



Roundtable Matters

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, BSA
Gary Thompson, Roundtable Commissioner

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SCOUTS TO OPEN ROUNDTABLE Have scouts in your pack, troop or crew who are interested in performing the opening ceremony for Roundtable? We're open to real time or recorded events. Contact roundtable@pacificabsa.org to get on the schedule!

SAFETY MOMENT FOR JANUARY With the current rains and cooler weather, please be aware that hypothermia is a concern even when the weather isn't freezing. Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hypothermia/>

WEBELOS WOODS POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER Due to the likelihood of inclement weather and questionable camping conditions at Cabrillo the Webelos Woods scheduled for this month has been CANCELLED. Please save the weekend of October 6-8 2023 for the next offering. Registration will open in April for this ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE camp. Thank you to all of the Troops and Packs who registered for January—we hope to see you in October!

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.

WHAT'S PINEWOOD DERBY? Do you have new Pack families who aren't familiar with Pinewood Derby? Get them ready to race with Scout Life Magazine's [PWD Hub](#), which is full of tips for family fun. Thinking about making PWD a recruiting activity? Check out this [campaign plan](#) from BSA's Marketing and Membership hub

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.

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!

FUNDamentals OF TRAINING Would you like to become a better trainer? This course introduces teaching techniques and skills so that any Scout or Scouter, regardless of their experience, can present effective training via a team-based learning model. January 29th from 1-5 pm at the El Segundo Scout House. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bsa-fundamentals-of-training-d70-tickets-490686505547>

TRAINER'S EDGE This intermediate course of BSA's train-the-trainer continuum sharpens training and presentation skills. While mandatory only for NYLT & Wood Badge Staffers, it's a great opportunity for all Scouters and Scouts aged 16 above. This full-day course will be offered February 12 at the El Segundo Scout House. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bsa-trainers-edge-h96-tickets-509607548897>

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

Jan 20th JTE Scorecards due
Jan 22nd LA [Orienteering meet](#) (open to the public) at Firestone
Jan 25th [Annual Council Awards Dinner](#) (Adults) in Montebello
Jan 28-29th Catholic Religious Emblems training (Scouters) via Zoom
Jan 29th [Fundamentals of Training](#) at El Segundo Scout House (1-5 pm)
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 11th [HAT Lower Colorado River Canoeing training](#) in San Dimas (Troop, Ship, and Crew adults)
Feb 12th [Trainer's EDGE](#) in El Segundo (Adults and Scouts age 16 & up)
Feb 16th [District Networking Social](#) (Adults) in Torrance
Feb 24th HAT [Adult Leader Backpack training](#) at Cabrillo (Troop, Ship and Crew adults)
Mar 4th HAT [Lead Scout Backpack training](#) at Cushman Watt (Scouts age 14 & up)
Mar 31st Fretwell [Outstanding Educator nominations](#) due
Mar 31-Apr 2 Rocket Academy at Firestone (Cub families)
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

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.

HELP WANTED: DISTRICT TRAINING CHAIR Are you passionate about training? Want to affect change? Every scout deserves a trained leader, and you can make that happen. Please contact nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org

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!

RECOGNIZE AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER The BSA's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award recognizes community members who instill Scouting's values in K-12 students. This can be a classroom teacher, administrator, custodian, cafeteria worker, or any number of others. See more information [HERE](#). The Pacifica deadline to [submit nominations electronically](#) is March 31st.

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>

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>

2023 MERIT BADGE UPDATES POSTED BSA has updated the requirements for 30 Merit Badges, including several Eagle-required badges. Everything you need to know is on the new and improved Merit Badge hub at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

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. Please call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197 for the Pacifica verification and review once the Eagle book and application are ready.

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](#). 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.

Arrowmen should have received notification to pay their 2023 Lodge dues. Payment may be made on the Lodge's website [here](#).

The Winter Induction Weekend is planned for February 10-12, 2023 at the Cabrillo Youth Center in San Pedro. Registration may be completed on the Lodge's website [here](#). 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.

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. Have a topic you'd like to see as a breakout session or big rock? Send an email proposal to gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org or roundtable@pacificabsa.org two weeks before Roundtable to get started.