



# Roundtable Matters

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Scouting America June 2026  
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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GOODBYE ZOOM, HELLO GOOGLE MEET** Update your calendar to the new Google Meet for Roundtable  
<https://meet.google.com/ktz-teot-vcy>

**SAFETY MOMENT FOR JUNE** Histoplasmosis, it might be fun to say but it's not fun to get. [Histoplasmosis](#) is an infection caused by a fungus known as Histoplasmosis capsulatum, commonly found in soil enriched by bird and bat droppings. You can avoid this by being aware and not disturbing areas with bat and bird droppings. Get tips like this and more at [BSA Safety Moments](#).

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTURE (this list is NOT all encompassing—check the Council Calendar for even more!)**

- 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 [Amateur Radio Course](#) see flyer (Scouts BSA) 📍 Fred Hesse Community Park
- Jun 13-14 [IOLS](#) (Scouters) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Jun 19-20 [OA Vigil Weekend](#) (OA) [Camp Trask Scout Reservation - GLAAC](#)
- Jun 20 [Amateur Radio Course](#) see flyer (Scouts BSA) 📍 Fred Hesse Community Park
- Jul 11-13 [IOLS in Korean](#) (Korean-speaking Scouters) 📍 Cushman Watt Scout Center
- Jul 18 Operation On Target ([See Flyer](#))
- 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 10-11 First Night Camping Cub Experience (potential scouts) 📍 Hopkins Wilderness Park
- 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

**SCOUTCONNECT** Coming in August 2026, Scouting America plans to launch a redesigned BeAScout website and registration process that will simplify joining Scouting and serve as a gateway to the new ScoutConnect platform. Over the next couple years, all digital platforms will migrate to ScoutConnect. Check out this [video demo](#).

**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.

**NYLT** It's not too early to start preparing your scouts for [NYLT](#). Mark your calendar. Trask, Dec 18-20 2026 and Jan 8-10 2027. This high energy, outdoor experience helps develop new leadership, team building and problem solving skills.

**CAMP COOKING HEALTHIER** Looking to guide your cooking MB or Troop campouts with healthier meal options? Check out this article from [OnScouting](#).

**CHIPMUNK** Can't wait until Kindergarten to be a Lion? How about the new Chipmunks? Check out this article from [OnScouting](#).

**MILITARY FAMILY FEE WAIVER** Effective June 1, 2026, Scouting America is expanding access to Scouting for military-connected youth by waiving the \$85 national youth registration fee for eligible families. To receive the waiver, families should select "Get Military Discount Code" during the online registration process, complete the verification steps, receive the verification code, and enter it at checkout. Once the code is applied, the national registration fee is reduced to \$0.

**PACIFICA DISTRICT VACANT POSITIONS** Actively seeking nominations or volunteers for Pacifica's Roundtable Commissioner, MB Dean, Training Chair, Eagle Book Reviewers 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 AOL/Webelos Woods, 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)

**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.

**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.

**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. 5/2026) in addition to other resources. See these [great tips from Scouting Magazine](#) on helping Scouts, especially those who are neurodivergent, on their path to Eagle. District Eagle Project approver is Mr. Cortenbach, who can be contacted at 310-891-2301. Once your Eagle project is completed and your Eagle requirements are met, review Eagle application and Eagle book with your troop advancement chair to confirm records agree with troop records. Then contact Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197 for the Pacifica verification and review. 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 a profile or join date. Check out the resources in the [Advancement Information Section](#).

**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, **August 11th**, at the Anderson Park Scout Center (2206 Farrell Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90278). A key activity will be electing new Chapter officers for the September 2026-August 2027 Program Year.

Planning is in work for Chapter Fun Events this summer. Please look for emails announcing them when the details are available.

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

**Congratulations to Ms Sheila Stewart from the Lakota chapter who was recently selected for the Vigil Honor, the OA's highest of the three Honors!**

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.