



Roundtable Matters

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

February 8th, 2023
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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!

NETWORKING SOCIAL NEXT WEEK All Scouters, volunteers, parents, alumni and supporters of Scouting are welcome to join us at Red Car Brewery in Torrance on Thursday, 16 Feb. This is a come-as-you-are, no uniform, adults-only social. The no-host open house format means that you can come when you can and stay as long as you like, even if you just pop in for a quick hello or dinner to-go. [Reservations are recommended](#) (so the kitchen can plan for us), but not required. We hope to see you there!

SAFETY MOMENT FOR FEBRUARY Punxsutawney Phil predicts 6 more weeks of winter. Stay vigilant when driving to and from scouting events. Ensure the drive plan includes adequate rest stops, avoid areas with significant congestion, ensure autos are in working order with safety equipment. Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/>

SPRING WOOD BADGE REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Enhance your skills in team building, communication, conflict resolution, and turning visions into reality by joining the upcoming Wood Badge course April 21, 2023. Anyone fully trained for their position in BSA is eligible to attend. Participants and staff come from all parts of the BSA (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Ships, District, Council, etc.), giving you the opportunity to network and discuss solutions with your peers from across the Council. For more information, please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/033-WB>

NYLT REGISTRATION IS OPEN! National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a focused, high-energy outdoor experience for youth leaders. The course includes experience in developing team visions, *SMART* goal setting, project planning, enhanced communications, conflict management, and using the EDGE method of instruction. Many colleges, universities and academies recognize NYLT as a premier leadership program. NYLT is coming to Camp Trask 16-18 June and 30 June-2 July (both weekends are required). To register or learn more, click [HERE](#).

CAMP CARDS ARE COMING! GLAAC's Camp Card sales will run March 1st-June 30th and are designed to help Scouts at all program levels earn funds to offset the cost of their Scouting experience. A Camp Card is a discount card with numerous digital coupons and discounts to restaurants and retailers throughout Los Angeles. Camp cards' low price point (\$10), high value (generally \$100-\$200 in savings), high commission (50% goes to the unit) and easy logistics (well over 1000 cards fit in a shoe box) make Camp Cards a highly effective money earning activity. What's even better is that there is no up-front cost—unit order the number of cards they want to sell and only pay for what they use. Unsold cards can be returned without penalty. Pre-orders will be available in the next few weeks. Updates and sign up links will be posted to <https://greaterlascouting.org/unit-fundraising-opportunities/>

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTURE (this list is NOT inclusive—check the [Council Calendar](#) for even more!)

Feb 10th	Annual Scout Shabbat https://scoutingevent.com/033-ScoutShabbat
Feb 16 th	District Networking Social (Adults) in Torrance
Feb 18th	First Aid , Citizenship in the Community , & Personal Management Merit Badges at Cabrillo (Scouts BSA)
Feb 24th	HAT Adult Leader Backpack training at Cabrillo (Troop, Ship and Crew adults)
Mar - Jun	Camp Cards https://greaterlascouting.org/unit-fundraising-opportunities/
Mar 4th	HAT Lead Scout Backpack training at Cushman Watt (Scouts age 14 & up)
Mar 4th	Gathering of Eagles at Japanese American National Museum (Eagles)
Mar 5th	Kayaking, Citizenship in the Nation, Swimming, and Citizenship in the World at Cabrillo (Scouts BSA)

Mar 10-12th Cub Rocket Academy <https://scoutingevent.com/033-CubRocketAcademy2023>
 Mar 30th BSA Marketing Bootcamp Webinar Part 1 5pm PDT (register [HERE](#))
 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 6th BSA Marketing Bootcamp Webinar Part 2 5pm PDT (register [HERE](#))
 Apr 21-23rd [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
 June 16-18th [NYLT](#) begins (Scouts BSA & Venturing youth)

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.

CABRILLO SCOUT SHOP NOW OPEN MONDAYS! For your shopping convenience, the Scout Shop at Cabrillo is now open Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. You can find hours and contact numbers for all shops in our Council [HERE](#).

SPECIAL SCOUT EVENT AT JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM: Join the Boy Scouts of Heart Mountain on March 4th in an intergenerational conversation on coming of age in a World War II concentration camp. The event will highlight a short film by Yuka Murakami that captured a moment at the 2019 Heart Mountain Camp pilgrimage opening ceremony where 89-year-old Harumi "Bacon" Sakatani, who was a teenage internee and former Boy Scout during World War II, is adamant about raising the U.S. flag alongside his fellow Boy Scouts. See more information here: <https://www.janm.org/exhibits/dont-fence-me-in>

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

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

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!

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!

REGISTER NOW FOR MARKETING BOOTCAMP: BSA's National Marketing team will share the latest strategies, tactics, and tools for growing your unit in this two-part series on March 30th and April 6th at 5pm Pacific time. [Registration](#) is required. Can't make it to the webinar? Presentations will be posted in the [webinar library](#).

BIG TRIPS CAN RETAIN OLDER SCOUTS: Check out this month's article on how one Troop in Indiana retains older Scouts with a promise of "big trip" adventures like Yellowstone National Park, Alaska, and Iceland. Read more [HERE](#).

PASSIVE RECRUITING CAN ENHANCE YOUR YEAR ROUND GROWTH When you're out in the community, do you have a way to connect with the public? [This article](#) has some great ideas (like QR codes on your unit t-shirts!) on how to make passive recruiting work for you.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS: The [January/February edition of Advancement News](#) includes:

A Scout is Reverent
The Troop Instructor position
Time Extensions for Eagle/Quartermaster/Summit ranks
Inclusion Toolbox

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 7:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28th, at the Redondo Beach Scout House (2226 Farrell Ave, 90278). Activities will include leatherwork, planning support to upcoming District events, and discussing upcoming Unit Elections. Note: The Chapter intends to establish a recurring Chapter Meeting schedule on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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.