



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR OCTOBER Halloween is just around the corner. Take a moment to remind your Scouts and Scouters to be safe during this time of year. Safety includes choking hazards, healthy eating, inspection of treats, safety while out, costume fit, and safe travels. More information can be found [here](#). It's also Cybersecurity Awareness Month, take this opportunity to have your Scouts complete their [Cyber Chip](#) requirements.

CHA-CHA-CHANGES You're here, so you must have saw the blast that we're on the new [Zoom link](#). Be on the lookout for an updated Zoom link to cover the next year.

SILVER BEAVER AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN The Silver Beaver Award is to Scouters of exceptional character who have given distinguished service to youth within a council. This award may be given to any person within a council regardless of their service level – i.e. Unit, District, or Council. There are no pre-qualifications other than distinguished service to youth within a council. Self-nominations are not accepted; don't hesitate to discreetly [nominate a deserving Scouter](#) who's made an impact in your community. If you need help filling in the form, or have further questions, contact Susan Porter Griego at (310) 431-8826 and spgriego1@gmail.com

A BIG THANK YOU FOR OUR WEBELOS WOODS STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS After a couple missed opportunities, we were able to bring back Webelos Woods. A heartfelt thank you to Caroline Limuti and all the Scouters who stepped up to help; Troops providing Troop Guides, midway and Island staff; and our Webelos and family members who attended.

DON'T DO THAT!!! Now that I got your attention, don't use Google, Facebook or Apple log in for my.scouting.org, Internet Advancement or Scoutbook. If you do use these sign-on methods and have a problem, there is nothing the BSA can do to unlock your account. Please stick with the username and password.

WOOD BADGE 2024 Wood Badge Course 3-33-24 will be hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Area Council at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation the weekends of May 3-5, 2024, and May 18-19, 2024. Registration information will be available soon; feel free to contact the Course Director, Bob Hodgkiss, at hodgkiss@yahoo.com or 310-748-6543 if you have questions.

RECHARTER STATUS A big thank you to the Recharter team for the countless hours they put in to support our unit recharterers. As of October 10, 23 of 64 unit charters are posted in Pacifica.

RECORDING TRAINING Take a moment to review your leader training from summer camp. [Here's a quick how-to article to record training](#).

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

Oct 14	Dynamic Skills Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask SOLD OUT
Oct 14	NRA Range Safety Officer (Scouters) Firestone REGISTRATION CLOSED
Oct 14-16	JOTI/JOTA (Scouts BSA) online
Oct 18	Business Leaders' Breakfast (Scouters) Millenium Biltmore Historic Hotel
Oct 20-22	BooFest (Cubs) Firestone Scout Reservation REGISTRATION CLOSES TONIGHT 10/11
Oct 20-22	HAT - BSA Climbing Level I (Scouters) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation REGISTRATION CLOSED
Oct 20-22	JOTI/JOTA (Scouts BSA) online
Oct 21	Cabrillo Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center

Oct 28-29	BALOO (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Nov 3-5	OA Induction Weekend (Scouts/Scouters) Firestone Scout Reservation
Nov 3-5	Cub Shooting Sports Weekend (Cubs) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Nov 8	Pacifica District Roundtable (Scouters) and updated Zoom link is coming!
Nov 11	Shooting Sports Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Nov 11	Legal Eagles - Law Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
Nov 12	Scout Night with the Chargers (Scouts, families, and friends) SoFi Stadium
Nov 17	Graphic Arts/Pulp & Paper MB (Scouts BSA) International Printing Museum
Nov 17	Pope Pius XII Intensive Workshop (Scouts BSA >10th Grade + Parent) via Zoom
Nov 17-18	Pumpkin Smash (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Nov 17-19	HAT - BSA Climbing Level 2 (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Nov 24	10 Commandments Hike (Scouts BSA) Pan American Park
Dec 2	Polar Bear Dare (All Scouts & Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
6 Jan	First Aid Merit Badge + CPR/AED (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
12-14 Jan	Winter Camp Adventure (Scouts BSA) Camp Pollock
19-21 Jan	Winter Camp Adventure (Cub) Camp Pollock
20 Jan	Rangemaster (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
26-28 Jan	Winter Camp Adventure (Cub) Camp Pollock
27 Jan	Handicraft Merit Badge Day (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC

PHILMONT 2025 Philmont Expeditions and Cavalcades are now taking reservations, get more information [here](#). Looking for other High Adventure opportunities? Start exploring [here](#).

CALENDARS It's time to plan your 2023/2024 Scouting Year. Check out these printable calendars and suggested themes from *Scout Life* magazine [here](#).

PODCAST Do you subscribe to podcasts to kill time during your commute? Check out [#CubChatLive](#) focused on developing Cub Leaders! [#Scoutcast](#) focuses on our Troop, Ship and Crew Scouters.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCOUTING MAGAZINE: Here are some articles from Aaron On Scouting well worth reading: [Videos from the BSA Brand Center Enhance Your Unit's Online Presence](#)
[Six Steps to Planning a Great \(Youth-led\) Overnight](#)
[Enhancements to Messengers of Peace Awards Program](#)
[Why You Should Participate in Voice of the Scout Surveys](#)

ATTENTION MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS Let all the merit badge counselors in your unit know that now is the time to acknowledge that they would like to continue to serve our district as a Merit Badge Counselor for the calendar year 2024. All merit badge counselors should have received an email from the Merit Badge Dean asking if they want to renew for next year. Ask them to respond to the email, update YPT such that it expires in 2025, and update all other required training according to their merit badge. And finally but most importantly, thank them for committing to our youth.

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). (Click [HERE](#) for samples from Atlanta Area Council.)
- 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](#))

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SAR has some programs that your scouts may be interested in. They offer [Eagle Scout Recognition](#), [America 250 Programs/Badges](#) and [Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award](#).

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 next Monthly Lakota Chapter Meeting is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of October (24th) and is planned to be held at the Torrance Scout Center. Chapter members will be sent an email with the details as soon as they’re finalized. Other Chapter activities may be planned for different weeknights and/or weekends to enable maximum by our members.

Arrowmen should soon see a notification to pay their 2024 Lodge dues. Payment of 2023 dues may be made on the Lodge’s website [here](#).

The Fall Induction Weekend will be held November 3-5, 2023, at Firestone Scout Reservation. Current Lodge members and Candidates who haven’t yet completed an Induction Weekend will be contacted directly by the Lodge with details; additional information and reservation links may be found [here](#).

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

CUBS SOON CAN CAMP TWO CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS The BSA is putting out updated guidance for Cub Scout camping. [HERE](#) is a link to an article from Aaron on Scouting that talks about the coming update which allows units to plan events with two consecutive nights of camping. The updated policy also applies to Webelos and Arrow of Light dens, who can now conduct campouts for up to two consecutive nights.

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. 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!

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.