



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 Congratulations to the 2021 Silver Beaver recipients! We are especially proud of the Scouters from Pacifica who will be recognized:

Stewart Cushman

Casey Jones

Mike Lipsey

Bill Drewes

Mike Jones

Patti Nishimura

Bob Hodgkiss

Jim Kennedy

Sheryl Ruskin

Thank you to our District Silver Beaver Committee and all the nominators who worked so hard to get these volunteers recognized. We encourage everyone to join us at the [Annual Council Recognition Dinner](#) to celebrate all of the Council's Silver Beavers!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR! Marie Corr has graciously agreed to serve as Membership Chair for our District. Marie brings a true passion for Scouting, years of experience and wonderful energy to this position. She is excited to have the opportunity to help all of our units in the areas of recruiting and retention. Please welcome Marie to our leadership team, and help her connect with the volunteers in your unit who will be working with her. She can be reached at mliucorr@gmail.com.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS DUE 7 JANUARY Please help us recognize Scouters who are going above and beyond for our District! It's easy to [nominate someone for this award](#)—we basically just need a paragraph summarizing their accomplishments. Contact our Award of Merit Nominating Chair, Cathy Wimberg at wimberg@sbcglobal.net, if you need help or more information.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE (JTE) SCORECARDS ARE DUE 14 JANUARY JTE is BSA's planning, performance, and recognition program. JTE is designed to encourage and reward success based on a few select benchmarks that have been found to have the most impact on unit sustainability. You can find 2021 calculator workbooks for Packs, Troops, Ships, and Crews [HERE](#), or go straight to the scorecard [HERE](#). Please turn in your completed scorecard to [your Unit Commissioner](#) by January 14th so we can prepare to recognize you at the District awards dinner.

WE NEED A PATCH! We are looking for some creative Scouts to come up with patch concepts for our Road Adventure (see below). The design should be based on our theme/district (Pacifica, ocean, wave, etc.). It doesn't have to be perfect—the design will be professionally rendered. The winner will get free registration to the Road Adventure for a group of four, two extra patches and a \$25 gift card to a local store/food outlet (that we can easily acquire.) Submissions are due by **Friday, January 14th** to Sheandjc@yahoo.com. Make "Pacifica's Amazing Scout Road Adventure Patch Contest" the subject of the email, and remind Scouts to courtesy copy their parent or Scout leader to comply with youth protection guidelines.

YPTS HAVE EXPIRED Please check to make sure your Scouters' YPT certificates are current and up to date. Unit leaders can quickly see who has expired by pulling a report from My.Scouting/Training Manager. Having current YPT is vital to providing safe program to our Scouts. Counting adults with expired YPT as part of your two-deep leadership may put your unit at a liability risk.

SAVE THE DATES (flyers linked below)

Dec 18th [Christmas Tree Takedown](#) Target Shooting at Firestone (Troops, Ships & Crews)

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

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

Jan 8th [Merit Badge Day Camp](#) at Cabrillo (Troops, Ships, & Crews)

Jan 14th Road Adventure Patch concept due

Jan 18th Pinewood Carving Workshop at Cabrillo (Packs)

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

Feb 25th Pacifica Awards Dinner at Rock N Brews (Packs, Troops, Ships & Crews)

Feb 26-27th Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) at Cabrillo (Packs)

Apr 2nd Pacifica Road Adventure (see below) (Everyone welcome)

Apr 22nd-24th Pacifica Camporee (see below) (Troopes, Ships & Crews)

2021 PACIFICA AWARDS DINNER The Pacifica District Awards Dinner WILL take place IN PERSON in 2022!!! Please plan to join us on Thursday, February 24, 2022 from 5:30pm-9:00pm at Rock N Brews in South Redondo Beach. The ambiance will be very casual and relaxing in their outside dining area, with bench seating will allow you to be distanced or not, depending on your personal comfort level. More details with prices, menu selections and booking information to come out very soon! Mark your calendars and plan to attend what is sure to be a fun evening of awards and friendship with your fellow Scouters!! Contact Sheryl Ruskin at 310-463-6798 with questions.

LET'S HIT THE ROAD! Our first-ever Amazing Scout Road Adventure will be Saturday April 2, 2022. If you ever wanted to participate in the amazing race, here is your chance! This fundraiser for the district will include stops to play games, take some selfies, complete a scavenger hunt and have lunch with your family, all while helping to raise funds to purchase equipment needed for our outdoor Scout programs. Teams will start off at a secret location and get their clue to the next location once you complete the task. Older Scouts will be able to earn the Fingerprinting Merit Badge and Cubs will be able to get credit for their Outdoor Activity Awards. The price of \$25 includes registration for two people, lunch, snacks and a patch. There is a \$5 charge for each additional person in the car. Registration will open soon. Please contact Sheila A. Stewart at sheandjc@yahoo.com for more information.

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! SCOUTS OF THE ROUND TABLE! You are cordially invited to join Crew 860 on their quest for the Holy Grail. The quest will begin on Friday April 22nd and conclude on Sunday April 24th at Firestone Scout Reservation. Early registration for our Spring Camporee will be opening within the next few weeks. The leaders guide will include information on the themed gateway, costume and cooking competitions, as well as the awesome activities Crew 860 has planed. Hold on to your horses, this will be a Camporee for the ages!

CAMP CARDS ARE COMING! A Camp Card is a discount card with numerous discounts to restaurants and retailers throughout Los Angeles. Camp cards' low price point (\$5-\$10), high value (generally \$100-\$200 in savings), high commission (50% goes to the unit) and easy logistics (well over 1000 cards fit in a shoe box) make Camp Cards a highly effective money earning activity. Pre-orders are available now--visit <https://www.glaacbsa.org/CampCard-Pre-Order>

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

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.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR TEACHERS The BSA's Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award recognizes community members who instill Scouting's values in K-12 students. This can be a classroom teacher, administrator, custodian, cafeteria worker, or any number of others. See Council's call for nominations [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](#). 2022 Lodge dues may be paid [here](#) (note – users will need to create a Tentaroo account if they don't already have one).

The Chapter Holiday Party will be held Thursday, December 9, 6:30-8:00 PM, at Walteria Park (3855 W 242nd St, Torrance, CA 90505). Pizza, beverages and cookies will be provided. Please feel free to bring your favorite game to enjoy with fellow Chapter members.

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](#). 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.