



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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

March 8th, 2023
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SCOUTS TO OPEN ROUNDTABLE: Do you 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!

UPDATES TO GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING: Sections on supervision, Cub camping, and prohibited activities have been updated. [PLEASE REVIEW THESE UPDATES](#) and let your Commissioner know if you have any questions. Watch and share [this video](#) with your youth and adult leaders and all parents so everyone understands BSA's SAFE standards.

SAFETY MOMENT FOR MARCH: Ever wonder how to report a safety concern while scouting? First, ensure that the injured are cared for and in a safe place, then preserve evidence and take any necessary photos or video, lastly complete an incident report and notify your Council. There's a great article in [Aaron on Scouting](#) which covers the [Incident Reporting Tool](#), [Youth Protection/Membership Infraction](#), and [Near Miss Reporting](#) and will guide you through the step-by-step process of gathering the facts — the who, what, when, why, where and how of the incident itself. Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER IN MARCH: 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.

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

Mar 11th	Citizenship in the World Merit Badge @ Cabrillo (register HERE)
Mar 25-26th	HAT Wilderness & Remote First Aid (Scouters) @ Cushman
Mar 25/Apr 1	Trainer's Edge 9-1 both days @ Cushman (register HERE)
Mar 30th	BSA Marketing Bootcamp Webinar Part 1 5pm PDT (register HERE)
Mar 31 st	Fretwell Outstanding Educator nominations due
Apr 3 rd	Belcher Eagle Scout Scholarship applications due
Apr 6th	BSA Marketing Bootcamp Webinar Part 2 5pm PDT (register HERE)
Apr 10th	HAT Rock/Rope/Rescue training @ Cushman (Scouters)
Apr 14-16th	HAT BSA Climbing Level 2 @ Cushman (Scouters)
Apr 21-23rd	Wood Badge begins (Scouters)
Apr 22nd	Earth Day—potential District-wide collection for flags needing retirement
Apr 26 th	District Awards Dinner (Scouters) in Redondo Beach (register HERE)
Apr 28-30	Pacifica Spring Camporee (Troops, Ships, and Crews) @ Firestone
May 13th	Northrop Grumman Merit Badge Day (older Scouts) at in Redondo Beach
May 20th	District Pinewood Derby Championship @ El Segundo Scout House (Cubs)
May 20-21st	BALOO outdoor leader training (Pack Adults) @ Trask
May 26-29th	Memorial Weekend Open Camping (Families) @ Trask
Jun 10-11th	BALOO outdoor leader training (Pack Adults) @ Cabrillo
June 16-18th	NYLT begins (Scouts BSA & Venturing youth)

PACIFICA PIRATE TREASURE HUNT - SPRING CAMPOREE 28-30 APRIL: Cap'n Hook and his pirates were recently seen in Firestone Scout Reservation burying treasure chests. You will need to hone your Scouting skills by competing in different activities to gather clues so that you can complete your treasure map. The map will guide you to your treasure chest, but you have to be quick as there are others out there trying to find their chests. Be prepared to dig;

the fastest get glory and the bounty. Just remember, “X” really does mark the spot. Registration is now open at [Pacifica Spring Camporee](#). Contact Sheila at Pacificacamporee@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



ORDER CAMP CARDS TODAY! GLAAC’s Camp Card sales are running 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. You simply order cards on consignment and only pay for those you sell. Unsold cards can be returned without penalty. Units or individuals can order camp cards today at <https://greaterlascouting.org/2023-camp-card-campaign-pre-order/>. [Contact Pam at Cabrillo](#) if you would like to sell cards in the Cabrillo lobby on Saturdays.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN MERIT BADGE DAY 13 MAY: This event meant to provide scouts more insight into the fields of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). This year we will be hosting the Robotics, Chemistry, and Radio Merit Badges (with a potential for more). Website for registration coming shortly. This is a 1 day event (9am to 4pm) at Northrop Grumman’s S-Building (1 Space Park Blvd, Redondo Beach, CA 90278) and costs \$15 per scout to cover patches and supplies.

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](#).

HOW TO REVIVE A STRUGGLING UNIT: See this [Scouting Magazine article](#) by a Tiger Den Leader who persuaded fellow parents to take an active role.

SAVE THE DATE FOR DISTRICT DINNER! Pacifica’s **Annual District Awards Dinner** will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Rock N Brews in Redondo Beach. You should be able to buy your tickets from the [Council calendar](#) no later than next week. We can’t wait to celebrate with you!

STEM MERIT BADGE DAY ON 13 MAY: Northrop Grumman Merit Badge Day is planned for May 13th, an event meant to provide Scouts more insight into the fields of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). This year we will be offering the **Robotics, Chemistry, and Radio Merit Badges** (with a potential for more). Website for registration coming shortly. This is a 1 day event (9am to 4pm) at Northrop Grumman’s S-Building (1 Space Park Blvd, Redondo Beach, CA 90278) and costs \$15 per scout to cover patches and supplies.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS: The [March/April edition of Advancement News](#) includes:
Recruiting adults to assist with advancement
The Troop Webmaster position
Welcoming Cub Scout families mid-year – Impact on Advancement
Common misperceptions about the Merit Badge Program
Sea Scout Apprentice 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. Please call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197 for the Pacifica verification and review once the Eagle book and application are ready.

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>. You've probably also seen the recent articles on Wood Badge turning 75, join us during this Diamond celebration [Woodbadge turns 75](#)

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](#).

CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE: The Campership application is included in the flyers section of the Pacifica Roundtable Matters ([HERE](#)). Please share with your scout families to ensure each scout has an opportunity to attend summer camp.

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.

HELP WANTED: FUNDRAISING IDEAS Are you passionate about fundraising or like to come up with creative ideas for the Pacifica Signature fundraising event? Please contact Kelly.Barry@pacificabsa.org and Jeff@Stieglitz.org

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

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, March 28th, at the Redondo Beach Scout House (2226 Farrell Ave, 90278). Note: The Chapter intends to establish a recurring Chapter Meeting schedule on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Other Chapter activities will be planned for different weeknights and/or weekends to enable maximum by our members.

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

The Spring Induction Weekend is planned for May 5-7, 2023, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Ranch in Cedar Glen, CA. Registration links on the Lodge's website should be posted soon. Each newly elected Candidate has a year to complete an Induction Weekend. 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.

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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.