



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN THE NEWS** Congratulations to Troop 378 and Troop 860B for being featured in [Bryan on Scouting](#) and the [El Segundo City News](#)! Thank you for your service to our community!

**REOPENING PROTOCOLS** There are no significant changes since last month. **UNITS MAY NOT MEET IN PERSON UNDER VOLUNTEER SUPERVISION. This prohibition includes meetings of adults and any meeting in the outdoors.** The *one* exception provided by County Health orders is for youth sports activities. For more information, refer to last month's [Roundtable Matters](#) and consult with your [Commissioner](#).

**NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION** To make rechartering go as smoothly as possible, it's absolutely critical that all new members be on your roster *before the end of this month*. With very few exceptions, units should be using BSA's [Online Registration system](#). Keep in mind that you CANNOT process transfers or position code changes in the online system—those should be emailed to District Commissioner [nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org). (See [graphic](#).) Youth who have lapsed (e.g. have been in BSA at any time, but are not currently members) should use the search tool in Online Registration to avoid paying the \$25 new member fee. You can see a complete explanation of fees in last month's [Roundtable Matters](#).

**RECHARTERING** Rechartering is well under way! If your unit hasn't done so already, please complete the [Unit Contact Survey](#). (If you're not sure whether your unit completed the survey, check the [Pacifica Dashboard](#) on the [Council Recharter site](#) and look at the column titles "Unit Leadership Information Submitted.") Please plan to have your recharter roster emailed to [nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org) by November 15<sup>th</sup>, and your recharter fees paid by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OBTAINING PROOF OF CURRENT YPT** Adults will need current YPT certificates to recharter. Please disseminate these tips from the [Pacifica website](#) to make it easier for your members to obtain current certificates:

1. Make sure you are taking the mandatory, NOT the recommended lesson plan.
2. There are four mandatory modules. Take a screen shot of each module completion, preferably with a timestamp if possible.
  - Overview and Policies v2
  - Sexual Abuse v2
  - Bullying v2
  - Certification Test v2
3. Once you have taken a screen shot of your module completion, DO NOT CLICK NEXT. Instead, exit your browser window and start the subsequent module "fresh" from the "Mandatory YPT Course" screen.

**BSA'S COMMITMENT TO SAFETY** Given increased publicity regarding National's Chapter 11, you have a critical role in educating the public about how we keep kids safe. [This letter](#) from our Council Key 3 provides links to a [video](#) and [infographic](#) that will help answer questions you might get from prospective families about safety. In addition, it's critical that you educate every family on how to raise a concern, including

1. The "chain of command" within the unit for concerns
2. How to contact the Chartered Organization Representative and/or Institutional Head with concerns
3. How to submit an [incident report](#) for [youth protection and members standards infractions](#), [injury to people or property](#), [COVID incidents](#), and [near misses](#)
4. How to contact District Leadership if unit and Chartered Org processes aren't working

District Chair Tim Shank: [tjshank@mac.com](mailto:tjshank@mac.com)

District Commissioner Nancy Hodgkiss: [nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org)

Field Director Hannibal Sullivan: [hannibal.sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:hannibal.sullivan@scouting.org)

Please consider adding this information to your [unit Parent Guide](#).

**JAMBOREE ON THE AIR/INTERNET IS THIS WEEKEND!** Join over a million Scouts from over 160 countries in this worldwide Scouting event! See more information and get a registration link from [Bryan on Scouting](#).

**ATTENTION PINEWOOD DERBY ENTHUSIASTS!** Planning is underway for Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Day Camp at Cabrillo Beach Youth Center Dec & Jan. Details coming soon. If your unit is planning socially distant alternatives to Pinewood Derby, please e-mail [tjshank@mac.com](mailto:tjshank@mac.com) and [thompsgg@gmail.com](mailto:thompsgg@gmail.com).

**POTENTIAL SERVICE PROJECT** South Coast Botanic Garden is looking for an Scout/Eagle candidate who is interested in building a display about the Garden's history as a former landfill. Since this display is meant to be in place for the Garden's 60th anniversary celebrations, it would ideally be completed by the end of the calendar year. To explore this opportunity, contact Kelly Krusee, Director of Learning and Engagement, at [kelly@scoutcoastbotanicgarden.org](mailto:kelly@scoutcoastbotanicgarden.org)

**TIPS FOR FAMILIES NEW TO CAMPING** With our Scouts camping in their backyards, now is a great time to introduce the entire family to adventures in the outdoors. Check out [these tips \(and recipes!\)](#) from Cub Scout parents Andrea and Brad.

**LAW MERIT BADGE IN NOVEMBER** On Saturday, November 14, Scouts ages 14 and up can explore criminal law, civil law, and legal history as well as participate in a mock trial. [Click here](#) for more information and registration. (password is GLAAC) or email questions to [Hannibol.Sullivan@Scouting.org](mailto:Hannibol.Sullivan@Scouting.org)

**SCOUTCYCLE VIRTUAL CLOSET:** Several Packs have been using this time to clean out their storage closets. They are looking for homes for Pinewood Derby Tracks and Soapbox Derby cars. If your Pack has a need for these items (and the room to store them!), contact [nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org).

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS** – The next big Pacifica online Merit Badge Weekend will be held on Oct. 17-18 and scouts can sign up NOW at <https://eventbrite.com/e/124209226139/>.

The next Cabrillo Merit Badge Day Camps will be held on Oct 23-25 and Nov 13-15. Signups will be available soon at [www.glaacbsa.org](http://www.glaacbsa.org).

If you would be willing to run a merit badge class, either online or in person at Cabrillo, please contact Pacifica's MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or [meritbadge@pacificabsa.org](mailto:meritbadge@pacificabsa.org) ASAP.

Instructions for how to renew your merit badge counselor status for 2021 will be sent out SOON! Get ready by making sure your Youth Protection Training is current. If your YPT expires before the end of 2021, please retake the training NOW at <https://my.scouting.org/>

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 at <https://www.glaacbsa.org/pacificaadvancement> or simply contact Alison Crompton for the details.

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD** Please contact Liz Weissmann-Padilla if you have any questions or ideas for Scouting For Food. If you are aware of Scouting families in need please feel free to reach Liz for resources. [lizbsapack851@gmail.com](mailto:lizbsapack851@gmail.com)

**ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA)** The OA is Scouting's Honor Society for Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Members ("Arrowmen") provide service their home Units, the Pacifica District, our Council, and BSA nationally. It provides Youth members additional service and leadership opportunities that help them grow and build experience.

The Lakota Chapter meets at the same time as the District Roundtable Meeting. Members are sent Invitations via the LodgeMaster application

There are still open positions in the Chapter Executive Committee. 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.

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).

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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.