



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

September 17, 2013

Pacifica District, Los Angeles Area Council, BSA

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Roundtable@PacificaBSA.org

CHECK US OUT!

VIRTUALLY ALL INFO IS AVAILABLE ONLINE: EVENTS, DATES, FLIERS, CONTACTS, PHONES, ETC.
DISTRICT web site: www.Pacificabsa.org COUNCIL web site: <http://www.boyscoutsla.org>

FLAG CEREMONY AND INVOCATION: Tonight Pack 388 of Lomita will start us off. Sign up YOUR boys to do flags! 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.

ONGOING: CUB LEADER and BOY SCOUT LEADER! Unit Commissioner Corner...

ADVANCEMENT: Subscribe to the advancement newsletter; send an email to advancement.team@scouting.org Put 'Subscribe' in the Subject line and in the body of the email put your: Name, Email Address, Council Name. Link to the Guide to Advancement, the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, the Eagle Scout Rank Application, and the Advancement News Archive: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/resources.aspx>

Merit Badge Counselors List Shake Down... Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

AWARD OF MERIT, SILVER BEAVER: Start thinking now about that Scouter that stands out, going that extra step for District or Council. For Award of Merit, contact Lisa Cowell, crazy.lisa@sbcglobal.net, and for Silver Beaver, Janet Ingersoll, janet_ingersoll@yahoo.com

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

FINANCE: Schedule your unit for an FOS presentation. Finance questions? Need more FOS forms?

PAY IT FORWARD: Our wounded soldiers are in **URGENT NEED** of the following items: Sweatpants & Zippered Hoodies (M,L, XL blk or gry), Lounge/Sleep Pants/PJ Bottoms (M,L,XL any color) and Plain White Undershirts (M,L, XL Crew neck), Plain Solid T-shirts (M,L, XL any color). Other needed items include: **Good** disposable razors, triple or quad-blade. Please no refills. (We would rather have a few good razors than 100 of the cheaper kind that tear guys' faces up!), nail clippers (large & small), lip balm, flip flops to wear while showering (men's large sizes), toothbrushes (individually wrapped **ONLY**, please), and socks (white ankle or crew length preferred). Recent magazines are also appreciated. For more info - contact Liz Dye at (310) 316-7266 or bsapayitforward@gmail.com

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: WELCOME to Candy Aguilar! Please try to remember to bring a can of food to each Roundtable to help this LDS Stake Center's food bank. (310) 658-0208 or candyz836@yahoo.com.

SHOOTING SPORTS: Rangemaster Training for Cub level adults, June 2... USA Archery Basic Instructor, June 9th... Rangemasters needed for Cub Resident Camp Archery and BB Ranges during Day Camp... Priscilla Atwell, fibrfac@gte.net

TOUR PLANS: Filing for a Tour Plan is on-line! The form can be found through the 'Camping' tab of the district website. There is usually a TOUR PLAN consultant at Roundtable. 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: Cub Leader Basic, October 12. Many of the specialty courses are on-line, or contact Julio Catzalco, training@pacificabsa.org. Additional opportunities attached as flyers, and you can check the District and Council websites.

WOOD BADGE: Spaces are filling up! Get Wood Badge trained over two weekends starting October 4-6 and 26-28 at Lake Arrowhead's, Forest Lawn Scout Reservation. Cost is \$280. A \$50 deposit is required to secure a spot in Scouting's elite training experience. Need-based scholarships are now available. For online registration or downloadable Wood Badge application go to: <http://boyscoutsla.doubleknot.com/event/wood-badge-2-weekend-course/1322175> (Tell them Rick sent you!) For questions, contact Course Director Cliff Robinson at cliffr@washlaundry.com

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING: December 7, 2013. The information should be out any day on the COUNCIL website.

CUB SCOUTS: OCTOBER CORE VALUE IS 'RESPONSIBILITY'

PINEWOOD DERBY 2014: Date tentatively set for May 10th. There is a chair team, but they need a committee. It isn't too early to volunteer... Chris Gonzales (213) 247-6589, gonzo3469@gmail.com, or Lou Lomas, LuisLomas28@yahoo.com.

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 2013: CANCELLED!

BOY SCOUTS: OCTOBER THEME IS 'ATHLETICS'

ADVANCEMENT: PLAN NOW TO RECORD ALL ADVANCEMENT ON-LINE. New guidelines now available in hard-copy. The SUSTAINABILITY Merit Badge is becoming an alternate to the EAGLE required Environmental Science. For merit badge classes at Cabrillo Beach, call (310) 831-1984 or go to <http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org>.

ARROW, ORDER OF THE: Order of the Arrow Unit Elections: Troops and Crews who wish to have an election this fall can contact the OA at www.pacificabsa/oa/. The top center box has the link to "click here". Lakota Chapter Chief Niko Breznikar is the youth representative: Nikolabreznikar@gmail.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:

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DISTRICT TRAINING CHAIR:

Julio Catzalco, at training@pacificabsa.org

FIRESTONE SCOUT RESERVATION: www.fsrlaac.org

SILVER BEAVER AWARD:

Janet Ingersoll, janet_ingersoll@yahoo.com

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Gary Sisson: Pacificawebelos2scout@yahoo.com.

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LUTHER'S ATTIC: CLOSING? CLOSED?.

www.luthersattic.com

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

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Advancement Notes

September 10, 2013

New Merit Badges

Game Design (March 2013)

Sustainability (July 2013)

Programming (July 2013)

Digital Technology (replaces Computers) (later 2013)

Animation (2014)

Signs, Signals, and Codes (2014)

Multi-Media (2014)

Computer-Aided Design (2014-2015)

Advanced Computing (2014-2015)

Lowe's Eagle Project Grant

LAAC has not as of yet assigned a council

“point person” to manage the program

More later

Future Merit Badge Days Dates (tentative thru 2015)

(revised)

Fall 2013: Saturdays, October 5, & October 19, 2013 Torrance Scout House

Spring 2014: Saturdays, March 1, & March 15, 2014

Fall 2014: October 4 & October 18, 2014

Spring 2015: Saturdays, March 7, & March 21, 2015

Fall 2015 : Saturdays, October 3, & October 17, 2015

Pacifica Advancement Committee :

Chair: Bob Harada

Co-Chair: Maria Gunderson

Eagle Project Coordinator: Kathie Wood

Eagle Character Review Board Chairs: Will Althoff, Dean Call, Janet

Ingersoll, Steve Nakama, Roger Rombro, Jim Matsushita

HAT HiLites

Los Angeles Area Council

September 2013

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ Desert Camping and Travel will be held on Saturday, September 14th. The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience. See the attached flyer for details. Call the Camping Department (213-413-4400 x344) to register.
- ❖ Winter camping class will be held on Saturday, November 2nd. The all-day seminar will be followed in February 2013 with a weekend backpack in San Jacinto State Park. See the attached flyer for details. Call the Camping Department (213-413-4400 x344) to register.
- ❖ A free snow and ice travel class will also be held on November 2nd right after the Winter camping class. See the attached flyer for details. Call the Camping Department (213-413-4400 x344) to register.
- ❖ A navigation and orientation class will be held on November 9th. A field experience will be held, in association with the Los Angeles Orienteering Club, on a date to be announced. See the attached flyer for details. Call the Camping Department (213-413-4400 x344) to register. Registration by November 1st is required, as space is limited.
- ❖ To schedule a forest conservation project, call David Ledford at 310-373-2111 or email gdledford@verizon.net.

HAT Website: <<http://www.laac-hat.org>> ← NEW

Future Events

Jul 6 - Jul 21 2014 provisional contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch Council-Camping

3-Month Calendar

Sept 3	HAT Meeting *	
Sept 7	Trail Boss (Advanced)	
Sept 14	Desert Camping Seminar	See attached flyer
TBD	Desert Camping Field Experience	
Oct 1	HAT Meeting *	
Oct 22	Climbing Instructor Class	
Oct 26	Climbing Instructor Class	
Nov 2	Winter Camping Seminar	See attached flyer
Nov 2	Ice Axe Seminar	See attached flyer
Nov 5	HAT Meeting *	
Nov 9-10	Navigation & Orienteering	See attached flyer
Nov 16	Climbing Instructor Class	
Nov 17	Climbing Instructor Class	
Nov 19	Climbing Instructor Class	

* 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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Training	Peter Matthews	310-213-7258	matthews_peter@msn.com
Trail Boss	David Ledford	310-373-2111	gdledford@verizon.net
HiLites Editor	Tom Thorpe		hilites@laac-hat.org
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.

Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2013

Look north and east, beyond the mountains that surround Los Angeles – it's a desert out there. Actually three – Sonora, Mohave, and Great Basin – and they provide numerous opportunities for hiking and camping. The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, September 14, 2013, 8:15 am to about 4:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. There will be a 45-minute lunch break; participants may bring lunch or purchase it from a nearby take-out. Rolls and coffee are furnished. The seminar is conducted as a series of demonstrations and presentations. They consider the unique, harsh reality of the desert, and cover: special equipment and clothing; menu planning; desert travel and route finding; water requirements and conservation; safety and first aid; equipment and other needs for vehicles. During the day, we will select a date and plan for a weekend field trip to Joshua Tree National Park (The Park has a \$10.00 per vehicle entry fee). A backpack of about 5 miles, round trip, to a dry campsite, provides the opportunity to demonstrate the seminar topics. After setting up camp, we will climb Queen Mountain - a "good" cross country workout.

A fee of \$10.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by September 7. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are less than 5 sign-ups by that date. It is recommended that participants have attended Adult Leaders Backpack Training. Completion of this training is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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 or downloaded from the Council website. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Pete Matthews; Vice Chair-Training and Course Director: 424-224-7746; e-mail, matthews_peter@msn.com



Training Bulletin

LAAC-HAT
2012

October

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Desert Camping and Travel Training-2013

Please register me for attendance at this LAAC-HAT conducted training program. A check for \$10.00, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-LAAC, is enclosed. 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
2333 Scout Way
Los Angeles, CA 90026
Attn: Camping Department

Winter Camping and Travel Training - 2013

Winter brings a special stillness to the local mountains. The year-round camper knows that the pests of summer – insects, most animals, other people – have gone to ground for the season. While the snowy peaks may appear close and inviting, that same camper knows that the weather and trail conditions require special preparation, skills, and equipment. The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with these needs and to emphasize their importance to a having a safe and enjoyable experience.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, November 2, 2013, 8:15 am to about 4:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. There will be a 45-minute lunch break; attendees may bring lunch or purchase it from a near-by take-out. Rolls and coffee are furnished. The seminar is conducted as a series of demonstrations and presentations. The emphasis is on preparing for, and dealing with, a mountainous winter environment, be it rain, cold, snow, or some combination. Sessions cover: the physical demands of winter conditions; snow travel hazards & equipment needs; health & safety; navigation & route finding; menus; food & water needs; personal clothing & equipment; and the desirability of contingency planning. Participants are invited to attend the free seminar, Snow and Ice Travel that follows it (see the separate training bulletin). The weekend backpack in Mt. San Jacinto State Park will be discussed (about 6 miles, roundtrip, from 8,600 to 10,000 feet). It is scheduled for February 8 and 9 2014; a forecast of insufficient snow or extreme weather conditions will cause rescheduling. Some special equipment (rent/borrow/buy) will be needed.

A fee of \$10.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by October 25, 2013. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. Attendance at Adult Leaders Backpack Training is a **requirement** to taking this course. 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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Snow and Ice Travel Training - 2013

Enjoy the challenge of high-mountain travel with confidence in your safety and knowledge of snow and ice travel techniques. Sharpening your judgment and learning the skills needed for safe and effective practices for snowslope travel will allow you to expand the places that the Unit can visit in the winter outdoors.

This High Adventure training, which is an optional follow-on to Winter Camping and Travel, begins with a seminar Saturday, November 2, 2013, 4:00 pm to about 6:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. The special equipment for snow and ice travel will be displayed and the requirements for, and location of, the field training will be discussed. That training will be held on a Saturday in January 2014, in the Mt. Baldy area (an Adventure Pass is required for your vehicle). You will be taught how to properly use crampons and an ice axe. You will practice using the ice axe to make a self-arrest and for exhilarating glissades. A forecast of insufficient snow or of extreme weather conditions will cause it to be rescheduled. Some special equipment (rent/borrow/buy) will be needed.



There is no fee for this training. Registration is required by October 25, 2013 and it may be submitted along with Winter Camping and Travel. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. Attendance at Adult Leaders Backpack Training and at Winter Camping and Travel (which may be taken the same day) are **prerequisites** to taking this course. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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Navigation & Orienteering Training - 2013



- ❖ Do you feel uncomfortable about taking your Unit into new locations?
- ❖ Do you want to improve your navigation and route-finding skills?
- ❖ Have you considered orienteering as an activity for improving your Scouts' map and compass skills?

A workshop in navigation and orienteering will be conducted by the members of LAAC-HAT on November 09, 2013 at the Firestone Scout Reservation. We will begin Saturday with a discussion of the tools of navigation and strategies for their utilization. Topics will include (but are not limited to) GPS, collecting terrain features, disoriented/lost, etc. We will also discuss Orienteering Events; how they are run and why they are useful in route-finding and off-trail navigation. These activities will be followed by participant-led map-hikes which use the detailed Orienteering map for Firestone. A field experience will be held, in association with the Los Angeles Orienteering Club, on a date to be announced. Participants will help officiate in an LAOC Orienteering meet.

Registration by 1 November, 2013 is required, as space is limited. The fee is \$20 per person, **by check made payable to BSA**. This fee covers the day use fee at Firestone, in addition to the LAOC program including course maps and materials cost. Additional information about the Los Angeles Orienteering Club is to be found on its web site, <http://go.to/laoc>.

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