



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THE PASSING OF A GREAT SCOUTMASTER** It is with deep sadness that we report that Troop 851's Scoutmaster since 2013, Kevin McKintosh, passed away after a cycling accident last month. Kevin had been active in Scouting since the 1970s, and mentored countless young men over the years, including 52 Eagles. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. He will be sorely missed.

**ALL JANUARY IN-PERSON DISTRICT SCOUTING ACTIVITIES AT CABRILLO ARE POSTPONED** This includes Pinewood Derby Ready to Race, IOLS, and Merit Badge Day Camp. See the [Pacifica Calendar](#) for updates.

**REOPENING PROTOCOLS UNITS MAY NOT MEET IN PERSON UNDER VOLUNTEER SUPERVISION.** **This prohibition includes meetings of adults and any meeting in the outdoors.** The County's recent [surge response update](#) has temporarily suspended the *one* exception provided by County Health orders for youth sports activities.

**UNIT USE OF CABRILLO** Reservations are now available for sites at Cabrillo (as well as other Council properties) as early as February, assuming County Health Orders will permit us to open the facility to units. You will need to do two things prior to making a reservation:

- 1) [Establish a UNIT Tentaroo account](#), if you don't already have one. *This is different from any personal accounts* your Scouters may have! If you are having trouble accessing your unit account, email [Kevin.Burton@scouting.org](mailto:Kevin.Burton@scouting.org) to re-set your credentials.
- 2) Complete Council's [Online Booking Request form](#). Please note that it may take 3-5 business days in order to approve your first booking.

For more information, please consult the [resource packet](#) from last month's [Jumpstart Unit Program in 2021 webinar](#).

**LAST CALL FOR AWARD OF MERIT NOMINEES!** Nominations for the [District Award of Merit](#), which recognizes noteworthy service to youth by a Scouter are due January 30<sup>th</sup> to Lisa Cowell at [crazy.lisa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crazy.lisa@sbcglobal.net).

**JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE SCORECARDS ARE DUE JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>** Please submit your 2020 [scorecards](#) will to your [servicing commissioner](#) by the end of the month so we can prepare to recognize you at the District Awards Ceremony.

**CALLING ALL LEADERS WITH A PASSION FOR THE OUTDOORS!** We are building the District's winter/spring 2021 calendar and want to be able to offer Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) to Cub Scout leaders and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) to Scouts BSA leaders. If you'd love to share your knowledge of camping and Scout skills with others, be a part of our Training Team! Contact District Training Chair Casey Jones at [scoutercasey@gmail.com](mailto:scoutercasey@gmail.com) with your availability so we can select course dates that work for the team.

### **SAVE THE DATES! (County Health Orders Permitting)**

See [Pacifica Calendar](#) for sign up links

- February 6 Trainers EDGE
- February 20 BALOO for Cub Scout Leaders
- February 21 IOLS training for Adult Leaders
- March 6-7 Pinewood Ready to Race Day Camp Weekend 1
- March 13-14 Pinewood Ready to Race Day Camp Weekend 2
- March 13 IOLS training for Adult Leaders
- March 14 IOLS Training for Adult Leaders
- March 20 Southern California Commissioner College

**2020 AWARDS CEREMONY – MARK YOUR CALENDARS** The annual Pacifica District Awards Ceremony will become COVID-19 friendly in 2021! On Thursday, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 at 7:00pm, ZOOM in to see your units recognized for JTE and applaud our 2020 [Award of Merit](#) recipients! Now is the time to nominate a Scouter you believe is most worthy of the Award of Merit! Please forward all applications to Sheryl Ruskin at [shusue@rocketmail.com](mailto:shusue@rocketmail.com) by January 15, 2021.

**A SCOUT IS REVERENT** BSA's birthday is February 8<sup>th</sup>, and one of the ways to celebrate is by honoring Duty of God at a Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, or Scout Jumuah service. Check out [this article](#) from Bryan on Scouting for ideas and more information.

**WHO ARE THE PILLARS OF YOUR COMMUNITY?** Please nominate community members to serve as observers for our Eagle Character boards. This is a great opportunity to show off the results of BSA's program to non-Scouters: youth who embody the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Use [this form](#) to make a nomination, and think broadly. We are looking for diverse individuals of exemplary character who care about youth leadership development and serve an important role, whether large or small, in the community.

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS** If you will be continuing as a Counselor in 2021, please complete the renewal "paperwork" that was emailed to you if you haven't done so already.

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.

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.

**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. OA 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 virtual Meeting invitations via the LodgeMaster application.

National OA guidance on counting virtual camping for OA membership eligibility may be found [here](#).

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).

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.

Overcoming Scouts BSA Virtual Meeting Challenges: At the February 2021 Roundtable, our Chapter will share ideas for, examples of, and demonstrate creating games, instructional materials, team building activities and useful tools to help Troops develop and conduct productive and fun virtual meetings. We'll share our materials afterwards on the District's website. We look forward to seeing you in the Breakout Session!

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR TEACHERS!** In this season of giving thanks, we want to take a moment to appreciate teachers and other education professionals who support the youth of our community, especially in these remarkable times. The BSA's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award recognizes community members who instill Scouting's values in K-12 students. This can be a classroom teacher, administrator, custodian, cafeteria worker, or any number of others. Pacifica District will present our first-ever Fretwell Awards in May. We'll get a nomination form posted to our website soon, but for more information on this honor, see BSA's [implementation guidebook](#).

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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.

# **Virtual Webelos Field Day**

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Hosted by Troop 788B**



**First and Second Year Webelos  
are invited!!**

**Join us for a fun-filled morning of  
Scouting activities**

Opportunity for Webelos to visit an active Troop  
and to get to know the Scouts of Troop 788B.

RSVP at this URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/135619135485/>

Uniform of the Day: Class A Uniforms