

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:

February 18, 2026
Downey:
Downey United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall)
10801 Downey Ave, Downey, CA 90241

Roundtable Breakout:

Scouts BSA Breakout:
Camporee - Talk about First Aid Kits, Patrol Box vs Plastic containers

Cubs/Webelos/AOL:
Cub Day Camp / Summer Activities

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.



Aargh, matey, shiver me timbers! Don't wait till the last day of the week to register ye unit. Remember, you can always add Buccaneers to your registration as long as there is still space available.

Camporee Registration: Live now—last day to register 3/29/26.

The District Dinner- It's NOT too late to get your names for your units' Mickey Awards to recognize those volunteers who go the extra mile in your unit.

Email: biancasantoyo79@gmail.com for more information.

We hope to see a couple of people from EACH of our Pio Pico units join us for dinner and a night of fellowship.

Registration is LIVE on Black Pug.

Calling all ye Buccaneers, come sing a chantey with us while we swab the parking poles at Prado. Each attending unit should send 2 Buccaneers to aid in this project.

March 8th, 8 AM- Noon. *More details are shared in the flyer.*

Cub Scout Day Camp * Save the Date* 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, and fun!
Registration will be live on Black Pug on March 2nd.
If you are interested in volunteering as a den chief or staffing, please send an email to: piopicodaycamp@yahoo.com

Pushcart Derby * SAVE THE DATE! March 22, 2026
Workshop-March 7th- 9:00-noon
Tips/instruction and help cutting your wood will be available. Units bring their own wood and materials.
Registration will be live on Black Pug 3/20/26.

Pio Pico Camporee



Ahoy, mateys!

To set sail for the Pio Pico Spring Pirate Camporee, ye must register as a Scout Crew (unit) rather than as lone buccaneers. This keeps our ship on course and the voyage smooth for all hands aboard. Once your crew is officially signed on, a treasure-map of details will be sent to ye by messenger gull (email), guiding your way to adventure.

Take heed—there be no day-pass for landlubbers at this gathering. Every soul, from young deckhands (Scouts) to seasoned captains (leaders), must be accounted for in your crew’s manifest at registration. So hoist the sails, rally your mates, and join us for a swashbuckling journey through time where memories are the true treasure at our Pirate Camporee!

Location: Prado Regional Park, 16700 Euclid Ave, Chino, CA 91708

Fee: \$35.00 per person (no refunds)

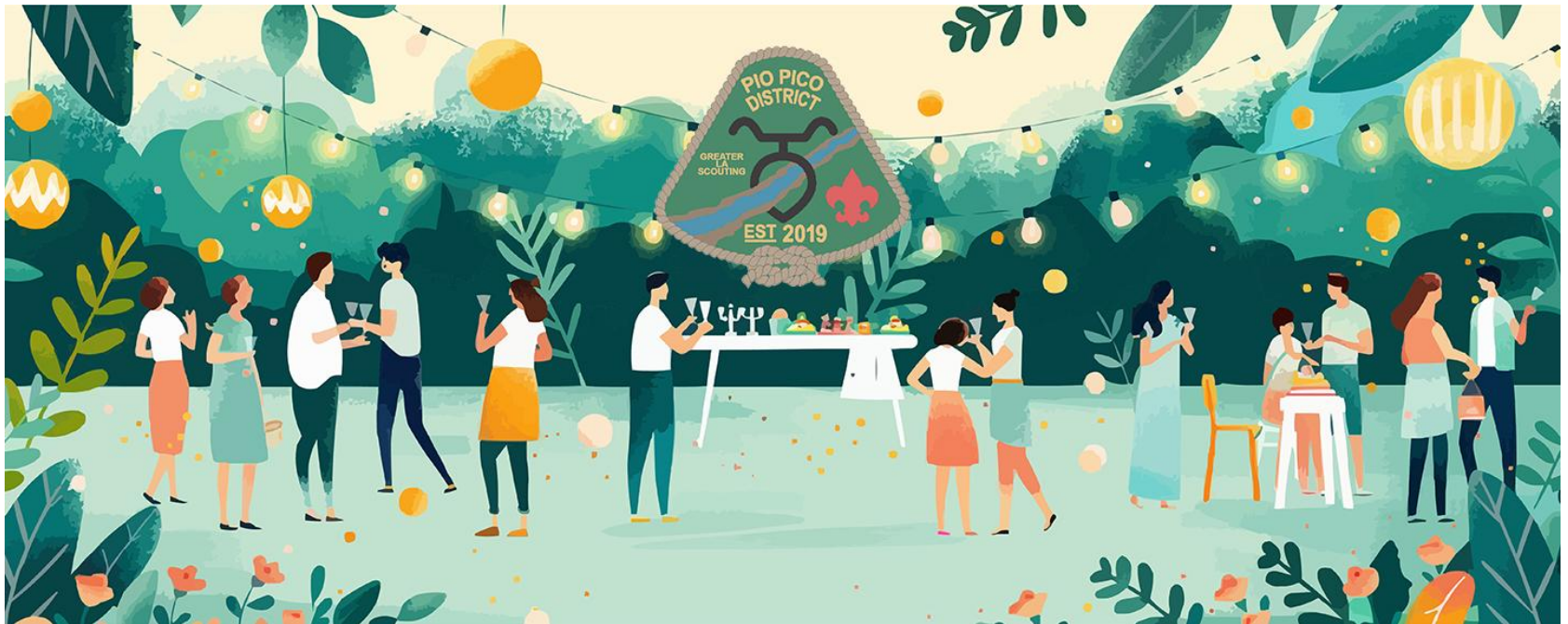
Date: April 17-19, 2026

Contact: Camporee Coordinator at piopicocamporee@yahoo.com

Camporee Registration: Live now—last day to register 3/29/26.

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-piopicocamporee>

Pio Pico Annual District Award Dinner



SAVE THE DATE!!

Enjoy a delightful family-style meal featuring both meat and vegetarian options, along with appetizers, fresh salad, warm bread, and a tempting selection of desserts. Complement your meal with refreshing iced tea and coffee as we celebrate the spirit of Scouting and fellowship.

The purpose of this special evening is to honor outstanding volunteers, leaders, and units who have made exceptional contributions to Scouting in our district over the past year. Your presence will make this night of recognition and community even more meaningful.

Our District proudly delivers a values-based Scouting program to young people across Greater LA Scouting, focused on building character, citizenship, and leadership in our youth. With dedicated volunteers, trained leaders, and a professional staff team, we continue to provide extraordinary experiences and opportunities that help shape tomorrow's leaders.

Join us for a taste of the Philippines. **Registration is now live.**

Date & Time: Saturday, March 7, 2026 (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

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

Cost: \$30 donation per person

Contact: Sally Grimaldi | piopicodistrict@yahoo.com

Registration is open! <https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-PioPicoDinner>

This year, our goal is to have two representatives from EVERY Pio Pico unit in attendance. Help us reach our goal. Enjoy a night of Scouting fellowship. See the attached list of awards that will be presented.

If you would like to recognize someone in your unit with a Mickey Award, please complete the application and return it to this email by 2/18/2026.

***** REMINDER- NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT, MICKEY AWARD, LIFETIME SCOUTER AWARD, AND THE AWARD OF THE SILVER MOUSE NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026! *****

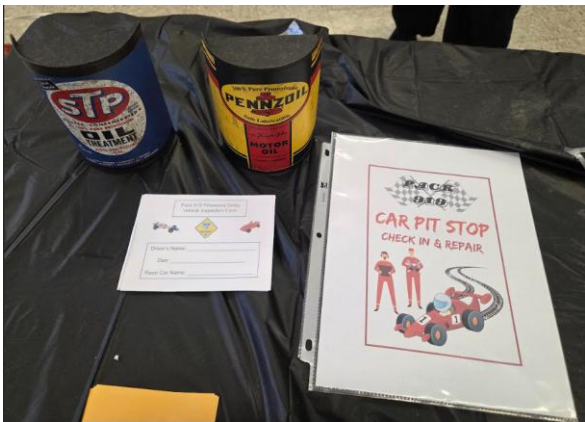
District Pinewood Derby 2026

Ready, Set, Go! What a turnout! On January 17, 2026, Pio Pico District race fans participated in our Annual District Pine Derby Race. Racers of all ages...even our adult racers had the opportunity to display and race their Pinewood creations. Big and small, large and tall, we all had fun.

Activities were in every corner for our racers. Racers participated in a Pinewood Coloring Station, Racing on an "Old School" wooden track, Selfies with your unit and a race time back-drop, and a selfie for your very own Pinewood Driver's License. Unique awards were given for Best Character, Good Sportsmanship, and Best Car, as well as to the winners of various heats.

A huge thank you to Pack 919 for hosting this event for our district and Mrs. Mariah for organizing a perfect day of derby racing for our Scouts.

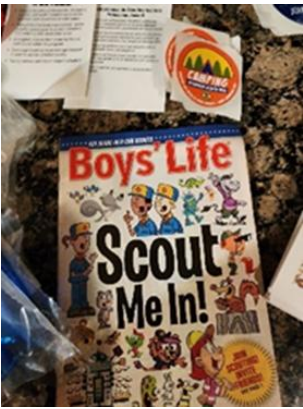
If you missed it this year...mark your calendars, we will be back next year! Remember, this event is open to everyone in our district. Join us next year and bring a friend.



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:

February 18, 2026

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

*The March Meeting will be
in Whittier*

Upcoming Events in Pio Pico

2026	February					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
02	03	Notes:				

SAVE THE DATES:

Camporee Service Project - Save the Date: March 8, 2026 @ 8:00 AM--Noon @ Prado.

All units participating should send at least two Scouts to assist with the project. The detailed flyer will be out in January.

Pio Pico District Dinner- March 7, 2026

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/>

Health & Safety Merit Badge Day at Trask- 01-31-2026

Scouts can choose **ONE** merit badge class to attend for the day (\$65):

- Public Health
- Search & Rescue
- First Aid
- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety

Innovation Science Merit Badge Day at Trask- 03-07-2026

Classes offered (**Choose ONE**):

Artificial Intelligence, Engineering, Environmental Science, Genealogy, Geology, **OR** Surveying.

Scouts Range Merit Badge at Trask- 03-21-2026

May 05-30-2026

August 08-29-2026

December 12-12-2026

Rifle OR Shotgun merit badge day at Trask!

(\$75--choose only **ONE** class per scout)

This is a one-day event. If the scout does not qualify, we will make arrangements for another visit. Ammunition is included for the day event only. If a future visit is required, ammo purchase will be necessary.

Citizenship merit badge day at Trask- 03-28-2026

Scouts can choose **ONE** citizenship merit badge to complete. (It is recommended that Society participants **be 14 years of age and above -OR- a Life scout rank**)

Kayaking Merit Badge- March 22, 2026 – Santa Fe Dam

10 am – 3 pm

Bring a sack lunch and Health form A & B

Contact Cricket McKay for more details: krocket@waterbuggs.com

More Scouting Aquatics to Come!

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23	24	25	26	27 HAT - Adult Leaders Backpack Training	28 HAT - Adult Leaders Backpack Training	01 HAT - Adult Leaders Backpack Training
02	03	Notes: 2/21 - NRA Rifle Instructor Courses at Firestone 2/21- Paul Bunyan Award at Trask 2/21- Rangemaster Training at Trask				

SAVE THE DATES:

Rangemaster Training at Trask- Saturday 02-21-2026
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) at Camp Trask- 02-01-2026 & 05-09-2026
HAT: Canoeing the Lower Colorado Training- 2/21/2026 Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park
HAT: Adult Leader Backpack Training- 2/27- 3/01/ 2026 @Trask
HAT: Junior Leaders Backpack Training- 3/07/2026 @ Cushmam Watt Scout Center
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



WOOD BADGE – 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!

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

