



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR JUNE Be water safe! [Aquatics Safety](#) highlights the long-lived BSA safety program which supported more than 1.5 million aquatics-related merit badges earned since 2009. Take a moment to review the [age appropriate water activities](#). Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety>

REGISTRATION FEE CHANGES National & Council registration fees for the 2023-2024 membership year have been posted at <https://greaterlascouting.org/changes-membership-fees/>. The most significant change is that, effective 1 August, BSA will no longer pro-rate fees; every member will sign up for 12 months at a time. This change allows us to give families a standard answer to "how much does membership cost?" As a reminder, National/Council membership fees are NONREFUNDABLE, so please make sure prospective families are ready to commit to a full 12 months of adventure when they sign up.

RECHARTER TASKS THIS MONTH Reregistration will be here before you know it. Here is a [handy graphic of the timeline](#) that we're shooting for. Key tasks for units this month include:

- Confirm your chartered organization
- Ensure the unit leader (Scoutmaster, Cubmaster etc.), Committee Chair & COR for the upcoming year are in place
- Designate a recharter champion
- Validate the unit roster—know who's leaving and who's staying

Contact your [servicing Commissioner](#) if you have any questions

SIGN UP TO SELL POPCORN This year's popcorn campaign kicks off in July and runs through November, so you have plenty of opportunities to work it into your unit's annual plan. Whether you're just exploring if this is the right fundraiser for you or have used the popcorn sale to great success (Troop 378's 2022 sales exceed \$43K and Pack 862 sold over \$33K) you'll definitely want to [send one or more unit representatives to our Popcorn Kickoff on July 15th](#). At the kickoff, we'll dive into all the essential details about this year's campaign, including online ordering, distribution methods, enticing prizes, and engaging store front sales. Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity to gather all the information you need to make your unit fundraiser a resounding success!

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

Jun 15	Virtual meeting with Council Executive Bob Kurkjian
Jun 19-23	Cub Twilight Camp (Cubs) @ Trask REGISTRATION CLOSING 6/16
Jun 19-23	Cub Day Camp (Cubs) @PioPico REGISTRATION CLOSING 6/15
Jun 26-29	Cub Day Camp (Cubs) @ Trask
Jul 7-9	Lifeguard Training (Older Scouts BSA) @Trask
Jul 8	Pack 968 Soap Box Derby (Cubs) @ El Segundo
Jul 10-13	Aquatics Merit Badges (Scouts BSA) @Trask
July 10-14	Trail to Eagle (Scouts BSA) @ Trask
Jul 15	Operation On Target (Older Scouts BSA)
Jul 15	Popcorn Campaign Kickoff @ Cushman
Jul 17-21	Cub Twilight Camp (Cubs) @ Cabrillo
Jun 19	Astronomy Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) @Garvery Ranch Observatory SOLD OUT
Jul 19-21	Trail to First Class (Scouts BSA) @ Trask
Jul 24-27	Aquatics Merit Badges (Scouts BSA) @Trask
Jul 24-28	Trail to Eagle (Scouts BSA) @ Trask
Jul 30 - Aug 2	Jurassic Island Adventure (Cubs) @CCV
Sep 16	Operation On Target (Older Scouts BSA)

Oct 6-8

[Webelos Woods](#) (Webelos) @Cabrillo

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. Please, don't make extra work for your fellow volunteers. Reach out to the event coordinator and communicate your needs with them if you're having challenges.

TAKE THE VOICE OF THE SCOUT SURVEY Keep your eyes peeled for the 'Voice of the Scout' survey email. Over the next week, random Scouters from across the country will be surveyed on their thoughts about Scouting. This quarterly survey helps us better meet your Scouting needs. If you receive the email please take the time to share your perspective.

WHERE TO BUY NOVA AWARDS: BSA's [NOVA Awards](#) program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA members, and Venturers. While our Council fully supports the program, we are unable to stock the recognition items (like pins and patches.) You may be able to find them via commercial vendors. Two mentioned at the May Roundtable were [Crown Awards](#) and [Class B Trading Post](#).

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

WEBELOS WOODS: Early bird registration ends 15 June, sign up today and save \$10! Webelos Woods [registration](#) is open. This two-night event is a great opportunity to meet local BSA units, hone scouting skills and spark excitement to transition to a BSA Troop. Mark your calendar for Oct 6-8 at Cabrillo Beach Youth Center. A flyer is included on the [RTM website](#).

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

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 camp.

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](#).

Monthly Chapter Meetings will not be held in June or July 2023. The next Monthly Chapter Meeting is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of August (22nd) and is planned to be held at the Torrance Scout Center. 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](#).

A Summer Induction Weekend was added to the Lodge's calendar for August 11-13, 2023, at Camp Trask. Lodge members and Candidates who haven't yet completed an Induction Weekend will be contacted directly by the Lodge with details.

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

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

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.