



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REOPENING PROTOCOLS** There was a lot of great information at last week's Camp Reopening Webinar. You can find the webinar slides, recording, and supporting resources on the Council COVID page [www.glaacbsa.org/COVID-19](http://www.glaacbsa.org/COVID-19)

1. We encourage unit cohorts to meet in person in accordance with the latest [County protocols](#). A summary of protocols and requirements is in our [Reopening Update](#) document. Now that cohorts can re-set every 11 days, it's possible to schedule in-person activities every other week. If you have any trouble finding an appropriate outdoor venue to hold your meetings, please let your [Commissioner](#) know. Note that the fee waiver for unit day use of Cabrillo has expired.
2. Our Council camps are running great day programs now and have fantastic long term opportunities ready for the summer. Events and dates are being added frequently—read the [Council Newsletter](#) and check the [Council calendar](#) often!
3. Our camps are also offering day & overnight service (not program) opportunities to units. You can find a sample protocol [HERE](#). Contact Camping Facilities manager [mark.serratt@scouting.org](mailto:mark.serratt@scouting.org) for more information.

**GET READY FOR A NEW CHARTER YEAR!** Recharter is just a few months away. Summer is a great time to start planning adventures for the upcoming year!

1. Schedule summer adventures. There are still slots left for Scouts BSA Summer Camp! Registration for Cub Day/Twilight Camp and Scouts BSA Day camp at Cabrillo will be posted to Tentaroo soon.
2. Update your [Annual Health and Medical records](#). As a reminder, [BSA policy](#) prohibits email transmission and/or electronic storage of health forms--keep paper copies in a confidential medical file for quick access. Remember that anyone attending a long term (72+ hours) event will need a pre-participation physical.
3. Create your annual plan and budget. Your [Commissioner](#) can provide you templates if you need them.
4. Draft your [recruiting plan](#). Update your [BeAScout pin](#). Consider leaving a few cohort spots open so prospective families can participate in your activities. If you need geofencing for an event, yard signs, trifold, post cards for lapsed members, or other recruiting materials, reach out to your [Commissioner](#).
5. Scrub your roster in My.Scouting (not Scoutbook). Do all your members appear on it? If not, tell your [Commissioner](#). With the recent addition of Position Manager in My.Scouting/Roster, CORs can update any changes (e.g. current Scouters volunteering to become Den Leaders) to your unit leadership team.

**RANGEMASTER TRAINING FOR CUB LEADERS** Our Council Shooting Sports team is running training for Archery, BB Gun, and Slingshot Rangemasters at Trask on May 22. Cost is \$10. You can sign up through your personal or unit [Tentaroo](#) account at this link:

<https://www.glaacbsa.org/admin2/eventtypes/5169/Cub-Scout-Rangemaster-Training>

**SCOUTS BSA OUTDOOR LEADER TRAINING JUNE 5-6:** Only a few slots remain! 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)

**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. [lizsapack851@gmail.com](mailto:lizsapack851@gmail.com)

**SCOUT SHOP UNIFORM SALE** Beginning August 5<sup>th</sup>, [Scout Shops](#) are offering 25% off uniform bottoms when you purchase a matching top. Please let new families know so they can be thrifty. For more information, contact [john.luffman@scouting.org](mailto:john.luffman@scouting.org) at our local shop at Cabillo.

**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](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com).

**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.

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

The Lodge’s Kihaawk Fellowship event is scheduled for May 15, 2021 at the Cushman-Watt Scout Center. The Lodge is contacting members with the details.

**Tuku’ut Lodge plans to conduct a Service Weekend at Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation May 22-23, 2021.** Members and Candidates are being contacted by email on how to support the effort.

2021 Lodge dues (only \$10) may be paid [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.

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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.