

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:

March 18th in Whittier
First United Methodist Church, 13222 Bailey St., Whittier, CA 90601

Roundtable Breakout:

Hot Topic: Getting ready to go out again, personal gear check
Safety Moment: Campout Safety Checklist
Scouts BSA Breakout: Camping Equipment - Tents and sleeping bags
Cubs/Webelos/AOL: Cub Scout Advancement policies

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.



Pushcart Derby

– **Are you ready for the Pushcart Derby, but still need a cart? The Pio Pico Pushcart Derby team is hosting a special Build Day to help!**

Workshop Day-March 7th- 8:30 to Noon
Tips/instructions and help cutting your wood will be available. Units bring their own wood and materials.
Main Event Date- March 22, 2026
Registration will be live on Black Pug 3/20/26.

The District Dinner-

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 closes today, March 3rd, at 5 pm!**

If you try to register and the portal is closed, please email piopicodistrict@yahoo.com, and they will add you to the list. We hope to see you there!

Camporee Service Project-

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

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

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.

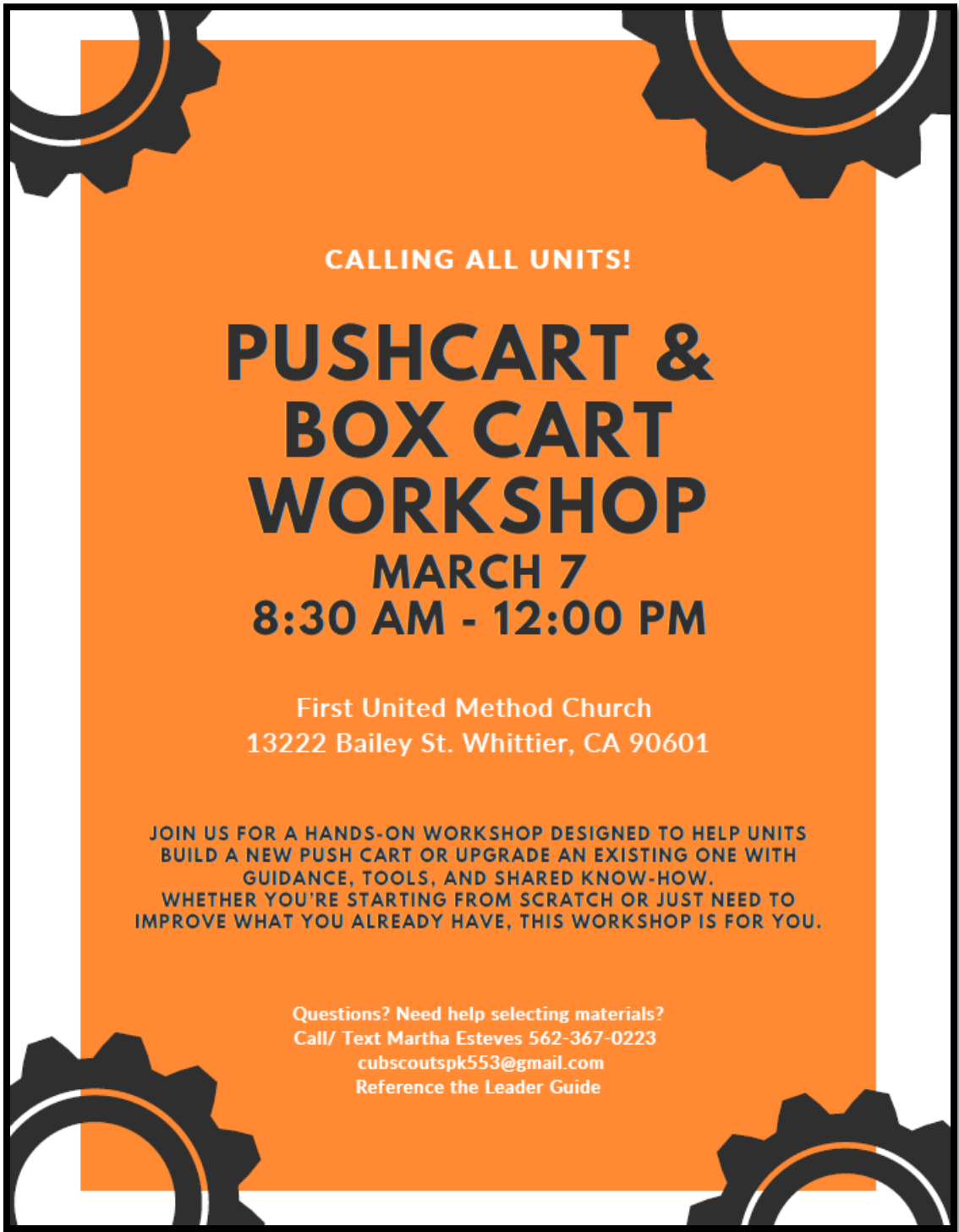
Camporee Registration: Live now—last day to register 3/29/26.

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!

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 Workshop Day!



Calling All Scout Units!! Are you ready for the Pushcart Derby but still need a cart?
The Pio Pico Pushcart Derby team is hosting a special Build Day to help!
Bring your own supplies, and our team will provide hands-on assistance to help you construct a new pushcart or upgrade your existing one.

When: March 7th
Time: 8:30 am- 12 pm
Location: First United Methodist Church - 13222 Bailey St, Whittier, CA 90601

Unit Supplies List:

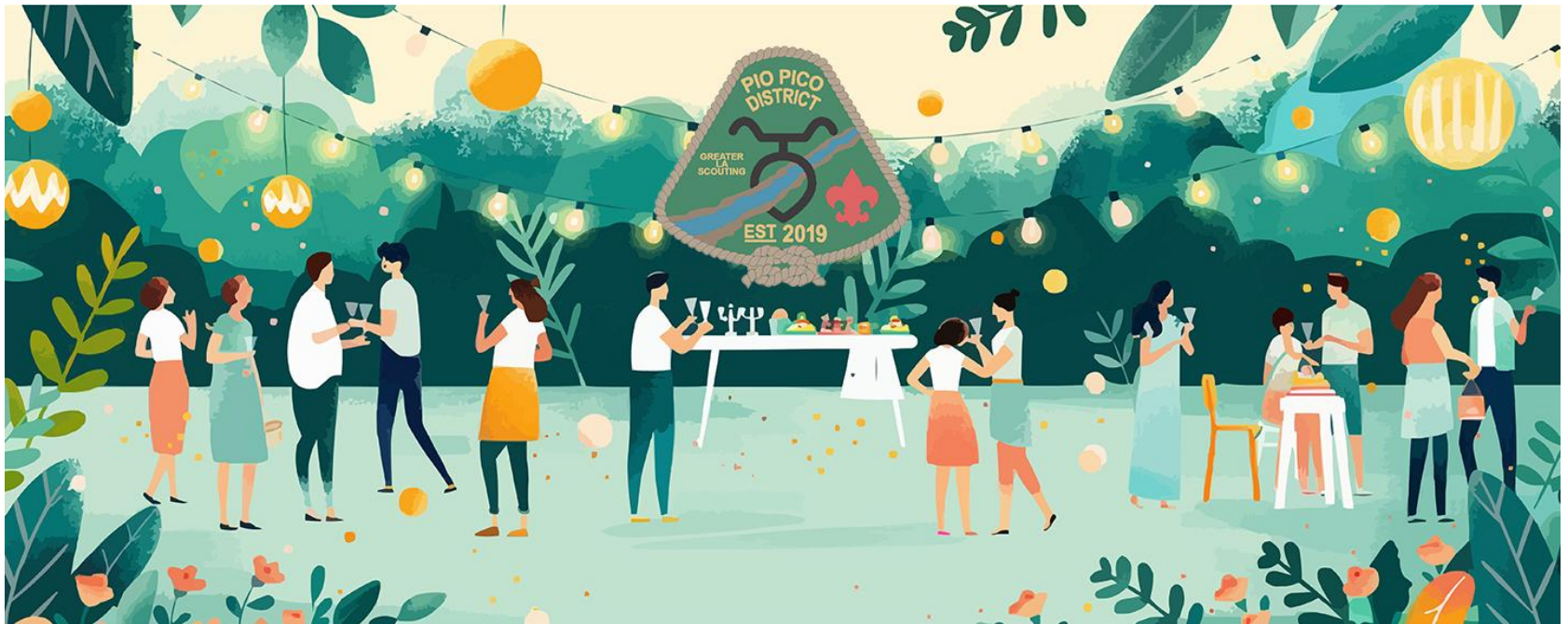
AXLE BRACKETS
TIRES
SEAT BELT
ROPE (STEERING WHEEL)
(2) 2X4 – 8 FT LONG
(1) 2X6 – 8 FT LONG
PUSH ROD: HOLLOW METAL TUBE OR WOOD, APPROX. 1¼”
DIAMETER, 5 FT LONG
And most importantly, please bring a seat for your pushcart, or construct one on site.

Below is a sample link of recommended materials via Amazon:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/VDY6RDD9VNY4?ref_=wl_share

We also encourage our Lion Leaders and Parents to come out and enjoy the fun! Bring your box, box cutters/scissors, creativity, and other fun materials, and we can help you build a box car for your Lion Scout!

Questions or need help selecting materials? Call/ Text Martha Esteves 562-367-0223 cubscoutspk553@gmail.com
Be sure to check out the attached flyer for more details!

Pio Pico Annual District Award Dinner



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.

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>

REMINDER: **Registration closes today, March 3rd, at 5 pm!**

If you try to register and the portal is closed, please email piopicodistrict@yahoo.com, and they will add you to the list. We hope to see you there!

**** 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. **

Pio Pico Camporee Service Project

We appreciate all units that are attending Camporee. Please send at least two scouts to the Camporee Service Project. The flyer is attached.



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 Pushcart Derby

PIO PICO DISTRICT PUSHCART DERBY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
CHECK-IN @ 8:00 AM | AWARDS @ 1:30 PM

STONEWOOD CENTER
251 STONEWOOD ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241
QUESTIONS: MARTHA ESTEVES | 562-367-0223
CUBSCOUTSPK553@GMAIL.COM
REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/033-PIOPICOPUSHCART](https://scoutingevent.com/033-PIOPICOPUSHCART)

RELAY OVAL TRACK

DRAGSTER TRACK

PARALLEL PARKING

**PUSHCART & BOX CART
WORKSHOP**
MARCH 7
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM



DIVISIONS: LION (BOX DERBY)
TIGER/WOLF - BEAR/WEBELO/AOL
SCOUT TROOPS/CREW/ADULTS

LUNCH AND SNACKS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE CONCESSIONS BOOTH

ALL UNITS WILL NEED TO HAVE 2
ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO WORK 1 HR
SHIFTS AS STOP WATCH TIMERS

Cost: \$15 per person entry fee.
Check-in: 8 AM on race day
Races: 8:30 AM-1:00 PM
Awards: 1:30 PM
Attire: Class A uniforms

If you have any questions, please direct them to **Martha Esteves** at cubscoutspk553@gmail.com or 562-367-0223

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 manifestation 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!

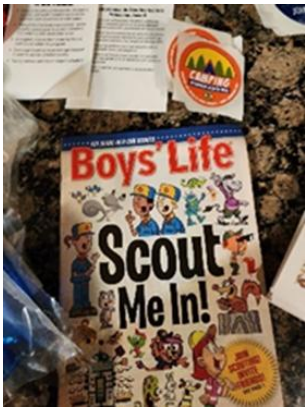
Location: Prado Regional Park, 16700 Euclid Ave, Chino, CA 91708
Fee: \$35.00 per person (no refunds)
Date: April 17-19, 2026
Contact: Camporee Coordinator at- piopicocamporee@yahoo.com

Camporee Registration: Live now—last day to register **3/29/26**.
<https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-piopicocamporee>

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:

March 18th in Whittier

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

Upcoming Events in Pio Pico

2026	March					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
02	03	04	05	06	07 Pushcart Derby Workshop- Pio Pico District Dinner	08 Camporee Service Project
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Roundtable in Whittier	19	20	21	22 Pushcart Derby @ Stonewood Center
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Last Day to register for Camporee!
30	31	Notes:				

SAVE THE DATES:

Pushcart Derby Workshop- March 7, 2026 8:30 am 12 pm @ First United Method Church 13222 Bailey St. Whittier, CA 90601

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

All units participating should send at least two Scouts to assist with the project.

Pio Pico District Dinner- March 7, 2026

Pushcart Derby- March 22nd, 2026 8:30 am – 1:00 pm @ Stonewood Center- Downey

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/>

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

Classes offered (**Choose ONE**):
Artificial Intelligence, Engineering, Environmental Science, Genealogy, Geology, **OR** Surveying.

OA - Trade-O-Ree & Merit Badge Day at Foothill Vineyard Church 03/07/2026

The Tuku'ut Lodge's 3rd annual merit badge day is for any interested scouts. We will be offering Collections, Scouting Heritage, Public Speaking, Chess, and Citizenship in the Nation, Nuclear Science, Music, Art, and Pets merit badges, with possibly more to come! Also offered will be ILST for any scouts who are interested in attending NYLT. Space is limited, so sign up now! Lunch is included.

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.

Family Life Merit Badge Day at Cushman Watt Scout Center 03/14/2026

\$50 per person
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (16 Scouts in the class)
Class for Scouts only - Class A uniform - Read all requirements- Worksheet is helpful
Discussion will happen
Requirement 3 can be started with the approval of your parents
You will need to return in 90 days, after June 12th

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: kricket@waterbuggs.com

More Scouting Aquatics to Come!

2026	March					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
02	03	04	05	06	07 Junior Leaders Backpack Training	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Roundtable in Whittier	19	20 Climbing Instructor Training Level 2@Cushman Watt	21 Wilderness and Remote First Aid @ Cushman Watt	22 Wilderness and Remote First Aid @ Cushman Watt
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes:				

SAVE THE DATES:

HAT: Junior Leaders Backpack Training- 3/07/2026 @ Cushman Watt Scout Center
HAT - Climbing Instructor Training Level 2 – 03/20/2026 @ Cushman Watt Scout Center
HAT - Wilderness and Remote First Aid - 03/21-22/2026 @ Cushman Watt Scout Center
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



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>

