



# ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELP US RECOGNIZE GOOD TURNS!** We are so grateful for the good turns, large and small, that Scouters and their families do to help Scouts and our community each and every day. We'd like to celebrate those acts of kindness, so please share them with us! It could be a Den Leader who leads a fun science experiment, a Scoutmaster who lends a Scout a sleeping bag, a parent who makes goody bags that bring smiles to a unit event, a Sea Scout who teaches a visitor a knot, a Venturer who helps with a food drive at school. Anything you appreciate and that deserves a public thank you or kudos is worthy of submission via this [online form](#), which is also available on the Pacifica website. We'll express our gratitude on the [Pacifica website](#) and at Roundtable.

**RECHARTER IS DUE THIS MONTH!** Current registrations expire September 30<sup>th</sup>. Units can sign up for recharter appointments [HERE](#). For those of you new to the recharter process, please consider registering for one of the upcoming Council webinars:

Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 07:00 PM Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://scouting-la-org.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMofu2tqjsiG9N8DzowRa-KdnXRe6Puwe5Z>

Monday, September 13 at 07:00 PM Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://scouting-la-org.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYqf-6hqz0uHtMvohJr84HrXB\\_XCWC0GyyV](https://scouting-la-org.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYqf-6hqz0uHtMvohJr84HrXB_XCWC0GyyV)

Our Commissioner Corps is here to support you! If you need support, don't hesitate to contact your servicing Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner Leah Grossi at [lgrossirb@gmail.com](mailto:lgrossirb@gmail.com), or District Commissioner [nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org)

**RECRUITING INCENTIVES:** Our Council Membership Committee has been hard at work to give you the tools you need to support families looking to escape the indoors. They've got a fantastic toolbox on our Membership Growth page: <https://www.glaacbsa.org/membership>. In case you've missed recent emails detailing incentives to recognize your hard work, [HERE](#) is a slide with a summary of the programs available.

**CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS** The "What Units Can Do" reference has not changed since 7/18 and is available on our [Council COVID page](#).

### **SAVE THE DATES (flyers linked below)**

Sep 10-12<sup>th</sup> [Adult Leader Backpack Training](#), Cabrillo

Sep 11<sup>th</sup> NYLT Staff development at Cabrillo – see below

Sep. 18<sup>th</sup> [Operation on Target](#), local mountains

Sep 18<sup>th</sup> [Lead Scout Backpack Training](#), Cushman Watt

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> [Desert Camping Leader Training](#), Cushman Watt

Sep 19<sup>th</sup> [Markmanship Day](#) at Firestone

Sep 25<sup>th</sup> [Merit Badge Day Camp](#) at Cabrillo

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Pacifica [Silver Beaver nominations](#) due to Susan Griego at [spriegol@gmail.com](mailto:spriegol@gmail.com)

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> [Communications MB Day](#) at Cabrillo

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> [Bee Experience Day](#) at Firestone (may count toward Insect Study MB)

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> [Animation MB Day](#) at Cabrillo

Oct 8-10<sup>th</sup> [Adventure Camp](#) for Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturers, Cherry Valley

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> [Markmanship Day](#) at Firestone

Oct 22-24<sup>th</sup> Cub Scout [Boo Fest](#), Firestone

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR SCOUTS & ADULTS Contact [starlightgarcia@gmail.com](mailto:starlightgarcia@gmail.com)

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> [Hiking Merit Badge hike](#)

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> [Hiking Merit Badge hike](#)

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING CAMPOREE** Pacifica's Spring Camporee will be held on April 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. More details will be coming soon.

**MORE EVENTS COMING IN 2022** Be on the lookout for Geocache Day and Pacifica's first Road Rally (date changed from Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>). These activities have been planned and will be added to the calendar soon.

**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)

**NEW COUNCIL CAMP PRICE LIST** To give you the tools you need to plan unit events at our Council properties, the Council Camping Committee has published [a price list](#) that includes each of our fabulous camps. This is a new effort, so your feedback is welcome. If you have questions about this current version, or have suggestions for subsequent versions, please email District Camping Chair Wade Rushton at [wlrushton@icloud.com](mailto:wlrushton@icloud.com) and cc: Council Camping Chair Steve Salyards at [scouting@salyards.com](mailto:scouting@salyards.com)

**NYLT REGISTRATION IS OPEN** National Youth Leader Training is a focused, high-energy outdoor experience for Scouts BSA Troop/Venturing Crew youth leaders. Many colleges, universities and academies have recognized NYLT as a premier leadership program. Participants create an ideal Troop, experiencing team challenges and honing skills such as developing team visions, setting SMART goals, project planning, leading with the EDGE method, and conflict management. For eligibility requirements and more information, visit <https://www.glaacbsa.org/NYLT>.

**NYLT STAFF NEEDED** We are in search of Scouts who have taken NYLT and would like to staff the upcoming course. The first staff development is on September 11th at Cabrillo Youth Center. Please contact District Training Chair Casey Jones if you are interested at [scoutercasey@gmail.com](mailto:scoutercasey@gmail.com).

**TRAINING CLASSES IN LONG BEACH** Long Beach Council is offering Climbing Instructor classes and First Aid/CPR classes in September, IOLS and BALOO in October, and in-person Position-Specific Leader Training and Wilderness First Aid in November. See more information [HERE](#).

**WE NEED YOU!!!** We're looking for folks to help staff District events. Pacifica is actively planning events for our Scouts but we need adult Scouters to help. If you are willing to check in Scouts at events, help plan activities, help with meals (once we're able to do so, of course), etc., please contact Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.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 Cabrillo.

**SCOUTS BSA YOUTH PANTS BACKORDERED** Due to global supply chain issues, large youth sizes of the olive uniform pants worn by Scouts BSA are in short supply, so you may want to call the shop before you drop by. Note that the new version tends to run slimmer in the thighs and hips.

**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.

We welcome new & returning counselors! 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. 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](#). 2021 Lodge dues (only \$10) may be paid [here](#).

The Next Induction Weekend is currently planned for November 5-7, 2021, location to be announced soon. Candidates will be contacted by Tuku'ut Lodge via Lodgmaster; current members should also receive emails about it or can check [www.tukuut.org](http://www.tukuut.org) for details.

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).

Nominations for Chapter Executive Committee positions are still open! All Youth members (= not yet 21) are eligible to serve in these offices. The applications can be accessed [HERE](#) and are due by the Chapter meeting September 9<sup>th</sup>. They can presented in person or emailed to the Chief or Adviser. 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 if you have questions.

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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.