



# 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 ASAP** AB 506 went effect on January 1, 2022. **All registered BSA volunteer positions** and employees including camp staff must comply with AB506. **In addition, other volunteers** who are 18 years of age or older and who have direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours a month or 32 hours per year must complete a Live Scan background check (the digital version of inked fingerprinting) and complete online mandated reporter training.

Visit <https://californiascouting.org/glaac/> for step-by-step instructions. Our February issue of Roundtable Matters included tips for taking the required training. Our **March edition** provided tips for LiveScan appointments. Units with adults needing financial assistance with LiveScan fees can apply for Council aid **HERE**.

Unit leaders should have received the first of many training reports from District Commissioner Nancy Hodgkiss last month with the status of which adults had completed training.

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT RECHARTER!** Now is a great time to validate your roster in My.Scouting before families head off to summer vacation. Unit Leaders will soon be asked to name their recharter representative for the upcoming cycle. Please consider volunteering for this important role!

### **SAVE THE DATES (new events are added all the time—check the [Council Calendar](#))**

- Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> [Pacifica Camporee](#) (Troops, Ships & Crews) at Firestone
- Apr 24<sup>th</sup> [Basic First Aid](#) (Adults and Youth older than 10 years old) at Firestone
- Apr 24-30<sup>th</sup> [National Jamboree](#) GLAAC Contingent Adult Leader Interviews (see [Council Newsletter](#))
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1 [Wood Badge](#) (Adults) at HESR
- May 7<sup>th</sup> [Northrop Grumman Merit Badge Day](#) (Scouts BSA) in Redondo Beach
- May 14<sup>th</sup> [Wilderness and Remote First Aid](#) (Adults and Youth 14 & up) at Firestone
- May 21<sup>st</sup> High Adventure [Wilderness Woman Training](#) (Women and Girls 11 & up) at Firestone
- May 21<sup>st</sup> [Scouts BSA Bike Ride](#) (Troop Youth and Adults) meet at Whittier Narrows
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Geocaching Day (Cubs & Scouts) More info to follow
- June 4-5<sup>th</sup> Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Troop Adults) at Cabrillo

**AQUATICS ADVANCEMENT DAYS AT CABRILLO** Scouts BSA Youth can work on their Second Class and First Class Aquatics requirements in Cabrillo's heated pool. Slots are available Apr 24<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am and 10:30am. [Sign up](#) ASAP—each class only has 8 slots.

**IOLS AT CABRILLO** Scouting's outdoor program is a critical part of how the Scouts BSA program develops young leaders. To safely offer this program, you need to be able to oversee a certain set of skills and knowledge—build a fire, use an axe, cook outdoors, use a map and compass, responsibly care for the outdoors, and much more. Even if you weren't a Scout as a kid, you'll come out of this course ready to engage youth in leading BSA's outdoor skills curriculum. Contact District Training Chair Casey Jones at [scoutercasey@gmail.com](mailto:scoutercasey@gmail.com) for more info.

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR COUNCIL CAMP NEWS** Our new camping email blast will include important updates, news, special discounts and info! Please note that many important updates regarding reservations at our summer camps will **ONLY** be sent to those who have subscribed. Don't miss out. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

**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](https://www.glaacbsa.org/Wood_Badge)

**CAMP CARDS SALES ARE UNDERWAY** 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. It's not too late to join in! Contact [Charlie.Sheen@Scouting.org](mailto:Charlie.Sheen@Scouting.org).

**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](mailto:jmatsushita.bsa@gmail.com)  
Thank you!

**EAGLE ADVANCEMENT** Our [2022 Path to Eagle Guide](#) has been updated and posted to the [District Advancement webpage](#). Tip: Eagle Candidates should review their Eagle application (which [Scoutbook will largely fill in for you](#)) and Eagle book with your troop advancement chair **prior** to [contacting Mrs. Christensen](#) to reconcile Troop & National records and ensure the Eagle book is complete. Once Troop leaders believe the book is ready, call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197, for the District verification and review. The Book reviewer assigned by Mrs. Christensen will request the Scout profile and join date. **Please do not contact Council directly for this information.** It will only slow down the process.

**MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT** Scout units are again able to participate in the annual Memorial Day Flag placement at Green Hills Memorial Park (GHMP), 27501 S Western Ave, Rancho Palos Verdes, on Saturday May 28th. Unlike previous years, the flags will be placed by volunteers from many organizations and GHMP asks that each Pack, Troop or Crew interested in participating contact Jennifer Olvera ( at [jolvera@ghmp.com](mailto:jolvera@ghmp.com) ) for more information and to register for the event.

**DISTRICT DINNER FOLLOW UP** What a wonderful evening at Rock N Brews on March 24th! Congratulations again to Jim Kennedy, Eric Kari and Dane Shigemura on receiving the District Award of Merit! Keep your eye on your email in the coming month for a survey on the District Dinner. This survey is for those who attended and those who did not attend! Please take a moment and complete it so we can make next year's celebration even better!

**HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! SCOUTS OF THE ROUND TABLE! Last Call for our Camporee.** 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 **closes Monday, April 18th**. 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! NEW! Adults will have the opportunity to visit the shotgun/ rifle range (for a small fee) or try their hand at sending mirror signals long distances thanks to our friends from [Operation On Target](#).

**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](http://NYLT-LeadershipAcademy.org) for more information

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

The next Lakota Chapter Meeting will be held 6:30-7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 27th, at the Redondo Beach Scout House (2226 Farrell AVE, 90278). All Chapter members are invited and welcome to attend.

Tuku'ut Lodge will conduct its [Spring Induction Weekend at the Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation May 6-8, 2022](#). [Fellowship weekend \(Kihaawk\)](#) for all active Arrowmen is scheduled for May 20-22 at Camp Trask, although we may move venues depending on the condition of the camp

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at [lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@gmail.com) or the Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss, at [oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto: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 ([lakotachief@gmail.com](mailto:lakotachief@gmail.com)) and Chapter Adviser, Bob Hodgkiss ([oachapteradviser@pacificabsa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com).

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### CHECK US OUT!

Virtually all info is available online: Events, Dates, Fliers, Contacts, Training, Etc.

Pacifica District Website: [www.pacificabsa.org](http://www.pacificabsa.org)

GLAAC Website: [www.GLAACBSA.org](http://www.GLAACBSA.org)

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**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](mailto:jeffsorbello@att.net) two weeks before Roundtable to get started.