



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PACIFICA DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT: Let's congratulate our most recent Award of Merit recipients for Pacifica District, **Leah Grossi, Briant Bates and John Fleming!** A special thanks to our selection committee and those who took the time to nominate our scouters. We look forward to celebrating on April 26 at the [District Dinner](#)!

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER! Pacifica's [Annual District Awards Dinner](#) will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Rock N Brews in Redondo Beach. Buy your tickets **NOW**, registration closes April 19! Don't be left out! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

SIGN UP EARLY: Friendly reminder to have your Pack/Troop/Crew/Ship register early. Registering early helps our volunteers best plan for an amazing experience for our youth. Late registrations lead to event cancellations, inadequate staff/resources, and stress on our planners. If all else fails, reach out to the event coordinator and communicate your needs with them.

STAFF NEEDED FOR LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING COURSES We need volunteers to serve as grubmasters and quartermasters for the [May offering](#) of Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills ([IOLS](#)) for Scouts BSA leaders and the [June offering](#) Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation ([BALOO](#)) for Cub Leaders at Cabrillo. Grubmasters plan menus, purchase provisions, and facilitate cooking of the meals. Quartermasters work in the background to make sure supplies are in stock, get to the training area, and are put away. Contact Johanna Kraus to volunteer for IOLS and Nancy Hodgkiss to volunteer for BALOO.

SAFETY MOMENT FOR APRIL: Have you considered the possibility of an accident occurring while your unit is engaged in a scouting event? Last month we highlighted incident reporting, so this month we'll remind everyone about the insurance coverages included in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Take a moment to review the materials and understand the coverages when following the Guide to Safe Scouting [Insurance](#). Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>

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

Apr 14-16	HAT BSA Climbing Level 2 (Scouters) @ Cushman	
Apr 22	Earth Day District-wide collection for flags needing retirement @ VFW 2828	Volunteers needed!
Apr 26	District Awards Dinner (Scouters) @ Redondo Beach Rock N' Brews	
Apr 28-30	Pacifica Spring Camporee (Troops, Ships, and Crews) @ Firestone	
Apr 29-May 6	Amateur Radio Course (Scouts BSA) @ Palos Verdes	
May 13	Northrop Grumman Merit Badge Day (older Scouts BSA) @ NG Space Park	
May 13	District Pinewood Derby Championship (Cubs) @ El Segundo Scout House	** DATE CHANGE**
May 19-21	Rocket Academy for (Cubs) @ Firestone	** DATE CHANGE**
May 20-21	BALOO outdoor leader training (Pack Scouters) @ Trask	
May 20	Hiking MB Kick-off session (Scouts BSA) @ Cabrillo	
May 26-29	Memorial Weekend Open Camping (Families) @ Trask	
Jun 3-4	Leave No Trace Trainer Course (Scouters and Scouts BSA 14+) @ Trask	
Jun 10-11	BALOO outdoor leader training (Pack Scouters) @ Cabrillo	
Jun 12-16	Trail To Eagle (Scouts BSA) @ Trask	
Jun 16-18	NYLT begins (Scouts BSA & Venturing youth)	
Jun 19-23	Cub Twilight Camp (Cubs) @ Trask	
Jun 26-30	Trail To Eagle (Scouts) @ Trask	
Jul 15	Operation On Target (Older Scouts BSA)	
Sep 16	Operation On Target (Older Scouts BSA)	

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.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR SPRING CAMPOREE: Come join in on the fun! Cap'n Hook and his pirates were recently seen in Firestone Scout Reservation burying treasure chests. Be prepared to dig; the fastest get glory and the bounty. Just remember, "X" really does mark the spot. [Registration](#) is open; provisionals are welcome. Contact Sheila at Pacificacamporee@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR WOOD BADGE Enhance your skills in team building, communication, conflict resolution, and turning visions into reality by joining Wood Badge. 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>.

PACIFICA PINWOOD DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP It's back! Calling all den and pack winners, come and do your best against the best in Pacifica. May 13th at El Segundo Scout House. Have your cubmaster register at the [District Pinewood Derby Championship](#) link. Registration closes 28 April.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN MERIT BADGE DAY: This event provides 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**. Register [HERE](#).

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CAMP CARD SALES ARE UNDERWAY! GLAAC's Camp Card sales run through 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.

LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER COURSE: In order to develop a cadre of qualified instructors, the Council will offer the LNT Trainer course twice annually. This is a two-day course for adults and youth over 14. Our first course will take place at Trask on June 3-4th. Being an LNT Trainer is also a great way to help Scouts who want to earn the OE Awareness and Action awards. As we build a cadre of LNT Trainers in the Council, we will add more LNT Orientation and 101 courses to the Council calendar. Please consider signing up for the [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#)!

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT RECHARTER! Now is a great time to validate your roster in My.Scouting before families head off to summer vacation. Unit Leaders will soon be asked to name their recharter representative for the upcoming cycle. Please consider volunteering for this important role!

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 late 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

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

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.

EAGLE ADVANCEMENT: See these [great tips from Scouting Magazine](#) on helping Scouts, especially those who are neurodivergent, on their path to Eagle. 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, April 25th, 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 April -16, 2023, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Ranch in Cedar Glen, CA. Registration links for Candidates and staff are available [here](#). 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

The Lodge's Kihaawk Fellowship Weekend is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023; details will be shared with members via email soon.

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.

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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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!

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.