



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GET READY FOR A NEW SCOUTING YEAR! This is a great time to plan adventures for the upcoming year!

1. Review your roster in My.Scouting (not Scoutbook). Do all your members appear on it? If not, have them [apply online](#) using your unit's unique code in Invitation Manager. CORs can update any position changes (e.g. current Scouters volunteering to become Den Leaders) to your unit leadership team using Position Manager in My.Scouting/Roster.
2. Create your annual plan and budget. ([Journey to Excellence guidebooks](#) include resources for Packs, Troops, Ships and Crews)
3. Draft your recruiting plan using the Membership Growth plans posted with [June's Roundtable materials](#).
4. Update your [Annual Health and Medical records](#). As a reminder, BSA policy prohibits email transmission and/or electronic storage of health forms--keep paper copies in a confidential medical file for quick access. Remember that anyone attending a long term (72+ hours) event will need a pre-participation physical.

RENEW YOUR YPT! Pacifica's standard is that adults must have YPT certificates that are valid for the entire charter period. Please plan ahead and make sure that your returning team's certs expire no earlier than 1 October 2024.

RECHARTER TASKS THIS MONTH Re-registration 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 that your unit's registered adults will have valid YPT through the recharter year (end date 10/1/2024). If you have any adults with expired YPT, please have them take the training ASAP.
- Ensure the unit leader (Scoutmaster, Cubmaster etc.), Committee Chair & COR for the upcoming year are position trained. Ideally we want all direct contact adult leadership trained! Remember Hazardous Weather training must be taken every 2 years. If this has expired, you are no longer position trained!
- Make sure your Recharter and Membership Renewal Champion is either a Key 3 member or delegate. The Recharter tool is now open through Internet Advancement 2.0 so it is a good time to make sure they can access the tool.

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

SIGN UP TO SELL POPCORN Our [popcorn campaign](#) is more than a fundraiser! Scouts who participate learn teamwork, public speaking & math skills, salesmanship & perseverance, money management, and the value of hard work. It's not too late 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 this campaign a success for your youth, your unit, and our District!

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

Jul 15	Popcorn Campaign Kickoff @ Cushman
Jul 17-21	Cub Twilight Camp (Cubs) @ Cabrillo
Jul 19	Pacifica Meet & Greet (Scouters) @Brouwerij West
Jul 22-23	Sail GP Race Spectating (Older Scouts) in LA Harbor
Jul 24-27	Aquatics Merit Badges (Scouts BSA) @Trask

Jul 24-28 [Trail to Eagle](#) (Scouts BSA) @ Trask
 Aug 10 [Gathering of Eagles](#) (Eagle Scouts) @Cushman
 Aug 11-13 [OA Summer Induction](#) (Scouts BSA) @Trask
 Aug 26 [ILST](#) (Scouts BSA) @ Trask
 Aug 26 [Scout Night with LA Galaxy](#)
 Aug 26-27 [IOLS](#) (Scouters) @Cabrillo SOLD OUT
 Sep 10 [Troop 718 Merit Badge Day](#) (BSA) @American Legion Post 184, Redondo Beach
 Sep 16 [Operation On Target](#) (Older Scouts BSA)
 Sep 16-17 [IOLS](#) (Scouters) @Trask
 Sep 23 [Cars & Careers](#) (Scouts & Scouters) @Santa Anita Park
 Sep 29 – Oct 1 [Harvest Family Camp](#) (Family) @Trask
 Oct 6-8 [Webelos Woods](#) (Webelos) @Cabrillo
 Oct 20-22 [BooFest](#) (Cubs) @Firestone

SAFETY MOMENT FOR JULY Are you looking for a fun and exciting recruiting event to kick off the new scouting year? Water Bottle Rockets can be a great way to excite youth, but they can also pose a danger if done in an unsafe manner. Take a moment to read about [Water Bottle Rocket Safety](#). Please share resources from BSA's Scouting Safely page <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety>

FAMILY DENS: Exciting news! The BSA's 2023 National Annual Meeting announced a new option for family dens. *Effective June 1, 2023, family packs that serve both girls and boys may now form dens with both girls and boys in kindergarten (Lion), first grade (Tiger), second grade (Wolf), third grade (Bear) and fourth-grade Webelos dens. Fifth-grade Cub Scouts are to remain in gender-specific dens to prepare them for joining a gender-specific Scouts BSA Troop.* Read more about it [HERE](#).

FREE WEEKEND AT FIRESTONE: Troops, our Boo Fest team is deep into planning another great event for Cub families Oct 20-22. They're now at the staffing stage--the event cannot move forward without sufficient volunteers. If your Troop provides this service as a unit, you can earn a **FREE** weekend (Fri-Sun) of camping at Firestone (programming not included) as a token of thanks. Please reach out to [Starlight](#) and let her know how many of your Scouts can help bring the fun and festivities envisioned to life.

WHAT'S IN YOUR WELCOME PACKET? Suggested items include:

- A simple calendar for the next 3–6 months (or for the year if the unit is well organized).
- Contact information for unit leaders.
- A letter that includes basic (and brief) information about uniforms, camping, general leadership structure, the role of the parent, youth protection policies and a link to the unit's webpage or social media platform. (Check out [BSA's guide for new Cub families](#))
- A list of anticipated costs for the next year along with fundraising opportunities to address those costs. (BSA's budget templates for [Packs](#) and [Troops](#) may be helpful)
- Flyer from the Scout Shop for 10% off new member uniforms (flyer is included in [July RTM](#))

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](#).

WEBELOS WOODS 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](#).

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](#).

No monthly Chapter Meeting will be held in 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 later 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.