



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

Pacifica District, Greater Los Angeles Area Council, BSA
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOUTING AT HOME 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! Although the County [stay-at-home orders](#) are still in place, and [all in-person Scouting activities are suspended](#) until further notice, this is a chance for leaders to think outside the box and come up with new and creative ways to run our units. Our Council “Scouting at Home” guide at <https://bit.ly/distance-scouting> is updated frequently and includes many ideas and ways to practice “Distance Scouting.” Opportunities include:

Cub Scout 30 day challenges for all ranks are posted at https://www.glaacbsa.org/Scouting_at_Home

Virtual Cub Day camps will be offered in July: <https://www.glaacbsa.org/files/32311/virtual-cub-day-camps.pdf>

Camp-In with Western Los Angeles County Council is June 26-27; <https://www.glaacbsa.org/camp-out-in-place>

Summer Camps for Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturers: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/virtual-camps/>

NEW NATIONAL REGISTRATION FEES ANNOUNCED BSA’s National membership fees are increasing by \$6, effective August 1st. In addition, National has implemented a \$25 new member fee. (See attached infographic) GLAAC will determine our fees by the end of the month; but the total cost for a youth for the 2021 membership year will not exceed \$132. See National’s update here: <https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-membership-fee-increase-details-and-faq/>

CUB SCOUT LEADER POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING- JUNE 27th. We are holding a virtual Cub Scout leader Position-Specific Training on June 27th from 8:30 to 12:30. This training is for Cubmasters, Den Leaders and Pack Committee Members. Please contact Pacifica Training Chair Casey Jones Scoutercasey@gmail.com to sign up.

FALL CAMPOREE/WEBELOS WOODS EVENT OCTOBER 9TH – 11TH 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 or Boyd Latimore at 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. Looking to buy camp cards for your family? Text CampCards to 71777 or visit <http://igfn.us/vf/CampCards>. For more information, contact Pacifica’s Camp Card Captain, Carlos, at carlosebernal966@gmail.com

SCOUTING FOR FOOD If you need help with leads to find food please feel free to reach out to Liz Weissmann-Padilla at lizsapack851@gmail.com. If you're able to help, please consider **Canned Goods for the Poverty Program** - While COVID has affected all of us in many ways, it has disproportionately affected the poor and homeless. The Poverty Program in Wilmington provides food and household staples for at-risk families three days of the week. They need supplies of canned fruits and vegetables; please consider donating any canned goods to them Monday through Friday. The Poverty Program is located at 943 Lagoon Avenue in Wilmington. Please be sure to maintain social distancing measures if you donate.

SPRING EVENT REFUNDS With all of the Camping Department personnel on furlough due to COVID, refunds for this spring's cancelled events had been on hold. The remaining personnel are now working through the backlog as best as they can, and hope to be caught up by the end of this month. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS - We are excited to hold Pacifica's first Big Online Merit Badge Weekend on June 13 and 14 and would like to give special thanks to the counselors who signed up to offer merit badge classes to our Scouts! There are still a few spaces available for Scouts to sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ca5a7283-pacifica>. Please contact Pacifica's MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or meritbadge@pacificabsa.org if you have any questions about the event.

Due to a very recent policy change, counselors are no longer able to register themselves in Scoutbook. Some counselors may also have noticed that their status as a counselor in Scoutbook has been revoked as of May 18, or that their merit badge offerings aren't listed properly. Please know that we are working with council to fix any discrepancies and match your offerings to those stated on your 2020 renewal forms, but unfortunately we don't have a timeline for when that will be complete. If you can't use Scoutbook to record progress, continue using blue cards as usual.

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 for merit badges or NOVA awards, or to change your existing offerings or information, check out the instructions on the [Pacifica advancement webpage](#) or simply contact Alison. We are still looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as counselors and mentors for the BSA's STEM NOVA Awards, so if STEM is your passion, [check out the program details](#) and contact Alison to register as a counselor or mentor.

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

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.

ORDER OF THE ARROW The Lakota Chapter will conduct a virtual Chapter Meeting at 7:30 PM on June 10, 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 (lakotachchief@gmail.com) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss (oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org) for more information or to volunteer for a position.

The 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. Information and registration for the Tuku'ut lodge contingent may be found on the Lodge website, www.tukuut.org.

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 lakotachchief@gmail.com or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org.

CHECK US OUT!

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

Pacifica District Website: www.pacificabsa.org

GLAAC Website: www.GLAACBSA.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. Send an email proposal to jeffsorbello@att.net two weeks before Roundtable to get started.



Boy Scouts of America

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

June 7, 2020

Dear Scouting family,

As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Greater Los Angeles Area Council's top priority. Since the spread of this pandemic, we have been continually monitoring the situation, and consulting with health experts, government officials and other camp professionals and developed a COVID-19 mitigation plan that was well-received by the County Health Department. Our goal has always been to provide a quality summer experience, even in these challenging times and we have reviewed all options.

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that, after a thorough review with our volunteers and staff, County leadership, and our Board of Directors, the Greater Los Angeles Area Council has determined that we are unable to conduct Scouts BSA camp programs at Camp Cherry Valley and Camp Big Horn at Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation for the 2020 summer season. We know that camp is an important part of every Scout's summer, and this decision is a very painful one and one that we did not want to make. We worked diligently with State and County officials however, we were unable to receive state approval to open camps in a timely manner.

While we are unable to operate full weeks of summer camp, we are planning shorter-duration camps with smaller group sizes beginning in July. This is a great opportunity for our units to get back to Scouting. **We are thrilled to announce plans for Camp Big Horn Adventure Weekends beginning on July 9. We are planning a terrific program** that focuses on skills areas, merit badges, COPE & climbing (including our new quarter-mile dual racing zip-line "The Big Z"), shooting sports, media/graphics/astronomy and fun at the pool during off-program hours. We will introduce sign-ups next week on our website www.glaacbsa.org.

Since we have cancelled our resident camps for this summer, we ask that you consider the following three options:

1. Switch your reservation to attend Camp Big Horn Troop/Crew Adventure Weekends.
2. Move your registration and deposits to 2021 at Camp Cherry Valley and/or Camp Big Horn. You will receive a discounted rate for rolling over the current -to-date deposits and payments to next year at a savings of \$25 per Scout. 2021 weeks:
 - June 6 – June 12
 - June 13 – June 19
 - June 20 – June 26
 - June 27 – July 3
 - July 4 – July 10
 - July 11 – July 17
 - July 18 – July 24
 - July 25 – July 31

To secure your 2021 week of camp with your \$200 deposit [click here](#).





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3. Request a full refund. I would be remiss if I didn't humbly seek your units' support of Scouting at Camp Cherry Valley and/or Camp Big Horn through a donation of any amount such as the units initial deposit. COVID-19 has dramatically impacted the Camps' and the Council's finances for the year. Thank you for your consideration.

Our council and staff are saddened that we are not able to serve you at Camp Cherry Valley and Camp Big Horn this summer but are hopeful we can serve you in an Adventure Weekend at Camp Big Horn.

In addition to the Adventure Weekends, please look for upcoming news and information about making our camping facilities available for family or small group camping to enhance your summer experience. Your Scouts can also sign-up to take one of our many upcoming online merit badge classes. To date, we have offered Public Health, American Heritage, Textiles, Bugling, Personal Finance and Family Life. We have upcoming slates of ten merit badges per month for the next four months that we are rolling out next week as well.

We hope all our Scouting families stay healthy and positive in our current environment and join us in preparing for future great summer camp experiences at Camp Cherry Valley and Camp Big Horn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlie Wilson".

Charlie Wilson | Director of Support Services

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2020 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL
RENEWING
MEMBERS
(RECHARTER)

\$66/YR

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



\$42/YR



Participants age 10 - 20.

\$42/YR



All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE



ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

EFFECTIVE



\$75/YR

For all new and rechartering units.