

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

Pio Pico Roundtable

Pio Pico District Roundtable Meetings are coming to your city in 2025! Don't miss out on NEW training topics and locations. Bring your unit leaders and parents to learn what our district is all about.

We will rotate the location of our Pio Pico District Roundtable among these three cities throughout the year: Downey, Cerritos, and Whittier.

Roundtable meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month 7PM-9:00PM

Next Roundtable Meeting:
First United Methodist Church,
13222 Bailey St. Whittier, CA
90601

Locations:
Whittier - First United Methodist Church, 13222 Bailey St. Whittier, CA 90601
Downey -Downey United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall) – 10801 Downey Ave, Downey, CA 90241
Cerritos –Gonsalves Elementary School, 13650 Park St, Cerritos, CA 90703

The dates for each location hosting the Roundtable are in the attached calendar.

PIO PICO DISTRICT
ROUNDTABLE

2025

3rd Wednesday of the
Month 7:00 PM TO 9:00

DECEMBER WHITTIER

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December

Calling all Packs and Troops in the Whittier and surrounding area.

Troop 985 has secured a spot in the Uptown Whittier Parade.

All packs and Troops are welcome to join us as we celebrate Scouting and the Christmas season.

When: December 13th
Time: 9:30 am
Where: Hadley and Greenleaf.

If anyone has any questions or needs more information, you can contact Mike Warren at 562-760-6952

Friends of Scouting

Pio Pico's Final Push for Friends of Scouting

We've had a fantastic year for fundraising, but we have one last, critical hurdle to clear! We are currently \$2,000.00 shy of meeting our Pio Pico Friends of Scouting goal for the year.

We have until the end of December to secure these last funds. This funding is the backbone of our district's programs and is essential to supporting our local Scouting families.

Please consider making a final, tax-deductible gift to help us hit 100% of our goal. Let's finish the year strong and secure the future of Scouting in Pio Pico!

As the year concludes, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the time and dedication each of you has given to this program. While the commitment is often cited as "only an hour a week," your efforts consistently go above and beyond that minimum.

Our fundamental mission in Scouting is to guide and mentor our youth, helping them develop into better citizens who will contribute to making the world a better place. Yet the impact of Scouting extends beyond youth leadership. As leaders, this program has also been instrumental in our own personal growth and improvement.

Many of you wear multiple hats, volunteering countless hours to coordinate district events or plan outings for your units. It is through this dedicated leadership that we create the Scouting experience. Without you, it simply would not work.

While the program may not be perfect, the difference you make in the lives of these Scouts—what the youth gain from it—makes all your hard work worthwhile.

Thank you. Thank you for your immense efforts this year and for ensuring these Scouts have experiences they will remember for a lifetime.

I want to extend my warmest wishes to you all for a wonderful holiday season and a New Year filled with prosperity.

Pio Pico Merit Badge Day 2025

The annual Pio Pico Merit Badge Day, hosted by Mr. Bob Mosqueda and his dedicated team of Merit Badge Counselors, was a resounding success, truly showcasing Scouting at its finest.

The event, held at the generous South Gate Park, provided an excellent setting for a day of learning and adventure as Scouts worked on earning Merit Badges. We were thrilled to welcome youth from across Southern California, including LA, San Diego, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties, as well as many other cities. Participants had the option to select from 4 all-day sessions or 26 half-day sessions, resulting in an impressive total of 357 Merit Badges earned!

A huge thank you to the incredible team of Merit Badge Counselors for their dedication to mentoring our youth.

Be sure to stay tuned for details on an early-summer Merit Badge Day planned for 2026.

Pio Pico Scouters participated in Merit Badge Day on November 22nd and also supported Scouting for Food! More than 300 canned goods and non-perishable items were received from our Scouters and donated to the Saint Matthias Food Bank Kitchen, which serves warm meals to the needy population in Uptown Whittier, M-F.

Thank you all for your support in making our community a stronger and kinder place.





Pio Pico Camporee



Ahoy, mateys!

To set sail for the Pio Pico Spring Pirate Camporee, ye must register as a Scout Crew (unit) rather than as lone buccaneers. This keeps our ship on course and the voyage smooth for all hands aboard. Once your crew is officially signed on, a treasure-map of details will be sent to ye by messenger gull (email), guiding your way to adventure.

Take heed—there be no day-pass for landlubbers at this gathering. Every soul, from young deckhands (Scouts) to seasoned captains (leaders), must be accounted for in your crew’s manifest at registration. So hoist the sails, rally your mates, and join us for a swashbuckling journey through time where memories are the true treasure at our Pirate Camporee!

Location: Prado Regional Park, 16700 Euclid Ave, Chino, CA 91708

Fee: \$35.00 per person (no refunds)

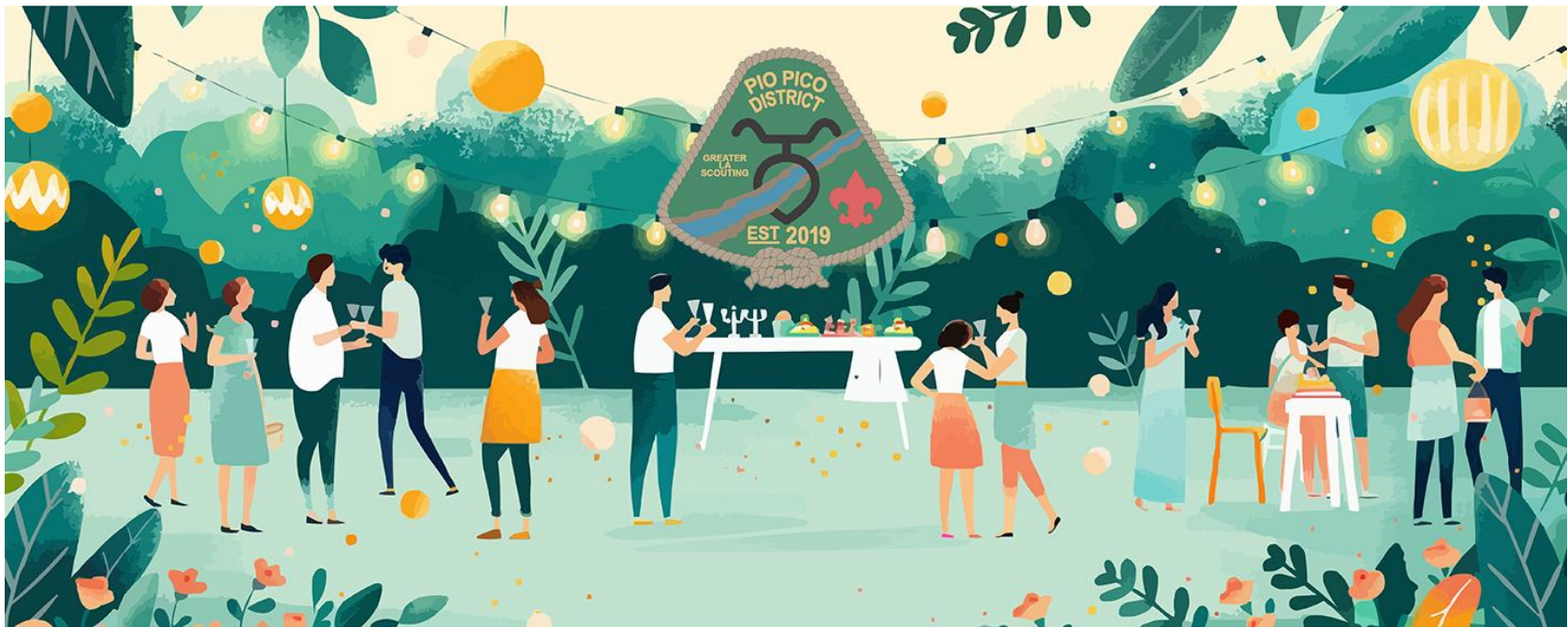
Date: April 17-19, 2026

Contact: Camporee Coordinator at piopicocamporee@yahoo.com

Camporee Registration: Live now—last day to register 3/29/26.

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-piopicocamporee>

Pio Pico Annual District Award Dinner



SAVE THE DATE!!

Description:

Enjoy a delightful family-style meal featuring both meat and vegetarian options, along with appetizers, fresh salad, warm bread, and a tempting selection of desserts. Complement your meal with refreshing iced tea and coffee as we celebrate the spirit of Scouting and fellowship.

The purpose of this special evening is to honor outstanding volunteers, leaders, and units who have made exceptional contributions to Scouting in our district over the past year. Your presence will make this night of recognition and community even more meaningful.

Our District proudly delivers a values-based Scouting program to young people across Greater LA Scouting, focused on building character, citizenship, and leadership in our youth. With dedicated volunteers, trained leaders, and a professional staff team, we continue to provide extraordinary experiences and opportunities that help shape tomorrow’s leaders.

Join us for a taste of the Philippines. **Registration is now live.**

Date & Time: Saturday, March 7, 2026 (6:00pm - 9:00pm)

Location: First United Methodist Church - 13222 Bailey St. Whittier, CA 90601

Cost: \$30 donation per person

Contact: Sally Grimaldi | piopico-district@yahoo.com

Registration is open! <https://www.scoutingevent.com/033-PioPicoDinner>

***** REMINDER- NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT, MICKEY AWARD, LIFETIME SCOUTER AWARD, AND THE AWARD OF THE SILVER MOUSE NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026! *****

Pio Pico Pinewood Derby 2026

This year, Pack 919 in La Mirada will host the Pio Pico District Pinewood Derby for Scouts at the pack and troop levels. At the pack level, Scouts will race by den, and at the troop level, Scouts will run in the middle school or high school division. Additionally, we will race the fastest Pinewood Derby cars in the Pack and Troop levels. We will also have sibling races and design awards.

We will also offer additional activities for scouts, including a second track for unofficial car racing, similar to past years. So, bring your old cars if you still have them. There will be lunch, snack, and drink options for sale at the concession stand.

When: Saturday, January 17
Where: East Whittier United Methodist Church – Geer Hall
10005 Cole Rd, Whittier, CA 90603
Car Check-in: 11 AM on race day
Races start: 12 PM
Attire: Class A uniforms
Cost: \$8 per entry, which includes an Official Pinewood Derby Patch.

Rules for building your car. If your car does not meet these requirements, it will need to be modified to comply. The car cannot be officially checked in until it passes inspection. The most critical item is the weight. For speed, the car should be as heavy as possible without exceeding the maximum weight of 5 ounces. Weights made specifically for the cars are available at Hobby Lobby and a few other stores. If you need more information about the weights, please let me know.

Pack 919 will be hosting two Pinewood Derby Workshops leading up to the event, where you can purchase and build your Official Pinewood Derby Car Kit for \$10.

Pinewood Derby Workshop
East Whittier United Methodist Church
Saturday, December 20 from 9-11 AM
Saturday, January 10 from 9-11 AM

Here are the rules:

- 1. Width shall not exceed 2-3/4 inches.
- 2. Length shall not exceed 7 inches.
- 3. Weight shall not exceed 5 ounces.
- 4. Axles, wheels, and body shall be from the materials provided in the kit. Additional wheels can be purchased separately.
- 5. Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
- 6. No lubricating oil may be used. Axles may be lubricated with powdered graphite or silicone only.
- 7. The car shall not ride on any kind of spring.
- 8. The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices.
- 9. No loose materials of any kind are allowed in the car.

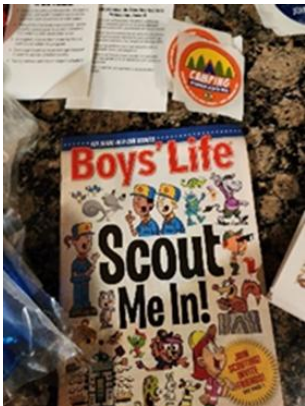
Adult and Scout volunteers are needed for each event. Please contact me below to coordinate.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Mariah Johnson
pack919lm@gmail.com
(562)735-9034

Recruitment Materials

Recruitment materials include wristbands, flashlights, stickers, Boys Life minis, and recruitment envelopes.

Please contact Cameron Summers if you require any recruiting materials for Cub Scouts and Scouts
Cameron.Summers@scouting.org



Roundtable falls on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Roundtable is now meeting in person. Tables will be set up with fliers and information to share. **Remember, Roundtable is for everyone!**

The next roundtable meeting will be on:
Wednesday - December 17th, 2025

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13222 Bailey St. Whittier,
CA 90601**

Upcoming Events in Pio Pico

2025	December					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Christmas Day	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes: Happy Holidays Pio Pico District!				

SAVE THE DATES:

Camporee Service Project - Save the Date: March 8, 2026 @ 8:00 AM--Noon @ Prado.
All units participating should send at least two Scouts to assist with the project. The detailed flyer will be out in January.
Pio Pico Camporee - April 17-19, 2026 - Prado Regional Park (Camporee Theme: Pirates)
Pio Pico District Dinner- March 7, 2026
Cub Adventure Day Camp: June 22-26, 2026-Come join our NEW program in La Mirada!

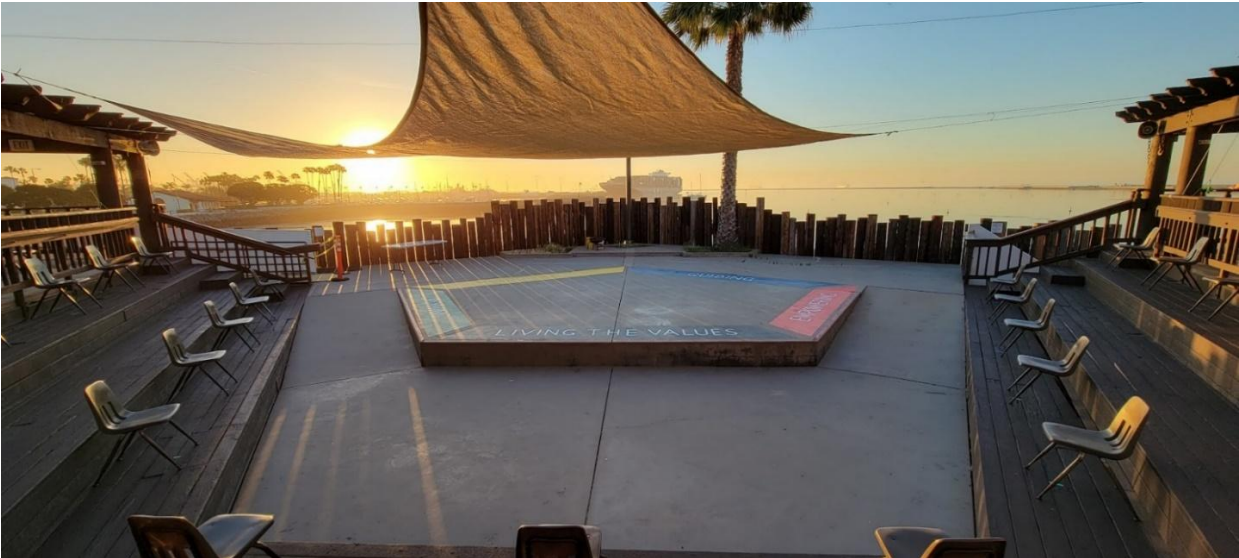
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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SAVE THE DATES:

HAT - Winter Camping and Travel Training- December 13 (CWSC)
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)- December 13th –(Trask)
Snow Shoeing and Cross-Country Skiing Seminar – January 5th – (CWSC)



WOOD BADGE - The next training session will be announced soon!



[Woodbadge Registration and Information](#)