



# Roundtable Matters

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Scouting America April 2026  
Gary Thompson, Roundtable Commissioner

[roundtable@pacificabsa.org](mailto:roundtable@pacificabsa.org)

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAFETY MOMENT FOR APRIL** Emergency Action Plans aren't just for work, council properties, or large scale events; having an Emergency Action Plan for your regular meeting locations can make the difference when reacting to an emergency. The BSA has provided a [guide](#) which breaks down the general categories that should be considered as you create your tailored plan. Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTURE** (this list is NOT all encompassing—check the [Council Calendar](#) for even more!)

Apr 15	<a href="#">OA Lodge Executive Committee</a> (OA) <a href="#">Cushman Watt Scout Center</a>
Apr 16	<a href="#">Pacifica District Dinner</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">The Cheesecake Factory</a>
Apr 17-19	<a href="#">Pio Pico Pirate Camporee</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Prado Regional Park</a>
Apr 17-19	<a href="#">OA Induction</a> (OA & <a href="#">OA Staff</a> ) <a href="#">Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation HESR Main Gate</a>
Apr 17-19	<a href="#">HAT Climbing 1</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation HESR Main Gate</a>
Apr 24-26	<a href="#">Rose Bowl Camporee</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Apr 24-26	<a href="#">Pacifica District Camporee</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
May 16	Jamboree MB Day (Scouts) 📍 South Gate Park
May 20	<a href="#">OA Lodge Executive Committee</a> (OA) <a href="#">Cushman Watt Scout Center</a>
May 29-31	<a href="#">OA Kihaawk</a> (OA)
Jun 8 - Jul 2	<a href="#">Trask Trail to Eagle</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Jun 12-14	<a href="#">Trail to First Class</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Jun 13-14	<a href="#">IOLS</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Sep 18-20	<a href="#">Woodbadge Weekend 1</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation HESR Main Gate</a>
Oct 3-4	<a href="#">Woodbadge Weekend 2</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>

**CAMP CARDS** Scout cards are discount cards with local deals and savings. Each card sells for \$10 and the scout gets \$5 to pay for camp fees, registration and other scouting activities. [Learn more here](#).

**CAMP STAFF** Looking for the perfect summer job? Check out our summer camp staff opportunities [here](#).

**PACIFICA DISTRICT ANNUAL AWARD DINNER** Come one, come all! Let's celebrate the 2025 District Award of Merit recipients, *Caroline Limuti* and *Brian Terao* at The Cheesecake Factory on Thursday April 16th!

Please join us for an evening dedicated to fellowship, great food, and—most importantly—honoring the incredible volunteers who made 2025 a success. Top popcorn and Camp Card sellers to be awarded also! The booking cutoff is extended to April 10th! What are you waiting for? [Book NOW](#) and spread the word!!

**PACIFICA'S SPRING CAMPOREE APRIL 2026:** Pacifica's 2026 Spring Camporee will be held April 24-26<sup>th</sup> at Firestone Scout Reservation. Ancient Olympics is the theme, so bust out your toga and sandals!

**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT** Pacifica leadership are investing in creating a knowledge management repository to aid Ship, Crew, Troop and Pack leadership. Beta version will be available soon.

**POSITION TRAINED?** The updated Position Trained Requirements document is now available. It outlines what is needed for an adult leader to be considered fully trained. Trained leaders may wear the official Trained emblem once they have completed Safeguarding Youth training and the courses listed in [this updated document](#).

**NYLT** It's not too early to start preparing your scouts for [NYLT](#). Mark your calendar. Trask, Dec 18-20 2026 and Jan 8-9 2027. This high energy, outdoor experience helps develop new leadership, team building and problem solving skills.

**PACIFICA DISTRICT VACANT POSITIONS** Actively seeking nominations or volunteers for Pacifica's Roundtable Commissioner and Training Chair. Please contact [eric.arentsen@gmail.com](mailto:eric.arentsen@gmail.com) with your nominee.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Pacifica District, we need volunteers to plan and staff some of the awesome events we are planning for next year. We need volunteers to organize our Scouting for Food. We also need volunteers to help staff our Geocache Day, Camporee Committee, and a Fishing Merit Badge Camping Weekend. If you are interested in supporting any of these events, please contact Sheila at [Sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:Sheandjc@yahoo.com).

**MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND RANGEMASTERS NEEDED:** If you are a nurse, nurse practitioner or doctor, we need your help. One of the requirements for certain overnight activities is that we have medical personnel onsite. If we don't have volunteers, we have to add the cost of hiring someone to the cost of the event or cancel the event if we can't find someone. Please contact me if you are willing to help staff one of our events. We also need rangemasters to help out at our ranges. Our camps have limited resources and sometimes cannot provide the support we need to efficiently run our ranges. Please let me know if you are willing to help out during our events. If you are supporting the event, you can attend the event free of charge. Please contact Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com) for more information or to volunteer.

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT INSURANCE?** Have you taken a look at the [Scouting America Insurance policy](#) to find out what's covered?

**MISS JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE?** Scouting America has launched a Unit Self-Assessment tool which looks a lot like Journey to Excellence. It's for your own edification, annual planning, and general assessment of unit health. [Check it out](#).

**BSA FISHING** Calling all Cub Scout units in the Pacifica District. Take advantage of this resource to enhance your unit's fishing activities and ensure your leaders are well-prepared and trained. For any questions regarding fishing activities for your unit and available adult training opportunities, please contact Dane Shigemura. I am your dedicated point of contact for all fishing-related inquiries and will be able to provide the necessary information and support. Email: [dane\\_shigemura@yahoo.com](mailto:dane_shigemura@yahoo.com)

**ATTENTION MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:** Thank you all for playing your part in the development of our youth by serving as a merit badge counselor. If you know of anyone that has a talent for teaching youth, there is probably something that person could contribute. Mention the possibility of becoming a counselor and point the person to the website <https://greaterlascouting.org/pacifica-advancement-information/> which has the document that describes our process.

**THE ADVENTURE PLAN** Have you checked out [The Adventure Plan](#) yet? It's a great resource to help scouts and leaders work through the steps needed to plan an outing or adventure.

**MERIT BADGE CHANGES** There were major and minor revisions to more than 80 merit badges. Want the details? Find them [here](#). The BSA Guide to advancement has a summary on their page and a reminder that scouts who started on the previous version can continue on that version until complete or change to the new merit badge requirements. Here's the [summary page](#).

**MERIT BADGE TEST LAB** Have you checked out the [MB Test Lab](#)? Get the latest on auctioneering, competitive gaming, sewing & needlework, dance, physics, wildfire management, life skills and psychology.

**EAGLE ADVANCEMENT** Eagle candidates please review the "[Path to Eagle](#)" (Rev. 1/2025). See these [great tips from Scouting Magazine](#) on helping Scouts, especially those who are neurodivergent, on their path to Eagle. Eagle Project approver is Mr. Cortenbach who can be contacted at [wpcortenbach@gmail.com](mailto:wpcortenbach@gmail.com) or by phone at 310-891-2301. Scout profile and join date will be requested from Council and Scout will be assigned a book check person. Please do not contact the Council directly for profile or join date. Please call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197 for the Pacifica verification

and review once the Eagle book and application are ready. Prior to contacting Pacifica District for approval, please review Eagle application and Eagle book with your troop advancement chair to confirm records agree with troop records and Eagle book is complete. Please check out the resources in the [Advancement Information Section](#). The updated Eagle Application and Confidential Appraisal Reference Letter are also included in RTM.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA)** The OA is Scouting's Honor Society for Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Members ("Arrowmen") provide service to their home Units, the Pacifica District, our Council, and BSA nationally. OA provides Youth members additional service and leadership opportunities that help them grow and build experience. Members are sent virtual Meeting invitations via the LodgeMaster application.

The next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for 7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Torrance Scout Center (2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501).

2026 Lodge Dues may be paid [here](#).

The Spring Induction Weekend is scheduled for April 17-19, 2026, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. Lodge members and Candidates will be contacted by email with details and registration links.

Chapter members are encouraged to support the upcoming Pacifica District Camporee April 24-26, 2026 if not already participating with their unit. The Chapter will be cooking for the Staff, and assisting the Camporee Staff conduct the event, and may provide a Trading Post too. Please contact the Chapter Adviser, Mr Hodgkiss, at the email address below to offer assistance.

Mark your calendar for May 29-31st, Kihaawk, the annual Lodge Fellowship Weekend, is coming up!

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org), or respond to the emails sent by Tuku'ut Lodge.

---

### CHECK US OUT!

Virtually all info is available online: Events, Dates, Fliers, Contacts, Training, Etc.

Pacifica District Website: <https://GreaterLAscouting.org/pacifica-district/>

GLAAC Website: <https://GreaterLAscouting.org/>

**AT ROUNDTABLE** Have an event you'd like to promote at Roundtable or flyer you'd like to include with *Roundtable Matters*? We welcome all appropriate additions to our Roundtable program. Have a topic you'd like to see as a breakout session or big rock? Send an email proposal to [gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org](mailto:gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org) or [roundtable@pacificabsa.org](mailto:roundtable@pacificabsa.org) two weeks before Roundtable to get started.