



ROUNDTABLE MATTERS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ROUNDTABLE COMMISSIONER WANTED After serving for the past three years as Roundtable Commissioner for Pacifica, I'm feeling that it's time to pass the torch and direct my focus on other priorities. If anyone would be interested in taking over as Roundtable Commissioner or feels they know of someone who would be a good fit, please let Nancy or myself know.

PACIFICA APPLAUDS

- Dane Shigemura. Gary T writes, "Dane is setting the example for the Unit Commissioner Corps! He coordinated delivery of recruiting materials for his units and took the time to attend back to scouting kickoff events. A very positive and constructive member of Pacifica!"
- Coleen Berg of Troop 851. Nga N shares, "My family has been part of this Troop for about 3 years. In probably one of the toughest years for this Troop (dealing with both COVID and the loss of our long-time Scoutmaster), Coleen worked tirelessly to move this Troop forward. She has given her time, her energy and even her home for drop offs, pick ups and her backyard for meetings."
- Mauri Rummel has done a great job recruiting girls to Pack 860. Her Den has doubled in size and gotten so big that they are going to split it in two!

We are so grateful for these Scouters! We know there are many more volunteers and Scouts doing great work out there—help us recognize them by filling in [this form](#).

GONE HOME It is with deep sadness that we announce the [passing of Tim Desmond](#). Tim served his Troop, District, Order of the Arrow Lodge, and community for many decades. His passion for the outdoors and mentorship of youth leaders has left a wonderful legacy for us to follow. He will be sorely missed. Please keep Tim's family in your thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OUTAGE Despite Council's best efforts, the blackout period we sought to avoid has occurred. Units are not able to use online registration until their charters are posted. While Council works with National for a fix, the Registrar is working diligently to post charters as quickly as possible. In the meantime, units have the option to move to digital paper applications temporarily to accommodate the immediate need to register new members. Please see [this tip sheet](#) that outlines the digital paper process.

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)

Oct 17th [Markmanship Day](#) at Firestone

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR SCOUTS & ADULTS Contact starlightgarcia@gmail.com

Oct 23-24th [HAT Wilderness First Aid](#) at Cushman-Watt

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

Nov. 13th [Bike Ride to Ocean and Back](#)— 10, 15, 25, and 50 mile rides available

Nov 19-21st [Pumpkin Smash](#) at Firestone
Nov 21st [Markmanship Day](#) at Firestone
Dec. 19th [Markmanship Day](#) at Firestone
Jan 8th [Hiking Merit Badge hike](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING CAMPOREE Pacifica's Spring Camporee will be held on April 22 – 24th, 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. 4th). 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

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 wrushton@icloud.com and cc: Council Camping Chair Steve Salyards at 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.

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.

MERIT BADGE/NOVA AWARD COUNSELORS There is a NEW submission process for applications to become a new counselor for merit badges or STEM Nova awards, or for existing counselors modifying their status. Going forward, please submit all applications and supporting documentation via this Google form: <https://forms.gle/WmEvLvfi6cq6C9DH8>

The new form includes a checklist of all the documentation required to successfully complete an application. A Google account is required to upload your application forms. If you do not have a Google account, or need help obtaining supporting documents, please contact your unit's Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator or Advancement Chair for assistance. If you have any further questions, please contact Pacifica's MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or meritbadge@pacificabsa.org.

Also, all existing counselors are required to RENEW their counselor status for the upcoming 2021-22 registration year in order to remain on our counselor list. We are conducting renewals via email again, like last year. Please look out for emails coming from alison@crompton.us (you might need to look in your spam folder), asking you to confirm your status for next year and if you wish to make any changes to the information we have on file for you.

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 12-14, 2021, at Camp Trask in Monrovia, CA. Candidates will be contacted by Tuku'ut Lodge via Lodgmaster; current members should also receive emails about it or can check 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 or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at 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 9th. They can presented in person or emailed to the Chief or Adviser. 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.