



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 SEPTEMBER Despite all of our efforts to mitigate risks, sometimes incidents and near misses do occur. BSA has an incident reporting system to promote and improve the safety of our program. For more information on reportable incidents and how to report them, visit this article from the Safety Moments library:
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/incident-reporting-helps/>

UNIT MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE 30 SEPTEMBER: [Unit membership renewal](#) (aka recharter) month is upon us! Make sure you have paid your National/Council registration fees to your unit for reenrollment.

CABRILLO SCOUT SHOP SUNDAY HOURS Now through October, the [Cabrillo Scout Shop](#) will be open on Sundays 10am-5pm to serve all of your uniform and equipment needs.

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](#))

Sept 17-19 th	Veterans Stand Down service opportunities (Scouters & Older Scouts) in Compton
Sept 17 th	Operation On Target (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on local mountains
Sept 17 th	Radio MB or Personal Management MB (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Cabrillo
Sept 18 th	Cub Scout Archery Day at Cabrillo
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	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 7-9 th	Camporee (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) hosted by Metropolitan District at Trask
Oct 21-23 rd	Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone
Oct 28-30 th	Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone
Oct 29-30	HAT Wilderness First Aid training (Scouters) at Cushman
Nov 4-6 th	Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend at Trask
Nov 5 th	15 Mile Hike (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on Mt. Wilson
Nov 18-20 th	Pumpkin Smash at Firestone
January 20-22	Webelos Woods at Cabrillo

UNIT WANTED TO HOST SPRING CAMPOREE We are looking for a unit to host our Spring Camporee by coming up with the theme and running the activities for our Camporee!!! For more info, please contact Sheila at Sheandjc@yahoo.com.

GEAR UP FOR FALL RECRUITING! Fall is one of the busiest times to bring new (and lapsed) families into Scouting. Review this [one-stop-shop email](#) to check out GLAAC's Growth Plan guides for [Packs](#) & [Troops](#), order yard signs, banners, and uniform discount Kickstarter cards, get more information on how Den Chiefs can enhance your Pack & Troop, and so much more!

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE Requests for the Certificate of Insurance is now handled by Annette Haslam. Please fill out this [form](#) and email to her at Annette.Haslam@Scouting.org

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.

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

STEM/NOVA AWARDS PROGRAM NOW COUNCIL ADMINISTERED <https://www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/>

NOVA Awards FAQ: <https://www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/stem-faq/>

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

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).

The Lakota Chapter will meet 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, September 29th, at the Redondo Beach Scout House (2226 Farrell Ave, 90278). We'll use the time to discuss plans for upcoming events and Unit Elections, electing new Chapter Officers, and having some fellowship. Dinner will be provided by the Chapter.

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.

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

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.