The various Adult Leaders Backpack Training Field Experiences were scheduled to occur in March, April, and May. Due to the current circumstances, these have not happened. If you haven't done so already, please contact your trip leader to schedule a new date.

To celebrate the birthday of the National Park Service, there will be no admission fees at National Parks on Tuesday, August 25.

Adult Leader Backpack Training will be held on September 12th and 26th. The training provides an overview of high adventure basics: leadership; planning and preparation; equipment and clothing; menus and cooking; mountain navigation and travel; conservation; risk and safety; and program awards. There will also be an overnight outing in the local mountains. See the attached flyer for details. The class size is limited so register early to ensure a spot. We cannot guarantee a spot for walk-ins. Register online at http://glaac-hat.org/register/ or call 213-718-6821 and ask for Sonia.

Desert Camping and Travel training will be held on Saturday, September 19th. The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience. See the attached flyer for details. Register online at http://glaac-hat.org/register/ or call 213-718-6821 and ask for Sonia.

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**3-Month Calendar**

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* HAT meetings are open to all registered adults, the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Cushman Watt Scout Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. During the coronavirus crisis we will be meeting online via https://bluejeans.com/. Contact Steve Dodson for details.
** Weekend field experience to be scheduled at the seminar.

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**Adult Leaders Backpack Training- Fall 2020**

**PURPOSE:**
- acquaint you with a basic understanding of how to plan and conduct outdoor activities
- stimulate your participation and leadership in a High Adventure Program at the Unit level
- inform you of the many programs and activities of the GLAAC-HAT.

**DATE:** **Two Saturdays**, 12 and 26 September 2020
Weekend backpack outing to be arranged during the training sessions.

**TIME:**
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Trask Scout Reservation

**COST:** $90 before August 28, $100 after that.

**REGISTRATION:** **Online registration** with check, paypal or credit card is available at [http://glaac-hat.org/register](http://glaac-hat.org/register). **Early registration is mandatory to ensure sufficient meals, snacks, and course materials.** Persons whose registration is received by 30 August will be sent a confirmation, map of location, and other details. For help with registration contact Sonia at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (213)718-6821 or e-mail: SoniaGuerrero.Kagan@scouting.org

**MEALS:**
Breakfast and lunch both Saturdays.

**EQUIPMENT:**
Compass, paper and pencil.

**MAXIMUM SIZE:** 30 students

**OVERVIEW:**
Basics of the necessities for safe and enjoyable outings
- leadership
- planning & preparation
- equipment & clothing
- menus & cooking
- orienteering
- route finding and mountain travel
- conservation
- risk & safety
- program awards & procedures
- the importance of training and transferring leadership to your Scouts is stressed.

**QUESTIONS:**
David Behenna, Course Director, at (603)828-2065; e-mail: tigerbay@att.net

The emphasis is on backpacking but it is generally applicable to all types of outdoor activity. This is the next step beyond the camp-craft skills that are covered in Outdoor Leadership Skills (OLS).

You will be need to select and take a weekend backpack trip (5-7 miles, round-trip, in the local mountains) from among several to be offered in March and April and led by the GLAAC-HAT Staff. Each person is responsible for providing his/her own clothing and equipment. An Adventure Pass for your vehicle is required at many of these locations.

Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch.

**Hike Aid 3**, “Full Dimension High Adventure Training”, has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at [http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html](http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html). Questions about any of them are to be directed to Michael Schlaifer; Vice ChairTraining: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, michael@schlaifer.com.
Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2020

PURPOSE: Acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness and special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience.

DATE: Seminar: Saturday 19 September 2020
Weekend outing: date to be arranged during seminar

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. (bring sack lunch)

LOCATION: Seminar: Cushman-Watt Service Center, Los Angeles
Weekend Outing: Joshua Tree National Park.

COST: $25.00

REGISTRATION: Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at http://glaac-hat.org/register by 4 September 2020. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. For help with registration contact Sonia at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (213)718-6821 or e-mail: SoniaGuerrero.Kagan@scouting.org.

EQUIPMENT: Paper and pencil, and lunch for seminar.
Each Scouter is responsible for obtaining the clothing, equipment, and food for the weekend trip.

OVERVIEW: During the seminar, we will select a date and plan for a weekend backpack trip to Joshua Tree National Park (The Park has a $25.00 per vehicle entry fee). A backpack trip of about 5 miles, round trip, to a dry campsite, provides the opportunity to demonstrate the seminar topics. After setting up camp, we will climb Queen Mountain - a "good" cross country workout.

REQUIREMENTS: Completion of the Adult Leader Backpack Training is highly recommended.
Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).

MAXIMUM SIZE: None

QUESTIONS: Tarin Casillas; Course Director (310)515-3647 (H) or (310)780-0074; e-mail ticasillas@msn.com

Look north and east, beyond the mountains that surround Los Angeles – it's a desert out there. Actually three – Sonora, Mohave, and Great Basin – and they provide numerous opportunities for hiking and camping. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch and is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

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