



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

April 21, 2009 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 Troop 854 for our ceremonial introduction! The rest of the calendar is still OPEN after March 2009, but we are filling it. Reserve your spot NOW

WE BID WELCOME TO GUESTS and new Scouters, Know that you are always welcome.
...AND A FOND FAREWELL TO A COUPLE OF FRIENDS...

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 May, check out "Leave Nothing But Footprints":
<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle2008-2009.asp>.

BOY SCOUT THEME FOR May: "Camping". <http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/about/proghelps.html>

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

TRAIL TO EAGLE: Steve Nakama will offer guidance to those on the Eagle Path. This session is for Life Scouts, Parents, Eagle coaches, and any other Scout leaders involved in guiding Scouts to earning the Eagle Honor.

VENTURING CREW ADVISERS AND PRESIDENTS A continuing monthly event, led by Gary Sisson.

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

CAMPOREE, SPRING: Was it fun and rewarding? Linda Boice?

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

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2009: On-line registration is OPEN! 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.

DUTY TO GOD HIKE: The 2009 hike is set for October 10. More details to come from Kurt Stenzel and his team.

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

HAT (HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM) TRAINING: The on-line version of **ROUNDTABLE MATTERS** includes the ever-informative information provided by the HAT Team. You can also 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 leading the racing cheers!

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

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

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. Be sure you have a Hazardous Weather and a Youth Protection trained leader.

TRAINING: Check the schedule online for important training information!!! For more info, contact Chair Rick Willson or e-mail to training@pacificBSA.org. This month, Youth Protection will be offered, and next month is undecided. New Leader Essentials has been replaced by "This Is Scouting" which is currently available on-line only. 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 2-4. Kathie Wood is going to introduce this year's program.

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

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USDA Forest Service Los Angeles River Ranger District

California Trails Day 2009

DATE: April 18, 2009, meet at 8:00 a.m., registration: 8:00 to 8:30 am
LOCATION: **Meet at Wildwood Picnic Area Parking Lot**

EVENT: The USDA Forest Service and associated LARRD volunteer organizations will celebrate California Trails Day on April 18, 2009. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the Wildwood-Stoneyvale area trails and a lunch to celebrate the event. This event is organized by the volunteer groups of the Los Angeles River Ranger District. Lunch will be held at the Wildwood Picnic Area and will include a short ceremony about California Trails Day. Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. Activities will end at 3:30 PM.

This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. Those who are volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar, so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools. Please bring personal equipment listed below.

Personal Equipment to Wear while working:

Work gloves, work shoes, work clothes (long sleeve shirts and long pants), sun protection hat, hard-hat (if available), Ten Essentials (include a personal First Aid kit), Water (2 Qt's.), snacks. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until 12:30. Lunch will be provided at Wildwood Picnic Area.

DIRECTIONS: From 210 Fwy in La Canada, go west on 210 Fwy (7 mi), exit at Sunland Blvd and go east (right turn) to Ora Vista Ave. (6 blocks). Turn left (north) onto Ora Vista Avenue (beware of dips and sharp 90 deg turn). Proceed east 5.5 miles to Wildwood Picnic Area, turn right and proceed down the hill to the parking lot. Allow ½ hour driving time from the 210 Fwy. Carpool if possible.

For Additional Information, contact one of the following:

USDA Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(M-F, 8am – 4pm): Howard Okamoto
Recreation Officer
(818) 899-1900 X229

(M-F, 9am-6pm): Kathie Reilly
JPL Trail Builders
(818) 354-8321

(Evenings): John Horton
Vol. Leader, Training
(310) 375-5032

David Ledford
Vol. Leader, Training
(310) 373-2111

Additional training opportunities are scheduled for:

May 9, 2009, Advanced Leader Training (Front Country)

June 6, 2009, National Trails Day (basic techniques), Mt. Wilson Trails System

August 29, 2009, Advanced Leader Training (High Country).

California Trails Day and National Trails Day training activities are open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups.

National 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 National Trails Day.

- When: June 6, 8:30 am to not later than 3:30 pm.
- Where: Please contact one of the sources listed below after May 30 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 - McCloud, 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

Leave No Trace Training-2009

The BSA Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team, in cooperation with the County of Los Angeles-Department of Parks and Recreation, is pleased to offer this workshop on this national program.

Who: Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers; youth leaders, teachers, hikers; everyone who enjoys the outdoors.

What: Fun and informative workshop on the principles of *Leave No Trace*.

When: Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Where: Community Center, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area,
4100 S. La Recreation Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Leave No Trace (LNT) is a national outdoor skills and ethics education program. The workshop is designed to teach people how to reduce the negative impacts on the natural environment as they travel and camp in the outdoors and to help ensure a positive experience for all visitors. It will introduce you to the principles of *Leave No Trace* and show you how they can be applied to help protect the natural environment of wilderness and other backcountry locations. The extension of these concepts to protect frontcountry recreation areas near urban centers will also be addressed. Participants will receive written materials and other handouts on how to use and share the *LNT* Program with others.



A fee of \$10.00 is charged for the training, which covers the cost of the workshop materials, lunch, and refreshments. Registration **must** be received by May 1. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are less than 5 sign-ups by that date. Any questions are to be directed to Bill Vanderberg: bill.vanderberg@comcast.net

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training activities of the LAAC-HAT. It may be purchased at the Scout Shop in the LAAC Service Center or downloaded from the Council website. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Pete Matthews; Vice Chair-Training: 310-377-2162; e-mail, matthews_peter@msn.com

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Leave No Trace Training 2009

Please register me for attendance at this LAAC-HAT training program. A check for **\$10.00**, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-LAAC, is enclosed.

Name: _____

Telephone (Bus.): _____ (Res.): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____

Position: _____

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