

The new issue of the *Scouter* newsletter is here. Inside this edition you'll hear the latest news from council, see upcoming events and training, and much more.

Roundtable

By David Granillo

Happy Easter to all leaders and their families. Easter is a time for families to be together.

Scout leaders, don't forget your other family - your scout family. Don't forget to attend Roundtable, so your leaders can get some ideas, or share ideas, for troop meetings, den meetings, and Pack meetings.

Scouts BSA troops, don't forget to register to attend San Gabriel Valley District Camporee this month to spend time with your scout families.

Don't forget to wear your leather fob and collect your bead at Roundtable this month. Our district is the only one that does this. Please invite your leaders, committee members, and parents to Roundtable this month and every month. This month we will be discussing volunteer roles. See everyone there!

If units have questions, please email David Granillo.

Join Us In-Person



Wednesday, 04/08, 7 PM

Duarte Elk's Lodge
2436 East Huntington Drive
Duarte

Eagle Corner

By Steve Salyards

MARCH EAGLES

Please join us in congratulating the SGV District's Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank in March!

- ◆ Nikita Willard, Troop 407
- ◆ Christopher Chu, Troop 104



SAVE THE DATE - Our next Life to Eagle Orientation is on Wednesday, May 27 at 7pm at St Dorothy's Church, 241 South Valley Center Ave, Glendora.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO EAGLE REQUIREMENTS

Please note that there was an important change to the Eagle Requirements. Effective Feb. 27, 2026, the rank of Eagle Scout will have 13 required merit badges instead of 14 as the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge has been discontinued.



2026 SGV District Camporee Update

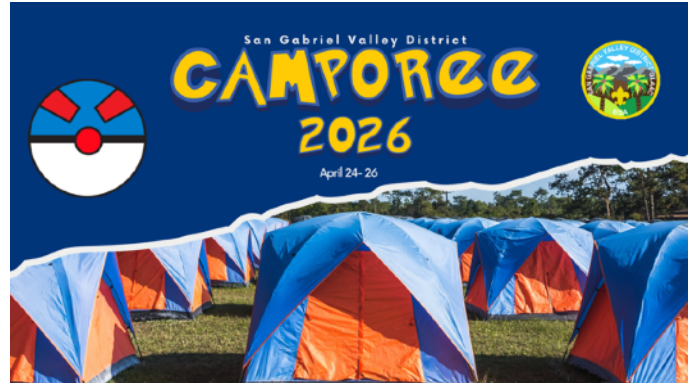
By *Brian McLaughlin*

Camporee is just a few weeks away and we look forward to seeing you all at Firestone Scout Reservation on **April 24**. The registration fee is \$30 per attendee through Friday, April 10 when registration closes.

EVENT SPONSORS

If your unit is interested in hosting an event, we are looking for units to sponsor the following events:

- ◆ First Aid Skills
- ◆ Knots and Lashings
- ◆ Navigation



REQUIRED PAPERWORK

Please have all your paperwork in order for arrival at camp on Friday, April 24. You will need to hand into the registration table the following:

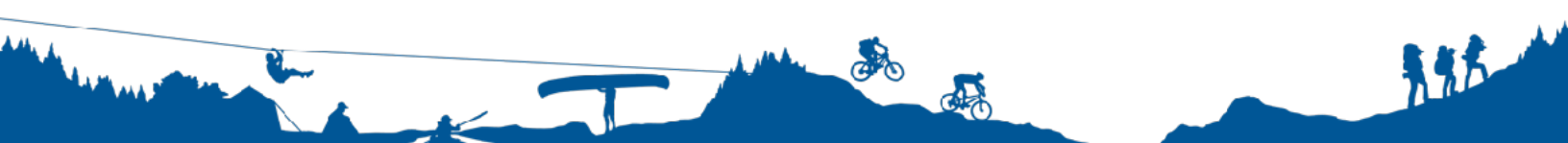
- ◆ Full unit roster including all adults and youth in attendance for the weekend.
- ◆ Patrol rosters for each patrol
- ◆ Annual Health and Medical Records (Parts A and B) for all youth and adults in attendance for the weekend. Please have only the medical forms for attendees; we WILL NOT be collecting full binders of all medical forms for a whole unit.
- ◆ Consent to Participate forms for all youth.

All paperwork will be returned to you at checkout. You must bring all the paperwork that you need, we will not have extra copies of blank documents available.

CAMPOREE PATCH

Due to copyright issues and necessary approvals from National, the patch design has been modified to be compliant and obtain approvals. Thanks to Madeline Sujo from Troop 333 for working on multiple designs to satisfy National's Licensing office. Here is the update design.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Brian McLaughlin](#).



Fretwell Award for Outstanding Educators

By *Melissa Brown*

Unit leaders, would you like help to get school access to do recruitment? If the answer is YES, consider nominating a worthy educator for the Elbert K. Fretwell Award. Fretwell was an educator and the second Chief Scout Executive of the BSA. This award was developed in 2016 to recognize outstanding educators (teachers, coaches, administrators, support staff, etc.) and their support of the BSA mission “to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.” The award is generally presented at a meeting where their peers are present and may be given by the district, council, territory or national. Rewarding an educator for their support and impact on youth builds a relationship between schools and the BSA! This is a great way to start a dialog with teachers, principals, and superintendents about how our programs support their work, and vice versa. Any leader may submit a nomination for the Elbert K. Fretwell Award. If you know someone deserving of this award, the first step is to discuss it with your District Executive, who will advise you on the process.



ELBERT K. FRETWELL OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD FAQs

How many awards can each Council present?

As many as you want, up to one award per school per year. The goal is to build relationships that allow us to serve the school community and bring the opportunities of Scouting to students.

Who approves the awards?

Each council approves its own awards. It also can design its own methods for nominating and selecting candidates. The Outstanding Educator Award Implementation Guidebook provides different ideas from which to choose, such as using existing membership, advancement, or relationships committees. You can also create a panel of community members to solicit and review nominations. The Greater Los Angeles Area Council has an Alumni Committee that handles the Fretwell Awards. Only territory and national level awards need to be approved through the National Council.

Where do I get the forms?

Example forms are included in the Outstanding Educator Award Implementation Guidebook, and each council is free to modify these forms to meet its own needs.

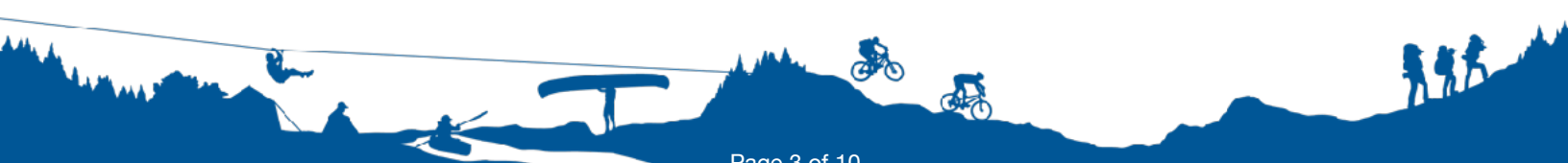
How much do the award items cost?

Medals, lapel pins, and plaques are restricted items that should be ordered through your Scout Shop and BSA Supply. While you are strongly encouraged to use the medals, no particular award item is mandatory. Councils may also work with BSA-licensed vendors to create other award items such as mugs or shirts that suit recipients' preferences.

Can the Outstanding Educator Award be used as an appreciation award for an educator who has supported Scouting?

Yes, but don't limit yourself to this. The most powerful use of the Outstanding Educator Award is to build relationships with schools that do not already support Scouting or host Scout units. By recognizing teachers of character, we give to the school community and build goodwill.

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Fretwell Award for Outstanding Educators (cont'd)

By *Melissa Brown*

Should education administrators be considered for the Outstanding Educator Award?

Anyone serving in education who promotes positive Scouting values to students, including administrators, is eligible. Ideally, a recipient is someone whom students and parents know personally. Be sure to consider staff members as well as teachers.



Is the Outstanding Educator Award for use in public schools only?

The award can be used in all levels of organized education from pre-K through college. The award can be presented in public, private, religious, and charter schools. While an individual home schooler would not be eligible, a leader with a home school organization could qualify.

Is the award limited to Scouters?

This award is primarily given to people who are not registered volunteers. Scouters are eligible but are recognized for what they do in their professional capacity to support our schools, not for their Scouting activities. There are plenty of other awards to recognize Scouting volunteers.

Do I need to maintain records?

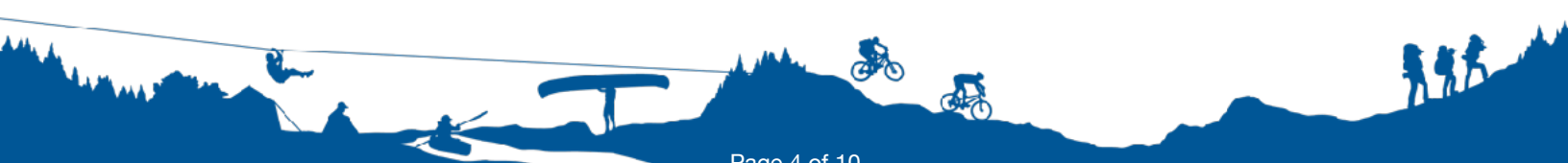
We ask councils to report the names of Outstanding Educator Award recipients through the system used for reporting Silver Beaver and Heroism Awards, which allows us to monitor the effectiveness of the program. Your council registrar should have access to this system. You will also want to maintain local records so you can honorably mention former recipients and reconsider worthy candidates from previous years for later recognition.

How can I get other questions answered?

Email: education.Relationships@Scouting.org



ELBERT KIRTLEY FRETWELL



Council News

By Estela Chicas

2026 SCOUT CARD FUNDRAISER

The 2026 Scout Card fundraiser runs now through June 1st! Scout Cards are discount cards packed with local deals and savings at popular businesses. Scouts sell these cards for \$10 to raise money for camp fees, registration, or other Scouting activities and keep \$5 of each card they sell. Selling Scout Cards is an exciting way for Scouts to earn their way to camp by



selling Scout Cards. To learn more about the program, [click here](#) and key see key dates. You'll find valuable information like the 2026 Scout Card Guidebook, a sample script to help you sell, more.



Participating Troops

Thank you to the following units who have already started participating!

Packs 66, 114, 143, 457, 462, 777, 1926, Crew 199, and Troops 141, 185, 188, 333, 373, 407, 443, and 457!

AB506 REQUIREMENT, TRAINING, CONSENT FORM, AND LIVE SCAN FORM

All volunteers must complete the State mandated Trainings. Here are some important links to help you find everything you need:

- ◆ [AB506 requirements](#)
- ◆ [2-hour mandatory training](#)
- ◆ [Consent form](#)
- ◆ [Live scan form](#)

If you are a Key 3 Leaders and need a copy of your unit report, please reach out to [Estela Chicas](#).

UNIT REGISTRATION

Check your rosters for any missing names. If you have a scout or adult not showing up on roster, please reach out to [Estela Chicas](#). If you have a scout or adult that missed the deadline to renew their membership, please have them use the [payment link](#) and in the notes section make sure they type "Reinstate and Backdate Registration", this way Danette can try to backdate the scouts so there are no gaps in their membership.



Friends of Scouting District-Wide Fundraiser

By Drake Bjelke

Happy Easter and Earth Day to you all this month. It's also the end of tax season and is a perfect opportunity to use some of your refund money and contribute to our FOS goal, if you or your unit have not already contributed. By doing so, you allow your unit to earn its 2026 FOS Participation Ribbon and Certificate. And for you, your scouts, and families to earn their 2026 FOS Sapphire Council Patch. Especially since this time of the year is when Courts of Honors are happening for Troops; Blue and Gold dinners/Crossing overs for Packs, this is a good award to add to those events and appreciate the impact your unit has made on our District. For those individuals and units that have already done so, my sincere thank you for your contribution toward the FOS \$12,000 goal for this year:

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|-----------------------|---|
| ◆ America's Charities | Troop 0185 FT Duarte - 033 (39479) |
| ◆ Melissa Brown | Troop 0407 FT Claremont - 033 (211140) |
| ◆ Michael Cavalero | San Gabriel Valley Community Chair |
| ◆ Gerald Delker | Crew 0091 NA Los Angeles - 033 (10936) |
| ◆ Martin Deveau | Troop 0373 BT Sierra Madre - 033 (220827) |
| ◆ Scott Mitchell | Troop 0185 FT Duarte - 033 (39479) |
| ◆ Marlin Sanchez | San Gabriel Valley Community Chair |
| ◆ Lisa Scott | Troop 0483 BT Glendora - 033 (294649) |

Thank you to the individuals who participated in our See's Candy Fundraiser and especially Melissa Brown, Troop 407 and Charles Wood as top individual participants. A thank you to Troop 111 as top unit participants. We raised \$322.20 which is that much closer to our yearly goal for this year. If you or your unit missed out, don't worry, we will be having another one sometime in late Summer or early Fall after the nation's anniversary celebrations.

Be on the lookout for our next FOS fundraiser sometime in May or June and I encourage you or your unit to participate then. We will after that one take a break during the summer to allow units to participate in our nation's anniversary celebrations or for units going to Summer Camp.

As always, any feedback on how to continue to make our FOS program meaningful or especially if you are a Key 3 member of a unit and would like to request an in-person visit to your unit on a FOS presentation, please reach out to myself, Susan, or Estela.

Upcoming Training

04/17 - 04/19	Overnight	<u>HAT - Climbing Instructor Training Level 1</u> , Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
05/09	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<u>Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)</u> , Trask Scout Reservation
05/16	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>HAT Wilderness Woman Training</u> , Cushman Watt Scout Center
05/16 - 05/17	Overnight	<u>BALOO Training</u> , Trask Scout Reservation
05/22 - 05/24	Overnight	<u>HAT Rock Climbing, Rope Use, and Rescue Training</u> , Indian Cove Campground
06/13 - 06/14	Overnight	<u>Adult IOLS</u> , Trask Scout Reservation
08/09	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<u>Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)</u> , Trask Scout Reservation
08/15	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	<u>Rangemaster Training</u> , Trask Scout Reservation

For more information on the trainings above and additional upcoming training check the Scouting Training Calendar.



Summer is Coming

Outdoor activities are integral to meeting Scouts and their family's needs while also providing many of the most appealing features of the Scouting program. If you haven't signed up for summer camp yet this is your sign to do so.

Greater LA Scouting has many camp opportunities. Please [check out our local camps](#) and find the right date and location for your Packs and Troops today.

Upcoming Events

04/11	Western University Open House, Annual Care Merit Badges , Western University
04/11	First Aid Merit Badge , Cushman Watt Scout Center
04/19	Rowing Merit Badge , Long Beach Sea Base
04/24 - 26	San Gabriel Valley District Camporee , Firestone Scout Reservation
05/03	Swim Lessons , Trask Scout Reservation
05/09	First Aid Merit Badge , Cushman Watt Scout Center
05/17	Stand Up Paddleboarding Award , Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
05/18	Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge , Cushman Watt Scout Center
05/27	Life to Eagle Orientation, St. Dorothy's Church (details on page 1)
05/29 - 05/31	OA - Kihaawk , Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
05/30	Scouts Range Merit Badge , Trask Scout Reservation
06/08 - 06/13	Trail to Eagle 2026 Week 1 , Trask Scout Reservation
06/15 - 06/18	Trail to Eagle 2026 Week 2 , Trask Scout Reservation
06/22 - 06/25	Trail to Eagle 2026 Week 3 , Trask Scout Reservation
06/29 - 07/02	Trail to Eagle 2026 Week 4 , Trask Scout Reservation
07/19-31	2026 National Scout Jamboree , Summit Bechtel Reserve

For more information on the events above and additional upcoming events check the [SGV District Calendar](#).

Safety Moment - Campout Safety Checklist

Camping is a long-honored tradition for many families, including the Scouting America family. Timing, supplies, and location should be determined ahead of time so you can make the most of your camping experience. There might be some instances where you overthink or underestimate a camping trip, but there are also many ways to enjoy the adventure, fun, discovery, and teamwork involved. A campout safety checklist will help to ensure these aspects of camping are accomplished while keeping you safe.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Why Commissioners Matter

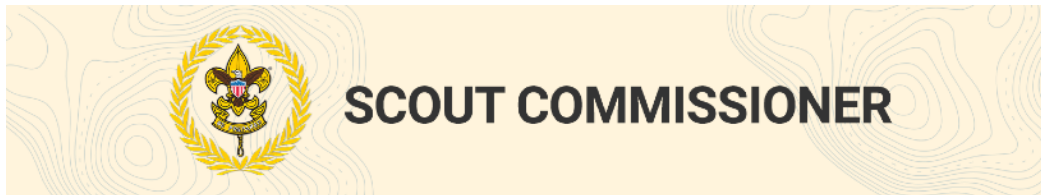
By John Campbell

Commissioners help unit leaders succeed rather than replacing them, which supports growth, retention, and healthier packs, troops, crews, ships, posts, and clubs. Scouting America also describes commissioners as essential to helping councils and districts support units, renew membership, and strengthen units that need extra care.

A larger commissioner corps means more timely unit contacts, better coaching for volunteers, and more capacity to respond when a unit is struggling. That matters because the commissioner role is specifically tied to helping units stay active and improve program quality.

TRAINING PATHWAY

Commissioner training starts with position-specific training, and Scouting America's [commissioner training page](#) also points councils and individual commissioners to College of Commissioner Science resources and national training events. The online learning path helps new commissioners get grounded quickly, while councils can also deliver training in person to build skills and local connection.



COLLEGE COURSES

The [College of Commissioner Science](#) uses a three-level degree structure: Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate of Commissioner Science. Scouting America's [upcoming colleges page](#) shows that these tracks are offered through councils in both in-person and virtual formats, with some events also including continuing education and roundtable-related courses.

The Bachelor level is the entry track, the Master level builds deeper expertise, and the Doctorate level is the most advanced course path for experienced commissioners. Some councils also run hybrid or fully online offerings, such as the Sam Houston Area Council's [100% virtual commissioner training event](#) that includes Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate courses. (Date: April 18, 2026, Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central)

Scouting America needs more commissioners because commissioners are the volunteer coaches who help units stay strong, solve problems early, and deliver a better Scouting experience. As the number of units needing support grows, a larger and better-trained commissioner corps is essential for retention, renewal, and unit health.

Commissioner training begins with online position-specific learning and is reinforced through the College of Commissioner Science. The College offers Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate of Commissioner Science courses, along with continuing education, so commissioners can keep building their skills over time.

These college courses are available in different formats depending on the council. Some councils offer them online, some offer them in person, and many combine both approaches so commissioners can choose the format that works best for them.

The schedule for upcoming colleges is posted on [Scouting America's commissioner training page](#).



Upcoming Events

Click the images below for more details.

American Red Cross

Licensed Training Provider

American Red Cross Training Team

Wilderness & Remote First Aid - April 18 & 19, 2026

MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ALL CLASSROOM AND SKILL [INDOOR/OUTDOOR] SESSIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION

*****REQUIRED*****

Must be 14 years of age and a member of Scouting America
Current Certification in Adult CPR/AED (either American Heart, American Red Cross, Health Safety Institute)
Adult CPR/AED blended learning and in-person skill session will be offered for those needing certification.

LOCATION: Jurupa Mountain Discovery Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr., Riverside, CA 92509

REGISTRATION OPENS: February 26, 2026 **CPR REGISTRATION CLOSES:** April 3, 2026
WILDERNESS REMOTE & FIRST AID REGISTRATION CLOSES: April 10, 2026
ON-LINE BLENDED LEARNING SESSION MUST BE COMPLETED BY: April 10, 2026

ADULT CPR/AED BLENDED LEARNING (if needed): On-line access will be granted once fees are received. On-line learning must be completed in order to attend the in-person skill session. Registration fee for Adult CPR/AED prerequisite will be \$25.00 per person. In Person Skill Session: SUN April 12, 2026 with either an **AM** Session of 9:00AM to 11:00AM or a **PM** Session of 12:30PM to 2:30PM. For more information contact Diane Vera (Info below).

WILDERNESS & REMOTE FIRST AID IN PERSON SESSIONS: SAT 4/18 - 8:00AM to 5:00PM & SUN 4/19 - 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Lunch will be provided both SAT and SUN for the Wilderness & Remote First Aid Session. Please let us know if you have any food allergies with your registration.

COST: \$75.00 per person (if family attending and want to share book 2nd registration would be \$55.00 and let us know at time of registration)

COURSE IS LIMITED: To the FIRST 16 Participants REGISTERED and PAID for.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: PAULA BOOTHE @ townuni@aol.com or DIANE VERA @ info.firstaidfield@gmail.com

PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: Diane Vera - 4000 Pierce St, Spc 66, Riverside, CA 92505

Scouting America #: _____ Unit #: _____ Youth: _____ Adult: _____

Scout Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Individual (Unique) Email: _____

Do you have any food allergies: _____ What allergies: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ A receipt will be emailed to you within 48 hours of receiving.

Please provide copy of CPR/AED Certification, OR Do you need CPR/AED Certification: _____

Form C3/02/2026

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Form C3/02/2026

2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

JULY 19-31, 2026

Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of lifetime. And there is simply nothing else like it on the planet.

Sign up now at
ScoutingEvent.com/033-Jamboree

SAVE THE DATE

CATHOLIC SCOUT CAMPOREE
September 11 - 13, 2026

CATHOLIC PARENT & LEADER PROGRAM
September 11 - 13, 2026

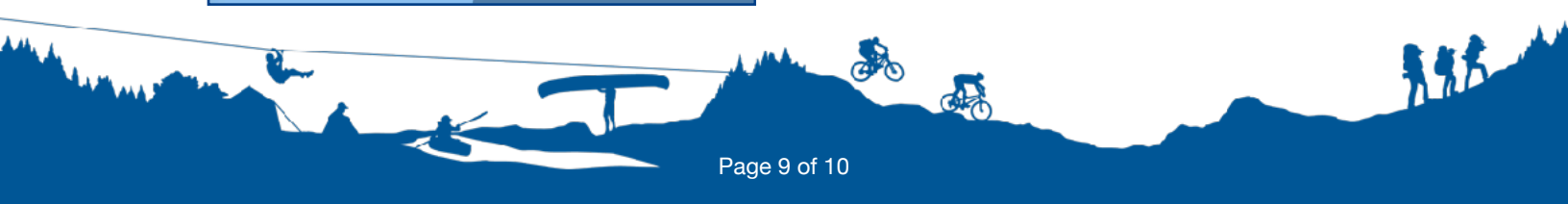
CATHOLIC CUB DAY
September 12, 2026

For questions or to request a registration packet*, please contact us at:
ccs.glaac@gmail.com

Programs sponsored by:
The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Greater Los Angeles Area Council

* PLEASE NOTE: Registration packets will be available at the end of January 2026. You are strongly encouraged to register as early as possible since space will be limited.

REV: 1/13/25



Upcoming Events

Click the images below for more details.

Scouting Aquatics

Sign-up
<https://greaterlascouting.org/calendar/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 11 Long Beach Sea Base - Rowboat Merit Badge (time change 1pm - 4pm)
- May 3 Camp Trask - Swim stroke lessons and refinement
- May 17 Santa Fe Dam - Stand Up Paddleboard Award

More to Come:

- Lifesaving Merit Badge
- Mile Swim Award
- Snorkeling Award
- Continuous: National Outdoor Award, Aquatics

Sign-up: \$50 sign-up + \$15 launch and lunch

Contact:
Krickel McKay
krickel@waterbugs.com

GREATER LA SCOUTING 20TH ANNUAL

BUSINESS LEADERS' BREAKFAST

★ 2026 ★

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6:30AM - Networking Reception | 7:30AM - Breakfast

USC Hotel - Los Angeles
A Fireside Chat Featuring

Christine Devine
Fox 11 News (KTTV)
Los Angeles

Frank Mottek
"The Voice of Business News
in Los Angeles"

Open House

Things to See & Learn

- ✓ Student Club Booths: Tips on pet care, games & giveaways
- ✓ Pet Exhibits
- ✓ Scouts can earn Merit Badges
- ✓ Tips on Pet Care
- ✓ College Tours
- ✓ Food Vendors & So Much More

Western University
College of Veterinary Medicine

SAVE THE DATE
April 11, 2026

Contact Us:
Ms. Stephanie Day
sday@westernu.edu

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