



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 [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 Nancy Hodgkiss for more information for BALOO.

**SAFETY MOMENT FOR MAY:** Have you considered the value of a cat nap? [Nap On Safety](#) highlights the physical, psychological and emotional health benefits of making time for a quick nap. Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety>

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

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| May 13     | <a href="#">District Pinewood Derby Championship</a> (Cubs) @ El Segundo Scout House | ** DATE CHANGE** |
| May 20-21  | <a href="#">BALOO outdoor leader training</a> (Pack Scouters) @ Trask                |                  |
| May 20     | <a href="#">Hiking MB Kick-off session</a> + many more (Scouts BSA) @ Cabrillo       |                  |
| May 26-29  | <a href="#">Memorial Weekend Open Camping</a> (Families) @ Trask                     |                  |
| May 27     | <a href="#">BSA &amp; ARC Lifeguard Training</a> (Older Scouts) @ Cabrillo           |                  |
| Jun 3-4    | <a href="#">Leave No Trace Trainer Course</a> (Scouters and Scouts BSA 14+) @ Trask  |                  |
| Jun 10-11  | <a href="#">BALOO outdoor leader training</a> (Pack Scouters) @ Cabrillo             |                  |
| Jun 12-16  | <a href="#">Trail To Eagle</a> (Scouts BSA) @ Trask                                  |                  |
| Jun 16-18  | <a href="#">NYLT</a> begins (Scouts BSA & Venturing youth)                           |                  |
| Jun 17     | <a href="#">Cub Summertime Adventures</a> : Griffith Park Hike                       |                  |
| Jun 19-23  | <a href="#">Cub Twilight Camp</a> (Cubs) @ Trask                                     |                  |
| Jun 26-30  | <a href="#">Trail To Eagle</a> (Scouts BSA) @ Trask                                  |                  |
| Jun 26-29  | <a href="#">Cub Camp</a> (Cubs) @ Trask                                              |                  |
| Jul 8      | <a href="#">Pack 968 Soap Box Derby</a> (Cubs) @ El Segundo                          |                  |
| July 10-14 | <a href="#">Trail to Eagle</a> (Scouts BSA) @ Trask                                  |                  |
| Jul 15     | <a href="#">Operation On Target</a> (Older Scouts BSA)                               |                  |
| Jul 17-21  | <a href="#">Cub Twilight Camp</a> (Cubs) @ Cabrillo                                  |                  |
| Jul 19-21  | <a href="#">Trail to First Class</a> (Scouts BSA) @ Trask                            |                  |
| Jul 24-28  | <a href="#">Trail to Eagle</a> (Scouts BSA) @ Trask                                  |                  |
| Sep 16     | <a href="#">Operation On Target</a> (Older Scouts BSA)                               |                  |

**PACIFICA PINEWOOD 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. Reach out to Matt Jauregui for last minute registration.

**LAST CALL FOR CAMP CARDS!** Camp Card sales benefit our District, so even if your unit doesn't need a fundraiser, we'd be grateful if every family in your unit would buy a card for their own use. The sale runs through June 30th, so purchasers have at least 6 months to enjoy their cards' benefits before the December expiration. Units or individuals can order camp cards today at <https://greaterlascouting.org/2023-camp-card-campaign-pre-order/>.

**HOW TO EASE SUMMER CAMP NERVES:** Check out tips for easing anxiety about camp in [this great article](#) from Aaron on Scouting.

**HIKING MERIT BADGE:** Mark your calendar for 20 May and lace up your walking shoes, it's time to earn your Hiking Merit Badge. Sign ups on eventbrite for [May 20th](#), [November Hike](#), and the [January Hike](#).

**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.

**CABRILLO TWILIGHT DAY CAMP:** Mark your calendar for 17-21 July. Registration link coming soon for Cubs. Volunteer and Staff positions available, please use the [Staff Volunteer Link](#) and select Cabrillo Beach Youth Center.

**PACK 968 SOAPBOX DERBY:** Mark your calendar for the Annual Pack 968 Soapbox Derby on July 8th. It's a day filled with music, racing and fun! For more information, please contact Brian Custer (310) 433-5851 or [Brian.L.Custer@gmail.com](mailto:Brian.L.Custer@gmail.com)

**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](#)!

**ADVANCEMENT NEWS:** The [May/June edition of Advancement News](#) includes:

The Troop Chaplain Aide position  
Swimming & advancement  
Cub Scout conservation awards  
Sea Scout Ordinary Rank

**EAGLE ADVANCEMENT:** Eagle candidates please review the "[2023 Path to Eagle](#)" (Rev. 4/2023). 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, May 23rd, 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 Section G18 Conclave is scheduled for September 22-24, 2023, at Camp Josepho in Pacific Palisades. Arrowmen will be sent registration details this Summer.

The Fall Induction Weekend is planned for November 3-5, 2023, at Camp Trask in Monrovia, CA. Registration links for Candidates and staff will be sent in the early Fall. 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](http://www.tukuut.org)

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at [lakotachchief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachchief@gmail.com) or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org).

### CHECK US OUT!

Virtually all info is available online: Events, Dates, Fliers, Contacts, Training, Etc.

Pacifica District Website: [www.pacificabsa.org](http://www.pacificabsa.org)

GLAAC Website: [www.GLAACBSA.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org) or [roundtable@pacificabsa.org](mailto:roundtable@pacificabsa.org) two weeks before Roundtable to get started.