

# HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

November 2025

Scouting America

- ❖ There will be no admission fees at National Parks or at Bureau of Land Management areas on Veterans Day.
- ❖ A snow and ice travel class will also be held on November 18th at 7:30 pm. See the attached flyer for details. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan
- ❖ A navigation and orienteering class will be held on November 8th. A field experience will be held, in association with the Los Angeles Orienteering Club, on a date to be announced. See the attached flyer for details. To register call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan. Registration by November 1st is required, as space is limited.
- ❖ ADDED! Another winter camping class will be held on Saturday, December 13th. The all-day seminar will be followed in February 2026 with a weekend backpack in San Jacinto State Park. See the attached flyer for details. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan.
- ❖ The Cross Country Skiing and Snow Showing Seminar will be January 5th at the Cushman-Watts Service Center. The Cross Country outing will be January 10th. The Snow Shoeing outing will be January 24th. Register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan.
- ❖ Hold the date - The next Adult Leader Backpack Training will be Friday, February 27, to Sunday, March 1, 2026.

HAT Website: <<https://glaac-hat.org>> Awards store: <<https://glaac-hat.org/store>>

## 3-Month Calendar

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|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Nov 8     | Navigation & Orienteering Training Seminar    | See attached flyer |
| Nov 14&15 | B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course    |                    |
| Nov 16    | B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course    |                    |
| Nov 18    | Snow & Ice Travel Training Seminar            | See attached flyer |
| Dec 2     | HAT Meeting *                                 |                    |
| Dec 13    | Winter Camping and Travel                     | See attached flyer |
| Jan 5     | Snow Shoeing and Cross-Country Skiing Seminar | See attached flyer |
| Jan 6     | HAT Meeting *                                 |                    |
| Jan 10    | Cross Country Skiing Field Experience         |                    |
| Jan 17    | Snow and Ice Travel Field Experience          |                    |
| Jan 24    | Snow Shoeing Field Experience                 |                    |

\* 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.

## HAT Contacts

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HAT HiLites is published monthly by the GLAAC High Adventure Team to inform Scout Leaders of specific program, service, and other High Adventure activities and opportunities available in the coming months. For additional information please call or email the appropriate HAT contact.

## Navigation & Orienteering Training 2025

**PURPOSE:**

This training is expected to help those who may feel uncomfortable about taking their Unit into new locations.

Want to improve their navigation and route-finding skills.

Want to consider orienteering as an activity for improving Scouts' map and compass skills?



**DATE:**

Seminar: Saturday 8 November 2025

Field trip: to be announced.

**TIME:**

8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**

Seminar: Camp Trask

**COST:**

\$30.00 by 1 November 2025

The Field trip will have an addition fee payable to the Los Angeles Orienteering Club (LAOC).

**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](mailto:Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org).

Students need to email [hensley.david@gmail.com](mailto:hensley.david@gmail.com) to get homework and information about what to bring to class.

**EQUIPMENT:**

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**MAXIMUM SIZE:**

15 Students.

**OVERVIEW:**

The seminar will begin with discussions of the tools of navigation and strategies for their utilization. There will be demonstrations of various types of maps and compasses. Topics will include route finding, collecting terrain features, the Global Positioning System (GPS), disoriented, avoidance of getting lost, and getting "un-lost". The special problems and techniques associated with route finding on the snow and in desert terrain will be discussed. These activities will be followed by participant-led map-hikes which use the detailed orienteering map for Camp Trask.

A field experience will be held, in association with the Los Angeles Orienteering Club, on a date to be announced. Participants will help officiate in an LAOC Orienteering meet. Additional information about the Los Angeles Orienteering Club will be presented and can also be found on its web site, <http://LosAngelesOrienteering.org>.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

None

**QUESTIONS:**

David Hensley, Course Director, at c: 602-405-1187; e-mail: [hensley.davidL@gmail.com](mailto:hensley.davidL@gmail.com).

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 ChairTraining: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, [michael@schlaifer.com](mailto:michael@schlaifer.com).

## **Snow and Ice Travel Training - 2025**

- PURPOSE:** Enjoy the challenge of high-mountain travel with confidence in your safety and knowledge of snow and ice travel techniques. Sharpening your judgment and learning the skills needed for safe and effective practices for snow slope travel will allow you to expand the places that your Unit can visit in the winter outdoors.
- DATE:** Seminar: Tuesday 18 November 2025  
Weekend Outing: 17 January 2026
- TIME:** 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles  
Weekend Outing: Mt. Baldy Area
- COST:** \$5.00 by 11 November 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. An Adventure Pass will be needed for your vehicle
- 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](mailto: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 including Crampons and an Ice Axe for the weekend outing.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 20 Students.
- OVERVIEW:** This High Adventure training is an optional follow-on to Winter Camping and Travel. The special equipment for snow and ice travel will be displayed and the requirements for, and location of, the field training will be discussed. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Completion of Adult Leader Backpack Training.  
Winter Camping and Travel (which may be taken the same day)  
Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).
- QUESTIONS:** Stephen Dodson, Course Director, at c: (818) 967-1323; e-mail: [sedodson1@roadrunner.com](mailto:sedodson1@roadrunner.com)



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## Winter Camping and Travel Training 2025

- PURPOSE:** Acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the winter environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills which are necessary to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.
- DATE:** Seminar: Saturday 13 December 2025  
Weekend trip: TBD probably in February 2026
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to about 6:00 p.m. (45 minute lunch break)
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles  
Weekend Outing: Mt. San Jacinto
- COST:** \$25.00 by 9 December 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](mailto: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 including snow shoes for the weekend outing.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 12 Students.
- OVERVIEW:** The seminar is conducted as a series of presentations and demonstrations. The emphasis is on preparing for, and dealing with, a mountainous winter environment, be it rain, cold, snow, or some combination. Sessions cover: the physical demands of winter conditions; snow travel hazards & equipment needs; health & safety; navigation and route finding; menus; food & water needs; and personal clothing & equipment. The desirability of having a "Plan B" and the necessity of providing for unexpected changes in the weather or trail conditions are explained. Participants are invited to attend the Snow and Ice Travel seminar that follows it (see the separate training bulletin).  
The weekend field trip provides the opportunity to demonstrate the specific skills taught in the seminar in a winter environment. It will be a backpack in Mt. San Jacinto State Park of about 5 miles, round trip, from 8,600 to 10,000 feet. Snowshoes will be worn while backpacking.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Completion of Adult Leader Backpack Training.  
Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A and B).
- QUESTIONS:** Dennis Cline, Course Director, at (310) 792-0544; e-mail: [jdcline49@msn.com](mailto:jdcline49@msn.com)



Winter brings a special stillness to the local mountains. The year-round camper knows that the pests of summer – insects, most animals, other people – have gone to ground for the season. While the snowy peaks may appear close and inviting, that same camper knows that the weather and trail conditions require special preparation, skills, and equipment.

A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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## **Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing Seminar – 2026**

**PURPOSE:** Learn first hand about the special equipment, gear and techniques needed for safe cross country skiing and snow shoeing.

**DATE:** Seminar: Monday 5 January 2026  
Ski Outing: Saturday 10 January 2026  
Snow Shoe Outing: 24 January 2026

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles  
Outings: TBA

**COST:** \$10.00 by 29 December 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. Each participant is responsible for the rental of skis and other equipment.



**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](mailto:Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org).

**MAXIMUM SIZE:** 25 Students

**QUESTIONS:** Tarin Casillas; Course Director (310)515-3647 (H) or (310)780-0074; e-mail [ticasillas@msn.com](mailto:ticasillas@msn.com)

If you are the kind of hiker who would like to take extended trips during winter months, you should try cross country skiing or snow shoeing. Enjoy the challenge of high country winter travel with confidence. Learn firsthand knowledge of safety and techniques. This will allow you to expand your “places to go” during the snow season.

The program will include demonstrations and discussions covering the special equipment and gear needed. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

Completion of this training is recognized by the award of two special patches.

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