ECR Roundtable Newsletter and Hands-On Agenda

Hands-On Date: Wednesday, October 09, 2025, 7pm – 8:30pm

Hands-On Location: Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church
1850 W Hellman Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803

Hands-On Agenda

7:00 - 7:15pm	Roundtable Sign-In and Opening / Key Announcements (Renewals and Rechartering)
7:15 – 8:15pm	Breakout 1 – Scoutbook-Plus and Tools Training
7:15 – 8:15pm	Breakout 2 – Blue & Gold, Court of Honor, and Eagle COH Tips
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)**
    - **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!**
        - Learn how to be a more effective as a Unit Leader and make your life easier!
            - Scoutbook has begun transitioning to Scoutbook-Plus!
            - Come see and experience how to use the various online tools.
            - Bring your laptops to log into and work with your own Unit's data.
        - **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!

- **Safety Reminders**
    - **Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) Update and Yearly Renewal (David Tran)** – Those members who's renewal is after September still need to take the new SYT before their expiration date.
        - Check the roster in the Unit's My.Scouting.org Unit Dashboard to see the SYT expiration date of your members.
    - **New Adults, including ANY youth that have turned 18 (including Venturers), need to complete an Adult application and AB506. (Martin Brown-Gaines)**
        - Youth who have turned 18 partially through their membership period, will need to complete an Adult Application and submit it as a "multiple". There won't be any additional charge.
        - This applies to Venturing Youth as well once they turn 18. When their membership expires once they are 18, their renewal as a Scout however, will be at the regular youth fee instead of the adult fee, (per National, they still pay the higher youth fee because they can still earn the various youth awards and recognitions).
    - **Foul Weather Training (Course SCO_800) (David Tran)** Even though summer is over, fall weather is looming! 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 awaits! (Baolei Pei)**
        - **Spots are LIMITED, sign up 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)
    - **Thank-you to tall those Units who have donated as part of their renewals!**
    - 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"**
- **Be sure to let us know so we can recognize them as a supporter of their community through Scouting!**

- **Popcorn!!! (Martin Brown-Gaines)**
  - The Scout's share of their sales goes directly to them.
  - **Congratulations** to the Top 5 Unit Fundraisers:
    - **Pack 737, Troop 737, Troop 730, Troop 278, and Troop 1278G**
  - https://greaterlascouting.org/popcorn/

  - Click on the link to see more info and various guides for success!
- **Camp Cards 2025 (Martin Brown-Gaines)** - https://greaterlascouting.org/camp-cards/
  - You can continue to sell any Camp Cards you have left through the end of the year. Great for your upcoming Holiday shopping needs!

- **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! (Baolei Pei)**
    - 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.

- **Scouting Activities & Programs (Scott Hara)**
  - **Jungle Expedition Scouting Adventure at Pepperdine, Oct 10-12.** Merit Badges, hikes, and outdoor challenges. See Calendar for sign-up.
  - **Boo-Fest at Firestone including a Movie Night under the Stars, Oct 24-26.** See Calendar link for sign-up.
  - **University of Scouting – November 1st at St. Paul High School (Whittier) -** register via the Council Calendar.
  - **Scouting Gala - November 12th at Omni Hotel -** register via the Council Calendar.
  - **2026 ECR Camporee - Mark your Calendars! It's scheduled for April 24th to 26th.**

- **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 you too can get a Knot for your uniform as an adult leader! You can fulfill one of the Training Knot requirements by attending Roundtable Hands-On sessions for 3 times in-person.

- **Unit Operations & Admin. (Alvin Wong)**
  - **Try out the Organization Manager (My.Scouting.org)** – The Organization Manager dashboard for Key-3 Leaders provides valuable information on the 5 key indicators

associated with the long-term success of Units. Reach out to any Commissioner if you have question on how to use it or what it is showing.

- **Update your Unit's Leader roles and functional assignments (Unit Comm.)**
  - Use the Unit Dashboard in My.Scouting.org to assign names to roles.
    - Leaders should take their Position-specific training online at My.Scouting.org.
    - Have the volunteers complete an additional adult application with their new roles, as a "multiple", which will give them access to systems. See the attached file with the various position codes.
- **Have members check and update their Scouting profiles (Unit Comm.)**
  - Members should check their profiles and make sure their CURRENT email and contact information is in their profiles! **That's where their renewal and important emails are sent!**
  - Adults should add a photo to their Scoutbook/Scoutbook+ profiles so that adults can be recognized by new parents and leaders.

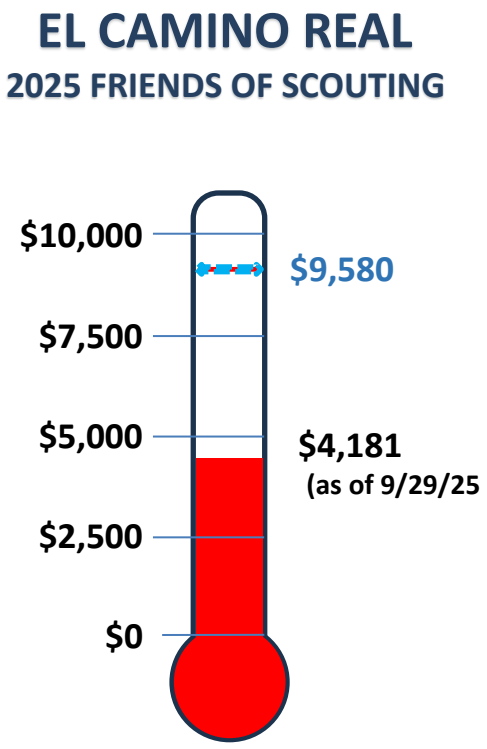
- **<u>Advancement, Awards, & Recognitions (Joe Rivera, Paul Lee)</u>**
  - **FREE Digital Downloads of ALL Merit Badge Pamphlets** - In case you haven't heard, ALL Merit Badges books (in digital form) are now FREE to download!!! Go to this link (validated safe): https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/
    - 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!

- **<u>Finance (James Hu)</u>**
  - 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

- Nov 12 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
  - High Adventure (HAT) Overview
  - Pack Bridging Ceremonies
- Dec 10 (Wed) – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
  - Leadership Roles and Responsibilities
  - Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange?
- Jan 14 (Wed) – Sage Granada Park UMC
  - Fire Building Basics Training
  - Tent Pitching & Campsite Set-up Demo
  - Fundraising activities – Ideas and How-to
- Feb 11 (Wed) – Hsi Lai Temple
  - General Camporee Mtg Session
  - First Aid Training
  - Camp Cooking Training
- Mar 11 (Wed) – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
  - Pinewood Derby Workshop
  - Scoutbook+ Training
  - Advancement Workshop

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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