

HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

September 2025

Scouting America

- ❖ There will be no admission fees at National Parks or at Bureau of Land Management areas on National Public Lands Day (September 27) and on Veterans Day (November 11).
- ❖ Desert Camping and Travel training will be held on Saturday, September 20th. 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. Register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan.
- ❖ The GLAAC-HAT is hosting a 2-day Wilderness and Remote First Aid certification on October 25th and 26th. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan.
- ❖ Wilderness Woman for Men is coming up on Monday, October 27th. This is a class created specifically for male Scout leaders and assistant leaders in troops that welcome female Scouts. We will discuss how to approach potential issues both on the trail and off, working with boys and girls together, and how to make sure you are modeling the values of Scouting with everyone in your troop. Register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan.

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3-Month Calendar

Sep 20	Desert Camping and Travel Training Seminar	See attached flyer
TBD	Desert Camping and Travel Training Field Experience	
Oct 7	HAT Meeting *	
Oct 17,18,&19	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	
Oct 25&26	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	See attached flyer
Oct 27	Wilderness Woman (male version)	See attached flyer
Nov 1	Winter Camping and Travel / Snow & Ice Travel Training Seminar	
Nov 4	HAT Meeting *	
Nov 8	Navigation & Orienteering Training Seminar	
Nov 14&15	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	
Nov 16	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	

* HAT meetings are open to all registered adults. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. We will be meeting virtually too. Contact Steve Dodson for details.

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

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Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2025

- PURPOSE:** Acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness and special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience.
- DATE:** Seminar: Saturday 20 September 2025
Weekend outing: date to be arranged during seminar
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. (bring sack lunch)
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles
Weekend Outing: TBD Joshua Tree National Park.
- COST:** \$25.00 by 13 September 2025. If fewer than five sign ups are made prior to that date a cancellation notice will be sent. Otherwise a confirmation will be sent after that date.
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>. For help with registration contact Hannibol Sullivan, Community Engagement Coordinator (SR) and HAT Advisor at (213) 413-4400 or email Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org.
- EQUIPMENT:** Paper and pencil, and lunch for seminar.
Each Scouter is responsible for obtaining the clothing, equipment, and food for the weekend trip.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 15 Students
- OVERVIEW:** During the seminar, we will select a date and plan for a weekend backpack trip to Joshua Tree National Park (The Park has a \$25.00 per vehicle entry fee). A backpack trip 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.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Completion of the Adult Leader Backpack Training is highly recommended. Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).
- QUESTIONS:** Tarin Casillas; Course Director (310)780-0074; e-mail ticasillas@msn.com



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. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch and is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Michael Schlaifer; Vice Chair Training: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, michael@schlaifer.com.

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Fall 2025



**American
Red Cross**

- PURPOSE:** Extend Scout Leaders knowledge of First Aid to those situations where professional response may not be immediately available. This training is geared towards Adult Scout Leaders and those Scout parents going to a Scout High Adventure Base activity or Scout wilderness activity.
- DATE:** Saturday and Sunday 25 & 26 October 2025
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
- LOCATION:** Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles
- COST:** \$90.00 for Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED by 18 October 2025. If fewer than five sign ups are made prior to that date a cancellation notice will be sent. Otherwise a confirmation will be sent after that date. Cost includes a CD with all printed material on it.
- REGISTRATION:** Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>. For help with registration contact Hannibol Sullivan, Community Engagement Coordinator (SR) and HAT Advisor at (213) 413-4400 or email Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org.
- EQUIPMENT:** None needed.
- MEALS:** All meals are the responsibility of the participants. Time will be allotted to go out or you can bring your own snacks, lunch and refreshments.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 45 students
- OVERVIEW:** CPR/AED class includes printed materials as well as AED demonstration using an AED trainer and use of CPR manikins. Successful completion of the course earns a certification valid for two years.
- REQUIREMENTS:** For Wilderness and Remote First Aid Certification, current certification in Adult CPR & AED which will be taught at the beginning of the class.
For First Aid Basics – have knowledge of Tenderfoot, Second Class & First Class First Aid skills, and completion of the online trainings in Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat.
- INSTRUCTORS:** Rick Reeley and Dave Rolandelli
- QUESTIONS:** Rick Reeley course instructor at reeleyr@cmtlaw.com

A USB thumb drive with all printed material on it will be given to each participant.

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Wilderness Woman Training For Men 2025

- PURPOSE:** This course is designed specifically for male scout leaders and assistant scout leaders in troops that welcome female scouts. If you feel comfortable and confident when working with your female scouts, they will feel more comfortable and confident too. We will discuss how to approach potential issues both on the trail and off, working with boys and girls together, how to make sure you are following best practices with Youth Protection Training, and how to ensure you are modeling the values of scouting with everyone in your troop. These can be uncomfortable topics, but they are important to address and will better prepare you to communicate effectively with your troop.
- DATE:** Monday 27 October 2025
- TIME:** 7:30 p.m. to about 10:30 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles
- COST:** \$10.00 by 20 October 2025. If fewer than five sign ups are made prior to that date a cancellation notice will be sent. Otherwise a confirmation will be sent after that date.
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>. For help with registration contact Hannibol Sullivan, Community Engagement Coordinator (SR) and HAT Advisor at (213) 413-4400 or email Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org.
There will be no sign ups at the door.
- EQUIPMENT:** No special equipment is needed for this training but do bring your questions, concerns, experiences, successes, etc. to share.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 25 participants.
- OVERVIEW:** This is an open discussion by the moderators and the participants about issues that arise for women and girls in a back country setting.
- REQUIREMENTS:** None.
- QUESTIONS:** Course Instructor Beth Miles (626) 590-8346 (C)
e-mail: elizabeth.miles@gmail.com



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