



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

- Volunteer Leah Grossi and Council professional Charlie "Riptide" Sheen for outstanding support during recharter!
- The leaders and families of Packs 211, 275, 555, 718, 788, 846, 851, 955, 970, and 1230 and Troops 234 and 595 for already meeting their membership goals as set by Council!

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](#).

ONLINE REGISTRATION Online registration will not be re-enabled until your charter has posted, 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.

SAVE THE DATES (flyers linked below)

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

Nov 13th [Navigation and Orienteering](#) at Firestone (Troops, Ships & Crews)

Nov 19-21st [Pumpkin Smash](#) at Firestone (Troops, Ships & Crews)

Nov 20-21st [Climbing Instructor Level II](#) Class at Firestone (Troops, Ships & Crews)

Nov 21st [Markmanship Day](#) at Firestone (Troops, Ships & Crews)

Dec 4th [Shooting Sports Day](#) at Trask (Cubs)

Dec 11th [Law Merit Badge Day](#) at Cabrillo or virtually (Troops, Ships & Crews)

Dec 12th [Rifle Shooting Merit Badge](#) at Trask (Troops, Ships & Crews)

Dec. 19th [Markmanship Day](#) at Firestone (Troops, Ships & Crews)

Jan 8th [Hiking Merit Badge](#) hike (Scouts ages 14+)

Jan/Feb [Winter Camping](#) at Camp Pollack (Packs, Troops, Ships & Crews)

Apr 22-24th Pacifica Spring Camporee (Troops, Ships & Crews)

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.

NOMINATIONS FOR SCOUT SHOP GIVING TREE DUE TOMORROW! If you know a Scout in need of uniform items, handbooks, camping items, and the like, please fill in [this form](#) and email it to Cabrillo Scout Shop Manager John Luffman.

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

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 and cc: Council Camping Chair Steve Salyards at scouting@salyards.com

TRAINING CLASSES IN LONG BEACH Long Beach Council is offering in-person Position-Specific Leader Training, First Aid, and Wilderness First Aid in November. See more information [HERE](#).

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 be 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.