



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS) CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! We are still about **\$100,000** short of our District Goal FOS goal. **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.

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 State Farm, Aetna, 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.***



WOOD BADGE STAFF NEEDED FOR FALL 2019 COURSE

Be a part of history by staffing one of the centennial Wood Badge Courses. The fall 2019 Course runs the weekends of Sep. 27-29 and Oct. 25-27. Click [here](#) to learn more about being on staff or being a participant.

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP LAURELS COURSES Leadership Laurels is an outdoor training weekend where adults in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts can get the in-person training required to lead our youth in camping or hiking excursions. Over the course of a weekend, leaders will get their **Position Specific** training (Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Scoutmaster) and the related outdoor training (**BALOO** for Cub Leaders, **IOLS** for Boy Scout Leaders). Youth may accompany their parents, and a program will be made available to them based on their age and rank. **Participants in this course will be awarded both BALOO and IOLS.**

- o Winter 2019: [January 19-20](#) (foothills @ Trask)
- o Spring 2019: [April 27-28](#) (beach @ Cabrillo)
- o Summer 2019: [July 19-20](#) (foothills @ Trask)
- o Fall 2019: [October 19-20](#) (foothills @ Trask)

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

Mark your calendars NOW for the 2019 District Awards Dinner! Thursday February 21st at the Cheesecake Factory in Redondo Beach! Come for the delicious food, camaraderie, and AWARDS! We will celebrate the District Award of Merit recipients, Journey to Excellence Units, Top Troop and Pack and MORE!!! Pay by check at Roundtable this month or online! The online booking ability will be live in mid December on the district website! Book early to be sure you get a reservation!

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT Do you have a Scouter who's always reliable, and consistently goes "the extra mile?" Is there someone in your unit who embodies Scout Spirit? Give thanks to all those individuals who make a difference for our Scouts! Please take some time to nominate deserving individuals for the Pacifica District Award of Merit. The nomination form can be downloaded at http://www.pacificabsa.org/frm/bsa/bsa_district_awardofmeritnomination.pdf and forwarded upon completion to District Director Rita Burgueno at rita.burgueno@boyscoutsla.org.

QUALITY UNIT SCORECARDS AND DISTRICT CAMPING AWARDS When doing your recharter, don't forget to fill out the Journey to Excellence scorecard as well as the Camping awards application and the Peak performance scorecard. These are key tools for the District to see how the units are doing and it helps your unit get the recognition it deserves for putting on a great program. Go for Gold! **FORMS ARE DUE JANUARY 20th**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Jan 15th January Roundtable
- Feb 21st 2019 Pacifica District Dinner
- April 12-14 Spring Wood Badge weekend 1 (Sold out)
- April 26-29th Spring Camporee
- May 4th Pacifica District Pinewood Derby

BIG ROCK: UNIFORMING – WHY DO WE DO IT? BREAKOUTS: TBD

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. For more information, feel free to contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at lakotachief@gmail.com.

2019 WORLD JAMBOREE COMING BACK TO THE UNITED STATES!!!

The last World Jamboree in the States was in 1967 in Idaho, that is why the 2019 WOJAM is really a once in a life time adventure for most Scouts. There will not be another here for a very long time. The GLAAC has one Contingent Troop going to WOJAM and there are a number of openings for Scouts. To sign up you can go to the Council Site and then to [WOJAM site](#) and find registration, once you register you will be into the Approval system, 1st WOJAM Area 4 management team approval & log in then to GLAAC for final approval once that far you will be put on our troop roster. For more information contact Larry Watts at hatguy@charter.net or Charlie Wilson, Field Director at the Smiser Scout Center.

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.org, or contact our District HAT Representative, Gabriel Martinez, at martinez0163@att.net.

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 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 jeffsorbello@att.net 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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