



# Roundtable Matters

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Scouting America May 2026  
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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 all encompassing—check the [Council Calendar](#) for even more!)

May 16 [Jamboree MB Day](#) (Scouts) [South Gate Park](#)  
May 16 [HAT - Wilderness Woman](#) (Scouters) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)  
May 17 [BALOO](#) (Scouters) ♣ [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
May 17 Northrop Grumman MB Day (Scouts) ♣ [Northrop Grumman Corporation](#)  
May 20 [OA Lodge Executive Committee](#) (OA) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)  
May 23 Flag Placement at LA National Cemetary ♣ [950 South Sepulveda Boulevard](#)  
May 29-31 [OA Kihaawk](#) (OA)  
Jun 8 - Jul 2 [Trask Trail to Eagle](#) (Scouts) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
Jun 12-14 [Trail to First Class](#) (Scouts) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
Jun 13 Pacifica MB Day (Scouts) ♣ [Torrance Scout Center](#)  
Jun 13-14 [IOLS](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
Jun 19-20 [OA Vigil Weekend](#) (OA) ♣ [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
Aug 16 [OA Lodge Banquet](#) (OA) @hill harbison house  
Aug 19 [OA Lodge Executive Committee](#) (OA) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)  
Sep 16 [OA Lodge Executive Committee](#) (OA) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)  
Sep 18-20 [OA Summer Induction](#) (OA) [Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation HESR Main Gate](#)  
Sep 18-20 [Woodbadge Weekend 1](#) (Scouters) [Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation HESR Main Gate](#)  
Sep 19 [HAT - Desert Camping](#) (Scouters) ♣ [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)  
Oct 3-4 [Woodbadge Weekend 2](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
Oct 10 Pacifica MB Day (Scouts) ♣ [Torrance Scout Center](#)  
Oct 21 [OA Lodge Executive Committee](#) (OA) [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)  
Oct 23-25 [Boofest](#) (Cubs) ♣ [Firestone Scout Reservation](#)  
Oct 23-25 [Training N Transition](#) (AOL) ♣ [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)  
Oct 24-25 [HAT - Wilderness and Remote First Aid](#) (Scouters) ♣ [Cushman Watt Scout Center](#)  
Nov 7 [10-mile Hike](#) (Scouts) ♣ [Bridge to Nowhere - Trailhead](#)  
Nov 13-14 [Webelos Woods/AOL Adventure](#) (Webelos, AOL and Scouts)  
Dec 5 [20-mile Hike](#) (Scouts) @san Gabrielino Rec Area

**CAMP STAFF** Looking for the perfect summer job? Check out our summer camp staff opportunities [here](#).

**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT** Pacifica leadership are investing in creating a knowledge management repository to aid Ship, Crew, Troop and Pack leadership. Beta version will be available soon.

**POSITION TRAINED?** The updated Position Trained Requirements document is now available. It outlines what is needed for an adult leader to be considered fully trained. Trained leaders may wear the official Trained emblem once they have completed Safeguarding Youth training and the courses listed in [this updated document](#).

**NYLT** It's not too early to start preparing your scouts for [NYLT](#). Mark your calendar. Trask, Dec 18-20 2026 and Jan 8-9 2027. This high energy, outdoor experience helps develop new leadership, team building and problem solving skills.

**PACIFICA DISTRICT VACANT POSITIONS** Actively seeking nominations or volunteers for Pacifica's Roundtable Commissioner and Training Chair. Please contact [eric.arentsen@gmail.com](mailto:eric.arentsen@gmail.com) with your nominee.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Pacifica District, we need volunteers to plan and staff some of the awesome events we are planning for next year. We need volunteers to organize our Scouting for Food. We also need volunteers to help staff our Geocache Day, Camporee Committee, and a Fishing Merit Badge Camping Weekend. If you are interested in supporting any of these events, please contact Sheila at [Sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:Sheandjc@yahoo.com).

**MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND RANGEMASTERS NEEDED:** If you are a nurse, nurse practitioner or doctor, we need your help. One of the requirements for certain overnight activities is that we have medical personnel onsite. If we don't have volunteers, we have to add the cost of hiring someone to the cost of the event or cancel the event if we can't find someone. Please contact me if you are willing to help staff one of our events. We also need rangemasters to help out at our ranges. Our camps have limited resources and sometimes cannot provide the support we need to efficiently run our ranges. Please let me know if you are willing to help out during our events. If you are supporting the event, you can attend the event free of charge. Please contact Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com) for more information or to volunteer.

**BELAY ON UPDATE** The Belay On manual recently got updated, check it out [here](#).

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT INSURANCE?** Have you taken a look at the [Scouting America Insurance policy](#) to find out what's covered?

**MISS JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE?** Scouting America has launched a Unit Self-Assessment tool which looks a lot like Journey to Excellence. It's for your own edification, annual planning, and general assessment of unit health. [Check it out](#).

**BSA FISHING** Calling all Cub Scout units in the Pacifica District. Take advantage of this resource to enhance your unit's fishing activities and ensure your leaders are well-prepared and trained. For any questions regarding fishing activities for your unit and available adult training opportunities, please contact Dane Shigemura. I am your dedicated point of contact for all fishing-related inquiries and will be able to provide the necessary information and support. Email: [dane\\_shigemura@yahoo.com](mailto:dane_shigemura@yahoo.com)

**ATTENTION MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:** Thank you all for playing your part in the development of our youth by serving as a merit badge counselor. If you know of anyone that has a talent for teaching youth, there is probably something that person could contribute. Mention the possibility of becoming a counselor and point the person to the website <https://greaterlascouting.org/pacifica-advancement-information/> which has the document that describes our process.

**THE ADVENTURE PLAN** Have you checked out [The Adventure Plan](#) yet? It's a great resource to help scouts and leaders work through the steps needed to plan an outing or adventure.

**MERIT BADGE CHANGES** There were major and minor revisions to more than 80 merit badges. Want the details? Find them [here](#). The BSA Guide to advancement has a summary on their page and a reminder that scouts who started on the previous version can continue on that version until complete or change to the new merit badge requirements. Here's the [summary page](#).

**MERIT BADGE TEST LAB** Have you checked out the [MB Test Lab](#)? Get the latest on auctioneering, competitive gaming, sewing & needlework, dance, physics, wildfire management, life skills and psychology.

**EAGLE ADVANCEMENT** Eagle candidates please review the "[Path to Eagle](#)" (Rev. 1/2025). See these [great tips from Scouting Magazine](#) on helping Scouts, especially those who are neurodivergent, on their path to Eagle. Eagle Project approver is Mr. Cortenbach who can be contacted at [wpcortenbach@gmail.com](mailto:wpcortenbach@gmail.com) or by phone at 310-891-2301. 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. 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. Please check out the resources in the [Advancement Information Section](#). The updated Eagle Application and Confidential Appraisal Reference Letter are also included in RTM.

**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 Chapter Meeting is scheduled for 7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, May 26th, at the Torrance Scout Center (2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501).

2026 Lodge Dues may be paid [here](#).

The Kihaawk Annual Fellowship Weekend is scheduled for May 29-31, 2026, at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation. More information and a registration link may be found [here](#).

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org), or respond to the emails sent by Tuku'ut Lodge.

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### 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.