

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

Pio Pico Roundtable

Pio Pico Roundtable Pio Pico District Roundtable Meetings come to your city! 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, from 7 PM- 9:00 PM.

Next Roundtable Meeting:

August 19th, 2026
Located in Downey

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

Roundtable Breakout:

How to create a yearly plan using AI, activity flyers, and recruitment flyers.

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.



Renewal Alert: Action Required

Renewals are now live for members whose registrations expire on **September 30!**

Please note that there is only a **60-day grace period** following expiration. If a renewal is not completed within that timeframe, the member will be **dropped from the system**.

Additionally, ensure that your **Safeguarding Youth Training is current through October**. An expired SYT could delay your unit's rechartering process.

✓ Renew early to avoid interruptions and keep your unit on track for recharter.

Recruitment Season Is Here!

If your unit is planning a recruitment event, please let us know the date and details so we can ensure it is properly geofenced, or you can submit your information using the link below.

We also have recruitment flyers and promotional giveaways available. Use the link below to place your order.

If you need assistance, you may also contact [Virginia Wetzel](#), and she will help ensure your materials are delivered in time for your event.

✓ Don't wait, request your recruitment materials early to help make your event a success!

[Geofence Request Form- Greater LA Scouting](#)
[Recruitment Materials-Flyers - Greater LA Scouting](#)
varcourt@frontier.com

Roaring Fun at the Pio Pico District Day Camp!

Our little dino-enthusiasts had an absolute blast this past June! We brought the prehistoric world to life at our fantastic new home in La Mirada Regional Park. From crafting realistic fossils to embarking on thrilling dinosaur egg hunts, our Scouts dived headfirst into a world of ancient discovery. But the excitement didn't stop there! Our adventurers made a huge splash with daily swim sessions at SPLASH, mastered the art of woodworking with some truly impressive projects, and spent a peaceful day by the water where plenty of fish were caught! To top it all off, we capped off the fun with an unforgettable day at the SPLASH Waterpark.

A massive shout-out goes to our incredible Program Director, Mrs. Manette Baltazar-Moreno! Her passion and dedication are the heartbeat of this program, making Pio Pico one of the few districts in the council to host its very own day camp every single summer.

We also want to send a giant "Thank You" to the amazing village of volunteers who made this magic happen. To our energetic Den Leaders and Den Chiefs, the expert fishermen and craftsmen who shared their skills, our wonderful parent volunteers, our dedicated Aquanaut instructor, and the culinary wizards who whipped up a spectacular Friday night picnic—you are the heroes of Pio Pico! This program thrives because of your heart and hard work. Thank you for making our district so strong and our Scouts' summer so bright!

Pio Pico Annual District Picnic

What a fantastic time we had catching up with our amazing Scouting family at our Annual Pio Pico District Picnic! It was the perfect summer evening, filled with sunshine, delicious food, and even better company. While the weather and the meal were wonderful, seeing all of you made the night priceless.

An enormous, heartfelt THANK YOU to Tom and our incredible Cook Crew for always going above and beyond to make these gatherings feel so special. We also want to send a huge shout-out to everyone who donated items or helped behind the scenes to whip up such a great spread—we couldn't have done it without your hard work!

We're already counting down the days until we get to see all of you again next June. Until then, thank you for being such an important part of our Scouting community!

Pio Pico District Merit Badge Adventure: A Day of Scouting Success!

You asked, and we delivered! Our Scouts wanted a special day dedicated to merit badges, and thanks to the amazing efforts of Mr. Mosqueda, we made it happen. It was an incredible, high-energy day focused on Eagle-required badges for our Pio Pico District Scouts. The energy was electric with a full house—ten different merit badges were on the table, and every single class was packed to the rafters! What a phenomenal turnout!

A massive shout-out to all the Scouts who joined us to master new skills, and a huge thank you to our dedicated merit badge counselors for sharing their expertise. We also want to send a special note of gratitude to Mr. Hutchinson and the Downey United Methodist Church for opening their doors and hosting us. This spectacular day wouldn't have been possible without every one of you!

Don't miss out on the next adventure and keep a close eye on our District webpage for more exciting events coming your way soon!

Pio Pico District Scouting for Food Initiative

Did you know that local food banks are working harder than ever to support families in our very own neighborhoods? Our community needs us, and Pio Pico Scouts are always ready to answer the call! To keep those shelves stocked year-round, the Pio Pico District hosts 2 to 3 food collection events every single year—because hunger doesn't take a holiday, and neither does our Scouting spirit!

A Massive Shout-Out to Our Scouting Stars! ★

We are still celebrating the incredible success of our recent Scouting for Food drop-off at Merit Badge Day on June 13th! A huge, heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to Wood Badger Sergio from Troop 688. Sergio stepped up in a big way, organizing and transporting over 100 pounds of food to the Interfaith Food Center. Sergio, your leadership and hard work are an inspiration to us all, and you've made a real difference for families in our local community. Bravo!

🌟 Calling All Scouts: Get Ready for the Ultimate Troop-O-Ree! 🌟

Sharpen your skills and ignite the fun at our Camporee Warm-up!

Dust off your gear and get your patrol spirit ready! Troop 985 is hosting an epic Troop-O-Ree to practice our skills, build friendships, and prepare for the upcoming Camporee. It's going to be a weekend filled with adventure, learning, and Scouting brotherhood!

🏕️ Adventure Details

When: Oct 2, 2026, to Oct 4, 2026

Where: Prado Group Camp Site

Your Home in the Woods: Choose between the **Ash, Elm, or Mulberry** sites. Each site can host up to 30 people, so bring the whole troop!

Cost: \$120.00 per night or \$240.00 for the full weekend of fun.

📋 What Every Unit Needs

- **Strong Leadership:** At least 2 Adult Leaders in attendance for the full weekend.
- **Bring the Challenge:** 2 Camporee-style games to share and challenge your fellow Scouts.
- **Preparedness:** Units must bring all their own medical forms, permission slips, equipment, and plenty of tasty food!

🌲 Why Join Us?

This is all about having a blast! We're keeping it relaxed so Scouts can level up their skills, hang out under the stars, and make memories with Scouts from across the area. It's the perfect way to get ready for the big Camporee while having a great time.

📞 Join the Troop-O-Ree!

Ready to lead the way? Get in touch with our event organizers to let us know you're interested:

Mike Warren: Text at 562 760-6952 or **Richard Jensen:** Text at 562-505-8222

📄 How to Reserve Your Spot

Don't miss out! **Each unit is responsible for securing their own campsite through the San Bernardino County Parks reservation system.** Grab your site early and let the countdown to October begin!

BE PREPARED FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN!

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!

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In the City of Downey

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In September: Whittier

Upcoming Events in Pio Pico

2026	August					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Roundtable in Downey	20	21	22 Quarterly Strategic Planning @	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SAVE THE DATES:

Council Quarterly Strategic Planning Meeting (CWSC) -August 22nd

BooFest @ Firestone- **October 23rd-25th**

Pumpkin Smash @ Firestone- **November 13th- 15th**



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/>

Welding Merit Badge at Trask

August 29th 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
September 19th 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Pioneering Merit Badge (CWSC)

August 22nd 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Moviemaking Merit Badge (CWSC)

September 19th 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Personal Management Merit Badge (CWSC)

September 19th 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Scouts Range Merit Badge at Trask

August 29th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
December 12th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Family Life Merit Badge (CWSC)

September 19th 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Scouting Aquatics and More!

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



Scouting Aquatics



UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 28-Aug 1 Lake Tahoe - Canoe and Camping Float Trip
Aug 9 Santa Fe Dam - Standup Paddle Boarding
Aug 23 Camp Trask - Mile Swim Award
Sept 27 Camp Trask- Snorkeling Award

More to Come:
Swimming and Water Rescue (available to adults as well)
Continuous: National Outdoor Award, Aquatics

Contact:

Kricket McKay
kricket@waterbugs.com

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SAVE THE DATES:

Trail to First Class @ Camp Trask - August 14-16 / November 20th – 22nd
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) @ Camp Trask - November 15th
HAT - Desert Camping and Travel Training (CWSC)- September 19th
HAT - Wilderness and Remote First Aid (CWSC)- October 24th – 25th
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)- December 18th to 20th Session One
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)- January 8th to 10th Session Two
HAT - Adult Leaders Backpack Training- February 26, 27, 28, 2027



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!

Remember, Wood Badge is open for ALL registered Adults!

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

