



# Roundtable Matters

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAFETY MOMENT FOR MARCH** Emergency Action Plans are just for work, council properties, or large scale events; having an Emergency Action Plan for your regular meeting locations can make the difference when reacting to an emergency. The BSA has provided a [guide](#) which breaks down the general categories that should be considered as you create your tailored plan. Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

**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=YmlLK09WVXI3MmUyaE1HV0ZPUeMOT09>

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

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

Mar 15-17	<a href="#">HAT BSA Climbing 1</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation</a>
Mar 15-17	<a href="#">Rocket Academy</a> (Cub) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
Mar 16	<a href="#">Citizenship in Society Merit Badge</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Mar 16	<a href="#">Pacifica Merit Badge Day</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Torrance Scout Center</a>
Mar 16	<a href="#">Polar Bear Swim</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Mar 16 & 17	<a href="#">Cabrillo Merit Badge Day</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Mar 17	<a href="#">Gun Safety and Shamrock Shoot</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
Mar 23	<a href="#">Space Exploration</a> (Scouts BSA and Cubs) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Mar 23	<a href="#">Polar Bear Swim</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center</a>
Mar 23	<a href="#">Horsemanship Merit Badge</a> (Scouts) <a href="#">Empty Saddle Club</a>
Mar 23-24	<a href="#">HAT - Wilderness and Remote First Aid</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Cushman Watt Scout Center</a>
Mar 23-24	<a href="#">NRA Shotgun Instructor</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
Mar 24	<a href="#">Shotgun Merit Badge</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
Apr 6	<a href="#">NRA Rangemaster</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
Apr 6	<a href="#">Women on Target</a> (Scouters) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
Apr 8	<a href="#">Solar Eclipse</a> (All) @everwhere
Apr 12-14	<a href="#">OA Spring Induction</a> (OA) <a href="#">Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation</a>
Apr 13	<a href="#">Welding Merit Badge</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Apr 19-21	<a href="#">Pacifica Spring Camporee</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Firestone Scout Reservation</a>
Apr 19-21	<a href="#">Rose Bowl Camporee Survivor</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC</a>
Apr 19-21	<a href="#">Scouts of the Round Table</a> (Scouts BSA) <a href="#">Prado Regional Park</a>

Apr 19-21 [El Camino Real Camporee](#) (Scouts BSA) 📍 Firestone Scout Reservation  
 Apr 25 Pacifica District Awards Dinner (Scouters) [Rock & Brews Pacific Coast Highway](#)  
 Apr 26-28 [SGV Camporee](#) (Scouters) 📍 Firestone Scout Reservation  
 Apr 26-28 [Lifeguard Training](#) (Scouts BSA) 📍 Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC  
 May 4 [Lion/Tiger Day](#) (Cub) 📍 Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC  
 May 11 Pacifica Pinewood Derby Championship (Cub) [El Segundo Scout House](#)  
 May 18-19 [BALOO](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
 Aug 10-11 [BALOO](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
 Oct 26-27 [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](mailto: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 20.** 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](mailto:wimberg@sbcglobal.net), if you need help or more information.

**PACIFICA DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER** The booking site will be 'live' this week! Rock and Brews in Redondo Beach, again by popular demand, on Thursday April 25. The prices have been lowered this year and the restaurant will donate a percent of the proceeds! It's a win/win for us, the restaurant and Scouts BSA! So spread the word to your unit members so we can pack the house! You do not want to miss this evening of good food, camaraderie and awards.

**SPRING CAMPOREE** Are your Scouts *Brave* enough? Do they want a *Toy*-rific weekend? Troop 219 will have them turning *Inside Out* as they explore the world of Pixar. Join us the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. February 5<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:PacificaCamporee@yahoo.com) for questions.

**PACIFICA MERIT BADGE DAYS** Pacifica will be conducting two Merit Badge Days at the Torrance Scout House on March 16<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:Sheandjc@yahoo.com) to volunteer or for more information.

**BSA ANGLING EDUCATOR COURSE** Time to put new line of the rod and get ready to reel in some fishing tales with your scouts. Before you hit your secret spot, plan to get certified on 11 May at Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center. Flyer is included on the RTM website. Contact [Dane\\_Shigemura@yahoo.com](mailto:Dane_Shigemura@yahoo.com) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.tukuut.org)).

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at [lakotachchief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachchief@gmail.com) and the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto: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](mailto:gary.thompson@pacificabsa.org) or [roundtable@pacificabsa.org](mailto:roundtable@pacificabsa.org) two weeks before Roundtable to get started.