



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISTANCE SCOUTING** During this time there is a lot of uncertainty and while a lot of our ways of life have come to an abrupt stop, Scouting can and must go on! This is an opportunity for us as leaders to think outside the box and come up with new and creative ways to run our units. If you go to <https://bit.ly/distance-scouting> this will take you to a working document with many ideas and ways to practice “Distance Scouting”. Please look through it and work to keep your units running during this tumultuous time.

**COME TO SUMMER CAMP AT CIRCLE X!** Calling all Scouts and Scouters who want to have fun this summer! Join Pacifica’s Provisional Summer Camp Troop at Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation July 19-25. (Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/PacificaProvo>). The first Troop meeting is scheduled for May 30th. Contact provisional Assistant Scoutmaster Nancy Hodgkiss ([nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org)) for more information.

**COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP UPDATE** The first three Summer Camp weeks at Cherry Valley and the first week at HESR [have been cancelled](#). Refunds are anticipated to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Remaining weeks are filling up fast so act quickly if you want to try to get your unit to Summer Camp this month (conditions permitting).

**FALL CAMPOREE/WEBELOS WOODS EVENT OCTOBER 9TH – 11<sup>th</sup>** We will be doing something different this Fall. We will be combining Webelos Woods and Camporee for a new exciting camping experience. Please join us at Firestone Scout Reservation as we do our best with our Scout Wars. The revised Leader’s Guide will be available soon and there will be a short early registration window, so plan now to attend. For more information or to volunteer to work on the camporee committee or staff, contact Sheila A. Stewart, at [PacificaCamporee@yahoo.com](mailto:PacificaCamporee@yahoo.com) or Boyd Latimore at [Scouter.Boyd@gmail.com](mailto:Scouter.Boyd@gmail.com)

**CAMP CARD UPDATE** Camp Card sales can now be made online! Council has developed a completely “touchless” system from order through delivery. Whether your unit signed up for the traditional sale, or is now looking for opportunities to earn money for Scout expenses, Camp Card sales are a great risk-free, no-money-up-front option. Check out this exciting opportunity at [glaacbsa.org/camp\\_cards](http://glaacbsa.org/camp_cards).

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS, ASSEMBLE!!** We are planning to hold Pacifica’s first Big Online Merit Badge Weekend on June 13 and 14 and are looking for counselors who would like to offer a merit badge class (or two) via video meeting to help keep our Scouts connected and engaged. We will offer multiple sessions and tracks throughout the weekend depending on supply and demand. Did you know there are [58 badges that Scouts can complete at home?](#) Check your email for full details and your personal invitation to participate, or please contact Pacifica’s MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, now at (310) 991-8172 or [meritbadge@pacificabsa.org](mailto:meritbadge@pacificabsa.org). (Counselor signups will be conducted first, then we’ll be spreading the word about Scout signups later when we know what’s on offer!)

The list of Pacifica District-approved merit badge counselors is sent monthly to your troop leaders. Counselors, please review the list regularly to make sure your information is current. To sign up as a new counselor (MB or NOVA), or to change your existing offerings or information, check out the instructions on the [Pacifica advancement webpage](#) or simply contact Alison. Speaking of NOVA, we are also looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as counselors and mentors for the BSA’s [STEM NOVA Awards!](#) This program isn’t getting nearly enough love in a district that’s crammed to the gills with science professionals so if STEM is your passion, check out the program details and contact Alison to register as a counselor or mentor.

**SCOUTBOOK NOW REPORTS SERVICE HOURS FOR JTE CREDIT!** Remember the hassle of having to go to a separate website to log service hours to earn credit on your JTE scorecard? Those days are GONE! Scoutbook has been recently updated so that the hours you log there will automatically synch to the JTE database. It’s one less step to earning your JTE Gold! Contact your servicing Commissioner if you have questions.

**MY.Scouting TRAINING MANAGER UPDATE** Great news! The Training Validation function in My.Scouting/Legacy Tools has moved to My.Scouting/Training Manager. Now unit Key 3 and their Delegates can view a Scouter's training record by using the "search training" magnifying glass icon to view a member's entire training record (using the "view training" magnifying glass over a document icon). To learn more, check out the Help Manual in the lower right hand corner of the Training Manager window, or contact District Training Chair Casey Jones at [cejones@yahoo.com](mailto:cejones@yahoo.com)

**TIPS FOR TRANSFERRING WEBELOS SCOUTS TO TROOPS** Transferring registration can be a breeze if you know how the system works. Check out [these time-saving tips](#) for Packs and Troops to ensure everything goes smoothly.

**DOES YOUR UNIT HAVE A RELIGIOUS EMBLEM COORDINATOR?:** Scouts working on religious emblems remain in Scouting longer, yet many families aren't aware of the Religious Emblems program. There are almost 100 emblems offered for Scouts and Scouters of all ages, but navigating the requirements can be confusing. We'd like to make it easier for you. If you are interested in starting a Religious Emblems program in your unit, or already have a Religious Emblem coordinator, please contact our District Advancement Chair at [jimm@fia-insurance.com](mailto:jimm@fia-insurance.com).

**NYLT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CANCELLED** After long consideration with the NYLT Leadership Academy taskforce and course directors, we have chosen to cancel all Leadership Academy courses for the summer of 2020. Because our course takes place in multiple locations with significant travel between different areas of the country and because of the uncertainty in the timeline of stopping the spread of COVID-19, we believe that this is the best decision to keep everyone involved in the Leadership Academy safe. We look forward to supporting your NYLT staff and the leadership journeys of scouts across the country in 2020 and at our courses in 2021.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW** The Lakota Chapter will conduct a virtual Chapter Meeting at 7:30 PM on May 13, 2020. To join via computer, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3999438359?pwd=Z25WcmNDR2Jtc2QxTHBoR0JOSGtYdz09>

Meeting ID: 399 943 8359; Password: 785902; One tap mobile: +16699009128,,3999438359#,,1#,785902#

Several Chapter Officer positions are open and available to interested candidates. All Youth members (= not yet 21) are eligible to serve in these offices. Please contact the Chapter Chief ([lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@gmail.com)) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss ([oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org)) for more information or to volunteer for a position.

Youth Chapter members are invited to participate in elections on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM PDT for the next slate of Tuku'ut Lodge officers. Interested members may participate through this Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91524951905?pwd=OFBMa29NcmcxSFVvdm9QOEZ4MXhuZz09>

Meeting ID: 915 2495 1905; Password: lec2020The National OA Conference planned for August 3-8 has been cancelled. Members should look for more info soon on a new National Event, Momentum, to be held at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation that same week. Early planning is underway for a Tuku'ut lodge contingent to the Momentum event. Unit Elections may now be conducted by virtual meeting. To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at [lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@gmail.com) or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org).

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#### CHECK US OUT!

Virtually all info is available online: Events, Dates, Fliers, Contacts, Training, Etc.

Pacifica District Website: [www.pacificabsa.org](http://www.pacificabsa.org)

GLAAC Website: [www.GLAACBSA.org](http://www.GLAACBSA.org)

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**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. Send an email proposal to [jeffsorbello@att.net](mailto:jeffsorbello@att.net) two weeks before Roundtable to get started.