



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REOPENING PROTOCOLS Refer to the Council COVID page: <https://www.glaacbsa.org/COVID-19>

1. Council offers opportunities for Scouts, families and units to participate in program at our Council properties under the supervision of Council employees as permitted by Council's day camp license. You can make a reservation via your [UNIT Tentaroo account](#). (Council emailed login credentials to unit leaders and committee chairs 9/7/20.)
2. Units wishing to meet under volunteer supervision following "Youth and Adult Sports Leagues" protocols need permission from their Chartering Organizations to do so. Make sure you are using the **CURRENT County protocols** for and the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). See additional information in the 2/23 webinar slides and unit resources on the [Council COVID page](#)
3. Unit overnight/camping activities and car pooling are still NOT allowed.

Failure to follow guidelines puts youth at risk and places any liability on the volunteers leading the activities. In this time of increased public doubt regarding the BSA's commitment to safety, please **comply with public health orders without exception**. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your [Commissioner](#) for clarification.

COVID-FRIENDLY SERVICE PROJECTS Are your Scouts looking for ways to do a good turn? Here are some options that can be done by individuals, families, or units:

1. Volunteer at Cabrillo. Our camp can always use help weeding, cleaning the beach, trimming bushes, etc. Contact Pam at director@cabrilloyouthcamp.org for more information
2. Make greeting cards for San Pedro Meals on Wheels (SPMOW). SPMOW likes to include cards in their deliveries once a month. With 125 clients, that means they need a lot of cards, year-round! If you would like to contribute, contact nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org at least a month prior.
3. Scouting for Food (SFF). The next Council-wide food drive is March 27, but given how prevalent food insecurity is in our community, food drives are valuable any time! Contact Council Chair cissie.andrews@hotmail.com if you want to be listed as a drop-off point for the 27th. Contact District SFF Chair Liz at lizbsapack851@gmail.com if you need help with a local SFF drive.

WOOD BADGE 2021 Wood Badge is a premier leadership workshop for any position-trained adult leader who wants to give youth the best Scouting experience possible. We will teach you tools and techniques that can improve every aspect of your Pack, Troop, or Crew as well as your life outside of Scouting. New to Scouting? This is, by far, the best way to get up to speed. This year's Wood Badge course will run over five days (April 30 - May 2, 2021, and May 15 & 16) at the Cabrillo Beach Youth Center. The curriculum has just been updated, so participants on this course will be the first to experience best practices gleaned over BSA's first century, presented in a new and exciting way. The course will be taught Day Camp style, with no overnights, in accordance to County Health Guidelines. All instruction will take place outdoors, weather permitting, to keep participants as safe as possible. There are lots of Pacifica volunteers on staff, so there's sure to be someone you know, but feel free to bring a friend!

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 30! 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. ANYONE (parents, students, Chartered Org members, etc.) can nominate an outstanding educator using our online nomination form: <https://forms.gle/DbvFBLPonnc6Xz5G9>. Contact nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org if you need a hard copy of the nomination form.

SAVE THE DATES! See [Pacifica Calendar](#) for sign up links

March 13-14 Pinewood Ready to Race Day Camp Weekend 2

March 27 & 28 Cabrillo Merit Badge Day Camp NOW OFFERING TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS!

April 10 & 11 Big Online Merit Badge Weekend

April 30-May 1 + May 15-16 Wood Badge at Cabrillo in a Day Camp format

UPDATES FROM DISTRICT TRAINING CHAIR, CASEY JONES

First, a very special shout out to the volunteers who made our February sessions such a success. MANY THANKS to Jeff & Jennifer Sorbello, Jim Kennedy, and Nancy Hodgkiss for taking time on a chilly Saturday to get our Cub Leaders ready to get back out to camp. In addition, THANK YOU Alison Crompton, Tim Shank, Nancy Hodgkiss, Dylan Gregory, Dan Plaster, Susan and David Hensley, Sharon Frazer, Lance Siegel, Jonathan Nakai, John Sandhagen, Glendee Madden, Pam Sanders, Nancy Ko, Chris Gardea, and Mike Jones for your support for Merit Badge Day Camp. We couldn't have done it without you!

MARCH 27-28 HELP NEEDED AT CABRILLO MERIT BADGE CAMP/TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS

We need both Counselors to offer Merit Badge and Scouters and/or Scouts to help teach Trail to First Class. You can choose either or both days. In particular, we need instructors in Knots & lashings, First Aid, Map & Compass, knife/ax/saw, native plants and wild animals. Email me at scoutercasey@gmail.com to sign up.

We also need more volunteers with a passion for the outdoors 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! Older Scouts are welcome to volunteer as well! Please email me at scoutercasey@gmail.com with your availability so we can select course dates that work for the team.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SCOUTS BSA OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING JUNE 5-6: To safely offer Scouting's outdoor program, you need a certain set of skills and knowledge – and that is why Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are required (and other adults are encouraged) to take Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. You will learn how to build a fire, use an axe, cook outdoors, use a map and compass, responsibly care for the outdoors, and much more. Even if you weren't a Scout as a kid, you'll come out of this course looking and acting like a seasoned camper. Registration is required: https://www.glaacbsa.org/IOLS_Reg_Cabrillo

LETS GET SAFELY OUT THERE!!! Would your family like to participate in a Road Rally? Does a Ten Commandment Hike or an Urban Scavenger Hunt Hike sounds interesting? Maybe a Geocache Day? We are currently trying to come up with ideas for Covid Safe family activities that our District can participate in. If any of these activities sound like something you would like to do or if you have ideas for possible activities, please contact you Activities Chair, Sheila A. Stewart at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS The Cabrillo Scout Shop now has an easy way for you to [order online for curbside pickup](#)—see attached flyer. Please note that National only produced JTE gold patches for 2020—Silver and Bronze patches are not available. Do you need pants hemmed or patches sewn onto uniform shirts, sashes, and blankets? Our seamstress is back! She works Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for same-day service, or you can you can drop off items at your convenience and we'll call you back when they're ready. For more info, contact store manager John Luffman at 310.832.7139 or john.luffman@scouting.org

PHILMONT SLOTS AVAILABLE Troop 948 has 1-3 slots open for their Philmont crew August 4-11, 2021. This is a great opportunity for a Scout (or Scouter) age 14 or older to have a memorable adventure at a reduced cost due to dropouts. Crews on 7-day treks hike for 5 days in the backcountry, with an arrival/departure day in Base Camp on each end of the journey. The itinerary 948 has chosen is around 30 miles and less strenuous. Contact Scoutmaster Dave Perkins (Dptroop948@gmail.com /310.386.8254) ASAP, as the crew is in jeopardy of losing its spot due to not meeting the minimum crew size..

DOES YOUR PACK WANT A SOAPBOX DERBY CAR? Pack 275 is no longer using their car. Contact Cubmaster Joe Bell at bell.joseph.s@gmail.com if you'd like to "inherit" it!

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS – HUGE thanks to all our merit badge counselors who are helping to keep the Scouting program alive, online and in person, especially at our district and council events! Check out the [Top 10 merit badges of 2020](#) and see how the pandemic has impacted the annual rankings.

If YOU would be willing to run a merit badge class, either online or in person at Cabrillo, and would like more information, please contact Pacifica's MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or meritbadge@pacificabsa.org ASAP. We'd love to see some new faces and badge offerings, especially some of the rarer ones.

The next Pacifica Big Online Merit Badge Weekend will be held on April 10 and 11. Counselors, please sign up by March 24 using this SignupGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CA5A7283-pacifica4>
Scouts will register for this event between Mar 25-Apr 8 at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/138390582959/>
The next Merit Badge Day Camp at Cabrillo will be held on March 27-28. Watch the Pacifica District Calendar for the registration link, coming soon: https://www.glaacbsa.org/2021_Pac_Calendar

ASSISTANTS WANTED! Since the scope of the job description of Merit Badge Counselor Dean seems to have expanded into event organizing, thanks to the pandemic, we're looking for one or two people who would be willing to help with the admin side of merit badge counselor management, specifically application review and paperwork filing. Please email Alison Crompton if you think you can help – thank you!!

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 for the details.

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 was updated in January 2021 and may be found [here](#).

Planning is underway for a Spring Induction event the weekend of April 30 – May 1, 2021. It may be fully virtual or a hybrid of virtual and in-person activity at a Council property. Tuku'ut Lodge will send emails to Candidates and Arrowmen with details as plans are finalized.

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.

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) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss (oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org) for more information.

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.