



# Roundtable Matters

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAFETY MOMENT FOR JUNE** Every June, communities across the country come together to focus on a shared mission: preventing injuries and saving lives. Since 1996, the National Safety Council (NSC) has led the charge with National Safety Month (NSM)—a month-long observance dedicated to reducing the leading causes of preventable injury and death, both on and off the job. This year, Scouting America is proud to stand with the NSC in promoting safety awareness that reaches from the workplace to the outdoors, and everywhere in between. [Here's a resource](#) to help you learn more. Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH** June is National Great Outdoors Month—a perfect opportunity for Scouting America councils to energize and engage Cub Scouts with the wonder and excitement of the outdoors. Local councils play a critical role in shaping memorable and educational experiences that foster a lifelong appreciation for nature and outdoor recreation. During National Great Outdoors Month, councils can highlight the values of Scouting while encouraging families to participate in activities that promote healthy lifestyles, environmental stewardship, and teamwork.

**FIREWORKS SAFETY** Scouting America places the highest priority on the safety and well-being of its youth members, volunteers, and staff. To uphold this commitment, the use of fireworks and pyrotechnics is strictly prohibited during any Scouting activity. This clear directive is outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting, the official safety resource for all Scouting programs. According to the online edition of the guide, “Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited in connection with programs and activities.” Want to learn more, [click here](#).

**CAMPFIRE SKITS** Friendly reminder with summer camp just around the corner to talk with your scouts about what's Scout appropriate for campfire skits. [National Camp School has a resource to help guide you.](#)

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTURE** (this list is NOT inclusive—check the [Council Calendar](#) for even more!)

Jun 13-15	<a href="#">Trail to First Class / IOLS</a> (Scouts & Scouters) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation</a>
Jun 14	<a href="#">Certified Angler Instructor Course</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Jun 16 - Aug 8	<a href="#">Innovation Outpost</a> (Youth 5-10) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Jun 16-18	<a href="#">Various Merit Badges</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Jun 16-19	Trail to Eagle (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Jun 20-22	<a href="#">NRA Shotgun Instructor</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation</a>
Jun 21-22	<a href="#">Leave No Trace Trainer's Course</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation</a>
Jun 23-27	<a href="#">Lifesaving MB</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Jun 23-26	<a href="#">Trail to Eagle</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Jun 27-29	<a href="#">NYLT weekend 1</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Jun 30-Jul 3	<a href="#">Trail to Eagle</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Jul 7-10	<a href="#">Trail to Eagle</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Jul 11-13	<a href="#">NYLT weekend 2</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Jul 14-18	<a href="#">Cub Twilight Camp</a> (Cub) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation</a>
Jul 19	Operation On Target (Scouts) email <a href="mailto:heliograph09+OT2015@gmail.com">heliograph09+OT2015@gmail.com</a>
Jul 20	<a href="#">Gun Safety and Fun Water Balloon Shoot</a> (Scouts) 📍 Firestone Scout Reservation
Aug 30	<a href="#">Rifle or Shotgun MB</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Sep 20	Operation On Target (Scouts) email <a href="mailto:heliograph09+OT2015@gmail.com">heliograph09+OT2015@gmail.com</a>
Sep 26-28	Webelos Woods (Webelos and Scouts) <a href="#">El Dorado Park</a>
Oct 18	Pacifica MB Day (Scouts) @ Torrance Scout House
Nov 1	10 Mile Hike (Scouts) <a href="#">Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area</a>

Dec 6 20 Mile Hike (Scouts) [Gabrielino Trail Western Trailhead](#)

**MERIT BADGE PAMPHLET UPDATE** The free public PDF version of all merit badge pamphlets is now [available online here](#). This is part of a program to transition towards a comprehensive Scouting digital platform.

**SCOUTING FOR CLEAN WATERWAYS** Track your waterway cleanup activities in scoutbook to get matching efforts through Cleanhub. Find out more information [here](#).

**CURTAINS UP** Be on the lookout for the new Scouting America musical, coming to the Vegas Sphere after 2026 Jamboree. [Good a Good Turn and Take a Bow](#)

**CAMP CARD SEASON** Camp Cards are available now through 15 September. Check it out [here](#) and have your scouts earn funds to offset costs for summer camp.

**FAMILY ADVENTURE CAMPS** Is your family looking for an unforgettable summer adventure? Have you looked at our High Adventure Camps? <https://www.scouting.org/national-high-adventure-bases/family-adventure-camp/activities/>

**HIKING MERIT BADGE HIKE** For all Scouts working on earning the hiking merit badge, the 2025 hikes have been scheduled. Ten-mile hike will be conducted on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a 20-mile hike on December 6. This is earlier than the first week in January when we have had it in the past. These hikes are also great training hikes for Philmont and are completely free. Come out and join us as we hike through some of our beautiful California trails. For more information, please contact Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com).

**ATTENTION MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:** Thank you all for playing your part in the development of our youth by serving as a merit badge counselor. If you know of anyone that has a talent for teaching youth, there is probably something that person could contribute. Mention the possibility of becoming a counselor and point the person to the website <https://greaterlascouting.org/pacifica-advancement-information/> which has the document that describes our process.

**PACIFICA'S ARROW OF LIGHT (AOL) WOODS:** Registration Opening Soon for AOL Scouts and Troops for Pacifica's Arrow of Light (AOL) Woods that will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> at El Dorado Park. We are looking for enthusiastic units to staff stations for the AOL Patrols, run the campfire, conduct the interfaith worship service and to staff the events. We would also like other units to come out and be a part of our midway. The midway will provide your unit an opportunity to introduce your unit to our AOL Scouts if you are not staffing a station. We want to have a fun and exciting weekend for our Webelos. For more information please contact Kathy at [Pacificawebeloswoods@gmail.com](mailto:Pacificawebeloswoods@gmail.com).

**HOLD THE DATE – PACIFICA'S SPRING CAMPOREE APRIL 2026:** Pacifica's 2026 Spring Camporee will be held April 24-26<sup>th</sup> at Firestone Scout Reservation.

**PACIFICA DISTRICT VACANT POSITIONS** Actively seeking nominations or volunteers for Pacifica's Roundtable Commissioner, Vice Chair, Training Chair, Program Chair, and Special Events Chair. Please contact [eric.arentsen@gmail.com](mailto:eric.arentsen@gmail.com) with your nominee.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Pacifica District, we need volunteers to plan and staff some of the awesome events we are planning for next year. We need volunteers to organize our Scouting for Food, Memorial Day Flag Placement and District Volunteer Event. We also need volunteers to help staff our Geocache Day, Camporee Committee, Fishing Merit Badge Camping Weekend and a Family Day at Cabrillo. If you are interested in supporting any of these events, please contact Sheila at [Sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:Sheandjc@yahoo.com).

**MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND RANGEMASTERS NEEDED:** If you are a nurse, nurse practitioner or doctor, we need your help. One of the requirements for certain overnight activities is that we have medical personnel onsite. If we don't have volunteers, we have to add the cost of hiring someone to the cost of the event or cancel the event if we can't find someone. Please contact me if you are willing to help staff one of our events. We also need rangemasters to help out at our ranges. Our camps have limited resources and sometimes cannot provide the support we need to efficiently run our ranges. Please let me know if you are willing to help out during our events. If you are supporting the event, you can attend the event free of charge. Please contact Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com) for more information or to volunteer.

**DEN MEETING ACTIVITY CARD** The Den Meeting Activity Card Deck is a valuable resource for Cub Scout leaders to plan and conduct Den Meetings. The cards provide instructions for games, skill-building activities, and crafts related to specific adventure or rank requirements. These decks assist Den Leaders in organizing fun, engaging, and educational meetings for the Scouts. Learn more by watching [this recent video](#).

**BEAR CAN RENTALS** Need to keep Yogi and Boo-Boo out of your troop food on campouts but don't have a bear can? See the Bear Can Rental flyer in RTM! Ranger Smith and your scouts will thank you.

**UPDATED EAGLE SCOUT EMBLEM** The Scouting America Eagle Scout Emblems are now available at National Scout Shops. Previous emblems will remain available until the stock is depleted.

**BSA FISHING** Calling all Cub Scout units in the Pacifica District. Take advantage of this resource to enhance your unit's fishing activities and ensure your leaders are well-prepared and trained. For any questions regarding fishing activities for your unit and available adult training opportunities, please contact Dane Shigemura. I am your dedicated point of contact for all fishing-related inquiries and will be able to provide the necessary information and support. Email: [dane\\_shigemura@yahoo.com](mailto:dane_shigemura@yahoo.com)

**RECRUITMENT** Council has been getting ready for our recruitment season, if you have any questions with what items we have available to help with your recruitment please check out the council's recruiting page <https://greaterlascouting.org/recruitment-materials-order-page/>

**EAGLE ADVANCEMENT** Eagle candidates please review the “[Path to Eagle](#)” (Rev. 1/2025). See these [great tips from Scouting Magazine](#) on helping Scouts, especially those who are neurodivergent, on their path to Eagle. Eagle Project approver is Mr. Cortenbach who can be contacted at [wpcortenbach@gmail.com](mailto:wpcortenbach@gmail.com) or by phone at 310-891-2301. Scout profile and join date will be requested from Council and Scout will be assigned a book check person. Please do not contact the Council directly for profile or join date. Please call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197 for the Pacifica verification and review once the Eagle book and application are ready. Prior to contacting Pacifica District for approval, please review Eagle application and Eagle book with your troop advancement chair to confirm records agree with troop records and Eagle book is complete. Please check out the resources in the [Advancement Information Section](#). The updated Eagle Application and Confidential Appraisal Reference Letter are also included in RTM.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA)** The OA is Scouting's Honor Society for Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Members (“Arrowmen”) provide service to their home Units, the Pacifica District, our Council, and BSA nationally. OA provides Youth members additional service and leadership opportunities that help them grow and build experience. Members are sent virtual Meeting invitations via the LodgeMaster application.

The next Monthly Lakota Chapter Meeting is scheduled 7:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025. The location and other details will be sent to Chapter members by email.

Registration for the Section G18N Conclave to be held September 19-21, 2025, at the Cabrillo Youth Center may be completed [here](#).

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at [lakotachchief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachchief@gmail.com) and the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org).

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### CHECK US OUT!

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

Pacifica District Website: <https://GreaterLAscouting.org/pacifica-district/>

GLAAC Website: <https://GreaterLAscouting.org/>

**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. Have a topic you'd like to see as a breakout session or big rock? Send an email proposal to [gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org](mailto:gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org) or [roundtable@pacificabsa.org](mailto:roundtable@pacificabsa.org) two weeks before Roundtable to get started.