



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW ROUNDTABLE COMMISSIONER WANTED** After serving for the past three years as Roundtable Commissioner for Pacifica, I'm feeling that it's time to pass the torch and direct my focus on other priorities. If anyone would be interested in taking over as Roundtable Commissioner or feels they know of someone who would be a good fit, please let Nancy or myself know.

**SAFETY MOMENT FOR JULY** From a backyard pool party to a massive water park, many of the most popular summertime activities involve water in one way or another. Check out [this recent article from Scouting Magazine](#) with tons of links to all you need to know about providing adequate supervision for aquatics activities. While it's aimed at Pack leaders, the resources are broadly applicable.

**GET READY FOR A NEW SCOUTING YEAR!** This is a great time to plan adventures for the upcoming year!

1. Scrub your roster in My.Scouting (not Scoutbook). Do all your members appear on it? If not, have them [apply online](#) using your unit's unique code in Invitation Manager. CORs can update any position changes (e.g. current Scouters volunteering to become Den Leaders) to your unit leadership team using Position Manager in My.Scouting/Roster.
2. Create your annual plan and budget. (Here are links to [Pack](#), [Troop](#), [Ship](#) and [Crew](#) planning resources)
3. Draft your recruiting plan using the [Membership Growth plans](#) on the Council website.
4. Update your [Annual Health and Medical](#) records. As a reminder, BSA policy *prohibits email transmission and/or electronic storage of health forms*--keep paper copies in a confidential medical file for quick access. Remember that anyone attending a long term (72+ hours) event will need a pre-participation physical.

**RENEW YOUR YPT!** Pacifica's standard is that adults must have YPT certificates that are valid for the entire charter period. Please plan ahead and make sure that your returning team's certs expire no earlier than 1 October 2023.

**COMPLY WITH AB506 REQUIREMENTS ASAP** AB 506 went into effect on January 1, 2022. **All registered BSA volunteer positions** must comply with AB506. Visit <https://californiascouting.org/glaac/> for step-by-step instructions. Our February issue of [Roundtable Matters](#) included tips for taking the required training. Our [March edition](#) provided tips for LiveScan appointments. Units with adults needing financial assistance with LiveScan fees can apply for Council aid [HERE](#). Adults who have not completed this training will not be re-registered.

**2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP FEES ANNOUNCED** Effective 1 August, the fees for re-registering youth are \$147 per year and adults are \$77 per year. A 12 month Scout Life subscription is now \$15, and the Unit Recharter Fee has increased to \$100. See a table of fees on the [GLAAC website](#).

Please note that you DO NOT need to collect re-registration fees for members who have registered online 1 July 2022 or later. Families pay directly to National/Council via the online system and new members will show as PRE-PAID on your re-enrollment roster. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Leah at [registration.assistance@pacificabsa.org](mailto:registration.assistance@pacificabsa.org) and/or your servicing Unit Commissioner.

**WHAT'S IN YOUR WELCOME PACKET?** A recent article in BSA's Commissioner Newsletter provided suggested contents to attract and welcome new families. They include:

- A simple calendar for the next 3–6 months (or for the year if the unit is well organized).
- Contact information for unit leaders.
- A letter that includes basic (and brief) information about uniforms, camping, general leadership structure, the role of the parent, youth protection policies and a link to the unit's webpage or social media platform. (Check out [BSA's guide for new Cub families](#))
- A list of anticipated costs for the next year along with fundraising opportunities to address those costs. (BSA's budget templates for [Packs](#), [Troops](#), and [Crews](#), may be helpful)

**SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER FUN! (events are added often—check the [Council Calendar & Event Site](#))**

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| July 16 <sup>th</sup>    | 2pm FREE <a href="#">Brass Quintet concert</a> (families) at Cabrillo                                            |
| July 16 <sup>th</sup>    | <a href="#">Operation On Target</a> (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on local mountains                       |
| July 19-22 <sup>nd</sup> | <a href="#">Scouts BSA Day Camp</a> at Cabrillo (pending staff availability)                                     |
| July 20 <sup>th</sup>    | <a href="#">International Moon Day Celebration</a> (families) at Peninsula Center Library                        |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Popcorn Kickoff                                                                                                  |
| July 31 <sup>st</sup>    | <a href="#">Mini Golf Day</a> (families) at Cabrillo                                                             |
| July 31-Aug 3            | <a href="#">Cub Resident Camp</a> (Bears-Webelos) at Cherry Valley                                               |
| Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>      | <a href="#">International Scout Scarf Day</a> (all Scouts, Scouters, and alumni)                                 |
| Aug 4-7 <sup>th</sup>    | Cub Overnight Camp (Bears & Webelos) at Cabrillo (pending staff availability)                                    |
| Aug 9-12 <sup>th</sup>   | Scouts BSA Day Camp at Cabrillo (pending staff availability)                                                     |
| Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>     | <a href="#">Order of the Arrow Leadership Development Training</a> (Youth & Adult Arrowmen) at Cushman           |
| Aug 20-21 <sup>st</sup>  | <a href="#">IOLS: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills</a> (Scouts BSA leaders) at Trask                        |
| Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>     | <a href="#">IOLS: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills</a> (Scouts BSA leaders) at Cabrillo                     |
| Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>     | <a href="#">Mini Golf Day</a> (families) at Cabrillo                                                             |
| Sept 9-11 <sup>th</sup>  | Old West Fest (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Firestone                                                   |
| Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>    | BALOO—Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (Cub Scout leaders) at Cabrillo                                     |
| Sept 16-18 <sup>th</sup> | <a href="#">Webelos Golden Nugget Weekend</a> at Cherry Valley                                                   |
| Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Operation On Target (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on local mountains                                       |
| Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>    | <a href="#">HAT Desert Camping &amp; Travel Training</a> (Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting adults) at Cushman |
| Sept 23-25 <sup>th</sup> | <a href="#">Webelos Golden Nugget Weekend</a> at Cherry Valley                                                   |
| Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>    | <a href="#">Car Show</a> hosted by Exploring at Santa Anita                                                      |
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Youth Waterfront Sports Day (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Cabrillo (pending staff availability)         |
| Oct 7-9 <sup>th</sup>    | <a href="#">Catholic Scouting Retreat</a> (families) in Sylmar                                                   |
| Oct 14-16 <sup>th</sup>  | Webelos Woods (Webelos and Scouts BSA) at Cabrillo                                                               |
| Oct 21-23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone                                                                          |
| Oct 28-30 <sup>th</sup>  | Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone                                                                          |
| Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>     | <a href="#">15 Mile Hike</a> (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on Mt. Wilson                                   |
| Nov 18-20 <sup>th</sup>  | Pumpkin Smash (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Firestone                                                   |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>     | <a href="#">Merit Badge Day</a> at International Printing Museum in Carson                                       |

**IT'S POPCORN TIME AGAIN!** Popcorn sales help your families cover registration fees, uniforms, trips, activities, day camps, summer camps and more. Fewer out-of-pocket expenses for families equals better-equipped youth and more participation. [Register for the sale](#) today and plan to send a unit representative to our annual [Kickoff](#) to learn about how popcorn sales can benefit your unit!

**DO YOU HAVE A COOL CAR?** Our Council Exploring units are hosting a car show at Santa Anita park on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to have your car there! Contact [gina.chan@exploringla.org](mailto:gina.chan@exploringla.org) to sign up

**EAGLE ADVANCEMENT** Prior to contacting Pacifica District for approval, please review Eagle application and Eagle book with your troop advancement chair to confirm records agree with troop records and Eagle book is complete. Scout profile and join date will be requested from Council and Scout will be assigned a book check person. Please do not contact Council directly for profile or join date. Once the Eagle book and application are ready, call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197, for the Pacifica verification and review.

**Starting July 1, 2022**, Eagle Scout candidates will be required to complete all Eagle Scout requirements **including** the new Citizenship in Society Merit Badge. If you have any questions, contact District Advancement Chair Jim Matsushita at [jmatsushita.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:jmatsushita.bsa@gmail.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. 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](#). 2022 Lodge dues may be paid [here](#) (note – users will need to create a Tentaroo account if they don't already have one).

Tuku'ut Lodge will host its annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) 7:30Am – 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 13, at the Cushman Watt Scout Center. LLD provides an opportunity to further develop leadership skills members can use in both Unit and OA activities. Participation is free for OA members.

The Annual Lodge Banquet will be held 6:30-9:00 PM at the Cushman Watt Scout Center. Cost is \$25/person (Lodge member or family member). LLD and Banquest registrations may be completed [here](#).

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at [lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@gmail.com) or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org).

Nominations for Chapter Executive Committee positions are open for the September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023 term of office. All Youth members (= not yet 21) are eligible to serve in these offices. The applications can be accessed [HERE](#). They can be presented in person or emailed to the Chief or Adviser. Please contact the Chapter Chief ([lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@gmail.com)) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss ([oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org)) for more information if you have questions.

**MERIT BADGE/NOVA AWARD COUNSELORS** The most recent listing was sent 30 June. New counselors are always welcome. See our registration instructions here:

<https://www.glaacbsa.org/files/39227/advancement---how-to-register-as-a-mb-or-nova-counselor>

Please submit ALL applications and supporting documentation, whether a new or existing counselor, via this Google form: <https://forms.gle/WmEvLvfi6cq6C9DH8>

If you have any questions, contact Richard at [meritbadge@pacificabsa.org](mailto:meritbadge@pacificabsa.org)

**SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD:** Packs that plan at least one event per month in June, July, and August, help their Cubs earn the [Summertime Pack Award](#). Events don't have to be elaborate—a play date in the park, a family picnic, or backyard movie night are all options, as are many of the activities in the above calendar. Don't let Scouting snooze during the summer—Adventure On!

**GET A STATE PARK PASS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY** In partnership with the First Partner's Office and the California State Library, State Parks is providing free vehicle day-use entry to over 200 participating state park units operated by State Parks to library-card holders. The California State Library Parks Pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle. Visit this link for more information: [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=30806](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30806)

**START HIKING NOW TO COMPLETE HIKING MERIT BADGE** – Our awesome Hiking Committee has agreed to offer the 15 and 20 mile hikes for our Scouts again this year. You have most of the year to complete the shorter hikes with your units to prepare for the final hikes. These hikes are also great training hikes for anyone going to Philmont in 2023. And the same as last year, these hikes are completely free. Information and registration is available on the flyer. Contact Sheila at [Sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:Sheandjc@yahoo.com) for more information or to receive a copy of the flyer.

**CALLING ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, OR EMT'S** Pacifica District needs your help. Pacifica would like to start a Medics Corps. We are trying to form a cadre of professionals that can help with questions on properly stocked first aid kits, staffing events (one per year) and providing advice on training and classes. If you are interested, please contact Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com) for more information or to sign up.

**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](mailto:lizbsapack851@gmail.com)

**WE NEED YOU!!!** We're looking for folks to help staff District events. Pacifica is actively planning events for our Scouts but we need adult Scouters to help. If you are willing to check in Scouts at events, help plan activities, help with meals (once we're able to do so, of course), etc., please contact Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com).

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**CHECK US OUT!**

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

**Pacifica District Website: [www.pacificabsa.org](http://www.pacificabsa.org)**

**GLAAC Website: [www.GLAACBSA.org](http://www.GLAACBSA.org)**

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**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](mailto:jeffsorbello@att.net) two weeks before Roundtable to get started.