

ECR Roundtable Newsletter and Hands-On Agenda

Hands-On Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 7pm – 8:30pm

Hands-On Location: St. Mark's Lutheran Church
2323 Las Lomas Dr, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Hands-On Agenda

- 7:00 - 7:15pm Roundtable Sign-In and Opening / Key Announcements
7:15 – 8:15pm Hands-On Demo: Scoutbook Plus and My.Scouting.org Training
(bring a Laptop)
8:15 – 8:30pm Awards, Drawings and Aloha!

ECR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- **Key Info this Month (Alvin Wong, Martin Cardenas)**
 - **Roundtable attendance is open to Unit, Committee, and future Leaders!**
 - **Latest Scoutbook Plus Hands-On Demo** – Bring a laptop!
 - **Roundtable Prizes!!!** – We have prize drawings for those who show up in-person, so be sure to attend, meet, and learn from other Scouting Leaders!
 - **Save the Date for District Dinner – Mar 14th**
 - **Dinner Registration:** <https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-ElCaminoRealDistrictDinner>
 - **Award Nominations:** <https://forms.gle/vE7xCWYNepTUSvUa9>
 - We have significantly expanded the number of recognitions for our Units and Individuals at District Dinner this year. Please come ~~out~~ to celebrate your

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volunteers, Units, and enjoy some really good food ~~and connect with~~
friends!

○ **Summer Camp = Youth Excitement for Scouting**

- Enthusiasm for Scouting really starts with their first Summer Camp! Help youths experience it sooner rather than later!
- Youths that don't attend Summer Camp are more likely to leave Scouting.
- Cherry Valley is back! Brand new program, equipment, cots, sailboats, and even mountain bikes!
- HESR has added more activities to their Summer program. Take a look!
- Camperships are available to help everyone attend Summer Camp.

○ **Camp Cards are Available NOW!**

- Like last year, order what you feel you can sell as there are no refunds. Order more as you need them. Cards can be ordered up to the end of June but can continue to be sold through the end of 2026.
- The cards are \$10, and include an offer for \$5 off (per day) at the Scout Shop and there is now a discount for Buffalo Wild Wings too!



- Scouts can now use the 50% of their sales for **ANY** Scout expenses in addition to Camp!
- Cards are only available through mid-year, can be sold through the end of 2026, and CANNOT be sold at the same table as popcorn.
- To request cards: <https://greaterlascouting.org/scout-cards/>
- Call Alfredo Chavez, (213) 549-3241, or Breanne Espinoza, (213) 819-2172, with questions.

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● **Safety Reminders**

○ **Carpooling Guidelines**

- **Youth Protection rules always take precedent and only registered fully trained SPT and AB506 adults may drive other Scout youth.**
- With Youth Protection in mind, a sole adult may drive Scout youth in a carpool as long as:
 - There are 2 or more Scout youth that are not their own child. If one is their own child, then there needs to be at least 3, (e.g. 2 not their own).
 - The Driver has Part A&B medical forms of the youths they are driving. Recommend having a "Unit Medical Folder" that can be given to drivers at the start and returned afterwards to minimize the effort needed to collect and return individual medical forms.

- Female Scouts are not in a carpool alone unless the driver is a female adult or is their parent.
- The Buddy system is always in effect during any stop, and an adult is NEVER left alone with a single Scout who is not their own child.
- **Foul Weather Training (Course SCO_800) (David Tran) – DON'T FORGET!** The (online) training expires every 2 years! Be sure to check your training status and retake as necessary because it is required for outdoor Scouting activities.
 - **This is all the more important given the continuing severe weather and flooding that is occurring throughout the areas.**
 - Log into your My.Scouting.org account, go to your “My Training” page and “retake” the Foul Weather training course to renew the expiration date.

• **Key Scouting Events and Activities (Estela Chicas)**

- All the Council’s Scouting, Camp, and Training events as well as links for more info and registration sign-ups are here on the Council Calendar:
<https://scoutingevent.com/033>
- ~~ECR District Dinner @ Sage Granada Park UMC – TBD~~
- ~~Winter Camps at @ Big Horn Circle X Ranch – Mar~~
- ~~ECR District Dinner @ St. Mark’s Lutheran Church – Sat. Mar 14th~~
- **Cub Rocket Academy @ Firestone – Mar 27-29 @ Firestone**
- **2026 ECR Camporee @ Firestone - Mark your Calendars! April 24th to 26th.**
- **ECR Pinewood Derby @ Puent Hills Toyota – Sun. May 31st (updated)**

• **Council Matters & Events (Estela Chicas)**

- **Council’s America250 Logos** – Council specific logos in the official America250 brand lockup are now available for download on the Brand Center (see link below). Please utilize these approved assets to ensure consistent, on-brand representation across all America250 communications and materials. Encourage your staff and marketing volunteers to begin using these lockups as we prepare for the amazing year of service and celebration ahead.
<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/14186965/>
 - To produce any merchandise (such as patch sets, water bottles, etc.) for sale or giveaway using the America250 logo, even in this official lockup, please work through America250’s exclusive vendor SymbolArts.
- **COUNCIL CALENDAR of Events (Kevin Burton for site issues)** – Schedule of all the Council, Camp, and Training events as well as links for more info and registration sign-ups: <https://scoutingevent.com/033> <=< Check it Out!
- **2025 Friends of Scouting (FOS) (Estela Chicas)**

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- **ECR raised \$6,712 towards the 2025 ECR FOS goal of \$9,580.** (See the thermometer at end of newsletter). <https://greaterlascouting.org/fos/>
 - **Thank-you to all those individuals and Units who have donated!**
 - **If you haven't yet received the recognition/gift for your generous donations, please plan on coming to District Dinner to receive them!**
- It's still not too late to personally donate or make one on behalf of your Unit to help us get a headstart on 2026! To donate, use the following link, and be sure to select El Camino Real for the District: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/033/appeal/8647>
 - **If a business is going to donate, forward them the link to make their contribution and select "El Camino Real"**
 - **Be sure to let us know so we can recognize them as a supporter of their community through Scouting!**
- **National Scouting Jamboree – An epic Scouting adventure awaits! (Baolei Pei)**

**Sign up now at: [ScoutingEvent.com/033-Jamboree](https://scoutingevent.com/033-Jamboree)
Enrolling registered Boys and Girls Age 12-17 by July 2026**

 - **Spots are LIMITED, sign up at: <https://scoutingevent.com/033-Jamboree>**
 - Boys and Girls Age 12-17 by July 2026 are eligible to attend.
 - A few additional slots are now open for girls and boys.
 - **Key Dates and Costs:**
 - **July 17-20, 2026** - Pre-Jamboree Travel to Philadelphia, Gettysburg & Washington D. C
 - **July 21, 2026** - Thrill Day at Kings Dominion, largest amusement park in Virginia
 - **July 22-31, 2026** - Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia
 - **\$4,900** if paid monthly, \$490/month for 10 months
 - **\$4,410** (10% discount) if paid all at once
 - The Price is all-inclusive, covering R/T airfare, ground transportation, lodging and meals (Tour +Jamboree), admissions to all attractions, Jamboree programs and activities, council provided training and meetings, custom Jamboree Swag and gear.
 - **Traveling in three (3) Contingents, Leadership & Unit Structure:**
 - Troop 1A 40-Person Troop Scoutmaster: Jeremy Mo - mo.jeremy@gmail.com | 626-802-8267
 - Troop 1B 40-Person Troop Scoutmaster: Michael Tuite - CrewAdviser147@gmail.com | 626-353-1958
 - Troop 1C 20-Person Troop Scoutmaster: Gary Thompson - thompsgg@gmail.com | 310-330-6723

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- **District Matters (Martin Cardenas)**

- **District Volunteer Positions are Still Open (Martin Cardenas)** – We need help to give you the Scouting program and support that you want. Please consider lending us a little bit more of your time. No experience is needed, only enthusiasm is needed. We'll show you everything you'll need to know!
 - Activities Chair
 - Roundtable Chair
 - Unit Commissioners
- **GLAC Scouting advertising has been really successful! – Please respond quickly to “Be A Scout” online referrals to join your Unit! (Baolei Pei)**
 - Key-3's will get automated emails from those interested in joining a Unit. Please respond promptly to those expressing interest!
- **“Be A Scout” referrals to join Units! (Estela Chicas, Baolei “Bonnie” Pei)**
 - Key-3's log into their My.Scouting.org accounts, and open their Application Manager -> <https://my.scouting.org/98C7C6D4-6CF0-4F14-82B4-3A72DC02DE59/membership-manager/application>
 - How to use the tool:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg2bB610Jbo&feature=player_embedded
 - Reach out to Estela Chicas or Baolei “Bonnie” Pei if you need help with the Application Manager App.

- **ECR Membership (Bonnie Pei, Estela Chicas)**

- Adult volunteers are just as important as Scout members! Come to Roundtable or reach out to your Unit Commissioner(UC) if you need help with getting more adult volunteers, (your UC is listed in your Unit's Organization Manager page).
- All types of recruiting flyers, banners, and other materials are available to help any effort you may have at your local schools. Reach out to Estela to get free materials!

- **Training (Ted Sakamoto, David Tran)**

- **Check the Council Calendar for Training and Scout advancement opportunities**
 - **IOLS (adults), Wood Badge (adults), ILST (youth), and NYLT (youth) are now on the calendar! Look for them on the Council Calendar!**
 - **Registration for Upcoming Training Events and Merit Badge Classes:**
 - **CLICK=>>** <https://greaterlascouting.org/training/>
- **Also, please check West LA, Long Beach, and other Councils for classes too!**
 - <https://scouting-la.org/training/>
 - <https://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/>
 - <https://iescouts.org/training/>

- <https://www.scouting.org/training/training-updates/>
 - <https://lospadresscouting.org/calendar/>
- **Scouter Training Knot (Ted Sakamoto, David Tran)** – A reminder that you too can get a Knot for your uniform as an adult leader! You can fulfill one of the Training Knot requirements by attending Roundtable Hands-On sessions for 3 times in-person.
- **Unit Operations & Admin. (Alvin Wong)**
 - **Use the Organization Manager (My.Scouting.org)** – The Organization Manager dashboard for Key-3 Leaders provides valuable information on the 5 key indicators associated with the long-term success of Units. Reach out to any Commissioner if you have question on how to use it or what it is showing.
 - **Time to Update your Unit's Leader roles and functional assignments (Unit Comm.)**
 - PLEASE Reach out to Estela Chicas with roster, membership, or position assignment problems with the system.
 - Use the Unit Dashboard in My.Scouting.org to updated names in roles.
 - Leaders should take their Position-specific training online at My.Scouting.org.
 - To get access to various Scouting tools in Scoutbook and My.Scouting, Volunteers in new leader roles need to complete an additional adult application with their new "position" in the same Unit. If the adult is registered in another Unit as well, they should complete the form as a "multiple" for no additional membership costs.
 - Please use this link for the various position codes:
 - <https://www.ciecbsa.org/training/bsa-position-codes/53550>
 - **Have members check and update their Scouting profiles (Unit Comm.)**
 - Members should check their profiles and make sure their CURRENT email and contact information is in their profiles! **That's where their renewal and other important Scouting emails are sent!**
 - Adults should add a photo to their Scoutbook/Scoutbook+ profiles so that new parents and leaders can recognize adults.
- **Advancement, Awards, & Recognitions (Joe Rivera, Paul Lee)**
 - **FREE Digital Downloads of ALL Merit Badge Pamphlets** - In case you haven't heard, ALL Merit Badges books (in digital form) are now FREE to download!!! Go to this link (validated safe): <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>
 - Click on the MB you want, and then there will be link to download an e-Digital copy of the book for FREE!
 - **New Eagle Application Form 2025 (Paul Lee)** - All Eagle applicants should now use the 2025 application form available on the link below for Eagle Scout Resources, <https://greaterlascouting.org/eagle-scout-resources/> Contact Paul Lee if there are any questions.

- **Finance (Cindy Hua/Martin Cardenas)**

- FOS for 2025 was moderately successful as we got close to our 2025 goal. If you missed the cutoff for 2025, please continue and make that donation to help us get a headstart for the 2026 year!
- Need money to help with Summer Camp?
 - “Scout” Cards are now available: <https://greaterlascouting.org/scout-cards/>
 - Scout Card proceeds can now be use for any Scout related expense.
 - Cards will be available through July, but can be sold until the end of the year.
 - Cards are not allowed to be sold at the same table as popcorn.
 - Popcorn sales are also a fantastic way to help a Scout pay for Camp! Yes, we know it is an expensive product which is why we will be bringing to you information on HOW to successfully sell it!
 - 7 Units generated almost \$56,000 in sales!
 - This is a high rate of return for funds for your Scouts!
 - Reach out to us if you are interested in learning sooner rather than later on HOW to successfully sell popcorn.

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Proposed Activities for Future Hands-On Roundtable Sessions

Please let us know if there were other topics you would like a Hands-On session for!

- Apr 08 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park UMC
 - Pack Breakout: TBD
 - Troop Breakout: Final Camporee Mtg
- May 13 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
 - Pack Breakout: TBD
 - Troop Breakout: Eagle Application and Project Training
- Jun 10 (Wed) – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 - Pack Breakout: TBD
 - Troop Breakout: Court of Honor and Eagle COH Planning Workshops
 - General Demo:
- Jul 08 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park UMC
 - Pack Breakout: TBD
 - Troop Breakout: Annual Planning Workshop
 - General Demo:
- Aug 12 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
 - General Demo: SPT, Member & Unit Renewal Workshops (Rechartering)
- Sep 9 (Wed) – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 - Pack Breakout: Orientation for New Pack Families & Leaders
 - Troop Breakout: Orientation for New Troop Families & Leaders
- Oct 14 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park UMC
 - General Demo: Scoutbook and My.Scouting.org Training
- Nov 12 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
 - Pack Breakout: Blue & Gold, and Bridging Workshops
 - Troop Breakout: High Adventure (HAT) Overview
- Dec 9 (Wed) – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 - Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange?

ECR's FOS 2025 GOAL: \$9,580

<https://greaterlascouting.org/fos/>

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