin



# 1. BUBBLES FOR TONIGHT

Who is ready to start their evening in sparkling style with a 1.5 L bottle of Tattinger Brut La Française Champagne — chilled, opened and served at your table? Perfect for sharing and toasting as the excitement of the auction unfolds.

Opening Bid \$150



# 2. REVOLVE AROUND WINE

An Intimate Napa Valley Afternoon with Winemaker Scott Sporte



Gather your favorite wine-loving friends for an unforgettable **private** tasting event for up to five couples, hosted by boutique Napa Valley winemaker Scott Sporte, co-creator of the acclaimed Revolve wines.

Your day begins with a **personalized tasting** of Scott's most exceptional wines from the past decade, thoughtfully **paired with a curated spread from Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company** — a local favorite known for its artisanal selections crafted to enhance each sip.



As a lasting memento of this one-of-a-kind evening, each couple will take home at least half a case of the coveted Scott Sporte's Royaneh Centennial Sonoma County Syrah — a limited edition and beautifully crafted wine that celebrates the artistry of boutique winemaking. The bottles you will receive will be adorned with a unique Royaneh label created by San Francisco Artist Suzie Ferras.

An experience filled with exceptional wine, food, and company awaits in the heart of Napa Valley.

(Date to be mutually agreed upon and specific winery at which this tasting will occur is yet to be determined)



# 3. REDWOODS AND RELAXATION

A Healdsburg Wine Country Escape at The Redwood Treehouse



Escape to the serenity of the Redwoods and magic of The Russian River. This unforgettable **four-night** stay offers accommodation for your group in a beautiful **two-bedroom riverfront home**, complete with a **one-bedroom guest house**, perfect for families or friends traveling together.



Enjoy your coffee with the morning screnity of The Russian River just a few short steps away. Sip a cocktail while soaking in the sunset on the horizon and then fire up the BBQ for an evening under the stars while unwinding in the fresh forest air. Just a 10-minute drive away you can explore the charm of Healdsburg Square. Filled with boutique shops, gourmet restaurants, and even several spas to treat yourself to an afternoon refresh. In the other direction you're just minutes from world-renowned wine tasting in Dry Creek Valley.

Whether you're looking to reconnect with nature, indulge in wine country pleasures, or both—this redwoods retreat has it all making this getaway a true Northern California gem.

Mutually agreed upon date to be determined.





Score big with this all-access pass to Bay Area sports at its finest!



Whether you're a die-hard Niners or Giants fan – this package brings you the best of the bay.





• Giants! A day at Oracle you won't forget with Four San Francisco Giants Club Level tickets to the August 12th game vs San Diego and a pass to the Gotham Club an exclusive members only lounge, offering early entrance, warning track access during batting practice, full bar and dining room! Cheer on the team and enjoy the best Oracle Park has to offer.

From the roar of the crowd to the thrill of the win, this sports lovers dream package delivers unforgettable memories from kickoff to the last out!

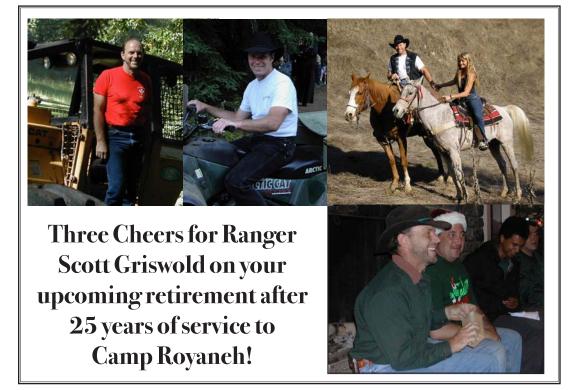
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# Thank you Camp Royaneh for all the years of Adventure!





# 5. WANT TO PLAYA AROUND?

Luxury Timeshare Adventure with WIVC



Ready for the vacation you've always dreamed about? This exceptional package from **World International Vacation Club (WIVC)** gives you an **unforgettable resort stay** at your choice of stunning destinations across **Mexico**, **Spain**, and the **United States**.



With WIVC's handpicked collection of luxury properties, you'll enjoy the flexibility to choose the setting that fits your style — whether it's sun-soaked beaches, charming European cities, or breathtaking U.S. destinations. Each resort offers a unique blend of **relaxation**, adventure, and first-class amenities.

Valid for travel between November 2025 and November 2026.

This package ensures an unforgettable escape, filled with new experiences, beautiful scenery, and the kind of memories that last a lifetime.

Where will your passport take you next?



# 6. NAPA VALLEY RARITY

Exclusive Round Pond Estate Winemaker Experience for Six



Calling all wine connoisseurs! Indulge in an unforgettable Artisan Tasting Experience for six guests at the renowned Round Pond Estate Winery, nestled in the heart of Napa Valley's prestigious Rutherford region.



Your private tasting will be co-hosted by one of the winemakers, and feature tastings of the exclusive **Gravel Series Collection** — a limited production wine available only to Round Pond club members. Each pour will be perfectly paired with **thoughtfully curated culinary bites**, crafted to elevate the tasting experience.

But the magic doesn't stop there. You'll be treated to a **behind-the-scenes tour** of Round Pond's stunning property which includes the **vineyards, organic garden, & olive orchard**, offering a true insider's look at the estate's artistry and agriculture.

To top off this luxurious day, **each couple will receive a bottle of one of the wines tasted** — the perfect way to remember a day well spent in wine country.

Mutually agreed upon date to be determined. Cheers to a rare and refined adventure in Napa!





A Private Weekend at Camp for 10



Reconnect, reminisce, and relive the magic of Camp with this **once-in-a-lifetime private weekend getaway for 10 guests!** From **Friday evening through early Sunday afternoon**, you'll enjoy exclusive access to select areas of camp, combining nostalgia with luxury.

Highlights of this unforgettable experience include:

- Chef-prepared meals for all 10 guests
- Carefully **paired bottles of wine** to complement your evening meal(s)
- Access to beloved **Camp activities** like trail rides and the rifle and archery range
- Comfortable lodging in the recently built and air-conditioned, Thunderbird Inn for 10 guests (or a campsite of your choice)



Whether you're gathering old friends or creating new memories with family, this unique opportunity to take over camp for a weekend is guaranteed to stir up stories, laughter, and a little adventure.





A Long Weekend of Wining and Dining



Escape to the rolling vineyards and golden sunsets of **Paso Robles** with this dreamy wine country retreat.



Use your certificate to enjoy a **three-night stay at the charming Hotel Cheval**, a boutique hideaway known for its elegance, warmth, and perfect location in the heart of downtown. Whether you're toasting under the stars or cozying up by the fire, this is the kind of getaway that rekindles connection.

Your stay includes three gift certificates for **dining at three acclaimed restaurants**, each offering its own intimate atmosphere and culinary delights:

**BL Brasserie** – a romantic French-American bistro (lunch or dinner) **Sabor & Sazón** – bold Latin flavors in a cozy setting (lunch or dinner) **S'Arenella** – Mediterranean elegance for a candlelit dinner

Explore the region with vouchers for wine tasting and bites at three of Paso Robles' most celebrated wineries:

Calcareous Vineyard LeVigne Winery Austin Hope Winery

For an extra-special touch, **Hotel Cheval can arrange a guided wine tasting tour**, giving you a curated and carefree day among the vines while you use your vouchers.

Whether it's an anniversary, a honeymoon, or a much-needed escape — this is your chance to savor every sip, every sunset, and every shared moment together.





Giants Baseball & Getaway to Scottsdale



Get ready to soak up the sun, baseball, and luxury with this incredible Spring Training getaway package! Enjoy 4 premium tickets to two consecutive San Francisco Giants Spring Training games at Scottsdale Stadium (schedule permitting) and cheer on your team up close as they gear up for the season.

But that's just the beginning...



This package includes a generous \$1,600 in travel vouchers for United Airlines and \$2,500 Marriott Bonvoy travel vouchers, giving you the freedom to craft your ideal Arizona escape. Choose to stay at any one of Marriott's several properties in Scottsdale, many of which are just steps from the charm and energy of Old Town, or opt for an Marriott Vacation Rental (MVR) for a more private, personalized experience.

Whether you're planning a **family vacation** or a **friends getaway**, this package delivers sunshine, baseball, and literally has "all of the bases covered" to ensure one unforgettable trip



# 10. MOUNTAIN ESCAPE

Tahoe Donner Getaway for Eight



Trade city lights for starry skies with this refreshing **five-day, four-night getaway** in beautiful **Tahoe Donner**. Your cozy and spacious home-away-from-home sleeps **up to eight guests**, making it the perfect mountain retreat for family or friends.



Surrounded by nature and adventure, you'll be just minutes from two scenic golf courses and a short drive to charming downtown Truckee with its restaurants and shopping. Donner Lake—with its sparkling blue water is also a short drive for a day of fun. This location is ideal for hiking, shopping, dining, or simply relaxing.

This package also includes **two guest passes** to enjoy **Tahoe Donner's coveted amenities**, including pools, fitness center, hot tubs, and more.

Whether you're teeing off in the morning, kayaking on the lake, or cozying up by the fire at night, this mountain escape offers the perfect mix of relaxation and recreation.

# **FUND-A-NEED**



# KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING

Fund-A-Need for Future Memories



Think back to the closing campfire, the laughter at the campsites, the friendships forged on trails. For so many of us, camp was more than just a place—it was a feeling, a moment in time that shaped who we are.

Now, it's our turn to give back.



Your gift tonight helps ensure that all boys and girls may experience that same Royaneh magic. Camperships help bridge the cost of camp so that all can attend. Every dollar raised here will go directly to camperships and sending Scouts to Royaneh. We are proud to partner with the Guardsmen for this special paddle raise. Together, we can make sure the songs keep singing, the trails keep winding, and the memories keep being made.



Raise your paddle and make Camp a reality for a Scout who would otherwise not experience Royaneh.





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### Greg Quiroga | Stellar Fundraising Auctions

Greg Quiroga is our auctioneer tonight, and he hopes you have as much fun as he does during the auction. Greg loves his work, loves people, and loves being the conduit for your generosity.

As San Francisco's longest-tenured fundraising auctioneer, Greg has been conducting fundraising auctions for non-profit organizations across the United States since 2004. He and his company work with over 100 non-profits, schools, foundations, arts organizations, and charities to help raise tens of millions of dollars a year.

Greg always brings a fiery combination of passion, humor, and heartfelt engagement to the stage and firmly believes that helping charities achieve their missions is his calling in life. "Every moment I'm at work," says Greg, "I'm encouraging people to use their powers for good so we can all make the world a better place."

The founder of Stellar Fundraising Auctions (www.StellarSF.com), Greg and his wife live in San Francisco with their dog, Loki.





# Congratulations Camp Royaneh For Serving the Youth of California for 100 Years!



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### A Note From Mike Hale, GGAC Scout Executive

Welcome from the Golden Gate Area Council. We are very proud of our 100-year-old camp! The Golden Gate Area Council is a recent creation from parts of 5 councils originally, San Francisco Bay, Alameda, and Mount Diablo Silverado and even more recently Redwood Empire and part of Crater Lake. Our new footprint supports scouting in 10 counties from the South Bay to the Oregon border. We operate service centers in Pleasanton, Alameda, and in Santa Rosa with a national shop in Pleasant Hill. We're very proud to be one of the biggest councils in the country and serve over 14,000 scouts and support over 8,000 volunteers. We began serving girls with the Cub Scout program and young women in the Scouts BSA program just a few years ago. That is why we changed our branded name to Scouting America.

The program offerings in the GGAC include Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring. Scouts participate in activities that promote character development, citizenship, leadership, and outdoor skills. The Council organizes advancement opportunities, merit badge events, high adventure treks, and leadership training like NYLT and Wood Badge. GGAC also offers inclusive programs for youth of all backgrounds and has made strides in promoting diversity and access to Scouting throughout the region.

The GGAC is home to several premier council camps, including Camp Royaneh near Cazadero, Camp Wolfeboro in the Sierra Nevada, Wente Scout Reservation near Willits, Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore, The Sea Scout Base in San Franciso and Camp Herms in El Cerrito. These camps offer immersive outdoor experiences such as backpacking, aquatics, archery, nature studies, and leadership development. Each location has its own unique terrain and traditions, from Royaneh's redwoods and horseback riding to Wolfeboro's rugged alpine setting and historic patrol-based program. These camps serve thousands of Scouts each year and are an essential part of GGAC's year-round outdoor program.

Camp Royaneh is a well-maintained jewel. It, like our other camps, is key to attracting and retaining an ever-increasing amount of youth. If you have not been there in a while I would invite you to "come back home" this summer.

GGAC thrives due to its dedicated volunteers, who serve as Scout leaders, camp staff, merit badge counselors, committee members, and more. Their commitment ensures high-quality programming and mentorship. The Council also offers robust training and support to help volunteers lead with confidence and uphold the values of Scouting in every unit. Your presence here tonight helps us give homage to the memories of the past and our very bright future.

Mike Hale GGAC Scout Executive



