



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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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" webpage ([https://www.glaacbsa.org/Scouting\\_at\\_Home](https://www.glaacbsa.org/Scouting_at_Home)) is full of opportunities for Scouters and Scouts of all ages, and also includes our Scouting at Home guide (<https://bit.ly/distance-scouting>) with many more ideas and ways to practice "Distance Scouting."

**NEW REGISTRATION FEES START 1 AUGUST** National and Council membership fees are increasing by \$6 each per year, effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, National has implemented a \$25 new member fee. (See details at <https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-membership-fee-increase-details-and-faq/>). New pro-rated fees charts will be available shortly. If your unit has prospective families thinking about joining, encourage them to do so this month, before fees increase!

**RECHARTER YEAR RESETTING IN 2021** Based on feedback from our units, this fall's recharter will register units through September 30, 2021, rather than December 31, 2021. This will re-set our membership year to coincide with the school year, rather than a calendar year.

**VIRTUAL CUB DAY CAMP** Calling all Wolves and Webelos! There's still time to register to get "down on the farm" with us! "Campers" will receive a box of crafts and activities for a week of scouting fun from home. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**NEED CAMP CARDS?** Camp Card sales continue online! Council has developed a completely "touchless" system from order through delivery. Text CampCards to 71777 or visit <http://igfn.us/vf/CampCards>.

**CAMP CARD TURN IN** If your unit signed out physical camp cards, remember to turn in unsold cards by July 31st so your unit won't be billed for them. You have several turn-in options:

- 1) Email Pacifica's Camp Card Captain, Carlos, at [carlosebernal966@gmail.com](mailto:carlosebernal966@gmail.com) and make an appointment to either drop them off at his house in Hawthorne or have him pick them up.
- 2) Mail them directly to Cushman Watt Scout Center (Attn Lucia Bernal, Camp Cards), 2333 Scout Way, LA CA 90026
- 3) Drop them off at Cushman Watt Scout Center when it re-opens this month.

Please include a return form (click [HERE](#)) with your cards. Thank you for supporting this year's campaign!

### **UPCOMING VIRTUAL TRAINING DATES**

July 9, 5-6pm National Webinar: BeAScout & Invitation Manager Register [HERE](#)

July 11 10-11am Setting Up Online Registration Training Register [HERE](#)

July 14, 7-8pm GLAAC Cub Scout Leader webinar: Advancement and Annual Planning Register [HERE](#)

July 16, 5-6pm, National Webinar: Scoutbook 101 & Who's Zooming? Register [HERE](#)

July 18, 1-2pm Introduction to My.Scouting tools Register [HERE](#)

July 21, 7-8pm GLAAC Cub Scout Leader webinar: Spring into Action! Register [HERE](#)

July 22 6-7pm Setting Up Online Registration Training Register [HERE](#)

July 23, 5-6pm National Webinar: Peer-to-Peer and Recruiting via Social Media Register [HERE](#)

August 6, 5-6pm National Webinar: Local Public Relations Register [HERE](#)

August 20, 5-6pm National Webinar: 5 Keys to Recruiting Register [HERE](#)

**ORDER CUB SCOUT YARD SIGNS!** Show your love for Scouting and encourage families in your neighborhood to join in the fun. See [HERE](#) for an example of this FREE recruiting tool. Contact District Commissioner Nancy Hodgkiss at [nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org) to order signs for your Pack families.

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD (AND MORE!)** Pacifica will be running a collection drive for food, toiletries, and household goods on Saturday, July 25th, 8am-4pm. Our drop-off point is **TBD** but we are requesting a permit to use the El Segundo Scout House on 325 E Grand Avenue. (See map [HERE](#)) Here's how you can help:

1) Drop off non-perishable, unopened, unexpired food, toiletries, or household goods on the day of the drive. A list of find "most requested" items will be on the [Pacifica website](#) shortly. Anyone can donate, so tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to serve our community!

2). VOLUNTEER. Family units can:

help receive and sort items on the day of the drive (click [HERE](#) to sign up)

donate grocery gift cards...(click [here](#) to arrange drop off)

identify potential recipients...(click [here](#) to let us know who needs help)

load delivery vehicles on August 1 (click [here](#) to sign up)

deliver packages of donations on August 1 (click [here](#) to sign up)

deliver packages of donations AFTER August 1 if needed (click [here](#) to sign up)

If you have any questions, contact Liz at [lizsapack851@gmail.com](mailto:lizsapack851@gmail.com)

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS** – Thank you very much to everyone who supported our first Big Online Merit Badge Weekend! We will be hosting another event on August 29-30 so please contact me to sign up for a session!

GLAAC is looking for MB counselors who can run online merit badge classes for them on the following subjects: Cit. Comm., Cit. World, Animation, Digital Technology, Game Design, Genealogy, Model Design & Building, Music, Painting, Programming, Theater, Weather. If you are available to host a class on one of these (or any others that you'd be prepared to offer), please contact Bernadette Hindry at [sgvcommissioner@earthlink.net](mailto:sgvcommissioner@earthlink.net). The council will handle registration and let you use their BlueJeans account to teach the class.

GLAAC is still working on fixing our MB counselor listings in Scoutbook. If you can't use Scoutbook to record progress, continue using blue cards as usual.

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 Pacifica's MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or [meritbadge@pacificabsa.org](mailto:meritbadge@pacificabsa.org).

**UNIT ANNUAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING** Now is a great time to make plans for the upcoming program year! Given the dynamic nature of COVID, you may need to two plans—one for in-person and for one for virtual Scouting. If you need help, Journey to Excellence guidebooks (<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/guidebooks/>) are great resources, as are [Unit Commissioners](#).

**ORDER OF THE ARROW** The Lakota Chapter will conduct a virtual Chapter Meeting at 7:30 PM on July 8, 2020. To join via computer, go to:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82758567995?pwd=SmtIRUIvQzVyY1owNnNPTTVzVVFkZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 5856 7995 / Password: 866446

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,82758567995#,,,0#,,866446# US (San Jose)

Members interested in running for Chapter Officer positions in the August 2020 Chapter Elections should complete the Nomination Form emailed to them on June 28, 2020. All Youth members (= not yet 21) are eligible to serve in these offices. Please contact the Chapter Chief ([lakotachchief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachchief@gmail.com)) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss ([oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org)) for more information.

The National OA Conference planned for August 3-8 has been cancelled. Tuku'ut Lodge decided not to form a contingent for the Momentum Event scheduled to be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

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](mailto:lakotachchief@gmail.com) or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org).

**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)

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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.