



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR JANUARY Let's reiterate [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! 2025 District Awards Dinner will be held on April 24th at Rock N' Brews in Redondo Beach! The early booking deadline is March 29th and the booking site should be up and running before the end of February! Spread the word to your units and fellow scouts! Let's get a large crowd to congratulate the 2024 District Award of Merit recipients yet to be determined!

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

Feb 14-17	BSA Winter Camp (Scouts BSA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Feb 15	Cabrillo MB Day (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Feb 21-23	BSA Winter Camp (Scouts BSA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Feb 22	First Aid MB / CPR/ AED (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Feb 22	Cabrillo MB Day (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Feb 28 - Mar 2	HAT Adult Leader Backpacking (Scouters) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Feb 28 - Mar 2	Camp Cherry Valley Work (Scouts & Scouters) Camp Cherry Valley
Mar 1	Scout Skills Day (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Mar 5	Certified Angling Instructor (Scouter) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Mar 5	USC BB GLAAC Night (All) Galen 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 8	Certified Angling Instructor (Scouter) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Mar 14-16	Rocket Academy (Cubs) Firestone Scout Reservation
Mar 21	HAT Climbing Lvl 2 recert (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
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Mar 26	GLAAC Annual Recognition Dinner (Scouters) Quiet Cannon
Mar 29-30	HAT Wilderness & Remote First Aid (Scouters) https://scoutingevent.com/033-92855
Apr 4-6	Rosebowl District Camporee (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Apr 11-13	Pio Pico Old West Pioneer Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA) Prado Regional Park
Apr 11-13	HAT Level 1 Climbing (Scouters) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Apr 25-27	Pacifica Survivor Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 25-27	SGV District Back to the Future Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 25-27	OA Spring Induction (OA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
May 2-4	Red Cross Lifeguard (Scouts & Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
May 3	HAT Trail Boss (Scouters)
May 11	Cabrillo Community Open House (Everyone) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
May 18	OA - Kihaawk (OA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jul 19	Operation On Target (Scouts BSA)
Sep 20	Operation On Target (Scouts BSA)

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

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. Registration is open and look forward to seeing all the Survivors on their quest for adventure and immunity.

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](#).

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 “[Path to Eagle](#)” (Rev. 1/2025). 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, February 2th, 2025, at the Torrance Scout Center (2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501). Details will be sent to Chapter members by email.

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 lakotachief@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.