



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 into effect on January 1, 2022. **All registered BSA volunteer positions** must comply with AB506. 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](#).

RECHARTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! 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](#))

- May 21st High Adventure [Wilderness Woman Training](#) (Women and Girls 11 & up) at Firestone
- May 21st [Long Distance Bike Ride](#) (Scouts BSA) Whittier Narrows
- May 21st [Welding MB](#) (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Trask
- May 28th Memorial Day Flag Placement at Green Hills in San Pedro (see below) or [LA National Cemetery](#)
- June 4th Geocaching Day (Cubs & Scouts) TBD
- June 4th [Welding MB](#) (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Trask
- June 4-5th [Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills](#) (Scouts BSA Adults) Cabrillo
- July 9th [P968 Soap Box Derby](#) (Cubs) El Segundo
- July 11-15th Wild West Cub Day Camp at Cabrillo
- July 16th [Operation On Target](#) (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) on local mountains
- July 23rd [Welding MB](#) (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) at Trask
- July 31-Aug 3 [Cub Resident Camp](#) (Bears-Webelos) at Cherry Valley
- Sept 16-18th [Webelos Golden Nugget Weekend](#) at Cherry Valley
- Sept 23-25th [Webelos Golden Nugget Weekend](#) at Cherry Valley
- October 8th [Merit Badge Day](#) at International Printing Museum (Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts) in Carson
- October 14-16th Webelos Woods (Cubs and Scouts BSA) at Cabrillo

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) for more information and to register for the event.

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.

OUTDOOR COOKS NEEDED San Gabriel Valley District is hosting [outdoor cooking workshops](#) for families in Glendora on June 4th. Event organizers are looking for volunteers, workshop teachers, recipes to hand out, and competitors for a Dutch Oven Cookoff. Sign up to help here: <https://forms.gle/8vRNJAREV1KLztbw9>

CAMP CARDS SALES ARE UNDERWAY Congratulations to Benji in Troop 234 for winning a \$25 gift card in the April drawing for camp card sellers! 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.

EAGLE ADVANCEMENT Prior to contacting Pacifica District for approval, please review Eagle application and Eagle book with your troop advancement chair to confirm records agree with troop records and Eagle book is complete. Scout profile and join date will be requested from Council and Scout will be assigned a book check person. Please do not contact Council directly for profile or join date. Once the Eagle book and application are ready, call Mrs. Christensen at (310) 283-7197, for the Pacifica verification and review.

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

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).

The next Lakota Chapter Meeting will be held 6:30-7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 25th, at the Redondo Beach Scout House (2226 Farrell AVE, 90278). All Chapter members are invited and welcome to attend.

The Lodge's annual Kihaawk Fellowship Weekend will be held May 20-22; location is pending a decision by the Lodge Executive Committee.. Activities will include training opportunities, election of new Lodge Officers to serve September 2022 – August 2023, and fellowship. Please see the Lodge website (www.tukuut.org) for additional information and registration.

To request a Unit Visit, Unit Election, or Camp Promotion visit please contact the Lakota Chapter Chief at lakotachief@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.

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.