



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REOPENING PROTOCOLS** THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY SMALL CHANGES TO COUNTY GUIDELINES AS THEY PERTAIN TO SCOUTING. 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. Families may leave the County for day-long Scouting activities.
4. Prospective families can participate in your unit's in person activities provided they fill in all the required paperwork and their participation in your cohort does not put you over 14 youth. If they are strictly side line observers, there is no additional paperwork.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org) at least a month prior.
3. Scouting for Food (SFF). Email District SFF Chair Liz at [lizsapack851@gmail.com](mailto:lizsapack851@gmail.com) if you need help.

**LAST CALL FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINATIONS!** 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. Assuming we receive some nominations by April 30, 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](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org) if you need a hard copy of the nomination form.

**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](https://www.glaacbsa.org/IOLS_Reg_Cabrillo)

**LETS GET SAFELY OUT THERE!!!** We are exploring ideas for COVID-safe activities like a Road Rally, a Ten Commandment Hike, an neighborhood Scavenger Hunt, or Geocaching. If these activities sound like something you would like to do, please contact Sheila Stewart ([sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com)). Your ideas are welcome too!

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS** – 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](mailto:meritbadge@pacificabsa.org) ASAP. We’d love to see some new faces and badge offerings, especially some of the rarer ones.

Watch the Pacifica District Calendar for upcoming Online Merit Badge Weekends and Cabrillo Merit Badge Day Camp: [https://www.glaacbsa.org/2021\\_Pac\\_Calendar](https://www.glaacbsa.org/2021_Pac_Calendar)

The instructions for how to sign up as a new counselor for merit badges or NOVA awards have been UPDATED - 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.

**All Scouts and Scouters** are invited to our online National Conference, “Momentum: Discover” April 23-24. Live sessions are FREE and no advance reservations are required. Highlights include interactive training sessions on outdoor photography, outdoor skills, unit training, and how to run virtual events (even after COVID). See more information in [this blog post from Bryan on Scouting](#).

National OA guidance on counting virtual camping for OA membership eligibility was updated in January 2021 and may be found [here](#).

**The Induction Weekend previously planned for the weekend of April 30 – May 2, 2021 is cancelled.** Tuku’ut Lodge is working on revised Spring Induction Weekend plans and 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 [lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@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 ([lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@gmail.com)) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss ([oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto:oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org)) for more information.

**BSA HEALTH FORMS MAY NOT BE DIGITIZED** As a reminder, [BSA policy](#) prohibits email transmission and/or electronic storage of health forms. Units are encouraged to keep paper copies of their participants’ forms in a confidential medical file for quick access in an emergency and in preparation for all adventures. If you or your Scout supplies medical forms to participate in a camp or activity on Council property you must take the forms home with you when the activity has concluded. By law, any forms remaining at the end of the activity will be destroyed.

**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](mailto:bell.joseph.s@gmail.com) if you’d like to “inherit” it!

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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.