



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 AUGUST Sometimes you just say "no" to an activity when you "know" the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Did you "know" there are activities and programs that should NOT be part of any Scouting experience? Or that there are limits for when some activities should be introduced? As you draft your unit's annual program, make sure you're aware of the [age appropriate guidelines](#) and [prohibited activities](#) for what to avoid. Examples of prohibited activities include laser tag, bubble ball, and tree climbing.

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.

UNIT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SEASON HAS STARTED! Unit renewal reps are following the steps in Pacifica's Recharter Guides to get your unit's paperwork submitted by September 30th. The [fees for re-registering](#) youth are \$147 per year and adults are \$77 per year. While we will not be accepting new applications with recharter packages, the online system will to accept applications except for a brief period starting 27 Sep, so don't hesitate to have new families join at any time!

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.

GEAR UP FOR FALL RECRUITING! Fall is one of the busiest times to bring new (and lapsed) families into Scouting. Check out GLAAC's Growth Plan guides for [Packs](#) & [Troops](#), order [yard signs, banners, and more](#), and check out the new graphic designs in the [BSA Brand Center](#). Don't forget to freshen up your unit pin on BeAScout!

SILVER BEAVER AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN The Silver Beaver Award is to Scouters of exceptional character who have given distinguished service to youth within a council. This award may be given to any person within a council regardless of their service level – i.e. Unit, District, or Council. There are no pre-qualifications other than distinguished service to youth within a council. Self-nominations are not accepted; don't hesitate to discreetly [nominate a deserving Scouter](#) who's made an impact in your community. If you need help filling in the form, or have further questions, contact Susan Porter Griego at (310) 431-8826 and spgriego1@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES FOR FALL ADVENTURES! (events are added often—check the [Council Calendar](#))

Aug 13 th	Order of the Arrow Leadership Development Training (Youth & Adult Arrowmen) at Cushman
Aug 27 th	IOLS: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Scouts BSA leaders) at Cabrillo
Aug 28 th	Mini Golf Day (families) at Cabrillo
Sept 9-11 th	Old West Fest at Firestone
Sept 10 th	BALOO —Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (Cub Scout leaders) at Cabrillo
Sept 16-18 th	Webelos Golden Nugget Weekend at Cherry Valley
Sept 17 th	Operation On Target (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on local mountains
Sept 17 th	HAT Desert Camping & Travel Training (Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting adults) at Cushman
Sept 23-25 th	Webelos Golden Nugget Weekend at Cherry Valley
Sept 24 th	National Public Lands Day
Sept 25 th	Car Show hosted by Exploring at Santa Anita
Oct 1 st	Youth Waterfront Sports Day (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Cabrillo (pending staff availability)
Oct 1 st	Dynamic Skills Merit Badge Day at Trask: Composite Material, Electricity, Electronics, Metalwork, Plumbing, Welding
Oct 1 st	Pacifica Silver Beaver nominations due to Susan Griego at spgriego1@gmail.com
Oct 7-9 th	Catholic Scouting Retreat (families) in Sylmar
Oct 14 th	Deadline to sign up as staff for February's Amazing Scout Adventure
Oct 14-16 th	Webelos Woods (Webelos and Scouts BSA) at Cabrillo
Oct 22 nd	Harvest Festival at Trask
Oct 21-23 rd	Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone
Oct 28-30 th	Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone
Nov 4-6 th	Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend at Trask
Nov 5 th	Lion & Tiger Safari at Trask
Nov 5 th	15 Mile Hike (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on Mt. Wilson
Nov 18-20 th	Pumpkin Smash at Firestone
Nov 19 th	Merit Badge Day at International Printing Museum in Carson

NEW TOOLKIT FOR SERVING SCOUTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS The BSA Special Needs and Disabilities Committee (SNDC) has just released a new A-to-Z online resource for special needs information. Formally called the [Inclusion Toolbox for Special Needs and Disabilities](#), it is tailored to Scouting and written for any Scout leader who wants to help his/her Scouts without having to wade through special needs jargon on the internet. The Toolbox is filled with stand-alone modules so you can use it just like a physical toolbox: rummage around for what you need. No need to read the whole thing, page by page; just check out the links for each module and use what suits your needs. Read more in [BSA's Abilities Digest](#).

MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO SCOUTS BSA RANK REQUIREMENTS

Beginning August 1, 2022, these minor modifications to the Scouts BSA requirements for the ranks of Scout through Star will take effect. Scouts may continue using the existing requirements for the rank on which they are currently working, or they may choose to use the new requirements. Scouts must use the new requirements once they advance to their next rank. On January 1, 2023, all Scouts must use only the new requirements. The specific changes can be found [here](#). In addition, beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge becomes required for the rank of Eagle.

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

MORE ADVANCEMENT NEWS: The July/August edition of [Advancement News](#) included:

How Advancement supports retention

Tools for teaching Cubs personal safety

The Quartermaster position of responsibility for Scouts BSA

Considerations for virtual Merit Badge classes

MERIT BADGE/NOVA AWARD COUNSELORS The July listing was sent to Troop leaders on 1 August. 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

STEM/NOVA AWARDS PROGRAM NOW COUNCIL ADMINISTERED See the latest updates on the NOVA homepage, <https://www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/> including the FAQ: <https://www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/stem-faq/>

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF PACIFICA'S AMAZING SCOUT ADVENTURE. This is a family event where Scouts explore Pacifica district in a fun day of playing games, solving puzzles, testing their Scout skills and having a great time. We need 20 volunteers to help man the stops along the route of the race. You will be at a station instructing the Scouts on their next task. When they complete it, you will give the Scout their next clue so that they can go to the next location.

If you would like to be on the committee to plan the event or have any questions you can contact me at sheandjc@yahoo.com. The date of the event is **Saturday February 4th**. Please sign up by **Friday, October 14th** so that we can have a successful event. Here is the link to sign up to volunteer [Amazing Scout Adventure Volunteer](#)

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. The 15 Mile hike will be Saturday November 5th and the 20 mile hike will be Saturday January 7th. Information and registration is available on the flyer or at the following link (15 Mile) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-pacifica-district-hiking-merit-badge-15-mile-hike-tickets-242530714897> Contact Sheila at Sheandjc@yahoo.com for more information or to receive a copy of the flyer.

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](#).

The G18 Multi-Section Conclave will be held September 16-18, 2022 at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Center. Members from nine Lodges in the southwest will convene for a weekend of fellowship, training and competition. Registration may be completed [here](#).

The Fall Induction Weekend is planned for November 4-6, 2022 at Camp Trask. Each newly-elected Candidate has a year to complete an Induction Weekend. Tuku'ut Lodge also plans a Winter Induction in mid-February 2023 and a Spring Induction, typically in either late April or early May, as additional opportunities.

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.

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 (lakotachchief@gmail.com) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss (oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org) for more information if you have questions.

EARN MONEY FOR YOUR UNIT! 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. There's still time to [register for the sale](#), either as a unit or individual. Is your unit organizing its own money earning activity? Don't forget to submit the [required application](#) to Charlie.Sheen@scouting.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!

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 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

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.

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.