



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, BSA
Jeff Sorbello, Roundtable Commissioner

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Roundtable@PacificaBSA.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS) CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! We are still about **\$100,000** short of our District Goal FOS goal. With **less than three months to go**, we need EVERY unit's support. FOS donations fund the vital programs and services at District and Council upon which you rely. Please do these three things as you recharter:

- 1) Add an FOS line to the registration cover letter you use. It's easy for families to include registration, dues, and their FOS contribution in a single check. Our goal is 100% family participation. No gift is too small!
- 2) Collect employer information from ALL registered adults so District volunteers can leverage corporate grant programs.
- 3) Schedule an FOS presentation by sending a request to fos@pacificabsa.org. Hosting a presentation fulfills Council's fiduciary duty to report to its members and helps families understand how their Scouts are supported.

THANK YOU to Troop 725 and newly appointed FOS Captain Jennifer Morris for hosting an FOS presentation and for your generous support!

DOLLARS FOR DOERS Many companies recognize employees who volunteer with nonprofit organizations by giving [monetary grants](#). Our Employer of the Month is Pfizer. Pfizer provides a \$1000 grant for an employee (\$500 for a retiree) volunteering over 72 hours in an organization. ***If you or someone in your unit works at Pfizer, Chevron, Gap (or its subsidiaries), Bank of America, Boeing, Northrup Grumman, Home Depot, or Walmart,*** please record your hours and designate our Council as your charity of choice.



NYLT WINTER COURSE AT CAMP TRASK

GLAAC will be hosting a 2nd NYLT course this winter between December 28th and January 2nd at Camp Trask. Both participants and staff will need to be recruited so if you have former NYLT participants who you think might make good staff for this course please contact Mike Lipsey at mach5michael@gmail.com. Please go to <https://www.glaacbsa.org/NYLT> for more information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR STUPENDOUS DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER!!!

An evening of camaraderie, delicious food and AWARDS!!! Thursday, February 21, 2019 at The Cheesecake Factory in Redondo Beach. More details in November!

QUALITY UNIT SCORECARDS Pacifica Peak Performance scorecards are available on the [Pacifica recognitions](#) page and in your rechartering packet. Building a program around BSA [Journey to Excellence](#) and Pacifica Peak Performance standards will make your unit and our District even stronger. Go for Gold!

CALLING FOR SILVER BEAVER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Silver Beaver Award is a council-level distinguished service award of the BSA. If you know a Pacifica Scouter who has provided "noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth" in any program (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Venturing or Exploring), please contact District Committee Vice Chair Janet Ingersoll at janet_ingersoll@yahoo.com // 310-779-2382. Ideally, a nominee should have already received the District Award of Merit a minimum of 3 years prior. Nominations are due to Janet no later than Friday, October 26th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct 20 Popcorn Show & Sell Returns Due
- Oct 26 Silver Beaver Nominations due to Janet (see above)
- Nov 10-11 [Leadership Laurels](#), including Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Den Leader, BALOO, and IOLS, Trask
- Nov 13 Pacifica Roundtable—DATE CHANGE *moved to accommodate our Torrance stake hosts*
- Dec 1 [University of Scouting](#)
- Dec 28-Jan 2 [NYLT](#) at Camp Trask – See above

BIG ROCK: WHAT IS A COMMISSIONER BREAKOUTS: CUB SCOUTS – SCOUTBOOK FOR PACKS BOY SCOUTS – TEACHING REALISTIC FIRST AID

LET'S GO CAMPING! Have you seen the gorgeous new [2018-2019 Camp Program Guide](#)? Our camps are constantly making improvements—from upgraded campsites and facilities to exciting new programs, adventures, and merit badges. If it's been a while since you've been to Hubert Eaton (formerly Forest Lawn) or Cherry Valley, contact Pacifica's Camping Chair, Aaron, at ASMJohnson718@gmail.com to arrange a FREE tour.



ORDER OF THE ARROW . The Lakota Chapter meets at the same place and time as Roundtable. Registration is open for the Fall Induction Weekend to be held November 2-4 at Camp Trask.

[Link for candidates](#) [Link for staff](#)

Arrowmen can serve the Council by serving on staff at the upcoming BooFest weekends. See this [flyer](#) for more details. There's no cost to attend and you can earn campership points to pay for future OA activities. For more information, feel free to contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at lakotachchief@gmail.com.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEE District positions are a great way to serve even more youth for those passionate about Scouting. Pacifica's District Committee is looking for a Membership Chair, Eagle Board Coordinator, Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator, Webelos Woods Chair, and Camporee Chair. To nominate yourself (self-nominations are welcome!) or someone you know, contact District Commissioner Tim Shank at tjshank@mac.com.

ADVANCED SCOUTS

HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM TRAINING Want to improve your “year-round” program with advanced outdoor training? Check out the courses the High Adventure Team has to offer at GLAAC-HAT.com, or contact our District HAT Representative, Gabriel Martinez, at martinez0163@att.net. Upcoming HAT Training:

Oct 19-21 [BSA Level I Climbing Instructor](#) Course

Oct 27-28 [Wilderness and Remote First Aid](#)

Nov 3 [Winter Camping](#) and [Snow and Ice Travel](#)

Nov 10 [Navigation & Orienteering](#) Seminar

SEA SCOUTS Want to crew a tall ship? Race a sailboat? Join Ship 1992 - open to those 14-20, and focused on sailing and motor boats. Interested? Contact Bill Drewes (bill.drewes@lamitopsail.org). **TALL SHIP CRUISE TO CATALINA OCT 20-21!!! SEE THIS [FLYER](#) FOR MORE DETAILS**

EXPLORER POST OPENING IN MANHATTAN BEACH Manhattan Beach Police Department is hosting a Law Enforcement Exploring Post. This is a great hands-on opportunity for to young men and women (14 through 20 years old) who are interested in careers in law enforcement or related fields in criminal justice. Contact Sergeant Tim Zins at tzins@citymb.info to learn more!

CHECK US OUT!

Virtually all info is available online: Events, Dates, Fliers, Contacts, Training, Etc.

Pacifica District Website: www.pacificabsa.org

GLAAC Website: www.GLAACBSA.org

ROUNDTABLE PACKETS, along with a copy of this RTM and its embedded links, are available online at PacificaBSA.org under “Most Current Roundtable Matters” in the left hand column.

FLAG CEREMONY AND INVOCATION Duty to God and Country are integral to the Scouting program. Sign up your unit to present the Colors or to give the invocation at a future Roundtable at the sign-in table.

AT ROUNDTABLE Have an event you'd like to promote at Roundtable or flyer you'd like to include with “Roundtable Matters”? We welcome all [appropriate additions](#) to our Roundtable program. Send an email proposal to Roundtable@pacificabsa.org two weeks before Roundtable to get started.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS Please cross-check MB Counselors, their YPT status, and the merit badges they counsel each month. Counselors with expired YPT will be removed from the list. Questions? Contact Kris Kitchen, Merit Badge Chair, at (310) 532-8477 or KKitchen9@gmail.com.

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