



Roundtable Matters

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, BSA
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY MOMENT FOR MAY Anaphylaxis is a sudden and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction usually to a food, an insect bite, or a medication. Anaphylaxis usually occurs in someone who has previously had an allergic reaction, but it can also happen to someone with no previous history. Preventing a reaction by avoiding the allergen (thing that causes the reaction) is key. [Here's a resource](#) to help you plan before your next event. Get this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

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

- May 11 [Pacifica Pinewood Derby Championship](#) (Cub) [El Segundo Scout House](#)
- May 11 [BSA Angling Educator](#) (Scouters) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
- May 11 [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Scouts BSA) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
- May 11 [Citizenship in Society MB](#) (Scouts BSA) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
- May 17-19 [OA Kihaawk](#) (OA) [Sonrise Christian School](#)
- May 18-19 [BALOO](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- May 18 [Salesmanship Merit Badge](#) (Scouts BSA) [Zoom](#)
- May 18 [HAT - Wilderness Woman Training](#) (Scouters) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)
- May 19 [Gun Safety & Crazy Candy Shoot](#) (Scouts BSA) [Firestone Scout Reservation](#)
- May 31-Jun 2 [BSA Lifeguard](#) (Scouts/Scouters 15+) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Jun 1 [ILST](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Jun 1 [Swimming & Personal Fitness MB](#) (Scouts BSA) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
- Jun 1-2 [Skating MB](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Jun 7-8 [Trail to First Class](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Jun 10-14 [Lifesaving MB](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Jun 14-16 & 21-23 [NYLT](#) (Scouts BSA) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
- Jun 15 [Cub Summertime Adventure](#) (Cub) [Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area](#)
- Jul 13 [Cub Summertime Adventure](#) (Cub) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)
- Jun 22 [Pacifica Merit BADE Day](#) (Scouts BSA) [Torrance Scout Center](#)
- Aug 10-11 [BALOO](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Aug 13 [Cub Summertime Adventure](#) (Cub) [Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center](#)
- Aug 17 [ILST](#) (Scouts BSA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Oct 5 [Pacifica Hiking Merit Badge Kickoff and 10 mile hike](#) (Scouts BSA) [Griffith Park](#)
- 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 hodgkisb@yahoo.com or 310-748-6543 if you have 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 May. 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 for 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 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 name 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/>

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 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/>. All the stuff you need to know is there. You know your adults, and you know your scouts. You as active leaders are in the best position to identify qualified and willing counselors. Please have them use the web portal that is identified in the instructions. That creates an item on a tickler file that I can keep track of. Emails get lost although I try to keep up. Thank you all for your commitment to our youth.

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, May 28, 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 annual Kihaawk Lodge Fellowship and Lodge Elections will be held May, 10-12, 2024, at the Sunrise Christian School in Covina. Chapter members 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.

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.