

ECR Roundtable Newsletter and Hands-On Agenda

Hands-On Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 7pm – 8:30pm

Hands-On Location: Hsi Lai Temple
3456 Glenmark Dr, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745



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| 7:00 - 7:15pm | Roundtable Sign-In and Opening / Key Announcements |
| 7:15 – 8:15pm | Pack Breakout: Pack Breakout: Summertime Fun Awards and Summertime Activities |
| | Troop Breakout: Eagle Application and Project Training |
| 8:15 – 8:30pm | Close and Camaraderie |

ECR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- Key Info this Month (Alvin Wong, Martin Cardenas)

- Roundtable attendance is open to all Unit, Committee, and future Leaders!
- ECR Camporee SUCCESS!
 - Congratulations to Crew 707 for winning the 2026 Camporee Spirit Stick for the best performing Troop!
 - <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zsk7hmrDqZcDQ2BYA>



- It was perfect weather and everyone had a great time despite having to leave a day early due to a fire warning down in Orange County.
- **EVERYONE - 20-minute SYT (Safeguarding Youth Training) REFRESHER Course is NOW available to take instead of taking the full-length 90-minute course!**
 - Must have taken the new SYT already (YPT doesn't qualify for Refresher)
 - Must take it BEFORE your current SYT expires
 - In your My.Scouting.org account, go to "My Training" -? Click "Retake Course" at the top next to "Safeguarding Youth Training Status" and it should take you to the 20-minute refresher course.
 - DO NOT click the round "S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth" logo/badge on the homepage or it will take you to the full 90-minute course!
- **EACH UNIT is asked to have at least ONE Geofencing Event** - A **FREE** service available to advertise your Unit's event in your neighborhood area and attract people to come visit your Unit. To learn more about it and submit a request, click on the link below:
 - <https://greaterlascouting.org/geofence-request-form/>
 - Submit request at least 3 weeks in advance of your event.
 - Contact your Commissioner or Travis Williams (travisw@usc.edu) for help!
- **SUNMMER CAMP = A Must for Youth Enthusiasm to Continue in Scouting**
 - Enthusiasm for Scouting really starts with their first Summer Camp! Help youths experience it sooner rather than later!

- **Data shows that Youths that DON'T attend Summer Camp (especially during their first year) are more likely to leave Scouting!**
- Cherry Valley is back! Brand new program, equipment, cots, sailboats, and even mountain bikes!
- HESR has added more activities to their Summer program. Take a look!
- Camperships are available to help everyone attend Summer Camp.
- **“Scout” (Camp) Cards are still Available!**
 - Like last year, order what you feel you can sell as there are no refunds. Order more as you need them. Cards can be ordered up to the end of June but can continue to be sold through the end of 2026.
 - The cards are \$10, and include an offer for \$5 off (per day) at the Scout Shop and there is now a discount for Buffalo Wild Wings too!



- Scouts can now use the 50% of their sales for **ANY** Scout expenses in addition to Camp!
- Cards are only available through mid-year, can be sold through the end of 2026, and CANNOT be sold at the same table as popcorn.
- To request cards: <https://greaterlascouting.org/scout-cards/>
- Call Alfredo Chavez, (213) 549-3241, or Breanne Espinoza, (213) 819-2172, with questions.

Thank you to the following units for participating and supporting our district!

Troop 50/Troop 65	Pack 261	Troop 286	Troop 433
Pack 511	Troop 511 B&G	Troop 594	Troop 620
Troop 707 B	Pack 710	Troop 724	Pack 727
Troop 730	Pack 737	Troop 737	Pack 777
Troop 777	Pack 2168	Troop 8888	

- **Safety Reminders**

- **Carpooling Guidelines**

- **Youth Protection rules always take precedent and only registered fully trained SPT and AB506 adults may drive other Scout youth.**
- With Youth Protection in mind, a sole adult may drive Scout youth in a carpool as long as:
 - There are 2 or more Scout youth that are not their own child. If one is their own child, then there needs to be at least 3, (e.g. 2 not their own).

- The Driver has Part A&B medical forms of the youths they are driving. Recommend having a “Unit Medical Folder” that can be given to drivers at the start and returned afterwards to minimize the effort needed to collect and return individual medical forms.
 - Female Scouts are not in a carpool alone unless the driver is a female adult or is their parent.
 - The Buddy system is always in effect during any stop, and an adult is NEVER left alone with a single Scout who is not their own child.
- **Foul Weather Training (Course SCO_800) (David Tran) – DON’T FORGET!** The (online) training expires every 2 years! Be sure to check your training status and retake as necessary because it is required for outdoor Scouting activities.
 - **This is all the more important given the continuing severe weather and flooding that is occurring throughout the areas.**
 - Log into your My.Scouting.org account, go to your “My Training” page and “retake” the Foul Weather training course to renew the expiration date.
- **Key Scouting Events and Activities (Estela Chicas)**
 - All the Council’s Scouting, Camp, and Training events as well as links for more info and registration sign-ups are here on the Council Calendar: <https://scoutingevent.com/033>
 - **ECR Pinewood Derby @ Puent Hills Toyota – Sun. May 31st (updated)**
- **Council Matters & Events (Estela Chicas)**
 - **Council’s America250 Logos** – Council specific logos in the official America250 brand lockup are now available for download on the Brand Center (see link below). Please utilize these approved assets to ensure consistent, on-brand representation across all America250 communications and materials. Encourage your staff and marketing volunteers to begin using these lockups as we prepare for the amazing year of service and celebration ahead. <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/14186965/>
 - To produce any merchandise (such as patch sets, water bottles, etc.) for sale or giveaway using the America250 logo, even in this official lockup, please work through America250’s exclusive vendor SymbolArts.
 - **COUNCIL CALENDAR of Events (Kevin Burton for site issues)** – Schedule of all the Council, Camp, and Training events as well as links for more info and registration sign-ups: <https://scoutingevent.com/033> <=< Check it Out!
 - **2025 Friends of Scouting (FOS) (Estela Chicas)**
 - To donate, use the following link, and be sure to select El Camino Real for the District: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/033/appeal/8647>
 - **If a business is going to donate, forward them the link to make their contribution and select “El Camino Real”**

- **Be sure to let us know so we can recognize them as a supporter of their community through Scouting!**
 - **National Scouting Jamboree – An epic Scouting adventure awaits! (Baolei Pei)**
 - **Great news! All three Greater Los Angeles 2026 National Jamboree contingent troops are now 100% filled:**
 - Boys Troop: 40 participants
 - Family Troop: 40 participants
 - Girl Troop: 20 participants
 - **Traveling in three (3) Contingents, Leadership Contacts:**
 - Jeremy Mo - mo.jeremy@gmail.com 626-802-8267
 - Michael Tuite - CrewAdviser147@gmail.com 626-353-1958
 - Gary Thompson - thompsgg@gmail.com 310-330-6723
 - **Key Dates and Costs for those going:**
 - **July 17-20, 2026** - Pre-Jamboree Travel to Philadelphia, Gettysburg & Washington D. C
 - **July 21, 2026** - Thrill Day at Kings Dominion, largest amusement park in Virginia
 - **July 22-31, 2026** - Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia
 - **\$4,900** if paid monthly, \$490/month for 10 months
 - **\$4,410** (10% discount) if paid all at once
 - The Price is all-inclusive, covering R/T airfare, ground transportation, lodging and meals (Tour +Jamboree), admissions to all attractions, Jamboree programs and activities, council provided training and meetings, custom Jamboree Swag and gear.
- **District Matters (Martin Cardenas)**
 - **District Volunteer Positions are Still Open (Martin Cardenas)** – We need help to give you the Scouting program and support that you want. Please consider lending us a little bit more of your time. No experience is needed, only enthusiasm is needed. We'll show you everything you'll need to know!
 - Activities Chair
 - Roundtable Chair
 - Unit Commissioners
 - **GLAC Scouting advertising has been really successful! – Please respond quickly to “Be A Scout” online referrals to join your Unit! (Baolei Pei)**
 - Key-3's will get automated emails from those interested in joining a Unit. Please respond promptly to those expressing interest!
 - **“Be A Scout” referrals to join Units! (Estela Chicas, Baolei “Bonnie” Pei)**

- Key-3's log into their My.Scouting.org accounts, and open their Application Manager -> <https://my.scouting.org/98C7C6D4-6CF0-4F14-82B4-3A72DC02DE59/membership-manager/application>
- How to use the tool:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg2bB610Jbo&feature=player_embedded
- Reach out to Estela Chicas or Baolei "Bonnie" Pei if you need help with the Application Manager App.

- **ECR Membership (Bonnie Pei, Estela Chicas)**

Benchmark: Membership Total (July 2025): 9,059 youth

Target: Membership Total (July 2026): 9,159 youth

- The Greater Los Angeles Area Council is calling on every district and unit to actively
- engage in in-person recruitment. Districts and units are encouraged to plan and publish their recruitment event dates.
- All units are requested to provide a New Membership contact name, phone number, and email address to their District Membership Chair. The Council is working to organize a council-wide task force to support and drive membership growth.
- Units are encouraged to promote and utilize geofencing tools to enhance recruitment efforts. Additional information is available here:
 - <https://greaterlascouting.org/?s=geofencing>
- KEY-3s – Please check and respond to requests in Application Manager for your Unit!!! If a request in the tool is no longer applicable, please let Estela know so we can clean out the old requests.
 - How to use Application Manager:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg2bB610Jbo>
- Adult volunteers are just as important as Scout members! Come to Roundtable or reach out to your Unit Commissioner(UC) if you need help with getting more adult volunteers, (your UC is listed in your Unit's Organization Manager page).
- All types of recruiting flyers, banners, and other materials are available to help any effort you may have at your local schools. Reach out to Estela to get free materials!

- **Unit Operations & Admin. (Alvin Wong)**

- **Use the Organization Manager (My.Scouting.org)**
 - The Organization Manager dashboard for Key-3 Leaders provides valuable information on the 5 key indicators associated with the long-term success of Units.
 - Reach out to any Commissioner if you have question on how to use it or what it is showing.
- **Time to Update your Unit's Leader roles and functional assignments (Unit Comm.)**

- PLEASE Reach out to Estela Chicas with roster, membership, or position assignment problems with the system.
 - Use the Unit Dashboard in My.Scouting.org to updated names in roles.
 - Leaders should take their Position-specific training online at My.Scouting.org.
 - To get access to various Scouting tools in Scoutbook and My.Scouting, Volunteers in new leader roles need to complete an additional adult application with their new “position” in the same Unit.
 - If the adult is registered in another Unit as well, they should complete the form as a “**multiple**” for no additional membership costs.
 - Please use this link for the various position codes:
 - <https://www.ciecbsa.org/training/bsa-position-codes/53550>
- **Have members check and update their Scouting profiles (Unit Comm.)**
 - Members should check their profiles and make sure their CURRENT email and contact information is in their profiles! **That’s where their renewal and other important Scouting emails are sent!**
 - Adults should add a photo to their Scoutbook/Scoutbook+ profiles so that new parents and leaders can recognize adults.
- **Advancement, Awards, & Recognitions (Joe Rivera, Paul Lee)**
 - **FREE Digital Downloads of ALL Merit Badge Pamphlets** - In case you haven't heard, ALL Merit Badges books (in digital form) are now FREE to download!!! Go to this link (validated safe): <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>
 - Click on the MB you want, and then there will be link to download an e-Digital copy of the book for FREE!
 - **New Eagle Application Form 2025 (Paul Lee)** - All Eagle applicants should now use the 2025 application form available on the link below for Eagle Scout Resources, <https://greaterlascouting.org/eagle-scout-resources/> Contact Paul Lee if there are any questions.
- **Finance (Cindy Hua/Martin Cardenas)**
 - FOS donations are off to a good start for 2026!
 - Need money to help with Summer Camp?
 - “Scout” Cards are now available: <https://greaterlascouting.org/scout-cards/>
 - Scout Card proceeds can now be use for any Scout related expense.
 - Cards will be available through July, but can be sold until the end of the year.
 - Cards are not allowed to be sold at the same table as popcorn.

- Popcorn sales are also a fantastic way to help a Scout pay for Camp! Yes, we know it is an expensive product which is why we will be bringing to you information on HOW to successfully sell it!
 - 7 Units generated almost \$56,000 in sales!
 - This is an activity with a high rate of return for funds for your Scouts!
 - Reach out to us if you are interested in learning sooner rather than later on HOW to successfully sell popcorn.
- **Training (David Tran)**
 - **Ted Sakamoto is passing on the torch of the ECR Training Chair to David Tran! Please reach out to David regarding training matters or questions you may have.**
 - **Calendar for High Adventure Training (HAT) (Bryan Littlefield)**
 - <https://glaac-hat.org/flyers/HighAdventureTrainingCalendarLatest.pdf>
 - 5/16/2026 - Wilderness Woman 8:00 am-12:00 pm Cushman-Watt Scout Ctr
 - 6/2/2026 - HAT Meeting, 7:30 – 10:00 pm Cushman-Watt Scout Ctr
 - 6/6/2026 - National Trails Day/Trail Boss Day Outing TBA
 - **Check the Council Calendar for Training and Scout advancement opportunities**
 - **IOLS (adults), Wood Badge (adults), ILST (youth), and NYLT (youth) are now on the calendar! Look for them on the Council Calendar!**
 - **Registration for Upcoming Training Events and Merit Badge Classes:**
 - **CLICK=>> <https://greaterlascouting.org/training/>**
 - **Also, please check West LA, Long Beach, and other Councils for classes too! (See the list on the next page)**
 - <https://scouting-la.org/training/>
 - <https://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/>
 - <https://iescouts.org/training/>
 - <https://www.scouting.org/training/training-updates/>
 - <https://lospadresscouting.org/calendar/>
 - **Scouter Training Knot (David Tran)** – A reminder that you too can get a Knot for your uniform as an adult leader! You can fulfill one of the Training Knot requirements by attending Roundtable Hands-On sessions for 3 times in-person.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

GLAAC

- 5/16-17 [BALOO training at Trask](#)
- 5/16 HAT - [Wilderness Woman Training \(CWSC\)](#)
- 5/23-24 and 5/30 [Red Cross Lifeguard training at Trask](#)
- 6/13-6/14 [Adult IOLS training at Camp Trask](#)

WLACC

- 5/2-3 [Campo de Cahuenga - BALOO training](#)

VH Council

- 5/2 CPR for HAT Wilderness First Aid Training
- 5/16-17 [HAT Wilderness First Aid Trng \(w/CPR on 5/2\)](#)
- 5/16-17 [HAT Wilderness First Aid Trng \(no CPR\)](#)

OC Council

- 5/6, 5/15-16 [Wilderness First Aid Course 26](#)

LB Area Council

- 5/2-3 [BALOO](#)
- 5/2-3 [IOLS](#)
- 5/2-3 [Wilderness First Aid](#)
- 7/14 [Merit Badge Counselor Training](#)
- 7/18 [Archery & BB's](#)

CIE Council

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SDI Council

- 5/16-17 [Wilderness and Remote First Aid](#)
- 5/16 [Basic Chainsaw Training](#)
- 5/18 [Advancement Training](#)
- 5/23 [First Aid, Adult CPR, and AED](#)
- 5/30 [Red Cross Instructor Training](#)
- 5/31 [Honor Guard Training - May](#)
- 6/6 [Wilderness and Remote First Aid](#)
- 7/14 [Advancement Training](#)
- 8/8 [University of Scouting Save the Date](#)
- 8/16 [Honor Guard Training- August](#)
- 9/9 [HALTT Session I](#)
- 9/12 [HALTT Session II](#)
- 9/26 [HALTT Session III](#)

Ventura County Council

- 5/16-17 [Wilderness 1st Aid Training](#)

Los Padres Council

- 5/1-3 [Wilderness First Aid](#)

Golden Empire Council

Proposed Activities for Future Hands-On Roundtable Sessions

Please let us know if there were other topics you would like a Hands-On session for!

- Jun 10 (Wed) – St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
 - Pack Breakout: TBD
 - Troop Breakout: Court of Honor and Eagle COH Planning Workshops
 - General Demo:
- Jul 08 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park UMC
 - Pack Breakout: TBD
 - Troop Breakout: Annual Planning Workshop
 - General Demo:
- Aug 12 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
 - General Demo: SPT, Member & Unit Renewal Workshops (Rechartering)
- Sep 9 (Wed) – St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
 - Pack Breakout: Orientation for New Pack Families & Leaders
 - Troop Breakout: Orientation for New Troop Families & Leaders
- Oct 14 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park UMC
 - General Demo: Scoutbook and My.Scouting.org Training
- Nov 12 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
 - Pack Breakout: Blue & Gold, and Bridging Workshops
 - Troop Breakout: High Adventure (HAT) Overview
- Dec 9 (Wed) – St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
 - Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange?