



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PACIFICA APPLAUDS Congratulations to the 2022 Silver Beaver recipients! We are especially proud of the Scouters from Pacifica who will be recognized: **Alsion Arakawa, Kelly Barry, Boyd Latimore, Jim Matsushita, and Craig Whited**. Thank you to our District Silver Beaver Committee and all the nominators who worked so hard to get these volunteers recognized. We encourage everyone to join us at the [Annual Council Recognition Dinner](#) to celebrate all of the Council's Silver Beavers!

SAFETY MOMENT FOR DECEMBER When temperatures drop, cases of carbon monoxide poisoning rise. With proper inspection and housekeeping, Scouts and community members alike can prevent death and illness this season. Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/carbon-monoxide-poisoning-at-home-or-camp/>

LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR 20 MILER We're hosting a 20 Mile Hike on January 7th. This hike is perfect for Scouts working on the Hiking Merit Badge, anyone preparing for Philmont, or just avid hikers who want an adventure. The deadline [Sign up online](#) is Wednesday, Jan 2nd at 5:00PM

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS DUE 31 DECEMBER Please help us recognize Scouters who are going above and beyond for our District! It's easy to nominate someone for this award—we basically just need a paragraph summarizing their accomplishments. You can find a link to the [nomination form](#) on our [website](#). Contact our Award of Merit Nominating Chair, Cathy Wimberg at wimberg@sbcglobal.net, if you need help or more information.

WEBELOS WOODS REGISTRATION CLOSING 15 JANUARY Webelos Woods is a fun, two-night outdoor activity program designed to show Webelos the adventures that await them in Scouts BSA. Webelos can register at <https://scoutingevent.com/033-WebelosWoods>. Troops interested in running an activity station can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f45aba823a57-webelos2>

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE (JTE) SCORECARDS DUE 20 JANUARY JTE is BSA's planning, performance, and recognition program. JTE is designed to encourage and reward success based on a few select benchmarks that have been found to have the most impact on unit sustainability. You can find 2022 calculator workbooks for Packs, Troops, Ships, and Crews [HERE](#), or go straight to the scorecard [HERE](#). Please turn in your completed scorecard to your [Unit Commissioner](#) so we can order your achievement ribbon.

HELP WANTED: DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY CHAIR We'd love to run a District-wide derby this spring, but we need a volunteer team to pull it all together. Please contact sheanjc@yahoo.com and Kelly.barry@pacificabsa.org if you'd like to provide this service to our Cub Scouts.

SIGN UP FOR PINEWOOD DERBY CAR CUTTING AT CABRILLO Cabrillo Scout Shop will be hosting two (2) Pinewood Derby Car cutting days. On Saturday, January 14, 2023 and Saturday January 21, 2023. The cutting will be done by RESERVATION ONLY between the hours of 10:00am - 4:00pm with a maximum of 8 Cub Scouts with one parent per hour. No siblings please. Call the Scout Shop at 310-832-7139 to secure your reservation.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE AMAZING SCOUT ROAD ADVENTURE If you have ever wanted to take part in the Amazing Race, February 4th 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 to all families, whether registered in Scouting or not.

SPREAD THE WORD! Pacifica's Annual District Awards Dinner will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Rock N Brews in Redondo Beach. Please place a hold on your calendar—more info to come. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

TO STAY WARM, THINK C-O-L-D Dressing for cold weather means Clean clothes, avoiding Overheating, Loose layers, and staying Dry. Here's a [great article from Bryan on Scouting](#) to make sure families have a great time outdoors during winter activities.

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

Dec 31st Award of Merit nominations due
Jan 7th [20 Mile Hike](#) (Older Scouts, Scout Leaders) in Altadena
Jan 20th JTE Scorecards due
January 20-22 [Webelos Woods](#) (Packs and [Troops](#)) at Cabrillo
Jan 25th [Annual Council Awards Dinner](#) (Adults) in Montebello
Jan 28th Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) (Scouts BSA Adults) 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 3rd [Eagle Project of the Year](#) nominations due
Feb 4th [Amazing Road Adventure](#) (families) starting at a secret location
Feb 16th District Networking Social (Adults) in Torrance
Apr 3rd [Belcher Eagle Scout Scholarship](#) applications due
Apr 21-23 [Wood Badge](#) begins (Scouters)
Apr 26th District Awards Dinner (Adults) in Redondo Beach
Apr 28-30 Pacifica Spring Camporee (Troops, Ships, and Crews) at Firestone

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!

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.

JAMBOREE STAFF NEEDED: Looking for a unique experience this summer? Join the 2023 [National Jamboree Service Team](#)! There are [jobs](#) for every skill set, starting at age 16. National Jamboree is not just a camp. It's fun, friends and fellowship with hands-on adventure with Scouts from all over the world. Come be a part of something amazing!

NEW CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS AVAILABLE Have you seen the new cub uniforms? Check them out at your closest scout shop or online at <https://www.scoutshop.org/cub-scout-short-sleeve-uniform-shirt-navy.html>

TAKE BSA TRAINING ANYWHERE Thanks to BSA's standard syllabi, you don't have to limit yourself to the training offerings within the Council—you can train anywhere! We are blessed here in Southern California with a handful of councils in driving distance. Here's [a listing of some trainings](#) happening locally in the first half of 2023. Feel free to choose the course that best fits your schedule

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!

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 Supernova 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 to 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 have received notification to pay their 2023 Lodge dues.

The Lakota Chapter will meet 6:00-7:30 PM on Friday, December 16th, for a Holiday Party at the Redondo Beach Scout House (2226 Farrell Ave, 90278). Dinner will be catered food from King's Hawaiian Restaurant; cost is \$10/person. Fellowship activities following dinner include a Dungeons and Dragons adventure, as well as board games. Members were contacted by email with additional reservation details.

The Winter Induction Weekend is planned for February 10-12, 2023 at the Cabrillo Youth Center in San Pedro. Each newly elected Candidate has a year to complete an Induction Weekend. Tuku'ut Lodge also plans a Spring Induction Weekend April 14-16, 2023, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. Candidates and Lodge members should receive emails about the events; additional info may be found at the Lodge website, www.tukuut.org

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.

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

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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

GLAAC Website: 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 gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org or roundtable@pacificabsa.org two weeks before Roundtable to get started.