



Roundtable Matters

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MINUTE As we get ready for summer adventures and traveling to camp, let's take a minute to think about safe transportation of our scouts. [This safety minute](#) reminds us to have a license and insurance, follow the rules of the road, schedule rest stops, and inspect our vehicles for mechanical and safety readiness.

PACIFICA DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER The 2025 District Awards Dinner will be here before you know it! Come on April 24th to Rock N' Brews in Redondo Beach at 5:30pm! Spread the word to your units and fellow scouters! Let's get a large crowd to congratulate the 2024 District Award of Merit recipients Krystal Hogan and Gary Thompson as well as our JTE units! Contact Sheryl Ruskin (310) 463-6798 with questions. Don't miss out!

AB506 Unit Commissioners, District and Council members have been reaching out to units who have people missing AB506 compliance items. Membership suspensions may occur by end of month April for those who are still missing compliance items.

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

Apr 11-13	HAT Level 1 Climbing (Scouters) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Apr 16	OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (OA) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Apr 19	10 Mile Hike (Scouts BSA) Marshall Canyon Trail
Apr 24	Pacifica District Awards Dinner (Scouters) Rock & Brews
Apr 25-27	Pacifica Survivor Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 26	Wilderness First Aid (Scouters) • Cushman Watt Scout Center
May 2-4	Red Cross Lifeguard (Scouts & Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
May 2-4	OA Induction Weekend (OA) Firestone Scout Reservation
May 2-4	Cub Rocket Academy (Cubs) • Firestone Scout Reservation
May 3	Pinewood Derby Championship (Cub Scouts) El Segundo Scout House
May 4	25 Mile Bike Ride (Scouts BSA) Torrance Beach
May 3	HAT Trail Boss (Scouters)
May 11	Cabrillo Community Open House (Everyone) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
May 16-18	OA - Kihaawk (OA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
May 17	Eagle Mothers Brunch (Moms) • Cushman Watt Scout Center
May 24	HAT Wilderness Woman (Scouters)
May 25	Red Cross Lifeguard Training (Scouts BSA & Scouters) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
May 31	Pacifica Geocaching Day and MB Day (Everyone) Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park
Jun 7	Pacifica MB Day (Scouts BSA) Torrance Scout Center
Jul 19	Operation On Target (Scouts BSA)
Sep 20	Operation On Target (Scouts BSA)
Sep 26-28	Webelos Woods (Webelos and Scouts BSA) El Dorado Park
Oct 18	Pacifica MB Day (Scouts BSA) @TBD
Nov 1	10 Mile Hike (Scouts BSA) Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
Dec 6	20 Mile Hike (Scouts BSA) Gabrielino Trail Western Trailhead

PACIFICA DISTRICT VACANT POSITIONS Actively seeking nominations or volunteers for Pacifica's Roundtable Commissioner, Vice Chair, Training Chair, Program Chair, and Special Events Chair. Please contact eric.arentsen@gmail.com with your nominee.

WILDFIRE SUPPORT Is your unit still looking for ways to support victims of the wildfires? [Check out this GLAAC link.](#)

IT'S CAMP CARD SEASON Camp Cards are available now through 15 September. Check it out [here](#) and have your scouts earn funds to offset costs for summer camp.

FAMILY ADVENTURE CAMPS Is your family looking for an unforgettable summer adventure? Have you looked at our High Adventure Camps? <https://www.scouting.org/national-high-adventure-bases/family-adventure-camp/activities/>

HIKING MERIT BADGE HIKE For all Scouts working on earning the hiking merit badge, the 2025 hikes have been scheduled. Ten-mile hikes will be conducted on April 19th and November 1st. We will have a 20-mile hike on December 6. This is earlier than the first week in January when we have had it in the past. These hikes are also great training hikes for Philmont and are completely free. Come out and join us as we hike through some of our beautiful California trails. For more information, please contact Sheila 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. The next ride is Sunday May 4th. Cost is \$10 per person. See the registration site for important information.

GEOCACHE DAY AND GEOCACHE MERIT BADGE (Date Change) Pacifica will be having a geocache day for Cubs Scouts and Scouts BSA Saturday May 31st at the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park. Scouts who are signing up for the merit badge will meet in the morning to work on the requirements and will be there all day. Cubs and Scouts BSA who are only coming out to enjoy searching for the caches and other challenges will be sent a start time in the afternoon. The cost is \$15 per Scout. Adults walking with our Webelos are free. For more information, please contact Vasudha Arora at 2vasuneel2@gmail.com

LAST CALL for PACIFICA's SPRING CAMPOREE!!! Pacifica's Spring Camporee will be at Firestone Scout Reservation on April 25th – 27th. Registration is open and closes on April 13th. Step into the ultimate Scouting adventure where teamwork, strategy, and resilience are your keys to victory. Form alliances, outwit challenges, and prove your patrol has what it takes to thrive in this action-packed weekend. From fierce competitions to fiery tribal councils, every moment brings you closer to earning the title of the ultimate survivor. Do you have what it takes to out-scout, outlast and outplay? Join us and find out.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS NEEDED!!!! – Pacifica will be hosting another merit badge day on Saturday, June 7th at the Torrance Scout House. We are looking for merit badge counselors to conduct sessions. This event can only be a success with your help. If you can volunteer for a few hours, half a day or a whole day, please consider helping out. For more information, contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING – There will be a NRA Range Safety Course Training on April 27th at the Redondo Gun and Rod Club in Redondo Beach. The cost is \$65 to be paid in cash on the day of the course at check-in. The NRA training is also accepted by Scouting America for Range Safety Officer training as well. Sign up at the following link. <https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=872253>. For more information, please contact Harry at hfrisbyjr@gmail.com.

HOLD THE DATE – Webelos Wood will be held on September 26th to 28th at El Dorado Park. We are looking for enthusiastic units to staff stations for the Webelos Patrols, run the campfire, conduct the interfaith worship service and to staff the events. We would also like other units to come out and be a part of our midway. We want to have a fun and exciting weekend for our Webelos. For more information please contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

PACIFICA DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP Come out to this exciting event where the best of the best from each pack race their pinewood derby cars in the Pacifica District Championships. This event will be held at the El Segundo Scout House on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$5 per car donation for a patch and awards for the District winners.

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.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND RANGEMASTERS NEEDED If you are a nurse, nurse practitioner or doctor, we need your help. One of the requirements for certain overnight activities is that we have medical personnel onsite. If we don't have volunteers, we have to add the cost of hiring someone to the cost of the event or cancel the event if we can't find someone. Please contact me if you are willing to help staff one of our events. We also need rangemasters to help out at our ranges. Our camps have limited resources and sometimes cannot provide the support we need to efficiently run our ranges. Please let me know if you are willing to help out during our events. If you are supporting the day, you can attend the event free of charge. Please contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

BEAR CAN RENTALS Need to keep Yogi and Boo-Boo out of your troop food on campouts but don't have a bear can? See the Bear Can Rental flyer in RTM! Ranger Smith and your scouts will thank you.

UPDATED EAGLE SCOUT EMBLEM The Scouting America Eagle Scout Emblems are now available at National Scout Shops. Previous emblems will remain available until the stock is depleted.

MULTISPORT MB Sea Scouts and Venturers and Scouting America youth who have earned First Class in a Troop may begin work on the new Multisport Merit Badge. This MB combines two or more activities from the sports of Swimming, Biking and Running. Can't wait for the MB book to get released? [Check out this article](#).

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

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.

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

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. 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. Please check out the resources in the [Advancement Information Section](#). The updated Eagle Application and Confidential Appraisal Reference Letter are also included in RTM.

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, April 22, 2025, at the Torrance Scout Center (2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501). Details will be sent to Chapter members by email.

The Spring Induction Weekend will be held May 2-4, 2025, at Firestone Scout Reservation. Details and registration links may be found [here](#).

The annual Kihaawk Lodge Fellowship Weekend is scheduled to be held May 16-18, 2025. Kihaawk will include a mix of fun activities, election of a new slate of Lodge Officers for the September 2025 – August 2026 term of office, and Vigil Honor elections. The location is being finalized; members will be notified by email soon with the details.

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.