

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:

January 21st, 2026, at 8:00 pm
Cerritos-Gonsalves Elementary School

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.



Happy New Year, Pio Pico! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday celebrations and you are ready to create new adventures in 2026! I have a question for you: what did you do over the winter break with your units? Send me an email with your adventures, and I will share them in next month's edition- don't forget to send me two pictures along with it.

Don't forget:

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

The District Dinner- Registration is now live

Pio Pico District Pinewood Derby- is now Live

Camporee Service Project: March 18th, 8 AM- Noon.
More details are shared in the flyer.

Cub Scout Day Camp * Save the Date* June 22-26, 2026
If you are interested in volunteering as a den chief or staffing, please send an email to: piopicodaycamp@yahoo.com

Congratulations to our 2025 Silver Beaver Award Recipient:
Tommy L. Martinez

Join us for a night of fellowship, celebration, and gratitude as we honor the remarkable Scouters who continue to make a lasting difference in our communities.

Registration is NOW OPEN!
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Reception: 6:00 PM
Dinner Program: 7:00 PM
Quiet Cannon – Banquet Hall
901 Bella Verde Dr., Montebello, CA 90640

<https://greaterlascouting.org/annual-dinner/>

Pio Pico Pinewood Derby 2026

RACE ON OVER FOR

**PIO PICO DISTRICT
PINEWOOD DERBY**

PACKS & TROOPS WELCOME

\$8 PER RACER*

LUNCH AND SNACKS @ CONCESSION STAND
PWD RULES LOCATED ON REGISTRATION PAGE

JANUARY 17TH CHECK-IN @ 11 AM
RACE STARTS BY 12 PM

**\$10 TO PURCHASE A PWD DERBY
CAR ON SITE**

**DECEMBER 20TH & JANUARY 10TH
PWD WORKSHOP 9-11AM**

EAST WHITTIER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10005 COLE RD, WHITTIER, CA 90603

REGISTER HERE:
WALK-INS WELCOME

QUESTIONS CALL/TEXT MARIAH (562)735-9034
***INCLUDES OFFICIAL PINEWOOD DERBY PATCH**

When: Saturday, January 17
Where: East Whittier United Methodist Church – Geer Hall
10005 Cole Rd, Whittier, CA 90603
Car Check-in: 11 AM on race day
Races start: 12 PM
Attire: Class A uniforms
Cost: \$8 per entry, which includes an Official Pinewood Derby Patch.

- Here are the rules:
- 1. Width shall not exceed 2-3/4 inches.
 - 2. Length shall not exceed 7 inches.
 - 3. Weight shall not exceed 5 ounces.
 - 4. Axles, wheels, and body shall be from the materials provided in the kit. Additional wheels can be purchased separately.
 - 5. Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
 - 6. No lubricating oil may be used. Axles may be lubricated with powdered graphite or silicone only.
 - 7. The car shall not ride on any kind of spring.
 - 8. The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices.
 - 9. No loose materials of any kind are allowed in the car.

To Register: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-PinewoodDerby>

Save the Date for the Pio Pico Camporee Service Project!



SUNDAY, March 8, 2026
PIO PICO CAMPOREE
SERVICE PROJECT

We are looking for responsible scouts that need service hours to help paint parking posts at Prado Regional Park.



Service Project:

Time: 8 am-Noon

Location:
Prado Regional Park
16700 Euclid Ave.
Chino

Park: In lot #7
No charge for parking.

Please be sure to:

- bring a medium-large paintbrush and a small plastic container to hold paint
- wear old clothing that you are not afraid to get paint on
- bring your canteen
- snacks and water will be provided
- have a unit permission slip and your medical forms
- wear sun protection
- register via email

If you are participating as a unit you will need to have leadership with your scouts.

If a scout is participating solo, they will need to have adult supervision.

No walk-in volunteers allowed.

Register/Questions email:

piopicocamporee@yahoo.com

Pio Pico Camporee April 17-19, 2026



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)

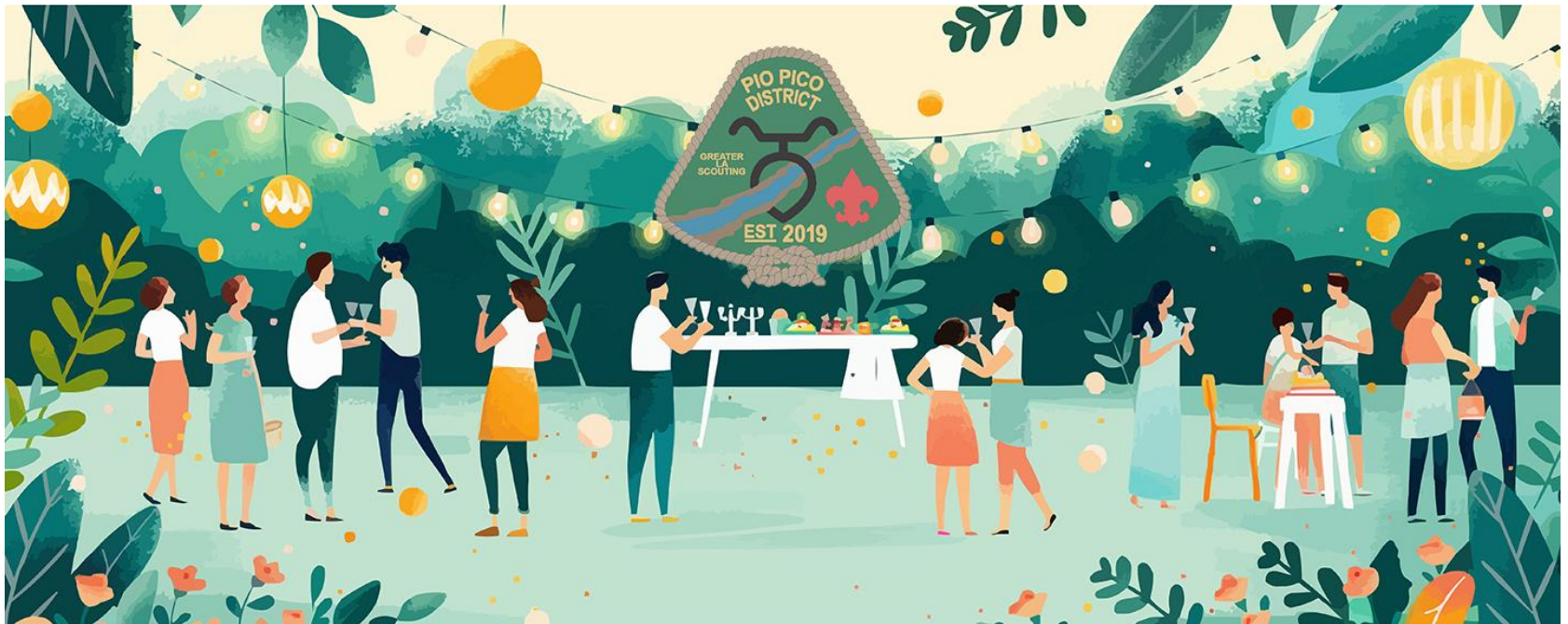
Date: April 17-19, 2026

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!!

Description:

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- LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS 2/23/26

*If you need to register after registration closes, email piopico-district@yahoo.com.
NO walk-ins will be accepted!*

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

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

Cost: \$30 donation per person

Contact: Sally Grimaldi | piopico-district@yahoo.com

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

***** 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! *****

Uptown Whittier Christmas Parade

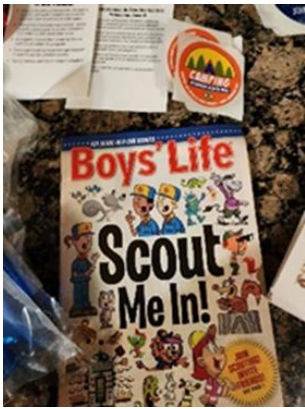




Recruitment Materials

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. Roundtable is now meeting in person. Tables will be set up with fliers and information to share. **Remember, Roundtable is for everyone!**

The next roundtable meeting will be on:
January 21st, 2026, at 8:00 pm
Cerritos –Gonsalves Elementary School, 13650 Park St, Cerritos, CA 90703

Upcoming Events in Pio Pico

2026	January					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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	29	30	31	01
02	03	Notes: Please check council website for futher details: https://greaterlascouting.org/calendar/				

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 Camporee - April 17-19, 2026 - Prado Regional Park (Camporee Theme: Pirates)
- Pio Pico District Dinner- March 7, 2026
- Cub Adventure Day Camp: June 22-26, 2026
- Firestone Cub Scout Rocket Academy- 03-27-2026 to 03-29-2026



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 quickly, so please be sure to register as soon as possible to guarantee a seat. This list is currently 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

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**)

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Rangemaster Training at Trask- Saturday 02-21-2026
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) at Camp Trask- 02-01-2026 & 05-09-2026
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

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

