



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1. 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.
2. Create your annual plan and budget. Your [Commissioner](#) can provide you templates if you need them.
3. Draft your recruiting plan using the **NEW** [Membership Growth plans on the Council website](#).
4. 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.

UPDATED REOPENING PROTOCOLS The "What Units Can Do" reference was updated with clarifications on carpooling, screening forms, Eagle projects, and testing prior to summer camp and is now available on our [Council COVID page](#).

SAVE THE DATES (flyers linked below)

July 17 [Operation On Target](#)

July 30 Popcorn Show & Sell orders due

July 31-Aug 1 [BALOO \(Outdoor training for Cub leaders\)](#)

Aug 1 [Scout Scarf Day](#)

Aug 21 Pacifica Chartered Organization Summit

Aug 28-29 [BALOO \(Outdoor training for Cub leaders\)](#)

Sep. 18th [Operation on Target](#)

Sep 18th-19th [IOLS \(Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills for Scouts BSA Leaders\)](#)

Nov. 6th [Hiking Merit Badge hike](#)

Jan 8th [Hiking Merit Badge hike](#)

POPCORN IS BACK! It's not too late for your unit to sign up to sell popcorn! Check out all the great info on our [Council website](#) and contact Lucia.Bernal@scouting.org to register.

ADVANCEMENT UPDATES National's latest [Advancement Newsletter](#) has been posted. Highlights include information on the 19 Cub Scout Adventures that are being retired May 2022 and guidance on determining "Active Participation" for Scouts BSA ranks.

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

SCOUT SHOP UNIFORM SALE Beginning August 5th, [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 at our local shop at Cabillo.

LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!! 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 family activities that the entire 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.

HIKING MERIT BADGE - Pacifica District is offering two rugged hikes in the nearby San Gabriel Mountains to help Scouts earn their Hiking Merit Badge. Scouts must have completed the required 5 mile and three 10 mile hikes prior to attempting the 15 mile hike in November. This event is being run by Pacifica Hiking Merit Badge Councilors. For more information or questions, please contact Sheila A Stewart at sheandjc@yahoo.com.

GLAAC HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM (HAT) – Looking for resources for outdoor adventure to get your unit outdoor programs running again? Don't forget about the GLAAC HAT Team! The HAT team has a wealth of information and training opportunities for leaders. Check out their website at <https://glaac-hat.org/>.

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 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

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 (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 Next Induction Weekend is currently planned for November 5-7, 2021, most likely at Camp Trask. Candidates will be contacted by Tuku'ut Lodge via Lodgemaster; current members should also receive emails about it or can check www.tukuut.org for details.

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) and the Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Cushman-Watt Service Center. Details will be forthcoming soon.

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

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.

The nomination process for running for a position in the Chapter Executive Committee is now underway. All Youth members (= not yet 21) are eligible to serve in these offices. The applications can be accessed at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ymHQAoBDsHivKrGitkqvCTEc0nU4VG51/view?usp=sharing>. The applications will be due by 11:59pm on August 10th to lakotachchief@gmail.com and oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org. The election will take place the following day on August 11th at the August chapter meeting. Please contact the Chapter Chief (lakotachchief@gmail.com) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss (oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org) for more information if you have questions.

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.