



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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Pacifica District, Los Angeles Area Council, BSA

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CHECK US OUT!

VIRTUALLY ALL INFO IS AVAILABLE ONLINE: EVENTS, DATES, FLIERS, CONTACTS, PHONES, ETC.

DISTRICT web site: PacificaBSA.org.

COUNCIL web site: <http://www.boyscoutsla.org>.

GATHERING: 7:15-7:30.

FLAG CEREMONY: At 7:30 sharp! Sign up YOUR boys to do flags! A BIG Thanks tonight to the Scouts of Pack 862 of Torrance for our ceremonial introduction! The rest of the calendar is still OPEN after March 2009, but we are filling it. Reserve your spot NOW

WELCOME TO GUESTS: We're here to learn what we don't know and share what we do, a win-win set-up!
Bring a friend: it makes Scouting better for ALL our boys!!!

ACTIVITIES: Debbie Shockley is our District Chair: dshckly@sbcglobal.net or (310) 328-5458.

ADVANCEMENT: For merit badge info, and Eagle Leadership Project approval information contact **Bob Harada** here at Roundtable or at rbt_harada@yahoo.com or (310) 532-6947. For merit badge classes at Cabrillo Beach, call (310) 831-1984 or go to

<http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org/Boy%20Scout%20%20Merit%20Badge%20class%20schedule.htm#apr>

Spring Merit Badge Days finishes on March 21, and tentative dates for Fall 2009 Merit Badge Days are October 10 and 24.

ARROW, ORDER OF THE: Will Althoff is the Chapter Advisor, wtalthoff@gmail.com or (310) 844-4811. Lakota Chapter Chief Soren Fulton is the youth representative: jp_soren@yahoo.com (310) 418-0455. Tonight they will highlight the Upcoming elections.

AWARD OF MERIT & SILVER BEAVER AWARD: For more info, contact **Kirk Miya** at (310) 325-0336 or OIHowler@aol.com.

BALOO'S BUGLE: For Cubs in April, check out "Jurassic Park": <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle2008-2009.asp>.

BOY SCOUT THEME FOR April: "Wildlife Management".

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/about/proghelps.html>

BREAKOUTS: Whether you're new or experienced, we're sharing what works.

TONIGHT: VENTURING CREW ADVISERS AND PRESIDENTS A continuing monthly event.

CAMPING: It's time to be giving thought to Camping Awards. Tim Affa is our District Chair:

Timaffa@pacbell.net

CAMPOREE, SPRING: Mark the dates, April 17-19. Planning underway. Theme: "On Target!". Location: FLSR (Circle-X). Activities [Tentative]: Shooting (Rifle/Shotgun), Archery, Lasso, Tomahawks, Spears, Catapult,

Planetarium, Chili Cookoff, Gateway competition, Movie. Inviting Venture Crews to participate. Information forthcoming on Pacifica Events website.

CAMPOREE, CENTENNIAL: Start planning now for this major event. More information forthcoming.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2009: Believe it or not, it's time to start this off! WEBELOS week will be July 13-17, Cub week will be July 20-24. The theme is MAGIC! Contact Matthew Gallon pacificacamp@hotmail.com or Lisa Harris lisa.harris@cacandles.com for information.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING: The 2009 campaign is underway, lend your support.

HAT (HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM) TRAINING: Contact Michael Fleder, the HAT Representative, at 310-502-3611, or Jim Hawkins, High Adventure Vice Chairman, at elderhawk@yahoo.com or (562) 865-2938 or email labsahat@gmail.com to receive monthly HAT HiLites.

JAMBOREE: Kathie Wood has updates for us.

NYLT: Len Pagarigan will explain what this offers the boys, and what they'll then be able to offer the unit.

PINEWOOD DERBY: The green flag drops April 25 at Del Amo Mall. Kurt Stenzel and Lisa Cowell are racing off to a start!.

POPCORN: Flynn Turner and Paul Farbman will pop in to tell us more.

PURHASING SCOUT SUPPLIES?: Where else can you find the best assortment of Scout supplies? The Scout Shops, of course!

RECHARTER PACKETS: Pick them up tonight, and save us a stamp.

RELIGIOUS EVENTS: Religious Emblem training will be April 18 and 19 at St. Margaret Mary in Lomita. See Kurt Stenzel for details.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: Priscilla Atwell asks that we all bring a can of food to each Roundtable to help this LDS Stake Center's food bank. (310) 318-1454 or fibrfac@gte.net.

SOAPBOX DERBY: Julio Catzalco will update us on this event, now scheduled for July 11th.

TOUR PERMITS: Somebody is hopefully here to sign, but be sure you are using the *correct* form, found on the District Website.

TRAINING: Check the schedule online for important training information!!! For more info, contact Chair Rick Willson or e-mail to training@pacificabsa.org. This month, New Leader Essentials will be offered, and next month Youth Protection will be available. Since we are lacking a Safe Swim and a Safety Afloat Instructor, these classes will need to be taken on-line. Any volunteers for instructor?

WEBELOS WOODS: It's coming up on October 24. Kathie Wood is going to introduce this year's program.

WOODBADGE: The next Wood Badge Scoutmaster, Debbie Shockley, wants to know—"Have you been to Wood Badge?"

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HAT HiLites

Los Angeles Area Council

March 2009

Boy Scouts of America

Outdoor Updates

- ❖ James L. Hawkins Award-Grand High Adventure Maker, 2009: Bob Beach-HAT; Brian Kamine-T966.
- ❖ Season of erratic weather in mountains. Be prepared for rain, snow, heat, fog; wet, damaged trails & roads.
- ❖ City of Sierra Madre can close road into Chantry Flats at any time. See <http://cityofsierramadre.com> for status.
- ❖ Gate into Mt. Wilson picnic area and observatory open Apr-Nov, 10 am-4 pm.
- ❖ Indefinite as to opening road to Henninger Flats; mountainside is unstable and may move again. You still can hike down from Mt. Wilson and camp – just make a reservation (626-794-0675).
- ❖ 12 adults and a youth died of heart attacks at Scout activities in 2008. Surprising that there weren't more.
- ❖ Safety recall: Jetboil Personal Cooking Systems & Group Cooking Systems. See www.jetboil.com.
- ❖ Adventure 16 closed its store in Torrance on Dec 31.
- ❖ Please note the date change for Quest.
- ❖ Recruiting staff for Quest Beyond the Eagle, Jun-Jul 2009; contact Mike Fleder, 310-502-3611.

HAT Websites < www.laac-hat.com > < www.boyscoutsla.org > click HAT
Quest Website < www.questbeyondtheeagle.com >

Future Events

Jun 20-Jul 4	Quest Beyond the Eagle	Council-HAT
Jul 14-26	Provisional Contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch – Trek 2009 (full)	Council-Camping
Jul 25-Aug 1	Provisional Contingent to Log Cabin – Trek 2009	Council-HAT
Jul 5-20	Provisional Contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch – Trek 2010	Council-Camping
Jul 21-Aug 4	Provisional Contingent to BSA National Jamboree – 2010	Council-Staff

3-Month Calendar

Mar 3	HAT Meeting	
Mar 7	Mountain-Oriented Accident Response*	Workshop
Mar 14	Jr. Leaders Backpack Training	Training Seminar**
Mar 24	Climbing Instructor Training/Certification**	Council-HAT
Apr 7	HAT Meeting	
Apr 13	Rock Climbing & Rope Use	Training Seminar
Apr 18	California Trail Days	Forest Service Event
May 1-3	Rock Climbing & Rope Use	Field Experience
May 5	HAT Meeting	
May 9	Trail Boss	Field Training
May 9	Leave No Trace	Workshop

* Required to earn the LAAC-sponsored High Adventure Leader Award.

** Field Experience to be scheduled at Seminar.

HAT meetings are open to all registered adults, 7:30 p.m., LAAC Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles.

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HAT HiLites is published monthly by the LAAC High Adventure Team to inform Scout Leaders of specific program, service, and other High Adventure activities and opportunities available in the coming months, plus Outdoor Updates. For additional information about a specific entry, please call/e-mail the appropriate HAT Contact.

California Trails Day-2009

The Los Angeles River Ranger District, USDA-Forest Service, and its associated volunteer organizations invite you and your Unit, along with the general public, to join them in celebrating California Trails Day.

- When: April 18, 2009; 8:30 am to not later than 3:30 pm.
- Where: please contact one of the sources listed below, after April 7, for the location of this event and directions for getting there.

If your Unit has done a conservation project in the forest in the last year, you are a part of this celebration. If you've only heard about the conservation and the Trail Boss Training programs that are a feature of the Angeles National Forest - and enthusiastically supported by the Los Angeles Area Council, come on up with your Scouts to see and hear, first hand, what they are all about. Try your hand at using several of the basic tools of trail maintenance - Mc-Cloud, Pulaski, loppers - and experience the satisfaction that comes from the accomplishments of a trained, enthusiastic group of volunteers. You will also have the opportunity to meet the District Forest Service personnel who direct the volunteer programs. Lunch will be provided about 1:00 PM. An Adventure Pass is not required for vehicles on this date.



This event is open to the public, as well as volunteer organizations and sponsored groups - such as a Scout Unit. If this is the Unit's first time at volunteering for trail work, please identify yourself to the registrar so that arrangements can be made for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and tools. While this field orientation is not a substitute for Trail Boss Training, it will give you a feel for what it involves. It will also give your Scouts a better understanding of the importance of good hiking practices and of doing conservation work.

If you are bringing boys, you must file a Tour Permit with the Council Office, have at least two adults, and adhere to all applicable BSA rules for Unit activities.

Clothing and Equipment

Persons attending need to be dressed and equipped to do a few hours of trail work. The fashion-conscious volunteer wears long pants, long sleeve shirt, work boots, gloves, and a broad-brimmed hat. These are supplemented with sunscreen/sun block, dark glasses, insect repellent, and **lots of water**. Sneakers/sport shoes are not appropriate wear when swinging a Pulaski and moving large rocks. Conservation project sites tend to be hot, sunny, dusty, and lunchrooms for insects.

Additional Information

- USDA-Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Station: 818-899-1900 (M-F, 8 am-4 pm); web site, www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles
- Howard Okamoto, Recreation Officer.
- John Horton, USDA-FS Volunteer Leader, Conservation Projects: 310-375-5032 (evenings), email - jbhorton@gte.net
- Dave Ledford, LAAC-HAT Trail Boss Training: 1-310-373-2111, email, gdledford@verizon.net

Training Bulletin

B.S.A. Climbing Instructor Class

Who should attend: Persons interested in being "Climbing" Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff, and all Scouters that want to teach scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. All persons interested must be mature, capable of instructing, safety conscious, able to exercise good judgment, be dependable, relate well to youth and adults, and be proficient in the techniques of climbing, rappelling, belaying, and spotting. **Scouters who work with troops and teach climbing are required to be "Qualified Instructors" prior to teaching any future activities.**

This course will cover B.S.A.'s current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, both on the Unit and Council/District levels; as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb On Safely". Potential Instructors will be tested in the areas of: top-rope climbing knowledge and ability; anchor building; belaying and rappelling; rescue techniques; equipment care and use of; logging (record keeping), inspection, storage, inventory, and one's experience and ability in working with mixed groups of adults and youth (i.e. Merit Badge Counseling or Camp Staff).

Particulars:

- ◆ B.S.A. Climbing Instructor Qualification Certification is good for 2 years upon successful completion of this class.
- ◆ Instructors: Only Climbing Directors are empowered to train Instructors.
- ◆ Course size: Is limited to six (6) students. Pre-registration requested.
- ◆ Duration: 29 hours total (3 hours for entrance exam & registration, 8 hrs classroom + 18 hrs of practical instruction on rock).
- ◆ Fee: \$40 per person (textbook included) – students who do not pass the entrance exam will receive a refund.
- ◆ Textbook: B.S.A. publication entitled "Topping Out: A B.S.A. Climbing/Rappelling Manual"
- ◆ Schedule: **Registration Tue., March 24, 2009, from 7:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. at Cushman-Watts Scout Headquarters.**
Classroom lecture(s) Sat, April 04, 2009, from 7:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. at Cushman-Watts Scout Headquarters.
First outdoors session Sun, April 05, 2009, from 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. at Stonepoint.
Second outdoors session – to be announced.
- ◆ Location: Cushman-Watts Scout Center and an outdoor rock climbing location to be announced.
- ◆ Contacts: To register for class, or for more information, contact: The L.A.A.C. Camping Department at (213) 413-4400

Pre-requisites for participation in course:

- ◆ Current registration with Boy Scouts of America.
- ◆ Current successful completion of B.S.A.'s "Youth Protection Guidelines" training.
- ◆ Current B.S.A. Personal Health and Medical Record, either Class 2 or Class 3.
- ◆ Students must pass a written test measuring their knowledge of climbing & rappelling.

Gear - Each participant must provide themselves a:

- ◆ Harness,
 - ◆ Helmet,
 - ◆ Leather gloves,
 - ◆ A rescue type figure-8 rappelling device,
 - ◆ An ATC belaying device,
 - ◆ Three – Four locking-gate carabineers,
 - ◆ One 24" pre-sewn runner and one 48" pre-sewn runner or one 24" pre-sewn runner and a commercially made leash (personal anchor),
 - ◆ Two pieces of 5-6mm accessory cord, one piece 36" long and the other 96" long.
 - ◆ Climbing shoes (optional),
 - ◆ All other gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabineers, etc.).
- All personal gear will be inspected prior to use.**

Help keep climbing/rappelling as part of Scouting's activities by becoming a certified BSA Climbing Instructor for your Unit, District, or Council.

News from CPSC

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20207

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Firm's Recall Hotline: (888) 611-9905
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

Outdoor Stoves Recalled by Jetboil Due to Burn Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: Personal Cooking Systems and Group Cooking Systems

Units: About 15,000

Manufacturer: Jetboil Inc., of Manchester, N.H.

Hazard: A tight valve attached to the stove's fuel source can allow gas to leak, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Jetboil has received five reports of fires resulting from leaking fuel. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves personal and group cooking stoves often used during outdoor camping. The recalled models include: Personal Cooking Systems in black (PBL075-BLK-(PCS) and camo (PBL075-CAMO-(PCS), Backcountry Gourmet Set (BDLFRY), Personal Cooking System with Companion Cup (BDL001), Personal Cooking System with Pot Support & Stabilizer (BDL002), Personal Cooking System with Coffee Press (BDL003), Personal Cooking System Java Kit (BDLJAVA) and Group Cooking System (GCS150).

Sold at: Specialty outdoor and general sporting goods stores nationwide and on the Internet from July 2008 through November 2008 for between \$100 and \$130.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled product and contact Jetboil for a repair or replacement.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Jetboil toll-free at (866) 611-9905 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.jetboil.com. Consumers can also email the firm at customerservice@jetboil.com.



[Send the link for this page to a friend!](#) The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

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