



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW ROUNDTABLE COMMISSIONER! Please welcome Gary Thompson into the role! We are all grateful to Jeff for leading us through the pandemic, and are looking forward to Gary carrying on to deliver monthly fun, fellowship, and education

SAFETY MOMENT FOR NOVEMBER It's Cybersecurity Awareness Month! BSA digital safety awareness videos, while geared towards older Scouts, are a great resource for parents, too. Find the links to videos as well as tips on cybersecurity in this recent article from Bryan on Scouting: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2022/10/31/how-this-bsa-digital-safety-awareness-video-fits-in-with-cybersecurity-awareness-month/>

IN-PERSON CUB LEADER TRAINING COMING TO CABRILLO! [Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training](#) will show you everything you need to know about Cub Scouting, the role and responsibilities of adult leaders, and the resources available to help ensure your success. In-person training provides a wonderful opportunity for your volunteers to learn about all of the moving parts that make a Pack work, fosters teamwork, and allows for the sharing of ideas with other like-minded Scouters.

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.)

HIT A LONG TRAIL IN JANUARY! We're hosting a 20 Mile Hike on January 7th. - This hike is perfect for Scouts working on Hiking Merit Badge, anyone preparing for Philmont or just avid hiker who want an adventure. The deadline [Sign up online](#) no later than is Wednesday, Jan 2nd at 5:00PM

AMAZING SCOUT ROAD ADVENTURE -This year's Road Adventure will be on Saturday, February 4th. If you have ever wanted to take part in the Amazing Race, now is your chance. Each team will participate in challenges throughout Pacifica district. The race is all new for 2023 and we even have a road block this year. The \$30 registration fee includes all of the activities, lunch and snacks. [Registration](#) is now open.

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

Nov 12 th	HAT Navigation & Orienteering (Scouters) at Firestone
Nov 18-20 th	Pumpkin Smash (Scouts BSA) at Firestone SOLD OUT
Dec 3 rd	Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) for Scouts BSA youth at Trask
Dec 3 rd	Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training in person at Cabrillo
Dec 3 rd	Shooting Sports MB Day (older Scouts) at Trask
Jan 7 th	20 Mile Hike (Older Scouts, Scout Leaders) in Altadena
January 20-22	Webelos Woods (Packs and Troops) at Cabrillo
January-February	Unit winter camping reservations for Packs, Troops, Ships, and Crews at Hubert Eaton
January-February	Cub theme camps at Hubert Eaton
Feb 3 rd	Eagle Project of the Year nominations due
Feb 4 th	Amazing Road Adventure (families) starting at a secret location
Apr 3 rd	Belcher Eagle Scout Scholarship applications due
Apr 28-30	Pacifica Spring Camporee (Troops, Ships, and Crews) at Firestone

TELL YOUR SCOUTING STORY! Local media outlets are always looking for good news. Click [HERE](#) for six tips that your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post can use to get local news coverage with little effort.

HOW TO ATTRACT MORE ADULTS TO YOUR UNIT Growing your unit means building parent support into volunteering, and maybe even leadership somewhere down the line. Check out what [new Cub Scout parents are telling BSA in recent surveys](#). The hints in this article are applicable to all program levels!

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](#)

SUMMER CAMP RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN! It's not too early for Troops to make reservations for summer camp at [Cherry Valley](#) or [Camp Big Horn](#). PLC can't decide which camp to choose? Contact charlie.sheen@scouting.org to arrange for a youth camp staff member to share what they love about their camp with your Scouts.

GEAR PLANNING TIPS FOR YOUR NEXT BACKPACKING TRIP: Starting your holiday wish lists? Here are some [recommendations](#) from Eagle Scout Ryan Jordan, founder of [backpackinglight.com](#). You can also find lots of great tips and suggestions from our Council High Adventure Team on their [publications web page](#).

SHOPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON AMAZON? Using AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support GLAAC every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Council. To shop at AmazonSmile, go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app) and specify the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, as your charity of choice. Shop using smile.amazon.com instead of the usual amazon.com and you will reap benefits for our Scouts. Thank you for your support!

SPRING CAMPOREE Mark your calendars for Pacific's Spring Camporee which will be held on April 28 - 30, 2023 at Firestone Scout Reservation. More information will be provided in the coming months. You won't want to miss this fun filled weekend! Early bird registration will open in January.

SAFETY AFLOAT HAS BEEN UPDATED Scouting U has released an updated version of "Safety Afloat" training that is also mobile compatible. Safety Afloat is required for any BSA unit who will participate in boating activities. This online training, which must be renewed every two years, ensures that adult leaders are prepared to facilitate safe use of canoes, kayaks, rowboats, rafts, floating tubes, sailboats, motorboats (including waterskiing), and other small craft. To access the updated training, log onto [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and search the catalog in the BSA Learn Center for "Safety Afloat."

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 November/December edition of [Advancement News](#) included:

- Webelos to Scout transition
- Cub Scout advancement tracking
- The JASM position of responsibility for Scouts BSA
- Navigating advancement requirements for Scouts with special needs
- Sea Scout Quartermaster rank

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.

Welcome to the new Ordeal members of the Chapter who completed their Induction Weekend recently at Camp Trask! Candidates who have been elected and still need to complete an Induction Weekend will have another opportunity February 10-12, 2023, at the Cabrillo Youth Center. Emails with registration details will be sent to the Candidates.

The Lakota Chapter will meet 6:00-7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 15th, 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.

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.

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.