



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

December 18, 2012

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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>.

FLAG CEREMONY AND INVOCATION: At 7:30 sharp! Sign up YOUR boys to do flags! Tonight Pack 586 from Torrance will present the colors, and possibly Wayne Torrey will lead the invocation. Thank You. Reserve your spots for the future NOW with Liz Dye! For the invocation, we encourage volunteers of any faith expression.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BREAKOUTS: If you have ideas, or would like to lead one, contact Rick Willson and we can share what works.

THIS MONTH: ADVANCEMENT-On Line, CUB LEADER and BOY SCOUT LEADER!

BUYING SCOUT SUPPLIES?: Let the experts at the Scout Shops answer all your questions.

CAMPING AWARDS: Time to complete the form. Scott Affa is District Camping Chair. Camping@PacificaBSA.org.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT: Nomination Forms are due by the January Roundtable. Lisa Cowell, crazy.lisa@sbcglobal.net

FINANCE: Schedule your unit for an FOS presentation. Finance questions? Need more FOS forms? David White, david.white@pacificabsa.org

PAY IT FORWARD: Traveling? Stayed in hotels? The little bottles they leave you (you paid for them, actually) are a perfect size! Year Round collection of items to be distributed to the hospital or Armed Forces in the field. Travel/hotel size oral care, shampoo, rinse, mouthwash & lotion. Playing cards, "current" magazines, gum, granola, mints, non-chocolate candy, underwear, socks, t-shirts, sunscreen & phone cards. Bring your items monthly to Roundtable. A weekend collection date is being planned. For more info - contact Liz Dye at (310) 316-7266 or chefliz@verizon.net

RECHARTER: Time is running out to get it completed on-time. Your Unit Commissioner can help.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: SFF patches are available once your unit's numbers are turned in. If you must turn them in to Priscilla by e-mail, be sure to identify the unit and number. Priscilla Atwell asks that we all bring a can of food to each Roundtable to help this LDS Stake Center's food bank. Did you bring something this month? Did you get your ticket for the raffle? (310) 487-1201 or fibrfac@gte.net.

TOUR PLANS: Have you seen the new relaxed requirements? Filing for a Tour Plan is on-line! There is usually a TOUR PLAN signer at Roundtable, and we ask that you drop them off before the announcements start, and collect the completed form after announcements. Other options include: The Cabrillo Youth Center in San Pedro, and there are also several other Plan signers available, the list is on the district website.

TRAINING: USA Archery Basic Instructor course (8 hour) in January at Cushman Watt for Archery Merit Badge Counselors and Rangemaster Course (3 hour) at Cabrillo in January for Cub Scout parents. Dates to be determined. Priscilla Atwell, (310) 487-1201 or fibrfac@gte.net.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING: FOR ALL REGISTERED ADULTS, regardless of position! For more information, contact Susan Griego at susan.griego@pacificascoutersassociation.org or the District Training Chair at training@pacificaBSA.org.

CUB SCOUTS: JANUARY CORE VALUE IS 'POSITIVE ATTITUDE'

BALOO TRAINING: Save the date of March 23rd. More details as they become available.

DAY CAMP: Contact is Lisa Cowell, crazy.lisa@sbcglobal.net.

PINEWOOD DERBY: This event for next April is already looking for committee members. Kathie Wood (310) 749-0313

WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION: It isn't as intense as you might believe. Ask Gary Sisson, he's more than willing to help with the task. Pacificawebelos2scout@yahoo.com.

WEBELOS WOODS 2012: 2012 is done, and now looking to 2013. Contact Mindy Bostick at JMBostick@aol.com, and include "Webelos Woods" in the subject line. Troop support is needed to make this event.

BOY SCOUTS: JANUARY THEME IS 'HOBBIES'

ADVANCEMENT: PLAN NOW TO RECORD ALL ADVANCEMENT ON-LINE.

Eagle Scout Candidate procedure contacts: Eagle Project Approval: Kathie Wood (310) 749-0313 Eagle Book/Application Check: Maria Gunderson (310) 325-0907 Eagle Character Board Coordinator: Bob Harada (310) 532-6947 Please reference *The Path to Eagle* at <http://www.pacificabsa.org/advancement.html> for additional information to help your scouts complete the rank of Eagle! For merit badge classes at Cabrillo Beach, call (310) 831-1984 or go to <http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org>.

ARROW, ORDER OF THE: OA is already planning elections for 2013. For OA election information, contact Taylor Wood at lakotaOAElections@aol.com. Lakota Chapter Chief Matt Johnson is the youth representative: padfoot162006@yahoo.com. Tim Desmond is the Chapter Advisor, the_desmonds@yahoo.com (310) 530-1276.

HAT (HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM) TRAINING: The 2013 HAT Training schedule is out and available. A couple of useful sites: www.LAAC-HAT.com and <http://www.merkurencyclopedia.com/HAT/index.html> Email labsahat@gmail.com to receive monthly HAT HiLites. All the contact information you'll want is there. HAT HiLites may also be attached to the **ROUNDTABLE MATTERS** on the district website. Mike Craig, mikedcraig@yahoo.com.

ADVANCED SCOUTS (VENTURING, VARSITY, SEA SCOUTS):

SEA SCOUTS: Open to Boys and Girls 14-20, focusing on sailing and small boats. Interested in joining? Ron Grassl, Skipper of Ship 618, rwgrassl@verizon.net

OPERATION ON TARGET: Operation On Target is a great mountain-top experience centered on hiking to a mountain summit and signaling to other scout units with signal mirrors. Contact Richard Fowell, rafowell@aol.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Contact Vaughan Wendelstadt at wendelstadt@earthlink.net, 714-814-7144.

CONTACTS:

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT: Lisa Cowell, crazy.lisa@sbcglobal.net

DISTRICT CAMPING CHAIR: Scott Affa is our District Chair: Camping@PacificaBSA.org

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CAMPMASTER: Gary Sisson: Pacificawebelos2scout@yahoo.com.

INTERNET ADVANCEMENT: Bob Harada at (310) 532-6947 or rbt_harada@yahoo.com

LUTHER'S ATTIC: A way to help the boys who may be financially and uniform challenged. www.luthersattic.com

EVENT TICKET INFO: AEGTickets.com or e-mail to groups@events.aegtickets.com

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Mark Your Calendars

< 2012 Cub Scout Family Weekend Camp Opportunities >

Open to All Cub Scouts and their Families

*Cub/Family Summer Camp @ Camp Pollock, FLSR

When: June 29 – July 1, 2012
Cost: \$130 per Scout, \$65 per Adult, \$80 per Sibling
(Lodging, Program and Meals are included)



*Cub Scout Astronomy Camp @ Camp Pollock, FLSR

When: September 22-23, 2012
Cost: \$55 per person (Includes 4 meals)



*Fall Encampment @ Firestone Scout Reservation

When: October 5 - 7, 2012 (*Boo Fest*) or...
October 26 - 28, 2012 (*Boo Fest*)
Cost: \$27 per Youth, \$22 per Adult



< 2013 Cub Scout Family Weekend Camp Opportunities >

*Cub Scout/Family Winter Camp @ Camp Pollock, FLSR

When: January 5-6, 12-13, 26-27 & February 2-3, 16-17
March 9-10 and 16-17
Cost: \$55 per person (Includes 4 meals)



*Spring Rocket Encampment @ Firestone Scout Reservation

When: March 22 -to- 24, 2013 or April 5 -to- April 7, 2013



For more information please contact the LAAC Camping Department at:
213 413-4400 x 344 or Email: danette.verdugo@boyscoutsla.org

-Send me information for 2012:

Winter Camp Cub-Rocket Summer Camp Astronomy Camp Boo Fest

Pack # _____ District Name: _____ Council: _____

Adult Leader Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Address City State/Zip

Send request to: Los Angeles Area Council, BSA, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles, CA 90026
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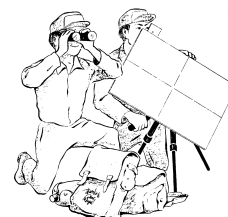
OPERATION "ON-TARGET" SIGN UP

ATTENTION ALL VARSITY AND VENTURING SCOUTS

Operation "ON-TARGET"

**Sign up for either date. Then again why not do both:
July 20, 2013 or September 21, 2013**
(Communications begin at 10:00 am)

**Pick your PEAK. Make your MIRRORS. Select your HAM.
Have fun signaling and communicating with other
varsity teams on other mountain peaks!!**



Radio
Frequency
145.520

Back up
145.550.

You can find how to make mirrors in your Varsity Team Program Features Volume II
Under Operation "On-Target"

**REGISTER BY JULY 1st or SEPTEMBER 2nd WITH
Ron Herbert, On-Target Chairman. Phone: (951) 685-6556
Address: 2275 Rorimer Dr, Riverside, CA 92509**

DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE

Contact your Stake Young Men 1st Counselor for help and information or contact Ron Herbert



Peak Requested: _____

Unit Number: _____ Sponsor: _____

Unit Leader: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

HAM Radio Operator's Name: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Call sign: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

How many will be involved? Youth: _____ Adults: _____ Total: _____

Do you need a set of instructions to build your mirror assembly? _____

32nd Annual Operation On-Target (July 20 & Sept 21, 2013)

Operation On Target is a great mountain-top experience centered on hiking to a mountain summit and signaling to other scout units with signal mirrors.

Here's a video from a prior year: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/SouCal-On-Target>

Many merit badge activities can be combined with this: Peakbagging, Backpacking, Hiking, Camping, Communications, Cooking, Geology, Nature, Photography and Radio. The only limit to the fun and adventure of Operation On Target is your own imagination.

The next event is Saturday, July 20, 2013. We have four teams signed up so far (the closest on Mt Baden-Powell). We'd be happy to have more scouts join us!

There are many resources for preparing for the event [1-8] - the BSA Varsity Team Program Guide Chapter: "Operation On Target" [1] is an excellent place to start.

You'll want a peak with line of sight to other teams [6,7], and know how to contact them by cell or ham radio. The Fall Operation On-Target Coordinator for Southern California is Ron Herbert: (951) 685-6556 - his flyer is attached.

You'll want big mirrors for ranges over 15-20 miles. A 12"x12" mirror tile works out to 50+ miles – add an aimer per ([1] p.82), or (better) a retroreflective aimer per the instructions in our new YouTube video [4] or PowerPoint slides [5].

While a 12"x12" has been seen as far as 90 miles, for very long ranges, the classic modular, backpackable 2'x2' Operation On-Target mirror design in ([1], p. 83, top) can help. This was the setup used by both teams in the all-time On Target distance record (179.77 miles) set this year, Sept. 15, 2012, between San Geronio, CA, and Hayden Peak, AZ. This beat the prior record of 178.43 miles from San Jacinto CA to Charleston Peak, NV (outside Las Vegas), set with similar equipment. [The world record is 192 miles, also set in California].

For assistance with mirror-making, peak selection, or finding a ham radio operator, contact Richard Fowell: (310) 373-7097 [rafowell@aol.com]

[1] BSA Varsity Team Program Guide Vol. 2, (pages 78-87): "Operation On Target"

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/VarsityTeamProgram-V2.pdf>

[2] National Operation-On-Target Web Site

<http://tinyurl.com/On-Target-BSA>

[3] Activity Plan Sheets for Operation On-Target:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/On-Target-Activity-Sheets>

[4] Making a Retroreflective Signal Aimer [New! July 23, 2012] on YouTube:

<http://tinyurl.com/Signal-Mirror-Sight>

[5] Making and using Retroreflective Mirror aimers (PowerPoint) on Google Docs

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/making-mirror-aimers>

[6] An Excel crosstable of ranges, bearings, and info on good local peak choices:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/SouCal-On-Target-Peaks>

[7] Tips and tools for picking your peak (PowerPoint) on Google Docs:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/picking-your-peak>

[8] Mesa Arizona Operation On-Target Resource page:

<http://ontarget.mesavaristy.org/resources/index.html>

HAT HiLites

Los Angeles Area Council

December 2012

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ The Cross County Skiing and Snow Shoeing Seminar will be January 7th at the Cushman-Watts Service Center. The Cross County outing will be January 12th. The Snow Shoeing outing will be January 26th. For questions call Russ Bower at 310-542-7471 or e-mail him at rbowe78771@aol.com. Call the Camping Department to register.
- ❖ Adult leader backpack training will be held on February 15th to 17th. The training provides an overview of high adventure basics: leadership; planning and preparation; equipment and clothing; menus and cooking; mountain navigation and travel; conservation; risk and safety; and program awards. There will also be an outing in the local mountains. See the attached flyer for details. The class size is limited to 45 participants so register early to ensure a spot. We cannot guarantee a spot for walk-ins. To register call 213-413-4400 and ask for the Camping Department (x344).
- ❖ Start planning now for a Log Cabin getaway. The high adventure team is organizing a provisional crew for a one week trek in the Yosemite wilderness. To sign up, call 213-413-4400 and ask for the Camping Department (x344).
- ❖ Philmont Scout Ranch is now taking reservation requests for 2014 treks. Make your reservation request via the web.
- ❖ Be aware while hiking in the Angeles National Forest that dead and damaged trees from the Station Fire continue to fall and become new trail obstructions. If you encounter a trail obstruction please contact David Ledford at 310-373-2111 or email gdledford@verizon.net.

HAT Website: <<http://www.laac-hat.com>>

Future Events

None	2013 provisional contingent to Log Cabin	Council-HAT
Jul 6 - Jul 21	2014 provisional contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch	Council-Camping

3-Month Calendar

Dec 11	Climbing Instructor Requalification	
Jan 7	Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe	See attached flyer
Jan 8	HAT Meeting	
Jan 12	Cross Country Ski Experience	
Jan 19	Ice Axe Field Experience	
Jan 26	Snowshoe Field Experience	
Feb 9-10	Winter Camp Field Experience	
Feb 5	HAT Meeting	
Feb 15-17	Adult Leader Backpack Training	See attached flyer
TBD	Adult Leader Backpack Field Experience	

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

** Weekend field experience to be scheduled at the seminar.

HAT Contacts

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Mr. High Adventure	Jim Hawkins	562-865-2938	elderhawk@verizon.net

Forest Service Contacts

Conservation Projects	David Ledford	310-373-2111	gdledford@verizon.net
LA River Ranger District	Little Tujunga Station	818-899-1900	

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. For additional information about a specific entry, please call or email the appropriate HAT contact.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOW SHOEING SEMINAR-2013



If you are the kind of hiker who would like to take extended trips during winter months, you should try cross country skiing or snow shoeing. Enjoy the challenge of high country winter travel with confidence. Learn firsthand knowledge of safety and techniques. It will allow you to expand your "places to go" during the snow season.

The program begins with an indoor workshop at 7:30 pm on **Monday January 7, 2013** at the Los Angeles Area Council Scout House. The program will include demonstrations and discussions covering the special equipment and gear needed. The second part of the program will be a day outing in the local mountains. This will be **Saturday January 12, 2013**. The showshoeing outing will be **Saturday January 26, 2013** at a location to be determined.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the LAAC-HAT. It may be purchase at the Scout Shop or downloaded from the Council website. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Pete Matthews; Vice Chair-Training: 424-224-7746; e-mail, matthews_peter@msn.com. Questions about this training should be directed to Russ Bower, Course Director, at (310) 542-7471; e-mail, rbowe78771@aol.com

Training Bulletin

LAAC-HAT

October 2012

-----Detach and include with your check -----

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOW SHOEING SEMINAR – 2013

I wish to attend the Cross Country/Snow shoeing seminar. Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of course materials for the indoor session. If I choose to register at the door, I understand the cost will be \$15.00. Course will be cancelled with fewer than 5 registered students.

Name: _____

Telephone (Res.): _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

Mail to: Los Angeles Area Council-BSA
2333 Scout Way
Los Angeles, CA 90026
Attn: **Camping Department**

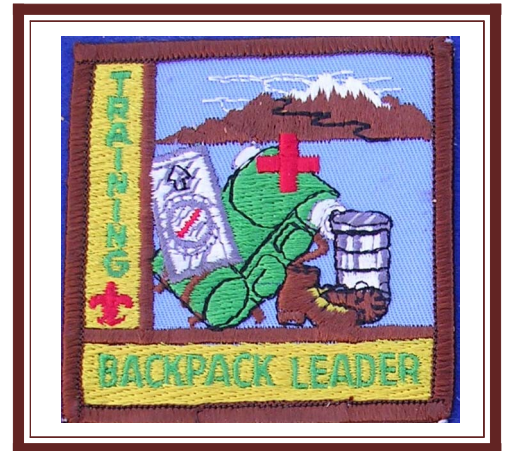
Adult Leaders Backpack Training-2013

The Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team will conduct its 47th annual backpack training program for Scouters and other adults on Feb. 15-17, 2013, with a backpack outing to be arranged. Its objectives are:

- ❖ to acquaint you with a basic understanding of how to plan and conduct outdoor activities;
- ❖ to stimulate your participation and leadership in a High Adventure Program at the Unit level; and,
- ❖ to inform you of the many programs and activities of the LAAC-HAT.

The training provides an overview of the basics: leadership; planning & preparation; equipment & clothing; menus & cooking; mountain navigation & travel; conservation; risk & safety; and program awards & procedures – the necessities for safe and enjoyable outings. The importance of training and transferring leadership to your Scouts is stressed. While the emphasis is on backpacking, it is generally applicable to all types of outdoor activity. This is the next step beyond the campcraft skills that are covered in Outdoor Leadership Skills (OLS).

The seminar is conducted at Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center, 3000 Shoshonean Road, San Pedro (310-831-1984). Registration begins at 6:30pm, Friday, and the program will end by 1:00 pm, Sunday. You will be asked to select and take a weekend backpack trip (5-7 miles, roundtrip, in the local mountains) from among several to be offered in March and April and led by the LAAC-HAT Staff. An Adventure Pass for your vehicle is required at many of these locations.



Registration fee: \$50.00, when received at LAAC-Camping by Feb. 8; \$60.00, after that date. **Early registration is mandatory to ensure sufficient meals, snacks, and course materials. This class is limited to 45 participants.** Persons whose registration is received by the 10th will be sent a confirmation, map of location, and other details. Participants may bring their gear and camp (free) at the facility. Also, please bring a compass, paper and pencil – everything else is provided. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch. It is required to earn the High Adventure Leader Award. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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Training Bulletin

LAAC-HAT

September 2012

----- Detach and include with your check -----

Adult Leaders Backpack Training-2013

Please register me for attendance at this LAAC-HAT training program. A check for \$50.00, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-LAAC, is enclosed (\$60.00, after Feb.8). I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

Name: _____

Telephone (Res.): _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

Mail to: Los Angeles Area Council-BSA
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Los Angeles, CA 90026
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