



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

May 19, 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 Pack 968 for our ceremonial introduction! The rest of the calendar is still OPEN and we need to fill it. Reserve your spot NOW!

WE BID WELCOME TO GUESTS and new Scouters, Know that you are always welcome.

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>

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 June, check out "A Camping We Will Go":

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle2008-2009.asp>.

BOY SCOUT THEME FOR June: "Emergency Preparedness".

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

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

FLAG ETIQUETTE: Why do we present and honor the flag the way we do, and how do we break these rules... every day.

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

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

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2009: On-line registration is OPEN! WEBELOS week and Cub week are being combined and 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: The 2009 Duty to God hike is set for October 10. More details to come from Kurt Stenzel and his team. The Catholic Scout Retreat is October 2-4

FUNDRAISERS: The 2009 campaign of FRIENDS OF SCOUTING is underway, lend your support. ALSO TONIGHT, the Wood Badge crew is holding a Bake Sale, and the Centennial Committee is working to raise funds for the 2010 Rose Parade Float. The float will represent Los Angeles Area Council, Orange County, and San Gabriel Councils.

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 continues to urge us to encourage the eligible Boy Scouts to attend.

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) 487-1201 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: CUB SCOUT BASIC LEADER TRAINING is June 13, and the registration form is on the website. Reserve your spot now! Check the schedule online for other important training information!!! For more info, contact Chair Rick Willson or e-mail to training@pacificabSA.org. Next month, Youth Protection will be offered. Since we are recruiting a Safe Swim and a Safety Afloat Instructor, these classes will need to be taken on-line.

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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HAT HiLites

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Outdoor Updates

- ❖ Good food, at reasonable prices, to and from Log Cabin Wilderness Camp: Mohave – Mike's; Olanca – Ranch House; Bishop – Jack's, La Casita; Lee Vining – Nicely's.
- ❖ Summer hiking conditions, but cold still overnight, with snow on higher, north-facing slopes.
- ❖ Still vast numbers of standing, dead pine trees in local forests; an increasing hazard as they age.
- ❖ Catalina Island end-to-end trail complete, LATimes, 4/4/09, p. A6. Expensive to hike/camp; hot; no shade.
- ❖ LA Fire has begun work on Mt. Wilson Toll Road; could be open by mid-summer.
- ❖ Slides this winter have been blocking the tunnel on the Forest Service road from Eaton Saddle to Mt. Lowe Campground.
- ❖ Use extra care when driving in the local mountains: road repair, dead tree removal, controlled burns.
- ❖ CalTrans finally working on Angeles Crest (Hwy 2), Islip Saddle to Vincent Gap. Don't count on it being open this summer. No word on when Hwy 39 to Crystal Lake may open.
- ❖ California to get 700,000 more acres of Wilderness – great. LATimes, 3/26/09, p. A1.
- ❖ Newly restored Owens Lake has already become a major bird sanctuary, LATimes, 4/19/09, p. A33.
- ❖ Expect a total ban on wood & charcoal fires in the San Bernardino National Forest again this summer.
- ❖ \$1.5M of "stimulus package" allocated to Angeles National Forest for conservation work; more to come.
- ❖ To find out about the company that will be giving your Social Security Number and other personal data by BSA, google "choicepoint". Bound to be "trustworthy, loyal ..." while browsing thru your credit files.
- ❖ 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

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

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
Jun 2	HAT Meeting	
Jun 6	National Trails Day	Forest Service Event
Jun 20-Jul 4	Quest Beyond the Eagle	Council-HAT
Jul 4	Log Cabin Wilderness Camp opens	Council-Camping
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
Aug 15	Log Cabin Wilderness Camp closes	Council-Camping

* 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.

NEWS RELEASE

U.S. Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region



Contact: John Heil, Public Affairs (707) 562-9004
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/>

Be Safe on our National Forests:

What to do if you Encounter a Marijuana Cultivation Site

VALLEJO, Calif., May 6, 2009 – As the summer approaches, the marijuana cultivation season will begin and it is especially important to be aware of your surroundings on national forests.

Marijuana growers will be active on the national forests from now until usually the end of October. Here are some clues that you may have come across a site:

- The smell of marijuana especially on hot days is like a skunk.
- Hoses or drip lines located in unusual or unexpected places.
- A well used trail where there shouldn't be one.
- Voices coming from an unusual place.
- People standing along roads without vehicles present, or in areas where loitering appears unusual.
- Usually plantations are found in isolated locations; in rough steep terrains (typically between 500 to 5500 elevation).
- Camps containing cooking and sleeping areas with food.
- Small propane bottles (so the grower can avoid detection of wood smoke).
- Fertilizer, weapons, garbage, dead animals.
- Individuals armed with rifles out of hunting season.

As soon as you become aware that you have entered a cultivation site, or have encountered any of the above listed situations, immediately reduce the threat by removing yourself from the area. Walk, crawl or run out the way you came in and make as little noise as possible. The growers may be present, and may or may not know that you have found their operation.

As soon as possible, contact your nearest Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer or Deputy and report as much detail about the incident as you can recall. Please contact Acting Special Agent in Charge, Laura Mark at (707) 562-8648 for more information.

Over seven million plants have been seized off California National Forest System lands since 2003.

James L. Hawkins Award Grand High Adventure Maker-2009

At Adult Leaders Backpack Training each year, the LAAC-HAT recognizes Scout Leaders as Grand High Adventure Makers. This is acknowledgement of the quality, diversity, and duration of the High Adventure Program that they lead. This year, awards were presented to Brian Kamine, Troop 996, and Bob Beach, HAT. They are worthy additions to the roster of outstanding Scouters who have received the James L. Hawkins Award.

Prior recipients of the James L. Hawkins Award, and their affiliations are:

2008		1997	
Bill Hirokawa	719	John P. Risk	333
Ron Santarosa	276	Michael D. Vahey	849
Tom Thorp	849	1996	
2007		Sherwood "Butch" Bresler	242
Brian Felsman	191	Charles R. Kline	533
Warren Searles	966	1995	
Bill Vanderberg	V192	Steve Brown	203
2006		John Cleek	966
Drew Blandis	V985	1994	
Steve Dodson	HAT	Wayne Richey	872
Joan Lewis	276	James Yokota	719
2005		1993	
Cindy Farber	985	John Hainey	211
Dave Ledford	966	Sal Valle	549
2004		1992	
Dominick Sanchez	219	Ron Forbess	257
Marion Sarmiento	468	Dick Rose	849
2003		1991	
Paul Craig	958	Dave Dwelley	406
Larry Evans	441	Tom Elkins	207
2002		1990	
Rich Hoesly	849	Don Dekay	210
John Schumann	65	1989	
2001		Bob Ogawa	379
Paul Howard	290	1988	
Ken King	966	Roy Menzies	52
2000		Dick Plebuck	276
Edward Brady	242	1987	
William Roseland	283	Jim Fretz	985
1999		Lyle Whited	211
Dennis Cline	706		
Stephen Schlaifer	333		
1998			
John T. Boyt	276		
Peter F. Matthews	210		

The members of the LAAC-HAT commend all of these individuals on their unselfish contributions to Scouting and to their communities.

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**Nomination for the James L. Hawkins
Award-Grand High Adventure Maker**

The Scouter named below is proposed for consideration to receive the James L. Hawkins Award-Grand High Adventure Maker, an annual recognition by the Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team. This individual has promoted and directed a quality High Adventure Program for Scouts for many years, as described below. I believe him/her to be a worthy addition to those who have already received this Award.

Scouter proposed: _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Unit _____ District _____ Los Angeles Area Council

Position(s) in Scouting

Current _____ Years held _____

Prior _____ Years held _____

High Adventure training completed

LAAC-HAT conducted: type/year _____

Other: provider/type/year _____

Backpacking treks led

Philmont Scout Ranch _____ Year(s) _____; Log Cabin Wilderness Camp _____ year(s) _____

Other High Adventure Bases _____ year(s) _____

Other long-term treks (5 or more nights): location/year _____

Other High Adventure outings led – type/location/year

Climbing _____ Skiing/Snowshoeing _____

Aquatic _____ Other _____

Submitted by _____ Date _____ Unit _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please send to Dick Rose, 3525 Elm Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, along with any additional materials and comments about this person's qualifications for this Award.

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