



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR NOVEMBER What do you know about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder? Did you know the BSA has [resources](#) to help Scouters support scouts with this and other disorders? October concluded [ADHD Awareness Month](#), but it's never too late to learn more. Help your scouts excel with [these 5 tips](#) from Aaron on Scouting.

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.

DECEMBER IN-PERSON ROUNDTABLE Next month we'll be seeing you IRL! Meeting location St Catherine Laboure Parish Hall, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd, 90504. We'll have information booths highlighting vendors and scouting groups. See the flyer on the RT page and share with interested vendors!

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 November 5th, 50 of 64 unit charters are posted in Pacifica.

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

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 11	Kiwanis Community Fair (Cubs, Scouts) Anderson Park
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 18	Woodbadge Reunion (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
Dec 13	Roundtable In-Person with Information Fair 3846 Redondo Beach Boulevard
Jan 6	First Aid Merit Badge + CPR/AED (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jan 6	20 Mile Hike (Scouts BSA) Point Vicente Interpretive Center
Jan 12-14	Winter Camp Adventure (Scouts BSA) Camp Pollock
Jan 19-21	Winter Camp Adventure (Cub) Camp Pollock
Jan 20	Rangemaster (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jan 26-28	Winter Camp Adventure (Cub) Camp Pollock
Jan 27	Handicraft Merit Badge Day (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC

GIVING TREE The Annual Holiday Giving Tree is starting November 12, 2023. If any of you have some scout names that are in need of uniform parts, camping items, or anything else that we have in the Scout Store, please fill out the form

that we uploaded to the RT page. Please share with your Scouters this opportunity to be Helpful. Thank you for making a big difference in the lives of our youth!

HIKING MERIT BADGE 20 MILE HIKE Our last hike of this series is Saturday January 6th. In addition to being a requirement to complete the hiking merit badge, it is also a great training hike for anyone going to Philmont in 2024. And the same as last year, this hike is completely free. Information and registration is available on the flyer on the Pacifica Roundtable page. Contact Sheila at Sheandjc@yahoo.com for more information. A link to registration is in the calendar of events above.

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

SPRING CAMPOREE Are your Scouts *Brave* enough? Do they want a *Toy*-riffic weekend? Troop 219 will have them turning *Inside Out* as they explore the world of Pixar. Join us the weekend of April 19th – 21st at Firestone Scout Reservation. Plan to come early on Friday since we will be having a movie night. Hold the date and spread the word. You won't want to miss this great annual event. Registration will be opening soon.

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

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING IS BACK! GLAAC will bring back the annual day-long training in Fall of 2024. If you have any skills that you would like to share, or if there are any Scouting topics that you would like training on, please contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com We are currently seeking instructors and ideas for this day of training.

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.

CABRILLO SCOUT SHOP NEWS Cabrillo Scout Shop will be closed Nov 23-24 for Thanksgiving and Dec 25- Jan 01 for the Holiday Season. Pinewood Derby Car cutting events will be announced soon for January.

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 November (27th) 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 was held November 3-5, 2023 at Firestone Scout Reservation. There was a great turnout of OA members and Candidates.

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.

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

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.