



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.

PLEASE TAKE AB506 TRAINING BEFORE FEB 28 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](#). Here are some tips for success:

- 1) Create an account, using the email where you want to receive your certificate
- 2) Check spam folder for account verification email
- 3) You'll be offered multiple versions of the course (e.g. "General Training," "School Personnel," "Medical Professionals," etc.) – Select "Volunteers"
- 4) Volunteers aren't mandated reporters by *state* rules, but Scouters **ARE** mandated reporters per BSA policies
- 5) You will NOT be required to take an exam—the course will automatically skip it
- 6) Once your certificate is emailed to you (again, check spam) please [upload it](#)
 - (a) If you have previously taken one of the longer versions (e.g. School Personnel), you do NOT need to take the Volunteer version; simply upload your current certificate
 - (b) We believe you will NOT be required to retake the course once your certificate has expired

UPDATED COVID GUIDANCE Check out the GLAAC [COVID webpage](#) for an updated "[What Units Can Do](#)"

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

SAVE THE DATES

- Feb 12th [Basic First Aid/CPR/AED](#), (Adults) at Firestone
Feb 12th [Clean up](#) (Teens & Adults) at Trask
Feb 19 & 20th [Clean up](#) (Teens & Adults) at Trask
Feb 21st [Troop 788 Webelos Field Day](#) (Webelos & Parents) in Redondo Beach
Feb 25-27th [HAT Training: Adult Backpack Leader](#) (Adults of Troops, Ships Crews) at Cabrillo
Feb 26 & 27th [Clean up](#) (Teens & Adults) at Trask
Mar 5th [HAT Training: Youth Backpack Leader](#) (Scouts of Troops, Ships Crews) at Cushman Watt
Mar 12-13th [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills](#) (IOLS) (Troop Adults) at Firestone
Mar 18-20th [HAT Training: Level 1 Climbing Instructor](#) (Adults of Troops, Ships Crews) at HESR
Mar 24th [Pacifica District Dinner](#) (Adults) in Redondo Beach
Mar 25-27th [Cub Scout Rocket Academy](#) (Pack families) at Firestone
Mar 26-27th [Wilderness & Remote First Aid](#) (Adults of Troops, Ships Crews) at Cushman Watt
Mar 30th [Council \(Silver Beaver\) Awards Dinner](#) (Adults) in Montebello
Mar 31st Fretwell Outstanding Educator [nominations](#) due
Apr 1-3rd [Scouts BSA Rocket Academy](#) (Troops) at Firestone
Apr 2nd Pacifica Road Adventure (see below) (Everyone welcome)
Apr 22nd-24th [Pacifica Camporee](#) (Troops, Ships & Crews) at Firestone
Apr 29th-May 1 [Wood Badge](#) (Adults) at HESR

DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER The District Awards Dinner is ON the calendar so put it on YOUR calendar too! **Thursday March 24, 2022 at Rock N Brews, 6300 S. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, Ca 90277 from 5:30 pm - 9:00pm.** The booking form should be 'live' by the end of the week so don't delay in signing up for this once a year event! The menu is new and different, the atmosphere casual and the seating will be outside in a big space so you can sit with people according to your comfort level. Thank you all for your patience in awaiting this news. Please make sure all scouters in your units receive this information ASAP! Any questions, please contact Sheryl Ruskin at shusue@rocketmail.com. I can't wait to see you all at the dinner!

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.

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. The leaders guide will include information on the themed gateway, costume and cooking competitions, as well as the awesome activities Crew 860 has planned. Register [HERE](#).

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 (\$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>

START HIKING NOW TO COMPLETE HIKING MERIT BADGE – Our awesome Hiking Committee has agreed to offer the 15 and 20 mile hikes for our Scouts 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 in 2023. And the same as last year, these hikes are completely free. Information and registration is available on the flyer. Contact Sheila at Sheandjc@yahoo.com for more information or to receive a copy of the flyer.

CALLING ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, OR EMT'S Pacifica District needs your help. Pacifica would like to start a Medics Core. We are trying to form a core of professionals that can help with questions on properly stocked first aid kits, staffing events (one per year) and providing advise on training and classes. If you are interested, please contact Sheila at sheandjc@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

WHAT'S PINWOOD DERBY? Do you have new Pack families who aren't familiar with Pinewood Derby? Get them ready to race with *Scout Life* Magazine's new [PWD Hub](#), which is full of tips for family fun.

NEW ADVANCEMENT PRESENTATIONS Are you adding new volunteers to your unit advancement team? Check out the National Advancement Committee's [updated presentations library](#), which includes topics from Cub Advancement to the Eagle process, and everything in between.

MERIT BADGE/NOVA AWARD COUNSELORS The 2022 counselor renewal period is now over and the first list of the year has been sent to all unit officials. Unfortunately, the counselor renewals have not yet caught up in Scoutbook, so please use paper methods (e.g., blue cards) for award tracking until this process is complete. New counselor applications, and updates to existing counselors, are now being considered again - please submit all applications and supporting documentation via this Google form: <https://forms.gle/WmEvLvfi6cq6C9DH8>

We are looking for an organized individual to take over the position of Merit Badge Counselor Dean! Responsibilities include reviewing counselor applications, verifying applicant training and updating and distributing Pacifica's master counselor list. If you are interested in the position, or have any further questions, please contact Pacifica's current MB Counselor Dean, Alison Crompton, at (310) 991-8172 or meritbadge@pacificabsa.org.

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).

Tuku'ut Lodge will conduct its Winter Induction Winter Service Weekend at the Cabrillo Youth Center February 11-13, 2022. Candidates and members may register via the Lodge website that can be found [here](#).

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.

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.

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.