



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 OCTOBER As the weather gets cooler, our minds turn to the joy of gathering around the campfire. Before you start shopping for [smores](#) ingredients, take a moment to make sure you have good fire safety in place: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/camp-fire-safety/>

HAVE YOU ORDERED UNIFORM COUPONS? Give families new to Scouting a 25% discount on uniforms by [ordering Adventure Cards](#) today. Even though the graphics on the card are Cub-centric, ALL program levels can use this card. While you're on the [GLAAC Membership website](#) to [order recruitment materials](#) at no additional cost to your unit, consider advertising your next big event to the families in your area by submitting a [geofencing request](#)

NEW DATE FOR WEBELOS WOODS Join us January 20-22 at Cabrillo for Webelos Woods! Webelos Woods is a fun, two-night outdoor activity program designed to aid in the Webelos-to-Scout transition and give Webelos and parents a chance to meet some of the awesome units that we have in our District. We are looking for Troops, Scouts and Adults Scouters to support this event. Registration will open soon. Contact Boyd Latimore at pacificawebeloswoods@gmail.com or 310-318-4114 for more information. (See flyer below.)

15/20 MILE HIKE Our Hiking MB counselors are hosting a 15-mile hike Saturday, November 5th, and a 20-mile hike Saturday, January 7th. These hikes are also great training hikes for anyone going to Philmont in 2023. (See flyer below.) The deadline to sign up for the 15-mile hike is Saturday, October 22nd.—sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-pacifica-district-hiking-merit-badge-15-mile-hike-tickets-242530714897>
This is a free event. Contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com for more information.

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

Oct 15 th	Family Harvest Festival (camping optional) for all ages at Trask
Oct 21-23 rd	Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone
Oct 22 nd	Family Emergency Preparedness Day for all ages at Trask
Oct 28-30 th	Boo Fest (Cubs & families) at Firestone SOLD OUT
Oct 29-30 th	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Leaders at Trask
Oct 29-30 th	HAT Wilderness First Aid training (Scouters) at Cushman
Nov 4-6 th	Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend (elected members & candidates) at Trask
Nov 5-6 th	Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills (IOLS) for Scouts BSA Leaders at Firestone
Nov 5 th	15 Mile Hike (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on Mt. Wilson
Nov 5 th	Aviation or Radio Merit Badge (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Cabrillo
Nov 5 th	HAT Winter Camping/Travel & Snow/Ice Travel (Scouters) at Cushman
Nov 12-13 th	Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills (IOLS) for Scouts BSA Leaders at Trask
Nov 12 th	HAT Navigation & Orienteering (Scouters) at Firestone
Nov 18-20 th	Pumpkin Smash (Scouts BSA) at Firestone
Dec 3 rd	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) for Scouts BSA youth at Trask
January 20-22	Webelos Woods (Packs and Troops) at Cabrillo
January-February	Winter Camping for Packs, Troops, Ships, and Crews at Hubert Eaton

BSA ESPORTS TOURNAMENT BEGINS THIS WEEKEND! Between Rocket League, Madden 23 and Smash Ultimate, Scouts ages 8-17 will find a video game (or three) that draws their interest to the competition and the \$100 Scout Shop gift cards that are up for grabs. See more information here: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2022/09/29/calling-all-gamers-sign-up-for-the-bsa-esports-tournament-series/>

VFW OFFERS MONETARY AWARDS TO MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Our local VFW Posts are seeking competitors in their annual Voice of Democracy (HS) and Patriot's Pen (MS) competitions. South Bay students can submit their work VFW Post 2828 (1000 N Catalina Ave), or submit to: vfw2828@yahoo.com. Submissions are due no later than 31 October.

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.

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](#)

TIME TO RENEW MERIT BADGE/NOVA COUNSELOR REGISTRATION With unit recharter under our belts, now it's time to focus on District memberships. Merit Badge Counselors, Nova Counselors, and Supernove mentors. Returning volunteers for these positions will be receiving an email from Dean of Counselors [Richard Brehove](#) with renewal instructions. New volunteers can find registration instructions here: <https://greaterlascouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Pacifica-how-to-register-as-a-mb-or-nova-counselor.pdf>

ADVANCEMENT NEWS: The September/October edition of [Advancement News](#) included:
Advancement as a method of Scouting
Cub Scout [Rank Advancement at-a-glance](#)
The ASPL position of responsibility for Scouts BSA
Recording service hours in Scoutbook
Sea Scout electives

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

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 December 2021 and may be found [here](#). Arrowmen should soon receive notification to pay their 2023 Lodge dues.

The Lakota Chapter will meet 6:00-7:30 PM on Thursday, October 27th, 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 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. Registration 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 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 (lakotachief@gmail.com) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss (oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org) for more information if you have questions.

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

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. lizsapack851@gmail.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.