



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REOPENING PROTOCOLS See the Council program matrix [HERE](#). Here are some highlights:

1. Council offers opportunities for Scouts, families and units to participate in program at our Council properties under the supervision of Council employees as permitted by Council's day camp license. See instructions for making reservations in the following article.
2. **UNITS MAY NOT MEET IN PERSON UNDER VOLUNTEER SUPERVISION.** The *one* exception provided by the [County Health Order](#) is for youth sports activities. These activities mean physical exertion in the outdoors by a single cohort, such as hiking or cycling (not, for example, shooting sports or Whittlin'/Totin' Chip instruction). In order to conduct an outing under this exception, units must obtain permission from the Chartered Org, [follow all County protocols](#) and the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#), submit a [Scouting Activity Permit form](#), stay in an established cohort, and maintain adequate documentation (time, place, communication regarding conditions of attendance, attendees, etc.) to facilitate quarantining & contact tracing should a cohort member be diagnosed with COVID-19.
3. Cohorts must be discrete, small, and stable. Participants within a cohort that already exists, *whether in Scouting or not*, cannot mix unless at least 15 days have elapsed since the last time they have met. No one, whether youth or adult, should be in multiple cohorts.
4. In addition to following County guidelines, units need to follow the [re-opening checklist provided by National](#), including obtaining permission from your Chartering Organization before pursuing any in-person activities. Keep the documentation of the Chartering Org's guidance.
5. If multiple youth are attending an authorized in-person activity, they must ride in vehicles as household units—no carpooling is permitted.
6. Unit overnight activities are NOT allowed.

Failure to follow these guidelines puts youth at risk and places any liability on the volunteers leading the activities. In this time of increased public doubt regarding the BSA's commitment to safety, please **comply with public health orders without exception**. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your [Commissioner](#) for clarification.

UNIT USE OF CABRILLO Reservations are now open for sites at Cabrillo (as well as other Council properties). You will need to do two things prior to making a reservation:

- 1) [Establish a UNIT Tentaroo account](#), if you don't already have one. ***This is different from any personal accounts*** your Scouters may have! If you are having trouble accessing your unit account, email tjshank@mac.com to re-set your credentials.
- 2) Complete our [Online Booking Request form](#). Note: it may take 3-5 business days to approve your first booking. For more information, please consult the [resource packet](#) from last month's [Jumpstart Unit Program in 2021 webinar](#).

YOUTH LEADER BREAKOUT AT MARCH ROUNDTABLE: Senior Patrol Leaders, Crew Presidents, and Boatswains are invited to a special breakout at our March Roundtable to discuss building the youth unit leadership team: elections, recruiting, and training. Please RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-your-youth-leadership-team-tickets-140621577925> so we can ensure enough adults to meet Youth Protection guidelines.

2020 AWARDS CEREMONY – MARK YOUR CALENDARS On Thursday, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 at 7:00pm, ZOOM in to see your units recognized for JTE and applaud our 2020 Award of Merit recipients! Reservations are **REQUIRED**—RSVP via the link on the [Pacifica Calendar](#). The theme for the evening is POST COVID VACATION!! See this [flyer](#) for more information!

CALLING ALL LEADERS WITH A PASSION FOR THE OUTDOORS! We are building the District's winter/spring 2021 calendar and want to be able to offer Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) to Cub Scout leaders and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) to Scouts BSA leaders. If you'd love to share your

knowledge of camping and Scout skills with others, be a part of our Training Team! Contact District Training Chair Casey Jones at scoutercasey@gmail.com with your availability so we can select course dates that work for the team.

NO CAMP CARD CAMPAIGN FOR 2021 Camp Cards will be on hiatus this year. If you have other fundraising ideas, contact District Finance Chair Jeff Stieglitz at jeff@stieglitz.org. Remember to check [BSA guidelines](#) before pursuing a unit money earning activity.

SAVE THE DATES! See [Pacifica Calendar](#) for sign up links

- February 20 BALOO for Cub Scout Leaders
- February 20-21 Online Merit Badge Weekend
- February 25 District Awards Ceremony
- February 27 Trainer's EDGE
- March 6-7 Pinewood Ready to Race Day Camp Weekend 1
- March 13-14 Pinewood Ready to Race Day Camp Weekend 2
- March 13 IOLS training for Adult Leaders
- March 14 IOLS Training for Adult Leaders
- March 20 Southern California Commissioner College

FIRESTONE LOVE RIDE Join us on Saturday, February 13th for a bike ride with someone you love at Firestone Scout Reservation. This event is for Cub Scouts, Scouts, and their families. The ride is \$10 per person and everyone is asked to bring their own bike, all necessary safety equipment, lunch, water, and a blanket to sit on. There is no limit to the amount of "People you love" to ride with.

Sign up link for Scouts BSA - <https://glac.tentaroo.com/admin2/events/4969/20704/Firestone-Love-Ride---Scouts-BSA>

Sign up link for Cubs - <https://glac.tentaroo.com/admin2/events/4969/20703/Firestone-Love-Ride---Cubs>

LETS GET SAFELY OUT THERE!!! Would your family like to participate in a Road Rally? Does a Ten Commandment Hike or an Urban Scavenger Hunt Hike sounds interesting? Maybe a Geocache Day? We are currently trying to come up with ideas for Covid Safe family activities that our District can participate in. If any of these activities sound like something you would like to do or if you have ideas for possible activities, please contact your Activities Chair, Sheila A. Stewart at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

EAGLE SCOUT GIFT SALE BSA Scout Shops will be celebrating our inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts by giving 20% off select Eagle Scout items through February 21, 2021. These knives, plaques, memory boxes, belt buckles, and more are perfect gifts for any Eagle Scout--past, present, or future. For more information, contact Cabrillo Scout Shop Manager John Luffman at john.luffman@scouting.org 310-832-7139

WHO ARE THE PILLARS OF YOUR COMMUNITY? Please nominate community members to serve as observers for our Eagle Character boards. This is a great opportunity to show off the results of BSA's program to non-Scouters: youth who embody the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Use [this form](#) to make a nomination, and think broadly. We are looking for diverse individuals of exemplary character who care about youth leadership development and serve an important role, whether large or small, in the community.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS If you will be continuing as a Counselor in 2021, please complete the renewal "paperwork" that was emailed to you if you haven't done so already.

To sign up as a new counselor for merit badges or NOVA awards, or to change your existing offerings or information, check out the instructions at <https://www.glaacbsa.org/pacificaadvancement> or simply contact Alison Crompton for the details.

If you would be willing to run a merit badge class, either online or in person at Cabrillo, please contact Pacifica's MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or meritbadge@pacificabsa.org ASAP.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA) The OA is Scouting's Honor Society for Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Members ("Arrowmen") provide service their home Units, the Pacifica District, our Council, and BSA nationally. OA provides Youth members additional service and leadership opportunities that help them grow and build experience. The Lakota Chapter meets at the same time as the District Roundtable Meeting. Members are sent virtual Meeting invitations via the LodgeMaster application.

National OA guidance on counting virtual camping for OA membership eligibility was updated in January 2021 and may be found [here](#).

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Winter Induction Weekend originally planned for February 12-14, 2021 has been cancelled. Planning is underway for a Spring Induction Weekend at Camp Cherry Valley April 30 – May 2, 2021.

Unit Elections may now be conducted by virtual meeting. To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at lakotachchief@gmail.com or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org.

There are still open positions in the Chapter Executive Committee. All Youth members (= not yet 21) are eligible to serve in these offices. Please contact the Chapter Chief (lakotachchief@gmail.com) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss (oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org) for more information.

Overcoming Scouts BSA Virtual Meeting Challenges: At the February 2021 Roundtable, our Chapter will share ideas for, examples of, and demonstrate creating games, instructional materials, team building activities and useful tools to help Troops develop and conduct productive and fun virtual meetings. We'll share our materials afterwards on the District's website. We look forward to seeing you in the Breakout Session!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR TEACHERS! In this season of giving thanks, we want to take a moment to appreciate teachers and other education professionals who support the youth of our community, especially in these remarkable times. The BSA's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award recognizes community members who instill Scouting's values in K-12 students. This can be a classroom teacher, administrator, custodian, cafeteria worker, or any number of others. Pacifica District will present our first-ever Fretwell Awards in May. We'll get a nomination form posted to our website soon, but for more information on this honor, see BSA's [implementation guidebook](#).

CHECK US OUT!

Virtually all info is available online: Events, Dates, Fliers, Contacts, Training, Etc.

Pacifica District Website: www.pacificabsa.org

GLAAC Website: www.GLAACBSA.org

AT ROUNDTABLE Have an event you'd like to promote at Roundtable or flyer you'd like to include with "Roundtable Matters"? We welcome all [appropriate additions](#) to our Roundtable program. Send an email proposal to jeffsorbello@att.net two weeks before Roundtable to get started.