



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS FRETWELL WINNERS! Adam Young (Adams MS in Redondo) and Brad Cheney (Jefferson MS in Torrance) are our 2021 Fretwell winners. They are both incredible examples of a life of service guided by a strong moral compass and have made indelible impacts on their schools and communities. They also both happen to be Scouters. THANK YOU, gentlemen, for all that you do!

RECHARTER SEASON HAS STARTED! Unit recharter reps are following the steps in the [Recharter Guides](#) to get your unit's paperwork submitted by September 30th. Our virtual "recharter party" calendar will be available shortly. While we will not be accepting new applications with recharter packages, the online system has been set to accept applications independent of recharter actions, so don't hesitate to have new families join at any time! For purposes of recharter, we will be using the expiration dates on completion certificates from National, although your Chartered Organization may use a stricter standard.

UPDATED REOPENING PROTOCOLS The "What Units Can Do" reference was updated with clarifications on face coverings and is now available on our [Council COVID page](#).

SAVE THE DATES (flyers linked below)

Aug 21st [Pacifica Chartered Organization Summit](#), Cabrillo
Aug 28-29th [BALOO \(Outdoor training for Cub leaders\)](#), Cabrillo
Aug 29th In-person [Cub Leader Position-Specific Training](#) for Cubmasters, Den Leaders, & Committee Members, Cabrillo
Sep 10-12th [Adult Leader Backpack Training](#), Cabrillo
Sep 10-12th [Old West Fest](#) for Cubs & Scouts BSA, Firestone
Sep 11th NYLT Staff development at Cabrillo – see below
Sep. 18th [Operation on Target](#), local mountains
Sep 18th [Lead Scout Backpack Training](#), Cushman Watt
Sep 18th-19th [IOLS \(Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills\)](#) for Scouts BSA leaders
Nov. 6th [Hiking Merit Badge hike](#)
Jan 8th [Hiking Merit Badge hike](#)

ADVANCEMENT UPDATES The 2021 Guide to Advancement is out! [This article](#) from Bryan on Scouting has a good summary, and we'll talk about how these updates apply at a future Roundtable.

NYLT STAFF NEEDED National Youth Leader Training is looking for youth and Adult help to help lead the winter course that will be held at Cabrillo Youth center in San Pedro December 26th – January 2. The youth requirement is you must have taken NYLT. The first staff development weekend will be September 11 at Cabrillo youth center from 10 to 2. Please contact me to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Jones at scoutercasey@gmail.com or William Safranekiv wsafranekiv@gmail.com

SCOUTING FOR FOOD Please contact Liz Weissmann-Padilla if you have any questions or ideas for Scouting For Food. If you are aware of Scouting families in need please feel free to reach Liz for resources. lizbsapack851@gmail.com

SCOUT SHOP UNIFORM SALE Beginning August 5th, [Scout Shops](#) are offering 25% off uniform bottoms when you purchase a matching top. Please let new families know so they can be thrifty. For more information, contact john.luffman@scouting.org at our local shop at Cabillo.

SCOUTS BSA YOUTH PANTS BACKORDERED Due to global supply chain issues, large youth sizes of the olive uniform pants worn by Scouts BSA are in short supply, so you may want to call the shop before you drop by. Note that the new version tends to run slimmer in the thighs and hips.

HIKING MERIT BADGE - Pacifica District is offering two rugged hikes in the nearby San Gabriel Mountains to help Scouts earn their Hiking Merit Badge. Scouts must have completed the required 5 mile and three 10 mile hikes prior to attempting the 15 mile hike in November. This event is being run by Pacifica Hiking Merit Badge Councilors. For more information or questions, please contact Sheila A Stewart at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

GLAAC HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM (HAT) – Looking for resources for outdoor adventure to get your unit outdoor programs running again? Don't forget about the GLAAC HAT Team! The HAT team has a wealth of information and training opportunities for leaders. Check out their website at <https://glaac-hat.org/>.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS – If YOU would be willing to run a merit badge class, either online or in person at Cabrillo, and would like more information, please contact Pacifica's MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or meritbadge@pacificabsa.org ASAP. We'd love to see some new faces and badge offerings, especially some of the rarer ones.

Watch the Pacifica District Calendar for upcoming Online Merit Badge Weekends and Cabrillo Merit Badge Day Camp: https://www.glaacbsa.org/2021_Pac_Calendar

The instructions for how to sign up as a new counselor for merit badges or NOVA awards have been UPDATED - check out the instructions on the [Pacifica advancement webpage](#) or simply contact Alison for the details.

LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!! 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 family activities that the entire 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 you Activities Chair, Sheila A. Stewart at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

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](#).

The Next Induction Weekend is currently planned for November 5-7, 2021, most likely at Camp Trask. Candidates will be contacted by Tuku'ut Lodge via Lodgmaster; current members should also receive emails about it or can check www.tukuut.org for details.

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) and the Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Cushman-Watt Service Center. Details will be forthcoming soon.

2021 Lodge dues (only \$10) may be paid [here](#).

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.

The nomination process for running for a position in the Chapter Executive Committee is now underway. All Youth members (= not yet 21) are eligible to serve in these offices. The applications can be accessed at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ymHQAoBDsHivKrGitkqvCTEc0nU4VG51/view?usp=sharing>. The applications will be due by 11:59pm on August 10th to lakotachchief@gmail.com and oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org. The election will take place the following day on August 11th at the August chapter meeting. Please contact the Chapter Chief (lakotachchief@gmail.com) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss (oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org) for more information if you have questions.

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.