

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

Pio Pico Roundtable

Pio Pico District Roundtable Meetings are coming to your city in 2025! Don't miss out on NEW training topics and locations. Bring your unit leaders and parents to learn what our district is all about.

We will rotate the location of our Pio Pico District Roundtable among these three cities throughout the year: Downey, Cerritos, and Whittier.

Roundtable meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month 7PM-9:00PM

Next Roundtable Meeting:

Wednesday April 15th, 2026- **Cerritos**
Gonsalves Elementary School

Roundtable Breakout:

Hot Topic: Fundraising
Safety Moment: Stress and anxiety of finals
Scouts BSA Breakout: Backpacking meal planning, DIY at home vs. store bought packets
Cub Scouts/Webelos/AOL: Summer Activities- places to go

Locations:

Whittier - First United Methodist Church, 13222 Bailey St., Whittier, CA 90601

Downey -Downey United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall) – 10801 Downey Ave, Downey, CA 90241

Cerritos –Gonsalves Elementary School, 13650 Park St, Cerritos, CA 90703

The dates for each location hosting the Roundtable are in the attached calendar.



Cub Scout Day Camp - June 22-26, 2026

Come dig into the past with us as we explore like paleontologists and discover more about our ancient dinosaur friends. Don't miss the fun: woodworking, swimming, fishing, a water park outing, and fun!

We are in a NEW location this year! Nestled in the La Mirada Regional Park.

Registration is LIVE!

If you are interested in volunteering in staffing please send an email to: piopicodaycamp@yahoo.com

We need Den Chiefs! If you have a Scout in your unit who would like to participate as a Den Chief, the scout must complete the Den Chief Training and be over 14 years old or older to staff. Participating does help the scout with a requirement for the Den Chief award.

It is time to kick back and celebrate our Scouting community at the annual **Pio Pico Roundtable Picnic at Plam Park**. This casual event is open to all adults, offering a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and relaxation. We'll be serving up a classic picnic feast.

For more info, please reach out to:
Tom Garcia at 562-355-6978



Calling all Cub Scouts Units!

Have you spread the word to your cub scout families about Cub Scout Day Camp? There is still time to join in on an exciting weeklong adventure of activities!

Our Cub Scouts will create an unforgettable summer adventure at the Pio Pico District Day Camp, where they will embark on Paleontological expeditions and discover the wonders of the past!

Join us to explore the age when mighty dinosaurs roamed the land. Scouts will spend their days engaging in exciting, hands-on activities such as woodworking, fishing, and swimming, all while making new friends and lifetime memories.

When: June 22nd- June 26th, 2026

Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: La Mirada Regional Park

Questions: piopicodaycamp@yahoo.com

We are looking for Adult Volunteers and Den Chiefs to staff for Day Camp. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to: piopicodaycamp@yahoo.com
For Den Chiefs, Scouts must have completed the Den Chief Training and must be 14 years of age or older.

For more information and to register, please see the attached flyer or click the link below.

[Pio Pico Cub Dino Adventure Day Camp](#)

We hope to see your scouts there!

Pio Pico Annual Roundtable Picnic

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BINGO AFTERWARDS

Roundtable Picnic

WHEN: JUNE 17 2026

**WHERE: PALM PARK, EL RANCHO DR. WHITTIER
(PICNIC AREA)**

TIME: 6:00 PM UNTIL IT'S OVER

**COST OF \$10.00 PER PERSON REQUIRED PAYABLE
BEFORE EVENT**

This picnic is a casual event Class A Uniforms preferred but not required. All Adults able to attend, please be on time.

Menu: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Punch/Lemonade and Dessert

More Info: Tom Garcia 562 355 6978

Pio Pico Camporee



Avast, ye brave hearties!

The tide be rising and the winds are fair for the **Pio Pico Spring Pirate Camporee**. Lay a hand to the braces and prepare to weigh anchor, for the voyage is nigh! I trust ye’ve rounded up your scallywag scouts and signed 'em to the ship’s articles. But mark me words well, and take 'em to heart: there be no room for day-pass landlubbers on this trek. Whether ye be a green deckhand or a grizzled captain, every soul must be inked upon the crew’s manifest at the time of registration. No stowaways allowed!

So, hoist the Jolly Roger, rally your mates, and prepare to plunge into a journey through time. Gold is fine, but the memories we forge are the only treasure worth buryin'.

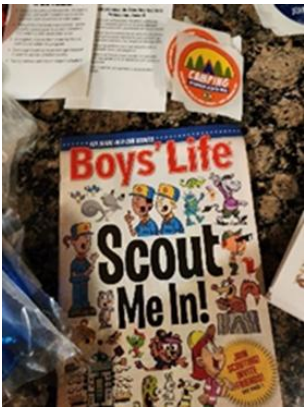
All hands on deck—see ye at the Camporee!"

Camporee Registration: is CLOSED!

Recruitment Materials

Recruitment materials include wristbands, flashlights, stickers, Boys Life minis, and recruitment envelopes.

Please contact Virginia Wetzel if you require any recruiting materials for Cub Scouts and Scouts varcourt@frontier.com



Roundtable falls on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Tables will be set up with fliers and information to share.

Remember, Roundtable is for everyone!

The next roundtable meeting will be on:

**Wednesday April 15th, 2026
In the City of Cerritos**

Gonsalves Elementary School
13650 Park St, Cerritos, CA
90703

Upcoming Events in Pio Pico

2026	April					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15 Roundtable In Cerritos	16	17 Pio Pico Camporee	18 Pio Pico Camporee	19 Pio Pico Camporee
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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SAVE THE DATES:

Pio Pico Camporee - April 17-19, 2026 - Prado Regional Park (Camporee Theme: Pirates)
Cub Adventure Day Camp: June 22-26, 2026



Merit Badge Calendar

Leaders and Parents, are you unsure when the next Merit Badge Training will be for your scout? Look no further. I have added a new column to the Newsletter to help better serve our units and scouts. If you are interested in any of the MBs, please visit the Greater LA Calendar to register your scouts! Many classes fill up fast, so please be sure to head over. This list is current on the council's website; some classes will be offered again at a later date. I will update when more becomes available in our council area. <https://greaterlascouting.org/calendar/>

- Communication Merit Badge at Cushman Watt Scout Center – April 11th 8:30 to 11:30 AM**
- First Aid Merit Badge at Cushman Watt Scout Center - April 11th 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM (again on May 9th)**
- Rowing Merit Badge at Long Beach Sea Base – April 19th 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**
- Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge at Cushman Watt Scout Center – May 16th 10:30 to 1:00 PM**
- Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Day at Cushman Watt Scout Center – May 16th 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**
- Scouts Range Merit Badge at Trask -May 30th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (again on August 29th & December 12th)**

Scouting Aquatics and More!

This list is currently on the council's website. To register please go to: <https://greaterlascouting.org/calendar/>

- Swim lessons for Scouts at Trask – May 3rd 1 PM to 2:30 PM (first session) and 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM (second session)**
- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) at Camp Trask – May 9th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (again on August 9th)**
- Stand Up Paddleboarding Award at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area – May 17th 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**
- Trail to Eagle 2026 Week 1 at Trask- June 8th – 11th**
- Trail to First Class at Camp Trask- June 12th – 14th**
- Trail to Eagle 2026 Week 2 at Trask – June 15th – 18th**
- Trail to Eagle 2026 Week 3 at Trask – June 22nd- 25th**

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HAT - Climbing Instructor Training Level 1 4/17-19/2026 @ Hubert Eaton Scout Resevation
Trail to First Class at Camp Trask- 06-12-2026 to 06-14-2026
Adult IOLS training at Camp Trask - 06-13-2026 to 06-14-2026 & June 13th – 14th
BALOO training at Trask – 05/16/2026
HAT - Wilderness Woman Training at Cushman Watt Scout Center- 05/16/2026 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM



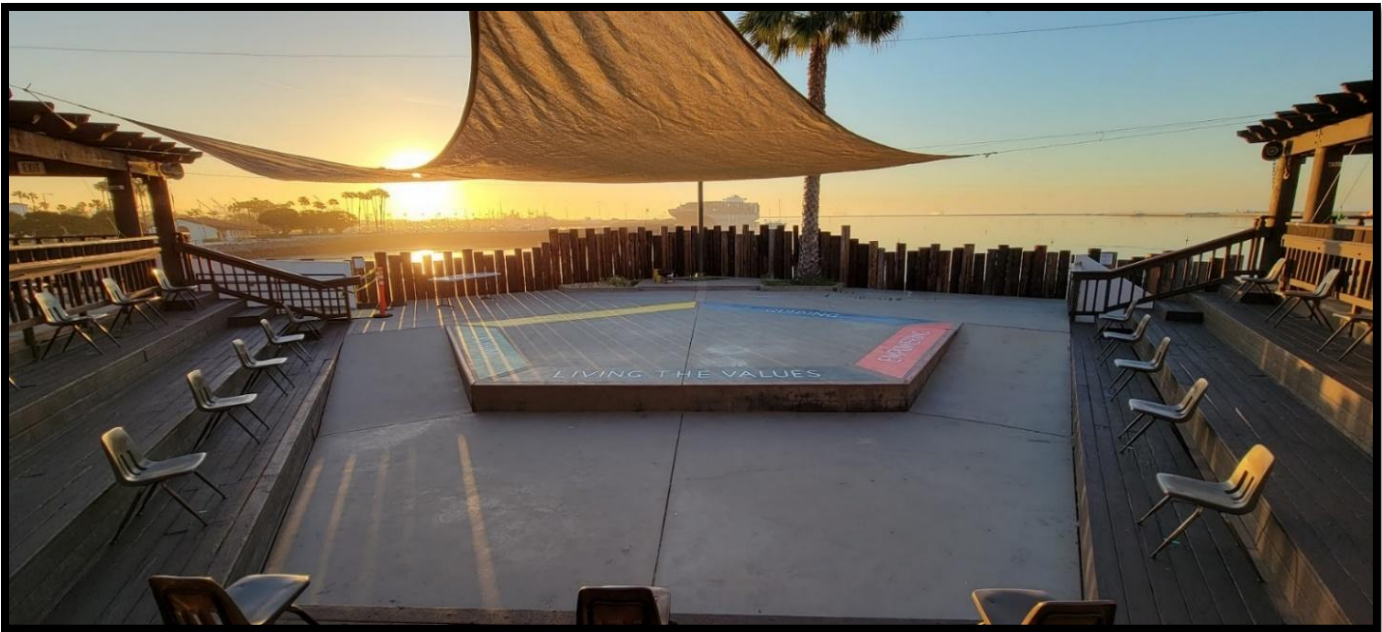
Weekend 1: 09/18/2026 to 09/ 20/2026 @ Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Weekend 2: 10/03/2026 to 10/04/2026 @ Trask Scout Reservation

Registration is now Open!

Sign up now for the early bird special before August 1, 2026!

Remember, Wood Badge is open for ALL registered Adults

<https://scoutingevent.com/033-WoodBadge>



Pio Pico Pushcart Derby Recap

Racers, start your engines! On March 22nd, Pio Pico celebrated an incredible turnout with over 50 participants in our annual Pushcart Derby. This successful event was made possible through the dedicated support of our District Committee members, Council Staff, and numerous volunteers.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Martha Esteves and the families and leaders of Pack 553 for hosting such a wonderful gathering. Additionally, we are grateful to Stonewood Mall for their continued partnership with our local Scouting programs. Our success truly depends on this invaluable community support.







We hope to see you all again at the next Pio Pico Pushcart Derby!

Pio Pico Annual District Award Dinner Recap

The Pio Pico District Annual Recognition Dinner is a cornerstone event for the Scouting community in Whittier and the surrounding Greater Los Angeles Area Council. This annual gathering serves as a formal "thank you" to the volunteers, leaders, and units who sustain the district's values-based programs. The dinner highlights our district's role in fostering character, citizenship, and leadership in youth across nearly two dozen local communities, from Whittier and Pico Rivera to Downey and Santa Fe Springs. It is with great honor to recognize the outstanding contributions to Scouting over the past year. I want to extend my congratulations to the following Scouters for their outstanding commitment to the scouting program:

Lifetime Achievement Award 2025: Roger Reynolds

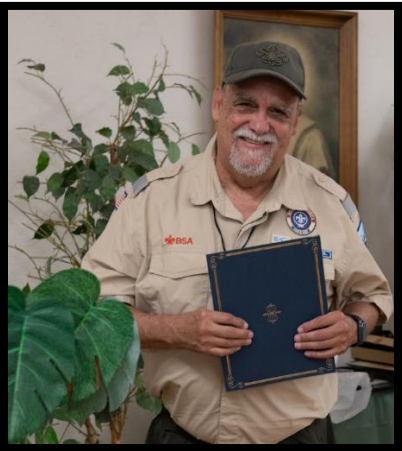
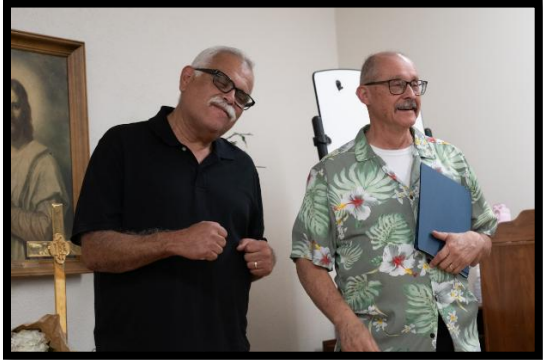
District Award of Merit 2025: Robert Sera; Manette Baltazar-Moreno

Silver Mouse Award: Virginia Wetzel

Commissioner's Key: Steve H. Ceballos; Alex Begg

Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Unit Service: Steve H. Ceballos

Mickey Award (28): Gubendran Laksmanan, Amar Budamagunta, Naresh Masaram, Naresh Jayaseelan, Manikandan Mohandas, Saravan Ramasamy, Carlos Ramirez, Jean Li, Elaine Chung, Albert Chung, Amanda Miya, Eric Chan, Gloria Gilmartin, Jeremy Boyd, Ramiro Ortiz, Jaime Ledon, Eusebia Ledon, John Malvaez, Kate Fernando, Jennifer Prado, Mariah Johnson, Larry Schmal, Tom Garcia, Marcus Gerges, Vivian Gerges, Robert Mosqueda, Nick Soto, Mary Sarabia





Troop 2019 Reaches New Heights

In mid-March, Troop 2019 camped at Canyon RV Park in Anaheim, preparing for Camporee while taking on the high ropes course. With several new Scouts in attendance, older Scouts stepped up as leaders, teaching skills, guiding camp setup, and even impressing with their cooking.

The ropes course pushed Scouts out of their comfort zones, creating powerful moments of teamwork and encouragement. A Star Scout helped support younger, hesitant Scouts, turning fear into confidence and bonding.

The day ended with a thrilling zipline, a “best scream” contest, and a fun campfire featuring skits and a full-troop singalong of “Let It Go.” If you’re attending the [Pio Pico Camporee](#), you might get to see that skit performance live!



Pack 476 Blasts off to Rocket Academy

The camping bug has officially hit Pack 476! Families had an out-of-this-world experience during their inaugural camping excursion to Firestone, where they took part in Rocket Academy. It was a joy-filled event for everyone involved, evoking memories of that very first night spent under the stars in a tent. Our Cubbies and their loved ones truly cherished this time, creating lifelong memories together.

After enjoying the official evening Campfire, the youth were so inspired that they hosted a second campfire back at their own campsite, complete with plenty of S'mores. A huge thank you goes out to all the families who joined us and lent a helping hand to make this trip such a success.



Camporee Service Project Recap

On Mar 8, 2026, Scouts gathered at Prado Regional Park in Chino for the Pio Pico Camporee Service Project. Working from 8:00 AM until noon, volunteers focused their efforts on beautifying lot #7 to prepare the park facilities for the upcoming Spring Camporee.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the units whose hard work helped keep our campsite looking its best. Additionally, a special thanks goes to Terry Rodriguez for capturing photos of our volunteers in action!



