ECR Roundtable Newsletter and Hands-On Agenda

Hands-On Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Hands-On Location: Hsi Lai Temple – **7pm – 8:30pm**
3456 Glenmark Dr, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
2nd Floor Conference Room (see end of Newsletter)

Hands-On Agenda

7:00 - 7:15pm	Roundtable Sign-In and Opening
7:15 – 8:15pm	Breakout 1 – YPT/SYT, AB506, and Leader Training "How-To's"
7:15 – 8:15pm	Breakout 2 – Member & Unit Renewal "How-To's"(Rechartering)
8:15 – 8:25pm	Reassembly – Q&A
8:25 – 8:30pm	Drawings and Aloha!

ECR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- **Key Info for July (Alvin Wong, Martin Cardenas, Jamie Burrola)**
    - **Annual Member & Unit renewals!!!** It's that part of the year again… Inform everyone helping your Unit to attend the roundtable to learn what to expect and steps to make life easier!
    - **Roundtable attendance is open to Unit, Committee, and future Leaders!**
        - **Prizes!!!** – Congrats to the winners last month! We have prize drawings for those who show up in-person, so be sure to attend the various Hands-On activities and connect with Scouting Leaders!
    - YPT has now become "Safeguarding Youth Training" (SYT) and needs to be done **annually**. The online training is new (and better than before). Read more in "Safety Reminders" section below including how to take it.
    - Did you know that **ALL** Merit Badge pamphlets are available for digital downloads for ***FREE?*** Further details in the "Advancements" section below.

- **Safety Reminders**
    - **Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) Update and Yearly Renewal (David Tran)** – Many of us will have YPT expiring soon, so please remind everyone to take the new SYT. The Course has had its content and subject matter updated. It is also more user friendly, and is now an **annual** training requirement. Also, remind people to take Foul-Weather training if it has expired for them. Go to your "My Training" when you log into My.Scouting.org and click on the course buttons to take the training.
    - **Foul Weather Training (Course SCO_800) (David Tran)** The (online) training expires every 2 years! Be sure to check your training status and retake it as necessary because it is required for attending outdoor Scouting activities.
        - **This is all the more important given the recent severe weather and flooding in the Midwest and South.**
        - Log into your My.Scouting accounting, go to your "My Training" page and "retake" the Foul Weather training course to renew the expiration date.

- **Council Matters & Events**
    - **Council Calendar of Events (Kevin Burton for site issues) –** Your one-stop link to see the schedule of all the Council, Camp, and Training events as well as links for more info and registration sign-ups: **https://scoutingevent.com/033** **<<= Check it Out!**
    - **COUNCIL'S ADVERTISING FOR SCOUTING is kicking into high gear – Expect increased online referrals from "Be A Scout" to join your Unit! (Martin Brown-Gaines, Baolei "Bonnie" Pei)**
        - With Summer here, what is your Unit doing for the summer to keep members engaged? Take the opportunity to have some fun events and have your Scout invite friends to attend and learn more about Scouting!
        - **National Night Outs in your Community** – Check your city's calendar of events to get a table/booth and recruit for your Unit!
            - **P320/T286/T1286 at Monterey Park's National Night Out!** We got a lot of interest and look forward to seeing them at our next meeting!

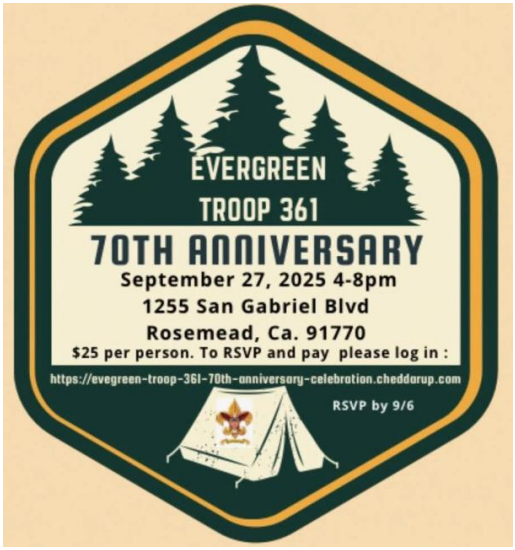
- **Popcorn!!!**

  - https://greaterlascouting.org/popcorn/
  - Click on the link to see Key Dates (with the first one being July 28th for the due date of Show & Sell Orders), and various guides for success!
- **2025 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Kick-off! (James Hu)**
  - **The 2025 FOS goal for ECR is $9,000.** (See the thermometer at end of newsletter)
    - Thank-you to our current Donors: Martin Brown-Gaines, Phillip Scott Hara, Jacob Liaw, and Alvin Wong
  - To see why we need your help for FOS and where the money goes, click on this link: https://greaterlascouting.org/fos/
  - Remember that there is more than one way to help with FOS in addition to a personal donation:
    - Donate as a Unit (include FOS as a part of Unit dues)
    - Include in your Fundraiser a FOS donation (add a little to ticket prices for FOS).
    - Convince a local small (or large) business to donate to FOS (and they will be recognized as a local supporter of Scouting!)
    - Check to see if your employer has an employee match program!
  - To donate, use the following link, and be sure to select El Camino Real for the District: https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/033/appeal/8647
    - **If a business is going to donate, forward them the link to make their contribution and select "El Camino Real"**
- **Camp Cards 2025 (Martin Brown-Gaines)** - https://greaterlascouting.org/camp-cards/
  - You can still order and sell Camp Cards until the end of the year…
  - Go to the link to order your Camp Cards and use them for your Unit's outings!
  - **All Camp Card Accounts must be closed by September 15, 2025.**

- **District Matters (Martin Cardenas, Jaime Burrola)**
    - **Please welcome our *NEW* District Membership Chair, Baolei "Bonnie" Pei.**
        - She will help remind and support our Unit's Leaders in responding to online referrals to join Scouting.
    - **GLAC Scouting advertising is kicking into high gear – Be prepared for "Be A Scout" online referrals to join your Unit!**
        - Key-3's will get automated emails from those interested in joining a Unit. Please respond promptly to those expressing interest!
        - Reach out to Martin Brown- Gaines or Baolei "Bonnie" Pei if you need help with the Application Manager App.
        - Here is a YouTube tutorial on how to use it: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg2bB610Jbo&feature=player_embedded
    - **District Volunteer Positions Still Open (Martin Cardenas) –** We need help to give you the Scouting program and support that you need. Please consider lending us a little bit more of your time for the following positions. No experience is needed, only enthusiasm and a desire to help are all that is required.
        - Program Chair
        - Activities Chair
        - Advancement Chair
        - Roundtable Chair
        - Unit Commissioners
- **Finance (James Hu)**
    - The May 15th Hands-On session will have a discussion on Best Practices for Treasurers and managing the finances of a Unit to avoid problems!
    - Friends of Scouting (FOS) is important for delivering the Scouting activities and programs you value! Please see the earlier newsletter section on FOS for more information on helping us reach our goals. There is a progress thermometer at the end of this newsletter.
- **ECR Activities & Programs (Scott Hara)**
    - **2026 Camporee - Mark your Calendars! It's scheduled for April 24th to 26th**
- **Unit Operations & Admin. (Alvin Wong)**
    - **Annual Member & Unit renewals!!!** It's that part of the year again… Inform everyone helping your Unit to attend the roundtable to learn what to expect and steps to make life easier!
        - **Emails for Membership have started out to member's emails on file!**
        - Renew Unit charters ($100) ***FIRST***!
        - Roster changes and membership is an on-going effort that is NOT required to be completed before renewing Unit charters. Rosters and membership can be updated ***afterwards***.

- **"Parents of…" Chartering Organizations (Alvin Wong) will NOT be renewed. (Martin Brown-Gaines)**
    - PLEASE work ***NOW*** with our ECR District Executive (Martin Brown-Gaines) on the paperwork to move to a new Chartering Organization.
    - Unit Commissioners and Martin can help you to identify, discuss, and convince a potential Chartering Organization's leadership of the benefits and expectations of being a CO to a Scouting Unit. Don't wait until the last moment as it can sometimes take months for an Organization to decide and get the approvals to be a CO.
- **New Dashboard for Unit Organization Manager (Alvin Wong)** – The Organization Manager dashboard in My.Scouting.org for Key-3 Leaders has been revamped to provide information on the 5 key indicators that have been associated with the long-term success of Units. Reach out to any Commissioner if you have questions!
- **Have members check and update their Scouting profiles (Alvin Wong)** – Members should check their profiles and make sure their current email and contact information is in their profiles! This ensures they receive important Scouting related messages. Adults should add a photo to their Scoutbook/Scoutbook+ profiles so that adults can be recognized.

- **<u>Advancement, Awards, & Recognitions (Joe Rivera, Paul Lee)</u>**
    - CONGRATULATIONS to and come celebrate Evergreen Troop 361's 70th Anniversary!
    - https://evergreen-troop-361=70th-anniversary-celebration.cheddarup.com
    - Please SVP by 9/6/2025



- **FREE Digital Downloads of ALL Merit Badge Pamphlets** - In case you haven't heard, ALL Merit Badges books (in digital form) are now FREE to download!!! Go to this link (validated safe): https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/
    - Click on the MB you want, and then there will be link to download an e-Digital copy of the book for FREE!

- **New Eagle Application Form 2025 (Paul Lee) -** All Eagle applicants should now use the 2025 application form available on the link for Eagle Scout Resources, https://greaterlascouting.org/eagle-scout-resources/ Contact Paul Lee if there are any questions.
- **Check the Council Calendar for the following Scout advancement opportunities**
  - All the Council's Scouting, Camp, and Training events as well as links for more info and registration sign-ups are here: **https://scoutingevent.com/033**
- **Scouter Training Knot (Ted Sakamoto, David Tran)** – A reminder that adult leaders can fulfill one of their requirements by attending Roundtable Hands-On sessions for 3 times in-person. If you have attended hands on sessions, please make a note and we will check the attendance records and confirm your attendance when you apply for the Knot!

- **Training (Ted Sakamoto, David Tran)**
  - **IOLS (S11) and BALOO (C32) training** – We are continuing to work with Council to get more classes scheduled. Check the link and calendar for scheduled classes.
  - **Upcoming Training Events and Merit Badge Classes:**
    - **CLICK=>> https://greaterlascouting.org/training/**

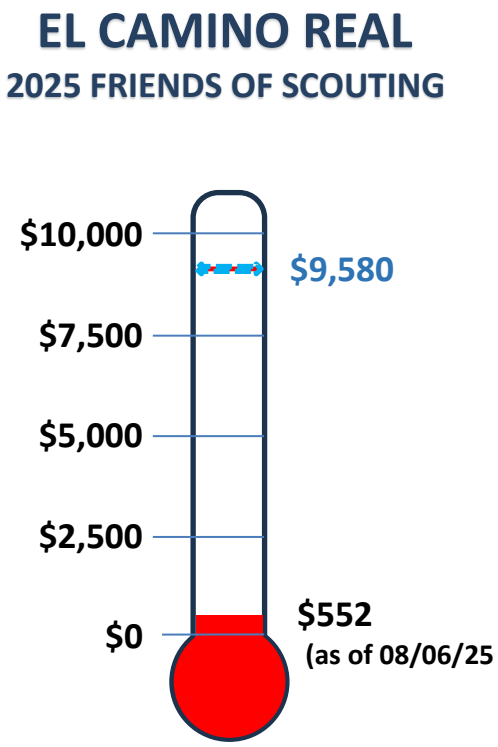
Proposed Activities for Future Hands-On Roundtable Sessions

- Sep 10 (Wed) – St. Mark's
  - Summer Camp Planning and Camp Panels
  - Scouting Orientation for New Families
- Oct 8 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park
  - Court of Honor and Eagle COH Planning Workshops
  - Scoutbook and Advancement Training.
  - Fire Building Basics Training
- Nov 12 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
  - High Adventure (HAT) Overview
  - Blue & Gold, and Bridging Workshops
- Dec 10 (Wed) – TBD
  - Backpacking Gear (basics), Packing, and Fitting Training

Please let us know if there were other topics you would like a Hands-On session for!

Event: ECR District Round Table Meeting

Date/Time: 8/13/2025 (Wed); 7~8:30 PM (Inform Security at Gate you are from BSA)
Location: Small Conference Room, Hsi Lai Temple (#7 in below map)
3456 Glenmark Dr. Hacienda Heights
Parking: Parking lot #1 or East Ramp (**Blue blocks** in map)
Small Conference Room: 2nd floor, Southeast corner (**Red Circle** in map)
Point of Contact: Tony Chen (Troop 8888 ASM)

ECR's FOS 2025 GOAL: $9,580

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