



Roundtable Matters

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

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR AUGUST Histoplasmosis, it might be fun to say but it's not fun to get. [Histoplasmosis](#) is an infection caused by a fungus known as Histoplasmosis capsulatum, commonly found in soil enriched by bird and bat droppings. You can avoid this by being aware and not disturbing areas with bat and bird droppings. Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

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

Aug 13	Cub Summertime Adventure (Cub) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Aug 17	ILST (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Aug 17-18	HESR 75th Anniversary (former staff) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Aug 18	Gun Safety and Fun Water Balloon Smash (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Aug 24	Rangemaster Training (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Aug 24	Gathering of Eagles and Friends (Eagles & Friends) Mt. Lowe Brewing Company
Aug 24	GLAAC Quarterly Strategic Planning (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Sep 6-8	2024 OA Summer Induction Weekend Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Sep 7	Welding MB (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Sep 14	Rifle & Shotgun MB (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Sep 14	BSA Angler Educator Course (Scouters) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Sep 15	Gun Safety and Fall Fun Shoot (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Sep 20-22 &	
Oct 5-6	Woodbadge 3-33-24 (Scouters) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Oct 5	Pacifica Hiking Merit Badge Kickoff and 10 mile hike (Scouts BSA) Griffith Park
Oct 5	Rangemaster Training (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Oct 12	Dynamic Skills MB (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Oct 18-20	HAT BSA Climbing Instructor Training Level 1 (Scouters) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Oct 20	Gun Safety and Monster Mash Shoot (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Oct 25-27	Training and Transition (AOL) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Oct 26-27	BALOO (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Oct 26-27	HAT Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Nov 2	University of Scouting (Scouters) St. Paul High School
Nov 2	Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day (Cubs) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Nov 2	Pacifica Hiking Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) 📍 Jones Peak
Nov 8-10	Webelos Woods (Webelos, AOL, Scouts BSA) 📍 El Dorado Park
Nov 9	Scout Shoot Sports (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Nov 10	Scouts LA Chargers day (vs Titans) (Scouts & Scouters) 📍 SoFi Stadium
Nov 15	HAT BSA Climbing Instructor Level 2 Recert (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Nov 16	HAT BSA Climbing Instructor Level 2 (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Nov 16	LAW MB (Scouts BSA) 📍 Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
Nov 17	Gun Safety and Turkey Shoot (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Nov 22-24	Trail to First Class & IOLS (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC

UNIT RENEWAL It's time to unit renewal (formerly recharter). See our fact filled flyer in this RTM! Unit Renewals are due by September 30th.

WOOD BADGE 2024 Space is still available! Wood Badge Course 3-33-24 will be held September 19-21 and October 5-6, 2024, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. Registration for the course is available [here](#). Please feel free to contact the Course Director, Bob Hodgkiss, at hodgkiss@yahoo.com or 310-748-6543 if you have questions.

WEBELOS WOODS – Webelos Woods will be held on November 8-10th at El Dorado Park. We are currently looking for Scout BSA units to conduct activities for our Scouts and Scout BSA units for our Midway to introduce their units to our Webelos. See the attached flyer for more information. Event will be limited to the first 100 Webelos, so sign up soon.

COMBINED TROOPS Want to hear a bit about pilots for combined troops? Check out #TroopTalkLive at <https://www.facebook.com/100064873264821/videos/3728506977467554>

BSA FISHING Calling all Cub Scout units in the Pacifica District. Take advantage of this resource to enhance your unit's fishing activities and ensure your leaders are well-prepared and trained. For any questions regarding fishing activities for your unit and available adult training opportunities, please contact Dane Shigemura. I am your dedicated point of contact for all fishing-related inquiries and will be able to provide the necessary information and support. Email: dane_shigemura@yahoo.com

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 multi year programs to just name a few). Lastly there is a change to focusing on transition to BSA for AOL scouts.

PACIFICA MERIT BADGE DAY Attention all Merit Badge Counselors. We are still looking for merit badge counselors for Saturday, October 12th at the Torrance Scout House. If you can volunteer, please contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

PACIFICA HIKING MERIT BADGE We will be offering hikes to help our Scouts earn the hiking merit badge. The first hike will be October 5th starting from Griffith Park, the second is November 2nd at Jones Peak and the third is January 4th on Gabrielino National Recreation Trail. These are also great training hikes for Philmont. Scouts and Scouters are welcome to hike with us even if you are not working on the merit badge. All hikes are free. Please see the flyer on Pacifica's website or contact Sheila for more information at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

CYCLING MERIT BADGE Clip in your shoes and jump on that saddle! Pacifica will be offering 25-mile rides and a 50 mile ride to help our Scouts earn the cycling merit badge. Start completing your shorter rides now to be ready. Several rides will be offered between September and March. A flyer with dates and more information will be posted to the Pacifica Website soon.

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

RECRUITMENT Council has been getting ready for our recruitment season, if you have any questions with what items we have available to help with your recruitment please check out the council's recruiting page <https://greaterlascouting.org/recruitment-materials-order-page/>

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.

ATTENTION MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS: There have been reports of issues from scouts when attempting to contact merit badge counselors of full voicemail boxes. We understand that this may be due to vacations, etc. Phone numbers are the primary way we have the scouts make the first contact with a counselor. This is a reminder to please make sure your phone number is correct and available for a scout to call. The list of phone numbers are distributed periodically to unit leadership. If there are changes needed please send an email to meritbadge@pacificabsa.org

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. Eagle Project approver is Mr. Cortenbach who can be contacted at wpcortenbach@gmail.com or by phone at 310-891-2301. The Path to Eagle is in the process of being updated. 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.

The next Monthly Lakota Chapter Meeting is scheduled 7:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the Torrance Scout Center (2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501). We’ll be having fellowship time together as well as discussing upcoming Lodge and Chapter activities.

The Summer Induction Weekend will be held September 6-8, 2024, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. Reservations may be made [here](#).

The Lodge Banquet has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the Cabrillo Youth Center. The event is an opportunity for fellowship, recognize Arrowmen, and install new leaders for the coming year. Family members are welcome to attend. Reservations may be made [here](#).

[2024 Section G18N Enclave registration](#) is still available. A conclave is a gathering of Lodges in the Southern California area for fellowship, training, and friendly competition. If you received your Ordeal Membership Between September 22, 2023 thru September 22, 2024 you can signup as 'New Ordeal Member'.

Arrowmen should have received a notification to pay their 2024 Lodge dues. Payment of 2024 dues may be made on the Lodge’s website [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.

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.