

The **Scouter** newsletter is here. Look inside to learn what's new in the SGVD, including upcoming events, training opportunities, new merit badges, Friends of Scouting updates, and much more.

Roundtable

By David Granillo

Happy Halloween this month.

We hope to see everyone at Roundtable on Wednesday, October 8th 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.

This month, the Cub Scout session will consist of Halloween games and activities for your den and pack meetings. The Scouts BSA session will consist of camping and programs for your troops. We'll also discuss yearly planning and supporting the youth program.

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.

Join Us In-Person



Wednesday, 10/8, 7 PM

Azusa Eagles Lodge
1603 San Gabriel Canyon Rd
Azusa

Park in the back & enter rear door

Eagle Corner

SEPTEMBER EAGLES

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

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| ◆ Andrew Ballesteros, Troop 407 | ◆ Sean Cullen, Troop 486 |
| ◆ Miles Kaiser, Troop 408 | ◆ Josiah Lopez, Troop 141 |
| ◆ Connor Lam, Troop 104 | ◆ Isabella Lee, Troop 141 |
| ◆ Alejandro Salcido, Troop 402 | ◆ Matthew Lin, Troop 126 |
| ◆ Joaquin Bermudez, Troop 402 | |



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

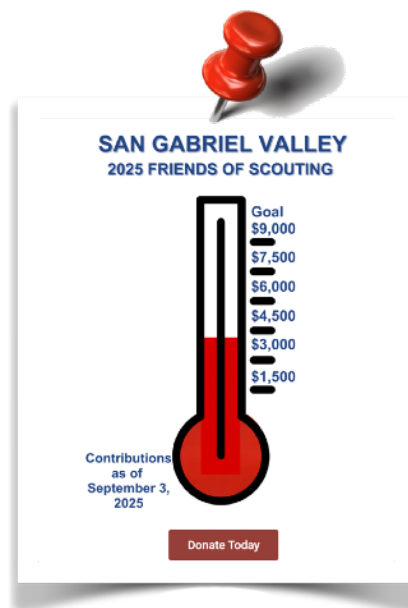
By Drake Rubalcava

Happy October and welcome to spooky season! For units who are celebrating with Courts of Honor, I extend my congratulations to scouts for their hard work especially after summer camp.

With recharterers already completed for most if not all units I would like to remind you to take a look at your unit's contributions to FOS. Still haven't given? Wondering if there is still time? Want more information with an in-person presentation? Don't worry there is still penalty of time for you to contribute and have you or your unit added to our special donor board we display at Roundtable each month. Which means roundtable is a good time for you to visit and be presented with your Certificate and Ribbon for your unit's involvement with FOS for 2025.

Also, my sincere thank you for those who participated in our second FOS fundraiser at Habit Burger in Duarte on Tuesday. Be on the lookout for a potential third fundraiser this year!

As the district key 3 and myself are continuing to redevelop our FOS efforts throughout the district, please feel free to send your feedback or suggestions to myself via email, drakerubalcava@outlook.com.

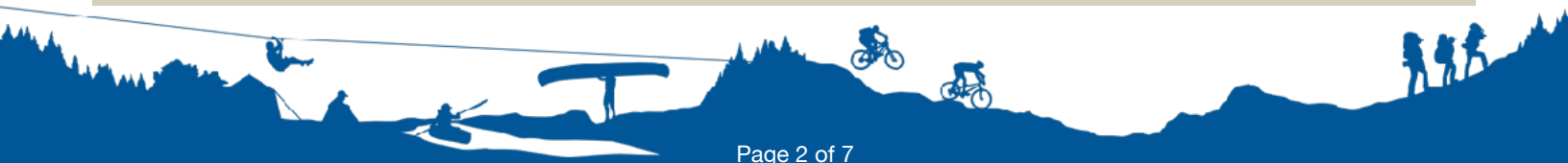


Upcoming Events

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
10/11	<u>Cabrillo Merit Badge Day</u> (First Aid & Lifesaving), Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront
10/17 - 10/19	<u>Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)</u>
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
01/16 - 01/18	Winter Camp for Cub Scouts, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation*
01/23 - 01/25	Winter Camp for Scouts BSA, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation*
01/30 - 02/01	Winter Camp for Cub Scouts, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation*
02/13 - 02/15	Winter Camp for Scouts BSA, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation*
02/20 - 02/22	Winter Camp for Scouts BSA, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation*
02/27 - 03/01	Winter Camp for Cub Scouts, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation*
03/06 - 03/08	Winter Camp for Cub Scouts, Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation*
01/17	<u>Winter Fest</u> , Trask Scout Reservation
07/19-31	<u>2026 National Scout Jamboree</u> , Summit Bechtel Reserve

* **Links will be posted soon. Be sure to check the SGV District Calendar later this week to register.**

For more information on the events above and additional upcoming events check the SGV District Calendar.



Local Conservation Service Project Needs Volunteers

By Clark Mason

Glendora Trails Council is looking for volunteers to help with Glendora Trails Day on Saturday 11/1/2025 from 8 am to 12:30 pm in the Big Dalton Canyon Wilderness Area (2041 Big Dalton Canyon Rd, Glendora, CA 91741). Volunteers can stay for as little or as much time as they would like. Glendora Trails Day is an ongoing twice a year service program sponsored by Glendora Trails Council, the Glendora Rotary Club and the City to help clean up and maintain trails in Glendora. Volunteers are needed to maintain the trails. This service project can generally be counted as conservation service hours for scouts subject to any troop rules. Scouts in the district are encouraged to consider volunteering, but specifically if the scout needs conservation hours. Glendora Packs and Troops have been volunteering for this event for years.



Participants will receive a free commemorative patch and lunch (depending on how long you stay and when the Rotary starts serving) for helping their local environment. Tools for trail work will be provided, but individuals are asked to bring gloves, water, sunscreen and bug spray. Participants should wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and a hat. Youth groups must be supervised by adults. Participants must also sign a release form. Any volunteers under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian signature on release forms. Release waivers will be filled out on the day of the event. Check in is at Big Dalton Campground. For additional information about this project, contact the Trails Council at glendoratrailscouncil@gmail.com.

I encourage troops to consider bringing your whole troop and/or promoting this to scouts that need service hours.

Save the Dates

By Andrea Villalobos

Andrea Villalobos will be handling all camp reservations for Greater LA. She can be reached at andrea.Villalobos@Scouting.Org or for immediate assistance, call 213-273-8902. Be sure to check out the upcoming events on page 2.

Additionally, Camp Cherry Valley is now accepting camp deposits only until October 1st, at which time all reservations will require a payment plan or pay-in-full (which saves 10%). Camp Big Horn registration will be online by October 1st, as well. Leader's guides for both are being developed by directors and will be posted as soon as possible.

Also, save the dates for these 2026 events:

- ◆ 01/28 | Council Dinner
- ◆ 03/27 - 03/29 | Rocket Academy, Firestone Scout Reservation
- ◆ 03/30 - 04/03 | Scout Sailing Day Camp, Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront and Sports Center



The University of Scouting

By Melissa Brown

The University of Scouting is more than just training—it's an opportunity for growth, inspiration, and community. It's your chance to dive deeper into the Scouting program, strengthen your leadership, and connect with fellow leaders who share your passion for making a difference.



This unique event offers a wide variety of classes and workshops designed to help you succeed. Whether you want to enhance your leadership skills, discover new ways to engage Scouts, or gain valuable insight into program development, you'll leave with practical knowledge you can put into action right away.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and grow—join us at the University of Scouting on November 1st! We have classes Adults as well as Scouts BSA Youth! [Register Now](#).

Upcoming Training

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](#).

Outdoor Education Staffing - Need Assistance

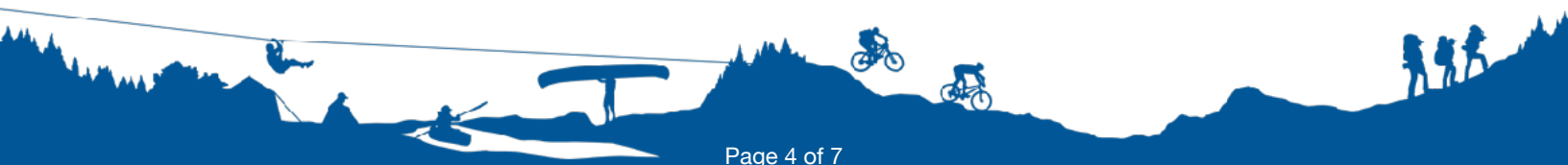
By Landon Burtchell

As we approach the start of the Outdoor Education season, I need to pause and share both appreciation and concern. When we first began preparing for this season, we all agreed staffing would be a shared responsibility. First, I want to give a huge thank you to Andrea, Anthony, and Sergio. Each of them has gone above and beyond, actively reaching into their networks and connecting me with excellent candidates. Their efforts have made a real difference.

That said, we still have critical positions unfilled. To remain in ratio and deliver the program our participants expect, I need everyone to step up now. **We are still seeking staff for 6 positions.**

The season runs October 1–24, 2025, with training, housing, and meals included. Please share this link with your contacts and encourage qualified applicants to apply: <https://247scouting.com/forms/033-applycampstaff25>

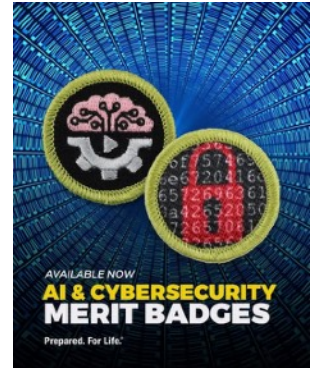
I ask that each of you take action and report back on the steps you've taken so we can track progress and close this gap together. Our participants, schools, and one another are counting on it.



Two New Merit Badges

By John Campbell

The requirements for the two newest merit badges are now available online at www.Scouting.org. Click on "SKILLS", then click on "Merit Badges", then click on "All Merit Badges A-Z". You will then scroll down and click on "Artificial Intelligence" or "Cybersecurity". The pamphlets for these two merit badges were not yet available on the website at the time this article was published. Be the first Scout in your Troop to earn these merit badges!



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MERIT BADGE

The new Artificial Intelligence (AI) merit badge introduces Scouts to the fundamentals of AI and automation through hands-on activities and real-world examples. Scouts learn key terms, explore how AI and automation are used in daily life, school, and work, and examine ethical concerns like bias and privacy. They also investigate deepfakes, practice communicating effectively with AI, and apply their knowledge through a project or teaching activity. Finally, Scouts explore career paths in AI by researching or interviewing professionals in the field.

CYBERSECURITY MERIT BADGE

The Cybersecurity Merit Badge equips Scouts with essential knowledge and skills to navigate and protect the digital world. Scouts learn about online safety, ethical behavior, cyber threats, and how to defend against them using tools like firewalls, antivirus software, and strong passwords. They explore encryption, connected devices, and the risks of public Wi-Fi, while also practicing safe habits like updating software and backing up data. Through hands-on activities, Scouts investigate real-world cyber incidents, participate in cybersecurity challenges, and explore career opportunities in the field.

Camp Card Campaign

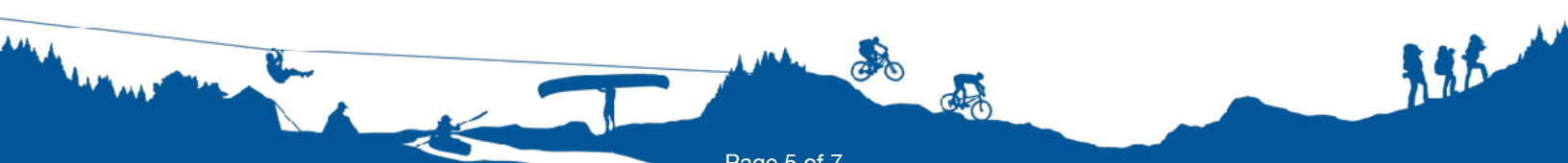
By Estela Chicas



The Camp card unit fundraiser campaigns come to an end. The SGV 2025 goal was \$72,000 and we raised \$60,390 with 35 participating units.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP SELLERS

Youth Name	Unit Num	Distr	Primary Adult Lead	Cards Sc	Notes	Prizes Available
Alexander GarciaSanchez	T185	SGV	Reddy Sanchez	500		Nintendo Switch, Roblox Card, or \$250 gift Card + Seller Patch
Edward Erhardt	T185	SGV	Reddy Sanchez	500		Nintendo Switch, Roblox Card, or \$250 gift Card + Seller Patch
James Erhardt	T185	SGV	Reddy Sanchez	500		Nintendo Switch, Roblox Card, or \$250 gift Card + Seller Patch
Ethan Guzman	T185	SGV	Reddy Sanchez	500		Nintendo Switch, Roblox Card, or \$250 gift Card + Seller Patch
Jacob Guzman	T185	SGV	Reddy Sanchez	250		\$100 Gift Card + Seller Patch
Caroline Tsai	T141	SGV	Steve Chow	180		\$50 Gift Card + Seller Patch

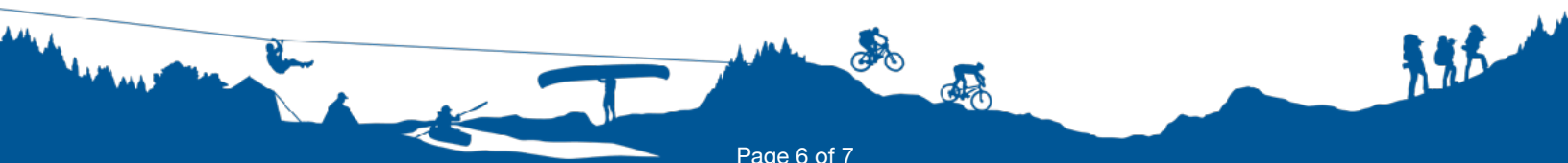


Safety Moment - Know the Scouter Code of Conduct

On my honor I promise to do my best to comply with this Scouting America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:



- ◆ I have or will complete my registration with Scouting America, answering all questions truthfully and honestly.
- ◆ I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of Scouting America.
- ◆ I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:
 - ❖ Scouting America Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting
 - ❖ The Guide to Safe Scouting
 - ❖ SAFE Checklist
- ◆ When transporting Scouts, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.
- ◆ I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of Scouting America, Scouting America policies, and Scouting America provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:
 - ❖ Unauthorized fundraising activities
 - ❖ Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of Scouting America's uniform and brand
 - ❖ Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
- ◆ I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer Scouts with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.
 - ❖ I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following: Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
 - ❖ Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
 - ❖ Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
- ◆ I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:
 - ❖ Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
 - ❖ Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
 - ❖ Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
- ◆ If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
- ◆ I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection with Scouting activities.



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Upcoming Events

Click the images below for more details.



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



THE 13TH ANNUAL LAW MERIT BADGE DAY
GREATER LOS ANGELES SCOUTING

Sponsored by the Legal Eagles

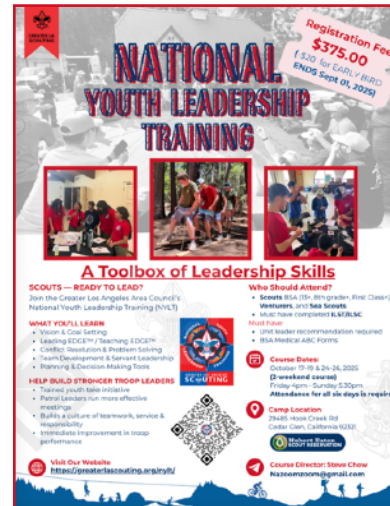
Saturday, November 22, 2025
9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Robinson Courtroom
at Loyola Law School
815 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

Register at: scoutingevent.com/033-LawDay
Participants must be 13 or older

Contact: Hannibal Sullivan at Hannibal.Sullivan@scouting.org



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)

Who Should Attend?
• Scouts BSA (21st-24th graders, First Class), Venturers, or 1st Sea Scouts
• Adult leader recommendation required
• BSA Medical ABC Form

What You'll Learn
• Vision & Goal Setting
• Leading EDCM / Teaching EDCM
• Conflict Resolution & Problem Solving
• Team Development & Servant Leadership
• Planning & Decision Making Tools

Help Build Stronger Troop Leaders
• Trained youth take initiative
• Personal leaders run more effective meetings
• Builds a culture of teamwork, service & responsibility
• Immediate improvement in troop performance

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



WOOD BADGE

TAKE YOUR UNIT TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Firestone Scout Reservation
October 24-26, 2025

BOOFEST

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

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