# ECR Roundtable Newsletter and Hands-On Agenda

**Hands-On Date**: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

**Hands-On Location:** St. Mark's Lutheran Church – **7pm – 8:30pm**
2323 Las Lomitas Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

## Hands-On Agenda

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| 7:00 - 7:15pm | Roundtable Sign-In and Opening / Key Announcements (Renewals and Rechartering) |
| 7:15 – 8:15pm | Breakout 1 – Summer Camp Planning and Camp Panels |
| 7:15 – 8:15pm | Breakout 2 – Conducting Scouting Orientation for New Families |
| 8:15 – 8:25pm | Reassembly – Q&A |
| 8:25 – 8:30pm | Drawings and Aloha! |

## ECR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- **Key Info this Month (Alvin Wong, Martin Cardenas, Jamie Burrola)**
  - **Annual Member & Unit renewals!!!** ***DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE*** If you missed last month's Roundtable, come talk to us this week in person if you have questions.
  - **SYT** (Safeguarding Youth Training) needs to be done by ALL adult members on your roster before you can recharter. **Inform Martin Brown-Gaines *NOW*** if you need a member dropped since it takes some time to process. You don't need to update your Leader positions to finish rechartering your Unit, fix that later…
  - **IOLS and BALOO training in-person at Trask during November!** Sign up now before all the spaces are gone! Check the Council Calendar (see link in "Council" section)
  - **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!
  - **Summer Camp and Annual Planning** – Time to start thinking about it!

- **Safety Reminders**
    - **Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) Update and Yearly Renewal (David Tran)** – Many of us have YPT expiring soon, so please remind everyone to take the new SYT.
        - Check the "Unit Renewal" page on your Unit's My.Scouting.org Organization Manager to see if there are any "Validation" errors, which will give you a list of adult leaders in your Unit that need to complete SYT before Unit rechartering can be finished.
        - The Course has had its content and subject matter updated. It is also more user-friendly and is now an **annual** training requirement.
    - **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 continuing sudden severe weather and flooding that is occurring throughout the states.**
        - Log into your My.Scouting.org account, 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) –** 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)**
        - Many School districts have been holding back to school nights. Flyers to join Scouting are available to distribute to your local schools! Work with your PTA. Contact Martin Brown-Gaines for help.
        - Take the opportunity to have some fun events and have your Scout invite friends to attend and learn more about Scouting!
    - **National Scouting Jamboree – An epic Scouting adventure for Scouts!**
        - **Spots are LIMITED, sign up now at: https://scoutingevent.com/033-Jamboree**
            - Boys and Girls Age 12-17 by July 2026 are eligible to attend.
        - Register and start planning now if interested! Refer to attached flyer and the registration web link for more detailed information.
        - **Key Dates and Costs:**
            - **July 17-20, 2026 -** Pre-Jamboree Travel to Philadelphia, Gettysburg & Washington D. C

- **July 21, 2026 -** Thrill Day at Kings Dominion, largest amusement park in Virginia
- **July 22-31, 2026 -** Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia
- **$4,900** if paid monthly, $490/month for 10 months
- **$4,410** (10% discount) if paid all at once
- The Price is all-inclusive, covering R/T airfare, ground transportation, lodging and meals (Tour +Jamboree), admissions to all attractions, Jamboree programs and activities, council provided training and meetings, custom Jamboree Swag and gear.

- **Traveling in three (3) Contingents, Leadership & Unit Structure:**
  - Troop 1A 40-Person Girl Troop Scoutmaster: Jeremy Mo - mo.jeremy@gmail.com |626-802-8267
  - Troop 1B 40-Person Boy Troop Scoutmaster: Michael Tuite - CrewAdviser147@gmail.com |626-353-1958
  - Troop 1C 20-Person Boy Troop Scoutmaster: Gary Thompson - thompsgg@gmail.com |310-330-6723

- **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)
  - **Special thanks to Bob Gin and Martin Cardenas** for their generous donations!
  - 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:
    - With Rechartering, Donate as a Unit (add 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 through the end of the year…
  - Go to the link to order your Camp Cards and use them for your Unit's outing supplies!
  - **All Camp Card Accounts must be closed by September 15, 2025.**
- **Popcorn!!!**

  - https://greaterlascouting.org/popcorn/
  - Click on the link to see Key Dates and various guides for success!

- **District Matters (Martin Cardenas, Jaime Burrola)**
  - **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.
    - Activities Chair
    - Roundtable Chair
    - Unit Commissioners
  - **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
  - **Please contact our Membership Chair, Baolei "Bonnie" Pei** if you need support with new members or "Be-A-Scout" online referrals.

- **ECR Activities & Programs (Scott Hara)**
    - **2026 ECR Camporee - Mark your Calendars! It's scheduled for April 24th to 26th.**
    - **Boo-Fest at Firestone including a Movie Night under the Stars, Oct 24-26.** See Calendar link for sign-up.
    - **Jungle Expedition Scouting Adventure at Pepperdine, Oct 10-12.** Merit Badges, hikes, and outdoor challenges. See Calendar for sign-up.

- **Training (Ted Sakamoto, David Tran)**
    - **Check the Council Calendar for 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**
        - **Upcoming Training Events and Merit Badge Classes:**
            - **CLICK=>> https://greaterlascouting.org/training/**
    - **NYLT – Youth Leadership training for Scouts. Oct 17-19 and 24-26**. Attendance for all 6 days is required. See Calendar for sign-up and requirements to attend.
    - **IOLS (S11) and BALOO (C32) training** – Check the Council calendar for November class dates. Sign-up before the classes fill up!
        - **Also, please check West LA, Long Beach, and other Councils for classes too!**
            - https://scouting-la.org/training/
            - https://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/
            - https://iescouts.org/training/
            - https://www.scouting.org/training/training-updates/
            - https://lospadresscouting.org/calendar/
    - **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!

- **Unit Operations & Admin. (Alvin Wong)**
    - **Annual Member & Unit renewals!!!** It's that part of the year again…
        - **Renewals have started going out to member's emails listed in their profile!**
        - Renew Unit charters ($100) ***FIRST***!
        - **SYT** (Safeguarding Youth Training) needs to be done by ALL adult members on your roster before you can recharter**. Inform Martin Brown-Gaines NOW if you need a member dropped** since it takes some time to process.
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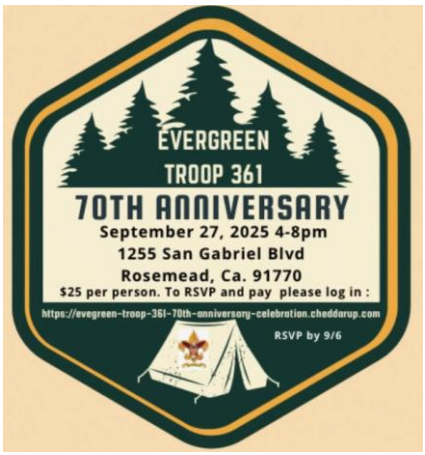
- **"Parents of…" Chartering Organizations (Alvin Wong) will NOT be renewed. (Martin Brown-Gaines)**
    - PLEASE contact Martin Brown-Gaines ***NOW*** for help to identify, discuss, and convince a potential Chartering Organization's leadership of the benefits and expectations of being a CO to a Scouting Unit and the paperwork needed to move to the new Chartering Organization.
- **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 question
- **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! That's where their renewal emails are sent!
    - 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://evegreen-troop-361-70th-anniversary-celebration.cheddarup.com




- **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 below for Eagle Scout Resources, https://greaterlascouting.org/eagle-scout-resources/ Contact Paul Lee if there are any questions.

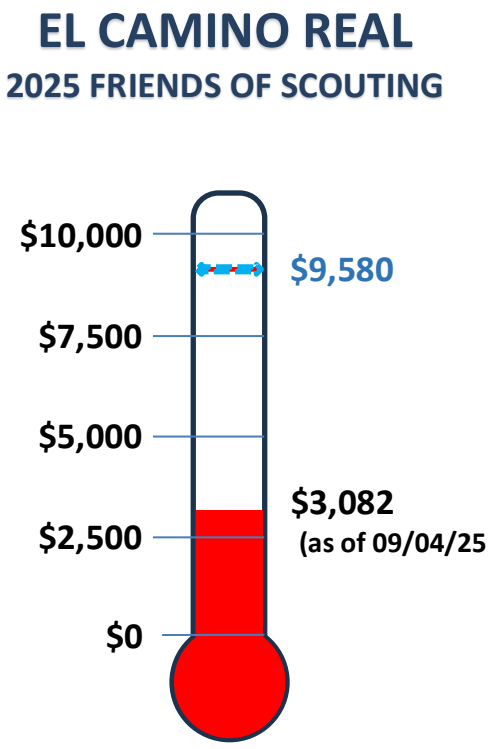
- **Silver Beaver Nominations! (Joe Rivera)**
  - Do you know a registered Scout who has served the Council in an exceptional manner? If so, please nominate them to be considered for the Silver Beaver recognition!
  - https://greaterlascouting.org/silver-beaver-award/
  - Send an email to any of the contacts at the link above with the name of the person you would like to nominate!

- **Finance (James Hu)**
  - 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.

## Proposed Activities for Future Hands-On Roundtable Sessions

- Oct 8 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park
  - Court of Honor and Eagle COH Planning Workshops
  - Scoutbook-Plus 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 Demo
  - Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange?

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

## ECR's FOS 2025 GOAL: $9,580

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