



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.

NEW YOUTH PROTECTION MEASURES California Law AB506 requires youth serving organizations to take certain steps to protect children. See GLAAC announcement [HERE](#). BSA Councils across the state are collaborating to support this effort, and have created [this website](#), including a very useful [FAQ](#). GLAAC's goal is to have all registered Scouters take [training](#) and upload their certificates by 1 March 2022. Implementation for Live Scan is TBA.

UPDATED COVID GUIDANCE Check out the GLAAC [COVID webpage](#) for important recommendations on masking and the upcoming expiration of modifications to advancement requirements.

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.

SPRING WOOD BADGE REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Enhance your skills in team building, communication, conflict resolution, and turning visions into reality by joining the upcoming Wood Badge course April 29, 2022. Anyone fully trained for their position in BSA is eligible to attend. Participants and staff come from all parts of the BSA (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Ships, District, Council, etc.), giving you the opportunity to network and discuss solutions with your peers from across the Council. For more information, please visit: https://www.glaacbsa.org/Wood_Badge

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

- Jan 14th Road Adventure Patch Concept due
- Jan 15th & 22nd **SOLD OUT** Pinewood Carving Workshop at Cabrillo
- Jan 21st [Eagle project of the year](#) nominations due
- Feb 11th [Scout Shabbat](#) (all Scouts & families) in Pomona (or zoom if needed)
- Feb 11-13th [Order of the Arrow Winter Induction](#) at Cabrillo (OA Candidates of Troops, Ships, Crews)
- Feb 12th [HAT Training: Canoeing the Colorado](#), San Dimas (Adults of Troops, Ships, Crews)
- Feb 25-27th [HAT Training: Adult Backpack Leader](#) (Adults of Troops, Ships Crews) at Cabrillo
- Feb 26-27th **CANCELLED** Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) at Cabrillo
- Mar 5th [HAT Training: Youth Backpack Leader](#) (Scouts of Troops, Ships Crews) at Cushman Watt
- Mar 18-20th [HAT Training: Level 1 Climbing Instructor](#) (Adults of Troops, Ships Crews) at HESR
- Mar 26-27th [Wilderness & Remote First Aid](#) (Adults of Troops, Ships Crews) at Cushman Watt
- Mar 31st Fretwell Outstanding Educator [nominations](#) due
- Apr 2nd Pacifica Road Adventure (see below) (Everyone welcome)
- Apr 22nd-24th Pacifica Camporee (see below) (Troops, Ships & Crews)

HESR WINTER CAMP WEEKENDS CANCELLED We have come to the conclusion that we will not be able to provide a safe, comfortable or quality program for our guests. If you had a reservation, please work with Charles Jezycki to arrange for refund, account credit, transfer, or donation.

CAMP TRASK CLOSED BY STORM DAMAGE: Mudflows, rockslides and flooding have done severe damage to the dining hall, swimming pool and nearby program areas of Camp Trask. The surrounding Canyon Park also suffered, and roads are currently unpassable. Thankfully, Ranger Anthony is safe. You can monitor [Trask's Facebook page](#) for updates and calls for help with clean-up when it's safe.

DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER "late breaking news"! The decision has been made to follow the lead of Council, who postponed the Council Awards Dinner this month, and postpone (NOT CANCEL) our awards dinner to a date TBA. It will likely be rescheduled in March or April hoping that the surge in Omicron Covid calms down by then. A lot of thought went into this decision and we appreciate your understanding. The new location of Rock N' Brews will remain the same and I am excited to bring to you a different dining experience for the awards this year! A new date will be announced as soon as possible!

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.

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.

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 planned. Hold on to your horses, this will be a Camporee for the ages!

HIKING MERIT BADGE – Our awesome Hiking Committee has agreed to offer the 15 and 20 mile hikes for our Scout again this year. You have most of the year to complete the shorter hikes with your units to prepare for the final hikes. These hikes are also great training hikes for anyone going to Philmont. And the same as last year, these hikes are completely free. Information and registration is available above and on the attached flyer.

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 more information [HERE](#). The Pacifica deadline to [submit nominations electronically](#) is March 31st.

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's January Meeting is planned for Thursday, January 27th, 6:30-8:00 PM at Walteria Park 3855 W 242nd St, Torrance, CA 90505. We'll meet (conditions permitting) at the picnic tables in the southwest corner of the Park.

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 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.