



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 COMPLY WITH AB506 REQUIREMENTS BEFORE APRIL 30 California Law AB506 requires youth serving organizations to take certain steps to protect children. ALL registered Scouters in GLAAC need to complete the State's Mandated Reporter training and complete a background check. Visit <https://californiascouting.org/glaac/> for step-by-step instructions. Our February issue of [Roundtable Matters](#) included tips for taking the required training. Here are some tips for your LiveScan appointment.

1. You must take [GLAAC's form](#) with you
 - a. The form's Privacy Notice will explain how the data will be protected
2. According to the [State website](#), some of the least expensive providers in the South Bay (no endorsement intended) are
 - a. [Red Door Investments](#) in Gardena
 - b. [US Mail Plus](#) in Torrance
 - c. [1 Airport Testing](#) in Lawndale
 - d. [UPS Store 5824](#) in Carson
3. CALL AHEAD and verify hours and fees. The website is NOT up to date.
4. Fees will include \$15 for the Federal check and a "rolling" fee, generally \$20-35. There may be an additional fee for using a credit card. Ask if you can save \$\$ by paying cash.
5. SAVE YOUR RECEIPT. If, for some reason, the State finds your prints unsatisfactory, return to the original vendor, who should "re-roll" at no additional charge

We hope to have information about financial aid out by mid-March

UPDATED COVID GUIDANCE While the [LA County Health Order](#) has been updated, we are still waiting for updates to the [Youth Sports Appendix](#). Updates will be posted on the [GLAAC COVID Resources](#) page.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR WOOD BADGE! 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 (new events are added all the time—check the [Council Calendar](#))

- Mar 18-20th [HAT Training: Level 1 Climbing Instructor](#) (Adults of Troops, Ships Crews) at HESR
Mar 19th [BALOO](#) Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (Pack Adults) at Cabrillo
Mar 19th [Cub Adventure Day](#) (Cubs & Parents) at Firestone Scout Reservation in Brea.
Mar 24th [Pacifica District Dinner](#) (Adults) in Redondo Beach
Mar 26th Scouts BSA Aquatics Advancement Day (Scouts BSA youth) at Cabrillo (link TBA)
Mar 27th [Mini Golf](#) (open to ALL) at Cabrillo
Mar 30th [Council \(Silver Beaver\) Awards Dinner](#) (Adults) in Montebello
Mar 31st Fretwell Outstanding Educator [nominations](#) due
Apr 2nd [Amazing Scout Road Adventure](#) (open to ALL) secret locations across the South Bay
Apr 22nd-24th [Pacifica Camporee](#) (Troops, Ships & Crews) at Firestone
Apr 29th-May 1 [Wood Badge](#) (Adults) at HESR

WHO NEEDS BALOO TRAINING? A Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)-trained adult is REQUIRED for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping, overnights and Webelos den overnights. BALOO is a great opportunity to talk with other Scouters and share ideas for outdoor adventures. Normally this course requires an overnight, but we are cramming all the content into a single day. Come join us at [Cabrillo on March 19th](#) for learning and fun!

DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER! Thursday March 24, 2022 at Rock N Brews, 6300 S. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277 from 5:30 pm - 9:00pm.

The deadline of March 16 is quickly approaching 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. 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!

LAST CALL TO NOMINATE A K-12 EDUCATOR 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.

CALLING FOR NEW CITIZENSHIP IN SOCIETY COUNSELORS Citizenship in Society (CIS) will become a REQUIRED Merit Badge for Scouts Eagling after 1 July. We need a cadre of Counselors to support Scouts to meet this new requirement. CIS Counselors will follow our standard registration process, with the additional requirements of taking a 30 minute online Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Course (SCO-1800) and a Council Orientation. To sign up for the next orientation please email Jim Matsushita with your name, email, and troop number at jmatsushita.bsa@gmail.com
Thank you!

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 couple of scavenger hunts 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 Award. The price of \$25 includes registration for two people, lunch, snacks and a patch. There is a \$5 charge each for the third and fourth person in the car. Registration closes on Saturday March 26th.

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. Registration for our Spring Camporee is now open on the Pacifica District Website and it closes Friday, April 15th. The leaders guide includes 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!

SAVE THE DATE!!! SATURDAY JUNE 4TH FOR PACIFICA GEOCACHING DAY – Registration will be opening soon. We will have two sessions. There will be a morning session for the Cub Scouts and an afternoon session for the older Scouts. More information will be released soon.

NYLT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - This is the high-level course for NYLT graduates and will train you to be a world-class presenter, evaluator, and leader in your council's NYLT courses. During your week at the academy, you will hone your presentation and evaluation skills, meet successful leaders, participate in problem solving panels, learn best practices, and so much more! Now you can get college credit with some additional coursework. Please visit the website at [NYLT-LeadershipAcademy.org](#) for more information

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. Order now--visit <https://www.glaacbsa.org/CampCard-Pre-Order>

RUN A BETTER SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE: Check out this month's [Bryan on Scouting article](#) for tips, guidelines, and thought-provoking questions to ask at your next SMC.

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 Corps. We are trying to form a cadre 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.

MERIT BADGE/NOVA AWARD COUNSELORS Please welcome our new Merit Badge Counselor Dean, Richard Brehove! We are still working to correct Counselors' badge listings in Scoutbook and to register new Counselors. It may be that we have lost some documentation—please be patient as Richard reconciles all the records we have. We may ask you to resubmit some of the paperwork you did last fall.

Please submit ALL applications and supporting documentation, whether for records update or as new Counselor via this Google form: <https://forms.gle/WmEvLvfi6cq6C9DH8>

If you have any questions, contact Richard at 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 Spring Induction Winter Service Weekend at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation May 6-8, 2022. Candidates and members can check the Tuku'ut Lodge [webite](#) and/or Lodge emails for registration details as they become available.

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.