

HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

September 2026

Scouting America

- ❖ There will be no admission fees at National Parks or at Bureau of Land Management areas on Constitution Day (September 17), Theodore Roosevelt's birthday (October 27), and on Veterans Day (November 11).
- ❖ Trail Boss training will be Saturday, September 5th. Topics covered will be instruction, safety, brushing, treading, and containment walls. If possible, please notify David Ledford in advance (see below) to ensure the proper quantity of tools and equipment are provided.
- ❖ Desert Camping and Travel training will be held on Saturday, September 19th. The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience. See the attached flyer for details. Register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 213-413-4400 and ask for Hannibal Sullivan.
- ❖ Wilderness Woman for Men is coming up on Monday, October 26th. This is a class created specifically for male Scout leaders and assistant leaders in troops that welcome female Scouts. We will discuss how to approach potential issues both on the trail and off, working with boys and girls together, and how to make sure you are modeling the values of Scouting with everyone in your troop. 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 14th. 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 October 31st is required, as space is limited.

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

3-Month Calendar

Sep 5	Trail Boss (Advanced)	
Sep 19	Desert Camping and Travel Training Seminar	See attached flyer
TBD	Desert Camping and Travel Training Field Experience	
Oct 6	HAT Meeting *	
Oct 16,17,&18	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	See attached flyer
Oct 24&25	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	See attached flyer
Oct 26	Wilderness Woman (male version)	See attached flyer
Nov 3	HAT Meeting *	
Nov 14	Navigation & Orienteering Training Seminar	See attached flyer
Nov 20&21	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	See attached flyer
Nov 22	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	

* 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.

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Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2026

- PURPOSE:** Acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness and special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience.
- DATE:** Seminar: Saturday 19 September 2026
Weekend outing: date to be arranged during seminar
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. (bring sack lunch)
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles
Weekend Outing: TBD Joshua Tree National Park.
- COST:** \$25.00 by 12 September 2026. 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.
- EQUIPMENT:** Paper and pencil, and lunch for seminar.
Each Scouter is responsible for obtaining the clothing, equipment, and food for the weekend trip.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 15 Students
- OVERVIEW:** During the seminar, we will select a date and plan for a weekend backpack trip to Joshua Tree National Park (The Park has a \$30.00 per vehicle entry fee). A backpack trip of about 5 miles, round trip, to a dry campsite, provides the opportunity to demonstrate the seminar topics. After setting up camp, we will climb Queen Mountain - a "good" cross country workout.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Completion of the Adult Leader Backpack Training is highly recommended. Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).
- QUESTIONS:** Tarin Casillas; Course Director (310)780-0074; e-mail ticasillas@msn.com



Look north and east, beyond the mountains that surround Los Angeles – it's a desert out there. Actually three – Sonora, Mohave, and Great Basin – and they provide numerous opportunities for hiking and camping. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch and is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

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Scouting America Climbing Level 1 Fall 2026

- PURPOSE:** Provide training for people who are interested in teaching Scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. This group might include those interested in becoming Climbing Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff and Scouters. ***Scouters who work with troops and teach climbing are required to be "Qualified Instructors" prior to teaching any climbing / rappelling activities.***
- DATE:** Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday 16 - 18 October 2026
- TIME:** 8:00 p.m. Friday through 5:30 p.m. Sunday
- LOCATION:** Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
- COST:** \$185.00 for (textbook, meals and camping fees included).
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> by 4 October 2026. If fewer than six sign ups are made prior to that date a cancellation notice will be sent. Otherwise a confirmation will be sent after that date. For help with registration contact Hannibol Sullivan, Community Engagement Coordinator (SR) and HAT Advisor at (213) 413-4400 or email Hannibol.Sullivan@scouting.org.
- EQUIPMENT:** Climbing gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabineers, etc.) You will be sleeping indoors in a Troop Lodge and will need to provide your own sleeping bag or linens as well as you regular gear for a weekend outing.
- OVERVIEW:** This course is very intense and will work into the late hours of the night. We will cover Scouting America's current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, at the Unit, Council and District levels, as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb on Safely," and the National Camp Accreditation Program. Textbook is Scouting America's publication entitled "Belay On" (provided).
This course will be conducted over a weekend (starting Friday night). Meals will be provided Saturday and Sunday, but please bring take out or have dinner before you arrive Friday night.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Current registration with Scouting America
At least 18 years old
Current successful completion of Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training).
Current Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record
Completed the online [Climb on Safely Training](#)
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 12 students.
- QUESTIONS:** Contact Course Instructor Josh Long Cell: (808) 780-2074 email: jlongbsa@gmail.com

All persons interested must be mature, capable of instructing, safety conscious, able to exercise good judgment, be dependable, relate well to youth and adults, and be familiar in the techniques of climbing, rappelling, belaying, and spotting. BSA Level I Climbing Instructor Qualification Certification is good for 1 year upon successful completion of this class.

Help keep climbing/rappelling as part of Scouting's activities by becoming a qualified BSA Climbing Instructor for your Unit, District, or Council.

A copy of "Belay On" will be given to each participant.

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Wilderness and Remote First Aid Fall 2026



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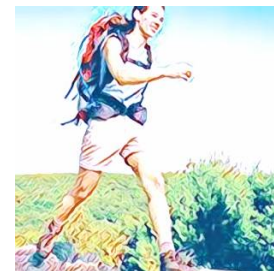
- PURPOSE:** Extend Scout Leaders knowledge of First Aid to those situations where professional response may not be immediately available. This training is geared towards Adult Scout Leaders and those Scout parents going to a Scout High Adventure Base activity or Scout wilderness activity.
- DATE:** Saturday and Sunday 24 & 25 October 2026
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
- LOCATION:** Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles
- COST:** \$90.00 for Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED by 17 October 2026. 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. Cost includes a CD with all printed material on it.
- 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.
- EQUIPMENT:** None needed.
- MEALS:** All meals are the responsibility of the participants. Time will be allotted to go out or you can bring your own snacks, lunch and refreshments.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 45 students
- OVERVIEW:** CPR/AED class includes printed materials as well as AED demonstration using an AED trainer and use of CPR manikins. Successful completion of the course earns a certification valid for two years.
- REQUIREMENTS:** For Wilderness and Remote First Aid Certification, current certification in Adult CPR & AED which will be taught at the beginning of the class.
For First Aid Basics – have knowledge of Tenderfoot, Second Class & First Class First Aid skills, and completion of the online trainings in Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat.
- INSTRUCTORS:** Rick Reeley and Dave Rolandelli
- QUESTIONS:** Rick Reeley course instructor at reeleyr@cmtlaw.com

A USB thumb drive with all printed material on it will be given to each participant.

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Wilderness Woman Training For Men 2026

- PURPOSE:** This course is designed specifically for male scout leaders and assistant scout leaders in troops that welcome female scouts. If you feel comfortable and confident when working with your female scouts, they will feel more comfortable and confident too. We will discuss how to approach potential issues both on the trail and off, working with boys and girls together, how to make sure you are following best practices with Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training), and how to ensure you are modeling the values of scouting with everyone in your troop. These can be uncomfortable topics, but they are important to address and will better prepare you to communicate effectively with your troop.
- DATE:** Monday 26 October 2026
- TIME:** 7:30 p.m. to about 10:30 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles
- COST:** \$10.00 by 19 October 2026. 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.
There will be no sign ups at the door.
- EQUIPMENT:** No special equipment is needed for this training but do bring your questions, concerns, experiences, successes, etc. to share.
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 25 participants.
- OVERVIEW:** This is an open discussion by the moderators and the participants about issues that arise for women and girls in a back country setting.
- REQUIREMENTS:** None.
- QUESTIONS:** Course Instructor Beth Miles (626) 590-8346 (C)
e-mail: elizabeth.miles@gmail.com



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Navigation & Orienteering Training 2026

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 14 November 2026

Field trip: to be announced.

TIME:

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

LOCATION:

Seminar: Camp Trask

COST:

\$30.00 by 7 November 2026

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.

Students need to email 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.

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Scouting America Climbing Level 2 Fall 2026

- PURPOSE:** Provide training for people who are interested in teaching Scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. This group might include those interested in becoming Climbing Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff and Scouters.
- DATE & TIME:** Seminar: Friday 20 November 2026 7:p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Seminar: Saturday 21 November 2026 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Field trip: TBD 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman Watt Scout Center, Los Angeles
Field Outing: Stoney Point
- COST:** \$40.00 for classroom materials by 13 November 2026. If fewer than six 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.
- EQUIPMENT:** All personal gear will be inspected prior to use. Bring to the seminar.
- Harness
 - Helmet
 - An ATC belaying device
 - Three or four locking-gate carabineers
 - One 24" and one 48" pre-sewn runner or one 24" pre-sewn runner and a commercially made leash (personal anchor)
 - Two pieces of 5-6mm accessory cord, one piece 72" long and the other 96" long.
 - Climbing shoes (optional)
 - All other gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabineers, etc.)
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 12 students.
- OVERVIEW:** This course is very intense and will work into the late hours of the night. We will cover Scouting America's current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, at the Unit, Council and District levels, as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb on Safely," and the National Camp Accreditation Program. Textbook is Scouting America's publication entitled "Belay On" (provided).
- REQUIREMENTS:**
- Current registration with Scouting America
 - 21 years old
 - Current Level I Climbing Instructor for at least six months
 - Current successful completion of Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training).
 - Current Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record
 - Completed the online [Climb on Safely Training](#)
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