

The **Scouter** newsletter is here. Can you believe this is our **30th issue**? We hope you've been enjoying the newsletter. Look inside to learn what's new in the SGVD, including important unit and membership renewal, Friends of Scouting updates, and much more.

## Roundtable

By David Granillo

Welcome to September, the start of football season.

We hope you'll come to Roundtable on Wednesday, September 10th to learn more ideas for outings and programs. Adult leaders can get new ideas from other leaders, commissioners, and Roundtable staff in and around the district.

Don't forget to wear your leather fobs so you can receive your monthly bead at Roundtable. Also, bring your own water container and you will receive a special bead. Roundtable is open to all Scout Leaders. If units have questions, need guidance, or have suggestions for Roundtable topics of interest, please email [David Granillo](mailto:David.Granillo).

### Join Us In-Person



**Wednesday, 09/10 7 PM**

Azusa Eagles Lodge  
1603 San Gabriel Canyon Rd  
Azusa  
*Park in the back & enter rear door*

## Eagle Corner

### AUGUST EAGLES

Please join us in congratulating the SGV District's Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank in August!

- ◆ Kevin Louie, Troop 126
- ◆ Ethan Sung, Troop 104
- ◆ Matthew Hill, Troop 443
- ◆ Powell Stanger, Troop 407



### LIFE TO EAGLE ORIENTATIONS

What is a "Life to Eagle Orientation"? It's an informational session designed to guide Life Scouts and their parents through the process of earning the Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in Scouting America. These orientations provide clarity on the requirements, procedures, and resources needed to successfully navigate the journey from Life Scout to Eagle Scout.

Life to Eagle Orientations have been scheduled for the following dates at 7 pm at St. Dorothy Catholic Church, 241 S Valley Center Ave, Glendora, CA 91741:

- ◆ Thursday, October 9, 2025
- ◆ Thursday, January 22, 2026
- ◆ Wednesday, May 27, 2026

If your Life Scout is actively working towards the Eagle Scout rank, please join us so they can be prepared!



## Friends of Scouting Annual Giving Campaign

By Drake Rubalcava

Happy September! I hope you had a relaxing Labor Day weekend and that your Scouts are settling in well to the new school year. As we enter the fall season, it's a great time to check in on your unit's participation in the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. Whether you've already given or are planning to soon—thank you for helping us support Scouting in our district!

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISER – HABIT BURGER GRILL

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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Dine at Habit Burger in either Duarte or San Dimas during fundraiser hours and mention our FOS fundraiser when ordering. 20% of your meal will go to support our district's friends of scouting program!

 Flyer attached—please share with your unit families!

### RECOGNIZING OUR EARLY FOS CONTRIBUTORS

Please join us in congratulating the following units who received their 2025 FOS Certificate & Participation Ribbon at the August Round Table:

- ◆ Troop 185
- ◆ Troop 188

- ◆ Troop 411
- ◆ Troop 483

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR EARLY AND GENEROUS SUPPORT!

The following units have also earned their awards and will be recognized at this month's Round Table:

- ◆ Pack 114
- ◆ Troop 110
- ◆ Troop 373

- ◆ Troop 407
- ◆ Troop 486
- ◆ Crew 0091

### CURRENT PROGRESS (AS OF 8/25/25)

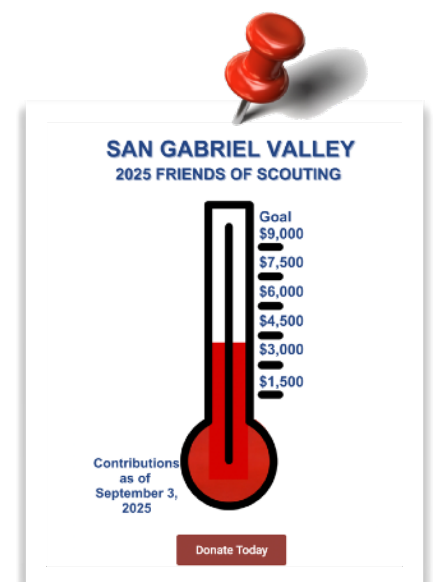
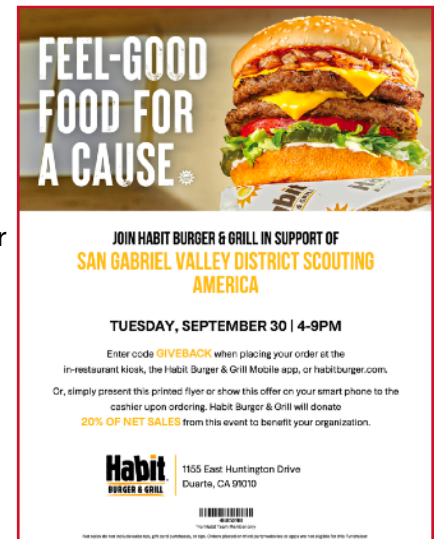
Raised: \$4,197

Goal: \$9,000

% of Goal: 46.6%

There's still time to contribute! Even a gift of \$5 helps us continue offering quality Scouting programs across the district.

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## FOS Annual Giving Campaign (cont'd)

By Drake Rubalcava

### FOS Donor Recognition

Show your Scouting spirit and earn a special shoulder strip based on your giving level:

-  Sapphire Level (\$25–\$149): New Council Shoulder Strip
-  Gold Level (\$150–\$424): Gold Council Shoulder Strip
-  Diamond Level (\$425+): Diamond Council Shoulder Strip



### UNIT RECOGNITION

Units that participate in FOS receive a White Ribbon for their unit flag.  
Units with 100% family participation receive the prestigious Presidential Ribbon.  
Let's show our district pride and aim for full participation!

### WANT AN IN-PERSON FOS PRESENTATION?

We're happy to schedule a short in-person or virtual presentation for your unit. Please contact:

Your Unit Commissioner

Susan Kimball, District Commissioner

Estela Chicas, District Director

Or reply directly to me, drakerubalcava@outlook.com

Thank you for supporting Friends of Scouting!

Together, we're building the next generation of leaders through character, citizenship, and service.

## Upcoming Events

|               |                                                                                                        |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/30         | <u>District Fundraiser</u> , The Habit (in-restaurant, kiosk, Grill mobile app, online code: GIVEBACK) |
| 10/04         | <u>Cub Scout Adventure Day</u> , Trask Scout Reservation                                               |
| 10/10 - 10/12 | <u>The Jungle Expedition: Secrets of Lost Camp Pepperdine</u> , Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation         |
| 10/11         | <u>Dynamic Skills Merit Badge Day</u> , Trask Scout Reservation                                        |
| 10/24 - 10/26 | <u>Firestone's BooFest</u> , Firestone Scout Reservation                                               |
| 11/01         | <u>10 Mile Hike</u> , Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation                                       |
| 11/02         | <u>Law Day Merit Badge Day</u> , Layola Law School, Robinson Courtroom                                 |
| 11/14 - 11/16 | <u>Firestone's Pumpkin Smash</u> , Firestone Scout Reservation                                         |
| 07/19-31      | <u>2026 National Scout Jamboree</u> , Summit Bechtel Reserve                                           |

For more information on the events above and additional upcoming events check the [SGV District Calendar](#).



## Commissioner's Corner

By Susan Kimball

For many of us, it is the time to renew our unit and individual membership in Scouting America. As a reminder, unit and member renewals are no longer the same.

### UNIT RENEWAL

The unit Key-3 will renew the Unit in the Organization Manager in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). The renewal can be completed 60 days before the unit's expiration. For most units in Greater LA Scouting, the date is September 30. Please renew your units as soon as possible. You do not need to wait until all members are renewed. For detailed instructions on how to renew, please see last month's newsletter or visit our [Membership and Unit Renewal web page](#). All Key 3 Scouters, keep an eye out for your Membership Renewal Information report in your inbox.

Any units chartered by the Catholic Church needs to complete an updated annual charter agreement. Here are some handy links to the Catholic annual agreements:

- ◆ [Catholic Annual Charter Agreement](#)
- ◆ [Catholic Affiliation Agreement](#)
- ◆ [Catholic Facilities Use & Indemnity Agreement](#)

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Individual members/families can complete their membership renewal. Your unit can also opt to complete membership renewals for some or all of its members. You can find the Settings for these options in the Organization Manager. Units can renew their members on the roster screen. Members expiring in September have received emails reminding them that it is time to renew their membership. Please plan how you will handle the renewals this year.

Starting in August, Scouting America will send text reminders to members about upcoming renewals. These helpful reminders will be sent starting 45 days before the membership expiration.

Members whose SYT/YPT training has expired will not be able to renew until the training is complete. Please renew your SYT/YPT as soon as possible to help make the renewal process easier for your Unit.

**Members who have not completed the AB-506 requirements will have their membership suspended before renewal.** Those members will need to complete all of the requirements before being allowed to renew their membership.

Are your adult leaders in compliance with the State-mandated Law AB506? Find out who is missing their requirements in your unit. Please reach out to [Estela Chicas](#) immediately to get your unit in compliance!

If you need help with your renewal, you can also join us at the Arcadia Scout Shop on Saturday, September 13th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Units can stop by if they want to drop off renewal payment or submit any paperwork and Estela will be there to try to help or answer questions.





**UNIT AND  
MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL  
PROCESS**

**Need help?**  
**We are here for you!**  
**September 13 | 10 AM - 2 PM**  
**Arcadia Scout Shop**  
**411 E Huntington Dr, Arcadia**



## Training Update

By Melissa Brown

The new Trained Leader Requirements (June 2025) from Scouting America are presented in an organized chart detailing required courses by position, their online training codes, and estimated completion times for each section.

### CHART OVERVIEW

The leader's requirements chart specifies exactly what training modules are required for different Scouting roles, lists the course codes, and provides both the classroom and online options. Time estimates for each module are included so leaders know how long training will take for their specific position.

### SPECIAL NOTES AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ All leaders must have current Hazardous Weather Training to maintain trained status.
- ◆ Some positions (e.g., Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster) require Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) as an in-person component.
- ◆ There are optional classroom equivalents for each online training path.
- ◆ District, Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scout, and Commissioner positions have unique training codes and time requirements, which are provided in the [full chart PDF](#).
- ◆ Youth Protection Training and position-specific modules are mandatory for all registered adults.

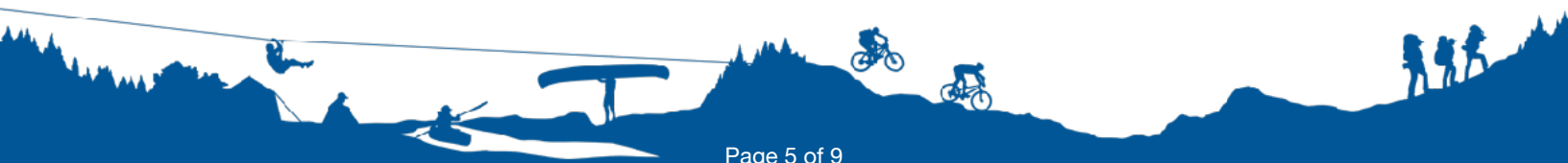
### FINDING AND DOWNLOADING THE CHART

The chart is available for immediate download. Visit the official Scouting America site at the [Training Quicklinks](#) section to access the full document.

## Upcoming Training

|               |                   |                                                                              |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/19 - 09/21 | Overnight         | Wood Badge (Fall Course), Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation                     |
| 09/20         | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | HAT - Desert Camping and Travel Training, Cushman Watt Scout Center          |
| 09/27         | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Trask Scout Reservation |
| 10/17 - 10/19 | Overnight         | Training N Transition (TNT), Trask Scout Reservation                         |
| 10/17 - 10/19 | Overnight         | National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation    |
| 10/25 - 10/26 | Overnight         | Wilderness and Remote First Aid, Cushman Watt Scout Center                   |
| 11/01         | 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM | University of Scouting, St. Paul High School                                 |
| 11/14 - 11/16 | Overnight         | Trail to First Class/IOLS, Trask Scout Reservation                           |
| 12/13         | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Trask Scout Reservation |

For more information on the trainings above and additional upcoming training check the [Scouting Training Calendar](#).





## Popcorn Program

By Estela Chicas

11 units committed but only the 8 below have submitted orders. Thank the units below for the \$91,567 ordered from our \$130,000 Goal.

If your unit isn't selling but you want to sell individually, please reach out to [Estela Chicas](#). You can learn more about the [Popcorn Campaign](#) [here](#).

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| ◆ Pack 408  | ◆ Pack 820  |
| ◆ Pack 490  | ◆ Troop 888 |
| ◆ Pack 491  | ◆ Pack 156  |
| ◆ Troop 411 | ◆ Troop 483 |



## Safety Moment - Annual Health and Medical Record

The Scouting adventure, camping trips, high-adventure excursions, and having fun are important to everyone in Scouting—and so is your safety and well-being. Completing the Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) is the first step in making sure you have a great Scouting experience.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Scouting America's Annual Health and Medical Record (often known as the "medical form" or "annual physical") is designed to help ensure that all participants in the Scouting program are healthy enough for the adventure of Scouting. It is not intended to limit participation but to inform and protect.
- ◆ To keep up with possible changes in health status, the form needs to be updated annually or when a participant's health information changes. The record expires in one year.
- ◆ The four-part form serves as a single place to document a participant's medical history and recent medical examination. It also provides consent for treatment in the event a participant needs emergency care while traveling away from parent or guardian.
- ◆ Parts A and B should be completed for all participants and Scouting leaders. Part C should be completed by a licensed health care provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A.) before the participant attends any Scouting event that is longer than 72 hours, such as a summer camp, trek, or multiday excursion.
- ◆ The optional "High Adventure Risk Advisory" (formerly known as Part D) needs to be shared with the examining medical provider during the pre-participation examination to explain known health risks for each of Scouting America's four highadventure bases. Additionally, your council may develop a risk advisory specific to your council camps or other properties or events.
- ◆ The forms should be maintained by a designated leader. To assure privacy, the forms should be carefully stored and used only as needed to provide for planning and rendering care. The AHMR should not be scanned, stored, or sent electronically except as specifically directed for a Scouting America national event such as the national jamboree or NOAC.
- ◆ Neither Scouting America nor the Annual Health and Medical Record are subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). A Scout is Trustworthy: Records and sensitive information should be maintained in a private manner.

### RESOURCES

- ◆ [AHMR Landing page](#)
- ◆ [AHMR Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- ◆ [Medication Use in Scouting](#)
- ◆ [Guide to Safe Scouting, Medical Information and First Aid](#)



## The National Eagle Scout Association

By John Campbell

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is an organization of individuals who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Scouting America. NESA's stated objective is "to serve Eagle Scouts and, through them, the entire movement of Scouting." Members of the National Eagle Scout Association further the mission, values, and time-honored traditions of Scouting in your community and our country. The National Eagle Scout Association recognizes Eagle Scouts with awards for leadership, service, and distinctive professional accomplishments, such as the Adam's Eagle Project of the Year, the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, the NESA Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, and the NESA Distinguished Service Award. Donors are recognized via the NESA Legacy Society. Council NESA committees may devise their own local awards to recognize community service and NESA activities, consistent with their council's policies.



### NESA PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded to Eagle Scouts who have shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service, and who demonstrate they understand the fundamentals of service to community, service to Scouting and their character. They should also demonstrate that, if they have a financial need, what distinguishes their financial need from others.

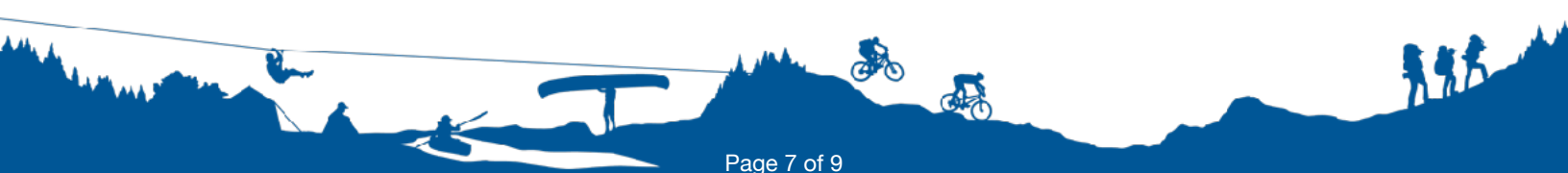
Council Service Territory (CST): A CST is a group of councils geographically located together.

- ◆ One recipient will be selected for a four-year \$50,000 Lawrence S. and Mabel Cooke Scholarship (up to \$12,500 per year for four years).
- ◆ Four recipients will be selected for a four-year \$30,000 Lawrence S. and Mabel Cooke Scholarship (up to \$7,500 per year for four years).
- ◆ One recipient will be selected from each CST for a one-year \$10,000 Lawrence S. and Mabel Cooke Scholarship (14 scholarships total).
- ◆ One recipient will be selected from each CST for a one-year \$7,000 Hansen & Mary Hall Scholarship (14 scholarships total).
- ◆ One recipient will be selected from each CST for a one-year \$6,000 National Eagle Scout Association Scholarship Endowment (14 scholarships total).
- ◆ One recipient will be selected from each CST for a one-year \$6,000 Lester S. McElwain Eagle Scholarship, Robert and Rebecca Palmer Eagle Scout Scholarship, or National Eagle Scout Association Legacy Society Scholarship (14 scholarships total).

### NESA MEMBERSHIPS

NESA offers a 5-year membership for \$100 and a Lifetime for \$500. Lifetime members get a special Double Knot to wear on their uniform. If you become a member within 6 months of your Eagle Board of Review, there is a 15% discount on the membership. The cost of Memberships can be provided as a gift to an Eagle Scout, so parents, grandparents, extended family, this is a great gift.

For more complete information go to [www.NESA.org](http://www.NESA.org).



## Camp Card Campaign

By Estela Chicas

The Camp card unit fundraiser campaigns come to an end. The SGV 2025 goal was \$72,000 and we raised \$60,200 with 35 participating units. Payments to close out your accounts are due by 09/15 by [using this link](#). Unfortunately, we are not accepting any returns.

### THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPATING UNITS

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ◆ Troop 373 B             | ◆ Pack 66               |
| ◆ Pack 114                | ◆ Crew 199              |
| ◆ Troop 188 B/G           | ◆ Troop 333             |
| ◆ Troop 66                | ◆ Pack 156              |
| ◆ Troop 407 B/G           | ◆ Pack 462              |
| ◆ Troop 185 B/G           | ◆ Troop 174             |
| ◆ Troop 486               | ◆ Pack 408              |
| ◆ Troop 483               | ◆ Pack/Troops 551 GT/BT |
| ◆ Troop 443               | ◆ Troop 167             |
| ◆ Troop 141 BT/GT/Pack143 | ◆ Troop 181             |
| ◆ Troop 147               | ◆ Pack 443              |
| ◆ Pack 147                | ◆ Troop 888             |
| ◆ Troop 423 B/G           | ◆ Troop 111             |
| ◆ Pack 423                |                         |



### Recruitment Flyers Posters & Brochures Other Recruitment Items Exploring Items

Join Cub Scouts Yard Sign

Join Scout BSA Yard Sign



[www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org)

[www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org)



Cub Scout Peer to Peer Cards

Scouts BSA Peer to Peer Cards



## Recruitment Materials

By Maureen McLaughlin

Recruitment season is here. As you start planning your activities for the new Scouting year, make sure to check out the resources available to you on our [Recruitment Materials page](#). This page contains media you can download and customize to help advertise your unit.

Additionally, you can order materials to hand out at events like peer cards, pencils, stickers and more, to aid in your recruitment process. You can even request yard signs. You can [order those items here](#).



## Upcoming Events

Click the images below for more details.



**FEEL-GOOD FOOD FOR A CAUSE**

JOIN HABIT BURGER & GRILL IN SUPPORT OF  
**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT SCOUTING AMERICA**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 4-9PM**

Enter code **GIVEBACK** when placing your order at the in-restaurant kiosk, the Habit Burger & Grill Mobile app, or habitburger.com. Or, simply present this printed flyer or show this offer on your smart phone to the cashier upon ordering. Habit Burger & Grill will donate **20% OF NET SALES** from this event to benefit your organization.

**Habit Burger & Grill**  
1155 East Huntington Drive  
Duarte, CA 91010



**OCTOBER 10-12, 2025**

**JUNGLE EXPEDITION**  
SECRETS OF LOST CAMP PEPPERDINE

**JOIN US NOW**  
For a Camp Pepperdine Adventure  
<https://scoutingevent.com/033-JungleExpedition>

Youth (Scouts BSA) Participants: \$130.00  
Adult Participants: \$65.00

Long ago, Camp Pepperdine thrived with spirit, its towering totems and proud Jungle Banner standing as symbols of adventure. Then, on one stormy night beneath a blood-red moon, it vanished into legend. Now, the call has gone out for Scouts like you to step into the story, retrace the lost trails, and solve one of Scouting's most thrilling mysteries.

This weekend-long adventure focuses on earning merit badges, building skills, and enjoying delicious meals prepared for Scouts and leaders. As the sun sets on Saturday, you'll venture into the shadowed outskirts of Pepperdine on a haunted night hike, where the whispers in the trees grow louder... and the mystery awaits.

**CONTACT TREVOR ULLOM AT [TREVOR.ULLOM2@SCOUTING.ORG](mailto:TREVOR.ULLOM2@SCOUTING.ORG)**

**THE 13TH ANNUAL LAW MERIT BADGE DAY**



Sponsored by the Legal Eagles

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**  
9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Robinson Courtroom  
at Loyola Law School  
319 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015

Cost per Scout: \$40 (in-council) | \$50 (out-of-council)  
Scholarships are available upon request, please contact Hannibal Sullivan at [Hannibal.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Hannibal.Sullivan@scouting.org)

Register at: [scoutingevent.com/033-LawDay](https://scoutingevent.com/033-LawDay)  
Participants must be 13 or older

Contact: Hannibal Sullivan at [Hannibal.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Hannibal.Sullivan@scouting.org)



**WOOD BADGE**

**TAKE YOUR UNIT TO THE NEXT LEVEL**



**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Registration Fee **\$375.00**  
(+\$20 for EARLY BIRD ENDS Sept 01, 2025)

**A Toolbox of Leadership Skills**

**SCOUTS — READY TO LEAD?**  
Join the Greater Los Angeles Area Council's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN**

- Vision & Goal Setting
- Leadership EDUCATION
- Conflict Resolution & Problem Solving
- Team Development & Servant Leadership
- Planning & Decision Making Tools

**HELP BUILD STRONGER TROOP LEADERS**

- Trained youth take initiative
- Personal growth and self-awareness
- Builds a culture of teamwork, service & responsibility
- Immediate improvement in troop performance

Visit Our Website  
<https://greaterlosangeles.org/nylt/>



**Firestone Scout Reservation**  
October 24-26, 2025

**BOO FEST**

Get ready for an exciting scouting weekend packed with fun and festivities. An array of engaging activities awaits Cub Scouts and their siblings, ensuring an action-packed experience. On Saturday, children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of activities that promise excitement and learning. As the day winds down, the excitement doesn't stop — gather around for a movie night under the stars!

<https://scoutingevent.com/033-BooFest>



**2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE**  
JULY 19-31, 2026

Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of a lifetime. And there is simply nothing else like it on the planet.

Sign up now at  
[ScoutingEvent.com/033-Jamboree](https://ScoutingEvent.com/033-Jamboree)

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