



Roundtable Matters

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR APRIL Now that Spring has finally sprung, it's time to think about the unpredictability of weather. As you prepare to get outdoors, go camping, and travel to new areas; take some time to get familiar with weather safety concerns for your destination. We often get complacent living in SoCal and forget that only a couple hours away we can experience very different weather. See [this presentation](#) for hazardous weather concerns when planning scouting activities. Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

PACIFICA DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER [BOOK NOW](#) for this year's district awards dinner so you can congratulate this year's District Award of Merit recipients: Lisa Christensen, Richard Brehove and John Poprac! Rock N Brews in Redondo Beach will once again host our dinner on Thursday April 25th. 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!

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

Apr 12-14	OA Spring Induction (OA) Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
Apr 13	Welding Merit Badge (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Apr 13	Kayaking & Emergency Preparedness MB (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Apr 19-21	Pacifica Spring Camporee (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Apr 19-21	Rose Bowl Camporee Survivor (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Apr 19-21	Scouts of the Round Table (Scouts BSA) Prado Regional Park
Apr 19-21	HAT BSA Climbing Level 2 (Scouters) Cushman Watt Scout Center
Apr 20	Cabrillo MB day (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Apr 21	Gun Safety & Egg Shoot (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
Apr 27	Pio Pico Pushcart Race (Cubs) Stonewood Center
May 4	Lion/Tiger Day (Cub) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
May 4-5	BSA Lifeguard & ARC (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
May 11	Pacifica Pinewood Derby Championship (Cub) El Segundo Scout House
May 11	BSA Angling Educator (Scouters) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
May 18-19	BALOO (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
May 19	Gun Safety & Crazy Candy Shoot (Scouts BSA) Firestone Scout Reservation
Jun 1	ILST (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Jun 1-2	Skating MB (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Jun 10-14	Lifesaving MB (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Jun 7-8	Trail to First Class (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation
Jun 14-16 & 21-23	NYLT (Scouts BSA) Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Aug 10-11	BALOO (Scouters) Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC
Aug 17	ILST (Scouts BSA) Camp Trask Scout Reservation
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 Wood Badge Course 3-33-24 will be held September 19-21 and October 5-6, 2024, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. Registration for the course is available [here](#). Please feel free to contact the Course Director, Bob Hodgkiss, at hodgkiss@yahoo.com or 310-748-6543 if you have questions.

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. [Registration is now open](#). 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 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.

CALLING CATHOLIC SCOUTERS We're looking Catholic Scouters in the Pacifica District to become counselors for the Ad Altare Dei program and facilitators for the Pope Pius XII program. Virtual training is available July 13-14. See the flyer in on the RT site for more information.

BSA ANGLING EDUCATOR COURSE Time to put new line on the reel and get ready to crank 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 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/>

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, April 23, 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 Cabrillo Youth Center. Chapter members may register as Staff members [here](#). Candidates may register [here](#). 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.