



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR DECEMBER Did you know there are more than 36,000 injuries related to bunk beds each year? With upcoming winter camps, please take a moment to review [bunk bed safety](#). For more safety moments, visit the [BSA safety page](#).

CHA-CHA-CHANGES Be on the lookout for an updated Zoom link to cover the next year.

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 hodgkisb@yahoo.com or 310-748-6543 if you have questions.

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

Dec 13	Roundtable In-Person with Information Fair 3846 Redondo Beach Boulevard , Torrance
Dec 17	Gun Safety and Christmas Tree Takedown Shoot Firestone Scout Reservation
Dec 30-31	Volunteer Days Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
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 19-21	Weekend Camping Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jan 20	Rangemaster (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jan 20	NRA Pistol Instructor (Scouters) Firestone Scout Reservation
Jan 20	ILST (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jan 20	Pinewood Derby Car Cutting (Cub) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jan 26-28	Winter Camp Adventure (Cub) Camp Pollock
Jan 26-28	Weekend Camping Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jan 27	Handicraft Merit Badge Day (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jan 27	Pinewood Derby Car Cutting (Cub) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jan 27	Pinewood Derby Car Cutting (Cub) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Feb 2-4	Winter Camp Adventure (Scouts BSA) Camp Pollock
Feb 2-4	OA Winter Induction (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Feb 16-18	Winter Camp Adventure (Scouts BSA) Camp Pollock

GIVING TREE The Annual Holiday Giving Tree started 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](#).

FLORIDA SEA BASE Troop 773 has a contingent heading to Florida Sea Base the week of July 14-20, 2024 and there is space for one more Scout on the crew. They will be doing the Keys Adventure Sailing trip and the crew currently consists of two boys who will be 16 and three boys who will be 14 at the time of the trip. The cost will be approximately \$1200 per participant which will not include round trip airfare to Miami and two additional hotel nights and other activities prior to the start of our Sea Base trek. If you have a boy who would be interested in joining us that week and would like more information please reach out to jennifer.r.sorbello@boeing.com or jeffsorbello@att.net.

ALPS MOUNTAINEERING DISCOUNT See the flyer for discounts at [ALPS Mountaineering](#) where you can get 40% off MSRP for Scouts and Scouters.

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.

PACIFICA MERIT BADGE DAYS Pacifica will be conducting two Merit Badge Days at the Torrance Scout House on March 16th and June 22nd. *The June date is still tentative.* The cost will be \$1, per day, per Scout, which includes all the classes you would like to take for each day. The plan is to have merit badges that can be completed that day and others that you can start and return in June to get signed off. The list of merit badges that will be offered and registration will be available in January. If you are a merit badge counselor and can conduct a session at our Merit Badge Day, please contact Sheila at Sheandjc@yahoo.com to volunteer or for more information.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM CHANGES Significant changes in the [Cub Program](#) are coming. More emphasis on personal safety, bobcat is earned each year (and is different for each rank as it builds to cover tenants of the Scout rank in BSA, focus on enabling multiyear programs to just band a few. Lastly there is a change to focusing on transition to BSA for AOL scouts.

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 Thank you to all the merit badge counselors who have reaffirmed their commitment as requested and will continue to serve our scouts as merit badge counselors for 2024. We're always looking for more counselors, so if you recognize one of your scouters who you know might be a good candidate, point them toward our website at <https://greaterlascouting.org/pacifica-advancement-information/> and get them in touch with the Merit Badge Dean at meritbadge@pacificabsa.org.

CABRILLO SCOUT SHOP NEWS Cabrillo Scout Shop will be closed Dec 25- Jan 01 for the Holiday Season. [Pinewood Derby Car Cutting](#) is planned for 27 January.

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 the 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 1-5 PM on Sunday, December 17th, at Dave & Buster’s at Del Amo Mall. We’ll be having fellowship time together and looking forward to 2024.

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 Winter Induction Weekend will be held February 2-4, 2024, at the Cabrillo Youth Center. Chapter members and Candidates will receive an email from Tuku’ut Lodge when registration opens.

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: <https://GreaterLAscouting.org/pacifica-district/>

GLAAC Website: <https://GreaterLAscouting.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.