



Roundtable Matters

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, BSA
Gary Thompson, Roundtable Commissioner

February 14th, 2024
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR FEBRUARY Don't fall victim to Frostbite. Serious injuries can occur when it's cold and you spend time working, playing, or sleeping outside, particularly if you are wet or your clothes are wet or too tight. Scouts should be instructed to inform an adult as soon as possible if they are at an event, winter camp, or troop campout and start experiencing any of the symptoms in this [Safety Moment](#).

UPDATED ZOOM Please download and import this [Calendar \(.ics\) file](#) to get a recurring calendar invite for RT added to your calendar for 18 months.

Zoom Meeting

<https://scouting-la-org.zoom.us/j/87669014327?pwd=YmlLK09WVXI3MmUyaE1HV0ZPUEhMQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 6901 4327

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PROGRAM UPDATES What's new in 2024? Check these out!!!! [2024 BSA Advancement Updates](#) [2024 Cub Scout Program Updates](#)

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE Please take a moment to submit your unit JTE package. Easy Google Forms links below

- **Packs** – <https://forms.gle/ZMX8cZSGr93DwzBz6>
- **Troops** – <https://forms.gle/JxphwGhH8hLVZAik8>
- **Crews** – <https://forms.gle/pXNosRQQ1vjH6Vir5>

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTURE (this list is NOT inclusive—check the [Council Calendar](#) for even more!)

Feb 16-18 [Winter Camp Adventure](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Pollock](#)
Feb 17-18 [BALOO](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
Feb 17 [Welding Merit Badge](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
Feb 17 [Merit Badge Day](#) (Scouts BSA) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
Feb 18 [Gun Safety & Broken Hearts Shoot](#) (Scouts BSA) [Firestone Boy Scout Reservation](#)
Feb 23-25 [HAT Adult Backpack Training](#) (Scouters) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
Feb 24 [Health and Safety Merit Badge](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
Mar 2 [Lion/Tiger Cub Day](#) (Lions/Tigers) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
Mar 2 [HAT Lead Scout Backpacking Training](#) (Scouts BSA and Scouters) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)
Mar 9 [Innovation Science & STEM Merit Badge](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
Mar 15-17 [HAT BSA Climbing 1](#) (Scouters) [Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation](#)
Mar 15-17 [Rocket Academy](#) (Cub) [Firestone Scout Reservation](#)
Mar 16 [Citizenship in Society Merit Badge](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
Mar 16 [Pacifica Merit Badge Day](#) (Scouts BSA) [Torrance Scout Center](#)

Mar 17	Gun Safety and Shamrock Shoot (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Mar 23	Space Exploration (Scouts BSA and Cubs) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Mar 23-24	HAT - Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Mar 23-24	NRA Shotgun Instructor (Scouters) Firestone Scout Reservation
Mar 24	Shotgun Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 6	NRA Rangemaster (Scouters) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 8	Solar Eclipse (All) @everwhere
Apr 12-14	OA Spring Induction (OA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Apr 13	Welding Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Apr 19-21	Pacifica Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 25	Pacifica District Awards Dinner (Scouters) Rock & Brews Pacific Coast Highway
May 11	Pacifica Pinewood Derby Championship (Cub) El Segundo Scout House
May 18-19	BALOO (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC

CAMP CARD It's official, the annual Camp Card fundraiser has started. See the flyer in RTM for more information. Kickoff was on 10 Feb and more information will be coming soon.

WOOD BADGE 2024 Planning for Wood Badge Course 3-33-24 to be hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Area Council encountered unexpected challenges. Proposed Course dates and fees for this coming Fall are awaiting final review and approval by the Council Staff. Registration information will be available soon; feel free to contact the Course Director, Bob Hodgkiss, at hodgkissb@yahoo.com or 310-748-6543 if you have questions.

SOLAR ECLIPSE Look at your opportunity to earn the BSA Total Solar Eclipse Emblem [here](#) on April 8th..

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 15. Please help us recognize Scouters who are going above and beyond for our District! Recipients will be honored at our banquet in April. It's easy to nominate someone for this award—simply fill out the nomination form. [You can find a link to the form and a list of past recipients on our RT Matters website.](#) Contact our Award of Merit Nominating Chair, Cathy Wimberg at wimberg@sbcglobal.net, if you need help or more information.

PACIFICA DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER Save the date for Thursday April 25, 2024! Spread the word to your unit members to not miss this evening of good food, camaraderie and awards. By popular demand, to be held again at Rock and Brews in Redondo Beach. Online booking should be available shortly!

SPRING CAMPOREE Are your Scouts *Brave* enough? Do they want a *Toy-riffic* weekend? Troop 219 will have them turning *Inside Out* as they explore the world of Pixar. Join us the weekend of April 19th – 21st at Firestone Scout Reservation. Plan to come early on Friday since we will be having a movie night. Hold the date and spread the word. You won't want to miss this great annual event. Early registration is now open and reduced rates are available through February 4th. February 5th through March 31st regular rates apply. See the fly on Pacifica's website or download the leaders guide from the registration site. Contact Sheila at PacificaCamporee@yahoo.com for questions.

PACIFICA MERIT BADGE DAYS Pacifica will be conducting two Merit Badge Days at the Torrance Scout House on March 16th and June 22nd. The cost will be \$1, per day, per Scout, which includes all the classes you would like to take for each day. The plan is to have merit badges that can be completed that day and others that you can start and return in June to get signed off. The list of merit badges that will be offered and registration will be available in January. If you are a merit badge counselor and can conduct a session at our Merit Badge Day, please contact Sheila at Sheandjc@yahoo.com to volunteer or for more information.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM CHANGES Significant changes in the [Cub Program](#) are coming. More emphasis on personal safety, bobcat is earned each year (and is different for each rank as it builds to cover tenants of the Scout rank in BSA, focus on enabling multiyear programs to just band a few. Lastly there is a change to focusing on transition to BSA for AOL scouts.

PHILMONT 2025 Philmont Expeditions and Cavalcades are now taking reservations, get more information [here](#). Looking for other High Adventure opportunities? Start exploring [here](#).

RECRUITMENT Council has been getting ready for our recruitment season, if you have any questions with what items we have available to help with your recruitment please check out the council's recruiting page

<https://greaterlascouting.org/recruitment-materials-order-page/>

CALENDARS It's time to plan your 2023/2024 Scouting Year. Check out these printable calendars and suggested themes from *Scout Life* magazine [here](#).

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING IS BACK! GLAAC will bring back the annual day-long training in Fall of 2024. If you have any skills that you would like to share, or if there are any Scouting topics that you would like training on, please contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com We are currently seeking instructors and ideas for this day of training.

PODCAST Do you subscribe to podcasts to kill time during your commute? Check out [#CubChatLive](#) focused on developing Cub Leaders! [#Scoutcast](#) focuses on our Troop, Ship and Crew Scouters.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCOUTING MAGAZINE: Here are some articles from Aaron On Scouting well worth reading: [Videos from the BSA Brand Center Enhance Your Unit's Online Presence](#)
[Six Steps to Planning a Great \(Youth-led\) Overnight](#)
[Enhancements to Messengers of Peace Awards Program](#)
[Why You Should Participate in Voice of the Scout Surveys](#)

ATTENTION MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS Thank you to all the merit badge counselors who have reaffirmed their commitment as requested and will continue to serve our scouts as merit badge counselors for 2024. We're always looking for more counselors, so if you recognize one of your scouters who you know might be a good candidate, point them toward our website at <https://greaterlascouting.org/pacifica-advancement-information/> and get them in touch with the Merit Badge Dean at meritbadge@pacificabsa.org.

EAGLE ADVANCEMENT Eagle candidates please review the "[2023 Path to Eagle](#)" (Rev. 4/2023). See these [great tips from Scouting Magazine](#) on helping Scouts, especially those who are neurodivergent, on their path to Eagle. Prior to contacting Pacifica District for approval, please review Eagle application and Eagle book with your troop advancement chair to confirm records agree with troop records and Eagle book is complete. Eagle Project approver is Mr. Cortenbach who can be contacted at wpcortenbach@gmail.com or cell 310-616-6371 the Path to Eagle is in the process of being updated. Scout profile and join date will be requested from Council and Scout will be assigned a book check person. Please do not contact the Council directly for profile or join date. Please call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197 for the Pacifica verification and review once the Eagle book and application are ready.

ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA) The OA is Scouting's Honor Society for Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Members ("Arrowmen") provide service to their home Units, the Pacifica District, our Council, and BSA nationally. OA provides Youth members additional service and leadership opportunities that help them grow and build experience. Members are sent virtual Meeting invitations via the LodgeMaster application.

The next Monthly Lakota Chapter Meeting is scheduled 7:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the Torrance Scout Center (2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501). We'll be having fellowship time together, doing some leatherworking, as well as discussing upcoming Lodge and Chapter activities.

Arrowmen should have received a notification to pay their 2024 Lodge dues. Payment of 2024 dues may be made on the Lodge's website [here](#).

The Spring Induction Weekend will be held April 12-14, 2024, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. Chapter members and Candidates will receive an email from Tuku'ut Lodge when registration opens. You can also look for updates on the Lodge website (www.tukuut.org).

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at lakotachief@gmail.com and the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org.

A Wait List to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) July 28-Aug 3, 2024, has been created. Interested OA members should use [this website](#) to request being added to the Wait List.

CHECK US OUT!

Virtually all info is available online: Events, Dates, Fliers, Contacts, Training, Etc.

Pacifica District Website: <https://GreaterLAscouting.org/pacifica-district/>

GLAAC Website: <https://GreaterLAscouting.org/>

AT ROUNDTABLE Have an event you'd like to promote at Roundtable or flyer you'd like to include with *Roundtable Matters*? We welcome all appropriate additions to our Roundtable program. Have a topic you'd like to see as a breakout session or big rock? Send an email proposal to gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org or roundtable@pacificabsa.org two weeks before Roundtable to get started.