

# HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

May 2019

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ The Big Ride 2019 (25 km and 25/50/100 mile rides) which is sponsored by the Antelope Valley District & Troop 555 is coming up May 18th. To sign up contact Vance Pomeroy at 661-361-5619 or [vance@juniperpacific.com](mailto:vance@juniperpacific.com).
- ❖ Wilderness Woman is coming up on Monday, May 25th. This is a class created specifically for women and girls who want to be prepared for the great outdoors and get more involved with camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, etc. Register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ Adult Leader Backpack Training will be held on September 7th and 14th. 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 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).
- ❖ Desert Camping and Travel training will be held on Saturday, September 21st. The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience. See the attached flyer for details. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ If you are out hiking in the Angeles National Forest and come across a tree blocking the trail please report the downfall to David Ledford at 310-373-2111 or email [gdledford@verizon.net](mailto:gdledford@verizon.net).
- ❖ Tip: Make sure that the bear canisters that you use are approved by the government agency that controls the area where you will be using them.

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

## 3-Month Calendar

May 17-19	Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Field Experience	Cancelled
May 25	Wilderness Women	See attached flyer
Jun 4	HAT Meeting *	
Sep 3	HAT Meeting *	
Sep 7&14	Adult Leader Backpack Training Seminar **	See attached flyer
Sep 21	Desert Camping and Travel Seminar **	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.

## Wilderness Woman Training 2019

- PURPOSE: Address those issues that may arise for
- Women and girls who want to be prepared for the great outdoors & high adventure activities
  - Women who want to be or are adult leaders in a Boy Scout Troop
  - Girls who will be entering the Scouts BSA program
  - Girls who will be in the BSA Venturing or Sea Scouts programs
  - Girl Scout Leaders and Girl Scouts
- DATE: Saturday 25 May 2019
- TIME: 8:00 a.m. to about 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Cushman-Watt Service Center, Los Angeles
- COST: \$10.00 (non refundable) – includes continental breakfast and snacks
- REGISTRATION: **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> by 15 May 2019. For help with registration contact Danette at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (626)351-8815 X241 or e-mail: [danette.verdugo@scouting.org](mailto:danette.verdugo@scouting.org). **There will be no sign ups at the door.**
- EQUIPMENT: No special equipment is needed for this training but do bring your questions, concerns, experiences, successes, etc. to share
- OVERVIEW: This is an open discussion by the moderators and the participants about issues that arise for women and girls in a backcountry setting.
- REQUIREMENTS: None.
- MAXIMUM SIZE: 40 participants.
- QUESTIONS: Georgia Sorensen (917) 698-2551 (C) e-mail: [georgiajsorensen@gmail.com](mailto:georgiajsorensen@gmail.com)



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 Chair Training: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, [michael@schlaifer.com](mailto:michael@schlaifer.com).

## **Adult Leaders Backpack Training- Fall 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:

**Two Saturdays**, 7 and 14 September 2019  
Weekend backpack outing to be arranged during the training sessions.

### TIME:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### LOCATION:

Trask Scout Reservation

### COST:

\$90 before August 30, \$100 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 30 August 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](mailto:danette.verdugo@scouting.org).

### MEALS:

Breakfast and lunch both Saturdays.

### EQUIPMENT:

Compass, paper and pencil.

### MAXIMUM SIZE:

30 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](mailto: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.

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## **Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2019**

- PURPOSE:** Acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness and special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience.
- DATE:** Seminar: Saturday 21 September 2019  
Weekend outing: date to be arranged during seminar
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. (bring sack lunch)
- LOCATION:** Seminar: Cushman-Watt Service Center, Los Angeles  
Weekend Outing: Joshua Tree National Park.
- COST:** \$25.00
- REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> by 30 August 2019. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. For help with registration contact Danette at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (626)351-8815 X241 or e-mail: [danette.verdugo@scouting.org](mailto:danette.verdugo@scouting.org).
- EQUIPMENT:** Paper and pencil, and lunch for seminar.  
Each Scouter is responsible for obtaining the clothing, equipment, and food for the weekend trip.
- OVERVIEW:** During the seminar, we will select a date and plan for a weekend backpack trip to Joshua Tree National Park (The Park has a \$25.00 per vehicle entry fee). A backpack trip of about 5 miles, round trip, to a dry campsite, provides the opportunity to demonstrate the seminar topics. After setting up camp, we will climb Queen Mountain - a "good" cross country workout.
- REQUIREMENTS:** Completion of the Adult Leader Backpack Training is highly recommended.  
Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).
- MAXIMUM SIZE:** None
- QUESTIONS:** Tarin Casillas; Course Director (310)515-3647 (H) or (310)780-0074; e-mail [ticasillas@msn.com](mailto:ticasillas@msn.com)



Look north and east, beyond the mountains that surround Los Angeles – it's a desert out there. Actually three – Sonora, Mohave, and Great Basin – and they provide numerous opportunities for hiking and camping. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch and is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

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