



Roundtable Matters

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

SAFETY MOMENT FOR MAY Anaphylaxis is a sudden and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction usually to a food, an insect bite, or a medication. Anaphylaxis usually occurs in someone who has previously had an allergic reaction, but it can also happen to someone with no previous history. Preventing a reaction by avoiding the allergen (thing that causes the reaction) is key. [Here's a resource](#) to help you plan before your next event. Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

ANNUAL UNIT CHARTER AGREEMENT The new [Annual Unit Charter Agreement](#) is available for download. Special Charters (United Methodist, Catholic, etc) are available as well [here](#).

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.

CAMPFIRE SKITS Friendly reminder with summer camp just around the corner to talk with your scouts about what's Scout appropriate for campfire skits. [National Camp School has a resource to help guide you](#).

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

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) Cushman Watt Scout Center
May 24	Scouts & Navy Experience (Scouts) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
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
May 31	Scouts Range MB (Scouts) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation
June 6-8	Red Cross Lifeguard Training (Scouts Scouters) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Jun 7	Pacifica MB Day (Scouts BSA) Torrance Scout Center
Jun 13-15	Trail to First Class / IOLS (Scouts & Scouters) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Jun 16 - Aug 8	Innovation Outpost (Youth 5-10) ♣ Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jun 16-19	Trail to Eagle (Scouts) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jun 21-22	Leave No Trace Trainer's Course (Scouters) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Jun 23-26	Trail to Eagle (Scouts) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jun 27-29	NYLT weekend 1 (Scouts) ♣ Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jun 30-Jul 3	Trail to Eagle (Scouts) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Jul 7-10	Trail to Eagle (Scouts) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Ju 11-13	NYLT weekend 2 (Scouts) ♣ Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Jul 14-18	Cub Twilight Camp (Cub) ♣ Camp Trask Scout Reservation
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

MERIT BADGE PAMPHLET UPDATE The free public PDF version of all merit badge pamphlets is now [available online here](#). This is part of a program to transition towards a comprehensive Scouting digital platform.

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.

SCOUTING FOR CLEAN WATERWAYS Track your waterway cleanup activities in scoutbook to get matching efforts through Cleanhub. Find out more information [here](#).

CURTAINS UP Be on the lookout for the new Scouting America musical, coming to the Vegas Sphere after 2026 Jamboree. [Good a Good Turn and Take a Bow](#)

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 hike will be conducted on 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.

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

ATTENTION MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS: Thank you all for playing your part in the development of our youth by serving as a merit badge counselor. If you know of anyone that has a talent for teaching youth, there is probably something that person could contribute. Mention the possibility of becoming a counselor and point the person to the website <https://greaterlascouting.org/pacifica-advancement-information/> which has the document that describes our process.

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.

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.

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.

DEN MEETING ACTIVITY CARD The Den Meeting Activity Card Deck is a valuable resource for Cub Scout leaders to plan and conduct Den Meetings. The cards provide instructions for games, skill-building activities, and crafts related to specific adventure or rank requirements. These decks assist Den Leaders in organizing fun, engaging, and educational meetings for the Scouts. Learn more by watching [this recent video](#).

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/>

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. 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. 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. 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, May 27, 2025. The location and other details will be sent to Chapter members by email.

The Lodge's Kihaawk Fellowship Weekend will be held May 16-18, 2025, at the Cabrillo Youth Center. Details and registration links may be found [here](#). 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.

Registration for the Section G18N Conclave to be held September 19-21, 2025, at the Cabrillo Youth Center may be completed [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.