



Roundtable Matters

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, BSA
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR OCTOBER As we approach the time for Fall Camping and Camporees, let's take a moment to reflect on [Campfire Safety](#) and behavior around a campfire. Ensure scouts and adults know and follow proper behavior when having a campfire including keeping a safe distance, following the [Outdoor Code](#), and safety with skewers. Did you know you need to have a [California Campfire Permit](#)? Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

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

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| Oct 12 | Dynamic Skills MB (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC |
| Oct 12 | Pacifica Merit Badge Day (Scouts BSA) Torrance Scout Center |
| Oct 14 | HAT Wilderness Woman Training for Men (Male Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center |
| Oct 18-20 | Metro Camporee (Scouts BSA) 📍 Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center |
| Oct 18-20 | Camp Cherry Valley Cleanup (Scouters) 📍 Camp Cherry Valley |
| Oct 18-20 | HAT BSA Climbing Instructor Training Level 1 (Scouters) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation |
| Oct 18-20 | Boofest (Cubs) Firestone 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 | TedX Manhattan Beach (Scouts BSA) Manhattan Beach |
| Nov 1-3 | Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day (Cubs) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC |
| Nov 1-3 | OA Fall Induction (OA) 📍 Firestone Scout Reservation |
| 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 |
| Nov 22-24 | Pumpkin Smash (Scouts BSA) 📍 Firestone Scout Reservation |
| Dec 7 | Cycling Merit Badge 25 Mile Ride (Scouts BSA) @ Beach Path |
| Dec 11 | 2024 Good Character Gala (Scouters) 📍 Millennium Biltmore Historic Hotel |
| Dec 14 | ILST (Scouters) 📍 Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC |

FALL RECRUITMENT Check out the latest resources, ideas and updates for Fall Recruitment [here](#).

PACIFICA MERIT BADGE DAY The last Pacifica Merit Badge Day for this year is Saturday, October 12th at the Torrance Scout House. Registration will be opening soon. Cost will be \$25 for the day for up to four merit badge classes.

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.

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 Sep flyer for more information. Event will be limited to the first 100 Webelos, registration is now open!

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

BSA LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM RETIRING After a long partnership with the Red Cross, the BSA will no longer be offering a lifeguard certification program after Dec 2024. Read more [here](#).

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

BUDDY SYSTEM UPDATES Significant changes to the [Buddy System](#) in the Youth Protection and Adult Leadership Guide. Some updates include mixed gender buddy groups, sibling buddy groups, 3 year age gap for non-sleeping activities, parent or guardian serving as buddy, and parents tenting with scouts (beyond the cub scout exception).

HUNTING NOW PROHIBITED The BSA has published an updated [Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities Table](#) which eliminates hunting as a scouting activity as well as removing all hunting exceptions and adding hunting as a prohibited activity in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

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.

NEW SCOUT COUPON Check the Round Table Matters site to download the new scout coupon for discounted uniform and scout accouterments.

SCOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TedX TEDx Manhattan Beach is an inspiring event and our volunteers play a crucial role in creating a welcoming , energizing environment. TEDx Manhattan Beach is looking for Scout volunteers to help set up the exhibit center on the morning of November 2, 2024, 6:15 am - 8:45 am. Volunteer spots are limited to 10 spots, so sign up early. Any Scout who signs up to volunteer can request a discount code to purchase a ticket (includes all speakers and lunch) for \$35. Use the passphrase "Scouts" when registering.

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 flier with dates and more information will be posted to the Pacifica Website soon. The first ride will be on Saturday, December 7th. We will be kicking off the merit badge at the Pacifica Merit Badge Day on October 12th. Sign up to complete some of the non riding requirements.

PACIFICA SPRING CAMPOREE SAVE THE DATE!!! Pacifica's Spring Camporee will be at Firestone Scout Reservation on April 25th – 27th. More details will be available soon.

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

NORTHERN TIER Come join Scouts from Troops 267 and 773 on a canoeing adventure through the Boundary Waters between Minnesota and Canada! Reservation has been made for July 26th – August 5th 2025. Cost is ~\$2000 which includes airfare, the event, and taking in some local sites. Want to learn more about [Northern Tier](#)? For more information please contact Jeff Sorbello (jeffsorbello@att.net) or Jennifer Sorbello (jenlitty@yahoo.com).

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: Watch your email inbox for an email from meritbadge@pacificabsa.org requesting that you acknowledge your desire to continue your work as a merit badge counselor for the year 2025. Please advise all the counselors in your unit. Thank you for your commitment to our youth.

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 6:45-8:15 PM on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the Dave & Buster's Torrance (21880 Hawthorne Blvd, Ste 360, Torrance, CA 90503). We'll be having fellowship together and look forward to welcoming our newest members in particular. Details will be sent to Chapter members by email.

The Fall Induction Weekend will be held November 1-3, 2024, at the Firestone Scout Reservation. Candidates and Lodge members will soon receive emails with links to register for the event.

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](#). Notifications regarding payment of 2025 Lodge dues will be emailed to members later this fall.

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.