



Roundtable Matters

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR DECEMBER December brings the official start of Winter, and brings our focus on [winter safety](#). Let's all learn C-O-L-D to stay warm while we learn more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Details for the 2025 Pacifica District Awards Dinner will be revealed in January!

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

Dec 11	2024 Good Character Gala (Scouters) Millenium Biltmore Historic Hotel
Dec 14	ILST (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Dec 15	Gun Safety & Christmas Tree Takedown (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Dec 18	OA Executive Lodge meeting (OA) • Cushman Watt Scout Center
Dec 20-22	Open Camping (Scouts BSA) • Firestone Scout Reservation
Dec 20-22 & Jan 3-5	NYLT (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jan 4	Pacifica Hiking Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Gabrielino National Recreation Trail
Jan 6	Snow Shoeing and X-Country Skiing Seminar (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Jan 10-12	Cub Winter Camp (Cubs) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Jan 11	X-country skiing field experience (Scouters)
Jan 11	Cabrillo Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) • Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jan 10-12	Cub Winter Camp (Cubs) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Jan 17-20	BSA Winter Camp (Scouts BSA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Jan 18 & 25	Pinewood Derby Car Cutting (Cubs) Cabrillo Scout Shop
Jan 31-Feb 2	Cub Winter Camp (Cubs) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Feb 7-9	Cub Winter Camp (Cubs) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Feb 7-9	OA Winter Induction (OA) • Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Feb 8	Pacifica Merit Badge Day (Scouts) Torrance Scout Center
Feb 14-17	BSA Winter Camp (Scouts BSA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Feb 21-23	BSA Winter Camp (Scouts BSA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Feb 28 - Mar 3	HAT Adult Leader Backpacking (Scouters) • Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Mar 1	Scout Skills Day (Scouts BSA) • Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Mar 7-8	OA Trade-O-Ree & Merit Badge (OA) • Foothill Vineyard Church
Mar 8	Innovation & Science Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) • Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Mar 14-16	Rocket Academy (Cubs) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 25-27	Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation

RENEWAL We are still slogging through renewal issues with Scout/Parent connects, drops of those with expired YPT that are not continuing, and other misc. membership issues. Hannibol Sullivan is working diligently on Scoutreach units. During this time, National and the Council are committed to resolve these issues and have extended protections to those that may show expired but want to participate in Scouting events with their unit. Units should be checking and renewing if they have no errors as you will not be able to approve advancements (keep track manually for now) or accept new applications or transfers. For assistance, please email leah.grossi@pacificabsa.org

PACIFICA HIKING MERIT BADGE We will be offering hikes to help our Scouts earn the hiking merit badge. The next hike in this series is the 20-mile hike on 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.

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

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 is posted on the Pacifica Website. The first ride will be on Saturday, December 7th

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 TREK OPPORTUNITY Troop 128 ("The Navigators") is scheduled for a 7 day Trek at Philmont, from 7/27/25 to 8/3/25 (plus travel days to/from LA). Unfortunately, 1 adult and 2 youth who originally signed-up to go are no longer able to go - So the troop is looking for any adults or scouts from other Pacifica units that would like to go and take their places. Troop 128 has one female leader going, so female scouts are eligible to attend. Additionally, the troop could accommodate another 3 youth beyond the 3 slots mentioned above. If you, or any of your scouts are interested in participating, please have them contact Scott Schoenfeld (scottschoenfeld@hotmail.com) or Matt Johnson (matt@jdfactors.com) for more information and the specifics of how to join the crew.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Pacifica District, we need volunteers to plan and staff some of the awesome events we are planning for next year. We need volunteers to organize our Scouting for Food, Memorial Day Flag Placement and District Volunteer Event. We also need volunteers to help staff our Geocache Day, Camporee Committee, Fishing Merit Badge Camping Weekend and a Family Day at Cabrillo. If you are interested in supporting any of these events, please contact Sheila at Sheandjc@yahoo.com.

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 Troop 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 7:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at the Torrance Scout Center (2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501). Details will be sent to Chapter members by email.

The Winter Induction Weekend is scheduled for February 7-9, 2025, at the Cabrillo Youth Center. Candidates should receive emails from the Lodge with details. Registration can be completed [here](#).

Arrowmen should have received a notification to pay their 2025 Lodge dues. Payment 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.