

HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

February 2019

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ Adult Leader Backpack Training will be held on February 22nd to 24th. The training provides an overview of high adventure basics: leadership; planning and preparation; equipment and clothing; menus and cooking; mountain navigation and travel; conservation; risk and safety; and program awards. There will also be an overnight outing in the local mountains. See the attached flyer for details. The class size is limited to 45 participants so register early to ensure a spot. We cannot guarantee a spot for walk-ins. Register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ Want to become a climbing instructor? Level I classes will be held March 15-17. Contact Stephen Dodson (818-967-1323, sedodson1@roadrunner.com) for more information.
- ❖ The GLAAC-HAT is hosting a 2-day Wilderness and Remote First Aid certification on March 30-31. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ California Trails Day is April 13th. See the attached flyer. Any questions contact David Ledford at 310-373-2111 or email gdledford@verizon.net.
- ❖ Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training is coming up on Monday, April 8th. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ Just a reminder that the use of helmets is required for all downhill skiing, snowboarding, and operation of snowmobiles (full face helmets). Helmets are recommended for all participants engaged in winter sports such as sledding and other sliding devices.
- ❖ To schedule a forest conservation project, call David Ledford at 310-373-2111 or email gdledford@verizon.net.

HAT Website: <<http://glaac-hat.org>>

3-Month Calendar

Feb 9&10	Winter Camping and Travel Field Experience	
Feb 22-24	Adult Leader Backpack Training Seminar **	See attached flyer
Mar 2	Scout Leaders Backpack Training Seminar	
Mar 5	HAT Meeting *	
Mar 15-17	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	See attached flyer
Mar 30&31	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	See attached flyer
Apr 2	HAT Meeting *	
Apr 8	Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training Seminar	See attached flyer
Apr 13	CA Trails Day/Trail Boss	See attached flyer
Apr 27&28	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	See attached flyer

* HAT meetings are open to all registered adults, the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles.

** Weekend field experience to be scheduled at the seminar.

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HAT HiLites is published monthly by the GLAAC High Adventure Team to inform Scout Leaders of specific program, service, and other High Adventure activities and opportunities available in the coming months. For additional information about a specific entry, please call or email the appropriate HAT contact.

Greater Los Angeles Area High Adventure Team 54th Adult Leaders Backpack Training-2019

PURPOSE:

- acquaint you with a basic understanding of how to plan and conduct outdoor activities
- stimulate your participation and leadership in a High Adventure Program at the Unit level
- inform you of the many programs and activities of the GLAAC-HAT.



DATE: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 22 through 24 February 2019
Weekend backpack outing to be arranged during the training sessions.

TIME: Friday 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Cabrillo Youth Center, San Pedro.

COST: \$115 before February 15, \$125 after that.

REGISTRATION: **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>. **Early registration is mandatory to ensure sufficient meals, snacks, and course materials.** Persons whose registration is received by the 9 February will be sent a confirmation, map of location, and other details. For help with registration contact Danette at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (626)351-8815 X241 or e-mail: danette.verdugo@scouting.org

MEALS: Cracker barrel Friday, breakfast, lunch, dinner Saturday, breakfast Sunday.

EQUIPMENT: Compass, paper and pencil.
Participants may bring their gear and camp (free) at the facility.

MAXIMUM SIZE: 45 students

OVERVIEW: Basics of the necessities for safe and enjoyable outings

- leadership
- planning & preparation
- equipment & clothing
- menus & cooking
- orienteering
- route finding and mountain travel
- conservation
- risk & safety
- program awards & procedures
- the importance of training and transferring leadership to your Scouts is stressed.

QUESTIONS: David Behenna, Course Director, at (310) 351-7914; e-mail: tigerbay@att.net

The emphasis is on backpacking but it is generally applicable to all types of outdoor activity. This is the next step beyond the camp-craft skills that are covered in Outdoor Leadership Skills (OLS).

You will be need to select and take a weekend backpack trip (5-7 miles, round-trip, in the local mountains) from among several to be offered in March and April and led by the GLAAC-HAT Staff. Each person is responsible for providing his/her own clothing and equipment. An Adventure Pass for your vehicle is required at many of these locations.

Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Michael Schlaifer; Vice ChairTraining: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, michael@schlaifer.com.

B. S. A. Climbing Level 1 Spring 2019

- PURPOSE:** Provide training for people who are interested in teaching Scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. This group might include those interested in becoming Climbing Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff and Scouters. ***Scouters who work with troops and teach climbing are required to be "Qualified Instructors" prior to teaching any climbing / rappelling activities.***
- DATE:** Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday 15 – 17 March 2019.
- TIME:** 8:00 p.m. Friday through 5:30 p.m. Sunday
- LOCATION:** Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
- COST:** \$125.00 for (textbook, meals and camping fees included).
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> by 1 March 2019. For help with registration contact Danette at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (626)351-8815 X241 or e-mail: danette.verdugo@scouting.org.
- EQUIPMENT:** Climbing gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabineers, etc.) You will be sleeping indoors in a Troop Lodge and will need to provide your own sleeping bag or linens as well as your regular gear for a weekend outing.
- OVERVIEW:** This course is very intense and will work into the late hours of the night. We will cover B.S.A. current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, at the Unit, Council and District levels, as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb on Safely," and the National Camp Accreditation Program. Textbook is B.S.A. publication entitled "Belay On" (provided).
This course will be conducted over a weekend (starting Friday night). Meals will be provided Saturday and Sunday, but please bring take out or have dinner before you arrive Friday night.
- REQUIREMENTS:**
- Current registration with Boy Scouts of America
 - 18 years old
 - Current successful completion of B.S.A.'s "Youth Protection Guidelines" training
 - Current B.S.A. Annual Health and Medical Record
 - Completed the online [Climb on Safely Training](#)
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** 12 students, minimum of 6 students.
- QUESTIONS:** Contact Steve Dodson Cell: (818) 967-1323 email: sedodson1@roadrunner.com

All persons interested must be mature, capable of instructing, safety conscious, able to exercise good judgment, be dependable, relate well to youth and adults, and be familiar in the techniques of climbing, rappelling, belaying, and spotting. B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Qualification Certification is good for 1 year upon successful completion of this class.

Help keep climbing/rappelling as part of Scouting's activities by becoming a qualified BSA Climbing Instructor for your Unit, District, or Council.

A copy of "Belay On" will be given to each participant.

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Wilderness and Remote First Aid Spring 2019



**American
Red Cross**

- PURPOSE:** Extend Scout Leaders knowledge of First Aid to those situations where professional response may not be immediately available. This training is geared towards Adult Scout Leaders and those Scout parents going to a Scout High Adventure Base activity or Scout wilderness activity.
- DATE:** Saturday and Sunday 30 & 31 March 2019
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles
- COST:** \$75.00 (\$21.50 online and \$53.50 at the door).
- REGISTRATION:** Pay \$21.50 at online registration (<http://glaac-hat.org/register>) and then \$53.50 at the door either in cash or by check made out to Rick Reeley. For help with registration contact Danette at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (626)351-8815 X241 or e-mail: danette.verdugo@scouting.org.
- EQUIPMENT:** None needed.
- MEALS:** All meals are the responsibility of the participants. Time will be allotted to go out or you can bring your own snacks, lunch and refreshments.
- OVERVIEW:** Course includes printed materials as well as AED demonstration using an AED trainer and use of CPR manikins. Successful completion of the course earns a certification valid for two years.
- REQUIREMENTS:** For Wilderness and Remote First Aid Certification, current certification in Adult CPR & AED
For First Aid Basics – have knowledge of Tenderfoot, Second Class & First Class First Aid skills, and completion of the online trainings in Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat.
- QUESTIONS:** Rick Reeley course instructor at reeley@troop849.org

A CD with all printed material on it will be given to each participant.

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Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training - 2019

PURPOSE:

- Introduce the adult Scouter to the BSA climbing program and to the specialized skills and techniques of basic rock climbing and rope use/rescue.
- Teach the eight points of the BSA's Climb On Safely procedure.
- Discuss the opportunities and requirements for being trained as a BSA qualified climbing instructor.

DATE:

Monday 8 April 2019

Weekend trip 17 through 19 May 2019 led by the GLAAC-HAT

TIME:

7:00 p.m. to about 10:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Seminar: Cushman-Watt Service Center, Los Angeles

Weekend Outing: Joshua Tree National Park

COST:

\$40.00 for the training. There is also a \$25 per vehicle entry fee at the National Park.

REGISTRATION:

Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> by 1 April 2019. For help with registration contact Danette at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (626)351-8815 X241 or e-mail: danette.verdugo@scouting.org. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date.

EQUIPMENT:

You will need to purchase specialized safety equipment that will be described during the seminar. GLAAC-HAT provides the climbing ropes and other gear.

OVERVIEW:

During the seminar

- Instruction in the use of rope and other gear for climbing (both belay and rappel)
- Training in knots and hitches used for climbing.

During the weekend outing

- Ground school to teach and practice the climbing, belaying and rappelling techniques
- Actually climb and rappel using the techniques and equipment.
- Execute a simulated rescue of an injured climber.

REQUIREMENTS:

You will be responsible for your own Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).

QUESTIONS:

Contact Steve Dodson Cell: (818) 967-1323 email: sedodson1@roadrunner.com

Your High Adventure Team staff includes BSA qualified climbing instructors who have years of experience.

Knowledge of safe and effective climbing practices can open this exhilarating activity to you and your Scouts. Units with leaders trained in climbing and rappelling can experience the challenges of high-mountain travel, especially using cross-country routes, with confidence because of this training.

A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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USDA Forest Service Los Angeles River Ranger District
California Trails Day 2019

PURPOSE: Celebrate California Trails Day. with The USDA Forest Service, National Forest Foundation (NFF) and associated Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District volunteer organizations

DATE: Saturday 13 April 2019

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: To be announced. Contact Dave Ledford (see QUESTIONS) for location after 1 April.

COST: No charge.

REGISTRATION: Register at the event from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

EQUIPMENT: Work gloves, work shoes, work clothes (long sleeve shirts and long pants), sun protection hat, hard-hat (can be provided if needed), Ten Essentials (include a personal First Aid kit), Water (2 quarts), high energy snacks. Be prepared to hike about a mile and work until 12:30.

OVERVIEW: The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on a trail system to be announced. There will be a break for lunch and a short ceremony about California Trails Day at 1:00 PM in the Vogel Flats picnic area. Activities will end at 3:30 PM. **A complimentary lunch will be provided by the National Forest Foundation.**

REQUIREMENTS: No special requirement except a willingness to help maintain our trails.

MAXIMUM SIZE: None

QUESTIONS: David Ledford, Volunteer Leader, Training (Evenings) (310) 373-2111 email: GDLedford@verizon.net

B. S. A. Climbing Level 2 Spring 2019

- PURPOSE:** Provide training for people who are interested in teaching Scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. This group might include those interested in becoming Climbing Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff and Scouters.
- DATE:** Seminar: Saturday 27 April 2019
Field trip: Sunday 28 April 2019
- TIME:** Seminar: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Field trip: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman-Watt Service Center, Los Angeles
Field Outing: Stoney Point
- COST:** \$20.00 for classroom materials. Waived if taken in conjunction with Level 1 class.
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> by 22 April 2019. For help with registration contact Danette at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (626)351-8815 X241 or e-mail: danette.verdugo@scouting.org.
- EQUIPMENT:** All personal gear will be inspected prior to use. Bring to the seminar.
- Harness
 - Helmet
 - An ATC belaying device
 - Three or four locking-gate carabineers
 - One 24" and one 48" pre-sewn runner or one 24" pre-sewn runner and a commercially made leash (personal anchor)
 - Two pieces of 5-6mm accessory cord, one piece 72" long and the other 96" long.
 - Climbing shoes (optional)
 - All other gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabineers, etc.)
- OVERVIEW:** This course is very intense and will work into the late hours of the night. We will cover B.S.A. current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, at the Unit, Council and District levels, as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb on Safely," and the National Camp Accreditation Program. Textbook is B.S.A. publication entitled "Belay On" (provided).
- REQUIREMENTS:**
- Current registration with Boy Scouts of America
 - 21 years old
 - Current Level I Climbing Instructor
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