

HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

September 2017

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ US Congress legislation has required the National Park Service to raise the cost of a Lifetime Senior Pass from \$10 to \$80. It also created a \$20 Annual Senior Pass which is good for one full year from the date of purchase.
- ❖ The GLAAC-HAT is hosting a 2-day Wilderness and Remote First Aid certification on October 28-29. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ Winter camping class will be held on Saturday, November 4th. The all-day seminar will be followed in February 2018 with a weekend backpack in San Jacinto State Park. See the attached flyer for details. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ A snow and ice travel class will also be held on November 4th right after the Winter camping class. See the attached flyer for details. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ If you are out hiking in the Angeles National Forest and come across a tree blocking the trail please make a note of the location and rough size of the tree. Then report it to David Ledford at 310-373-2111 or gdledford@verizon.net.
- ❖ To schedule a forest conservation project, call David Ledford at 310-373-2111 or email gdledford@verizon.net.
- ❖ Interested in the Climbing Merit Badge? A portable climbing wall is available. "We bring the wall to you." To schedule a time, or for more information, contact Wes Romberger at 562-945-9948.

HAT Website: <<http://glaac-hat.org>>

Future Events

June 24 - July 9	2017 provisional contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch	Council-Camping
July 6 - July 21	2018 provisional contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch	Council-Camping
Aug 4 - Aug 11	2018 provisional contingent to Northern Tier	Council-Camping

3-Month Calendar

Sept 16&30	Adult Leaders Backpack Training Seminar	See attached flyer
TBA	Adult Leaders Backpack Training Field Experience	
Oct 3	HAT Meeting *	
Oct 13-15	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	See attached flyer
Oct 28&29	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	See attached flyer
Nov 4	Winter Camping and Travel Seminar	See attached flyer
Nov 4	Snow and Ice Travel Seminar	See attached flyer
Nov 7	HAT Meeting *	
Nov 18	Navigation & Orienteering Seminar	See attached flyer
Nov 18&19	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	See attached flyer

* 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.

** Weekend field experience to be scheduled at the seminar.

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HAT HiLites is published monthly by the GLAAC High Adventure Team to inform Scout Leaders of specific program, service, and other High Adventure activities and opportunities available in the coming months. For additional information about a specific entry, please call or email the appropriate HAT contact.

Adult Leaders Backpack Training Fall 2017

The Greater Los Angeles Area Council's High Adventure Team will conduct its Fall 2017 backpack training program for adult Scouters on **two Saturdays**: Sept. 16, 2017 and Sept. 30, 2017, with a backpack outing to be arranged. Its objectives are:

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

This High Adventure training provides an overview of the basics: leadership; planning & preparation; equipment & clothing; menus & cooking; orienteering, route finding and mountain travel; conservation; risk & safety; and program awards & procedures – the necessities for safe and enjoyable outings. The importance of training and transferring leadership to your Scouts is stressed. While the emphasis is on backpacking, 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).



The seminar is conducted at the Trask Scout Reservation. Registration takes place 6:30-8:00am on Sept. 16. The programs will run from 8am-4:30pm on both Saturdays. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Participants may bring their gear and camp (free) at the facility. Also, please bring a compass, paper and pencil – everything else is provided. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

You will be asked to select and take a weekend backpack trip (5-7 miles, round-trip, in the local mountains) from among several to be offered in October and November 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.

A fee of \$80.00 is charged for this training, when received at GLAAC-Camping by Sept.8th; \$90.00, after that date. This fee will include breakfast and lunch on both Saturdays. **Early registration is mandatory to ensure sufficient meals, snacks, and course materials. This class is limited to 30 participants.** Persons whose registration is received by Sept.8th will be sent a confirmation, map of location, and other details. 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>. Please direct questions about training to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310) 626-5688; e-mail, agreen.bsa@gmail.com. Questions about this ALBPT training should be directed to David Behenna, Course Director, e-mail: tigerbay@att.net

Online registration & payment is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>. Or you may mail the following with a check.

GLAAC-HAT

Training Bulletin

June 2017

----- Detach and include with your check -----

Adult Leaders Backpack Training - Fall 2017

Please register me for attendance at this GLAAC-HAT training program. A check for \$80.00, payable to the "Boy Scouts of America – GLAAC", is enclosed (\$90.00, after Sept. 8th). I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

Name: _____

Telephone (Res.): _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

Dietary restrictions if any (please be specific): _____

Mail to: Greater Los Angeles Area Council-BSA
3450 Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107

Attn: Danette, Camping Department

B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course

Who should attend: Persons interested in being "Climbing" Merit Badge Counselors, Camp Staff, and all Scouters that want to teach scouts how to climb and rappel at the Unit, District or Council level. All persons interested must be mature, capable of instructing, safety conscious, able to exercise good judgment, be dependable, relate well to youth and adults, and be familiar in the techniques of climbing, rappelling, belaying, and spotting. **Scouters who work with troops and teach climbing are required to be "Qualified Instructors" prior to teaching any climbing / rappelling activities.**

This course is very intense and will work into the late hours of the night. We will cover B.S.A. current National Policies associated with all climbing/rappelling activities, at the Unit, Council and District levels, as outlined in the pamphlet entitled "Climb on Safely," and the National Camp Accreditation Program.

This course will be conducted over a weekend (starting Friday night). You will be sleeping indoors in a Troop Lodge. You will need to provide your own sleeping bag or linens as well as your regular gear for a weekend outing. Your meals will be provided Saturday and Sunday, but please bring take out or have dinner before you arrive Friday night.

Pre-requisites for participation in course:

- ◆ Current registration with Boy Scouts of America.
- ◆ 18 years old.
- ◆ Current successful completion of B.S.A.'s "Youth Protection Guidelines" training.
- ◆ Current B.S.A. Annual Health and Medical Record.
- ◆ Completed the online Climb on Safely Training.

Particulars:

- ◆ B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Qualification Certification is good for 1 year upon successful completion of this class.
- ◆ Course size: Is limited to 6-12 students. Pre-registration requested.
- ◆ Duration: One intense weekend of classroom and practical instruction on artificial climbing surfaces.
- ◆ Fee: \$90.00 per person (textbook, meals, and camping fees included).
- ◆ Textbook: B.S.A. publication entitled "Belay On"
- ◆ Schedule/ Location: **Friday, October 13, 2017, 8 p.m. – Sunday, October 15, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation**
- ◆ Contacts: To register for the class, contact: The L.A.A.C. Camping Department at (213) 413-4400 ext. 344 or register online with check, paypal or credit card at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>.

For more information, contact: Dale Whitten h - (909) 983-5444, c - (562) 400-4392 or at agr8driver@aol.com

Help keep climbing/rappelling as part of Scouting's activities by becoming a certified BSA Climbing Instructor for your Unit, District, or Council.



**American
Red Cross**

**WILDERNESS FIRST AID
HOSTED BY G.L.A.A.C. HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM**

DATE: Saturday & Sunday, October 28 & 29, 2017
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day
LOCATION: Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way Los Angeles, CA 90026
INSTRUCTORS: Rick Reeley and Dave Rolandelli
PRE-REQUISITE: For Wilderness and Remote First Aid Certification - participants need to have current certification in Adult CPR & AED, , which will be taught at the beginning of the WFRA class.

First Aid Basics – have knowledge of Tenderfoot, 2nd Class & First Class First Aid skills, and should complete the online trainings in Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. This training is geared towards Adult Scout Leaders and those Scout parents going to a Scout High Adventure Base activity or Scout wilderness activity.

COST: \$60.00 for Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED. **Pay at the door cash or by check made out to Rick Reeley.** Cost includes a CD with all printed material on it. CPR/AED class includes materials on CD, AED demonstration, use of AED trainer, and use of CPR manikins. Certification is for two years.

MEALS: All meals are on your own. Time will be allotted to go out or you can bring your own snacks, lunch and refreshments.

Questions about High Adventure Trainings are to be directed to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-5688 (C); e-mail, agreen.bsa@gmail.com. Questions about this training should be directed to the course instructor Rick Reeley at Reeley@troop849.org

Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> or mail the following.

Training Bulletin

GLAAC-HAT

Januray 2017

----- Detach and mail to the address below -----

**WILDERNESS FIRST AID
HOSTED BY G.L.A.A.C. HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM**

Please register me for attendance at this GLAAC-HAT training program. I understand that I will be required to pay a cost of \$60.00 at the door. Course will be canceled with fewer than 5 registered students one week before the class is held. The maximum capacity for this class is 35 students.

Name: _____

Telephone (Res.): _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

Mail to: Greater Los Angeles Area Council-BSA
3450 Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Attn: Danette, Camping Department

Winter Camping and Travel Training – 2017

Winter brings a special stillness to the local mountains. The year-round camper knows that the pests of summer – insects, most animals, other people – have gone to ground for the season. While the snowy peaks may appear close and inviting, that same camper knows that the weather and trail conditions require special preparation, skills, and equipment.

The objectives of this training are to acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding of the winter environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills which are necessary to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, November 4, 2017, 8:00 am to about 6:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. There will be a 45-minute lunch break; attendees may bring lunch or purchase it from a near-by take-out. Rolls and coffee are furnished. The seminar is conducted as a series of presentations and demonstrations. The emphasis is on preparing for, and dealing with, a mountainous winter environment, be it rain, cold, snow, or some combination. Sessions cover: the physical demands of winter conditions; snow travel hazards & equipment needs; health & safety; navigation and route finding; menus; food & water needs; and personal clothing & equipment. The desirability of having a "Plan B" and the necessity of providing for unexpected changes in the weather or trail conditions are explained. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant. Participants are invited to attend the Snow and Ice Travel seminar that follows it (see the separate training bulletin).



The weekend field trip provides the opportunity to demonstrate these specific skills in a winter environment. A weekend backpack in Mt. San Jacinto State Park will be discussed (about 5 miles, round trip, from 8,600 to 10,000 feet). Snowshoes will be worn while backpacking. The trip is scheduled for February 3 and 4 2018; a forecast of insufficient snow or extreme weather conditions will cause rescheduling. Each person is responsible for obtaining the specialized equipment needed for the trip.

A fee of \$20.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by October 21, 2017. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch. Completion of this training is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

Completion of Adult Leaders Backpack Training (ALBT) is a **requirement** to taking this course.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the LAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at <http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-5688 (C); e-mail, agreen.bsa@gmail.com. Questions about this training should be directed to Dennis Cline, Course Director, at (310) 792-0544; e-mail: jdcline49@msn.com

Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> or mail the following with your check.

GLAAC-HAT

Training Bulletin

April 2017

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Winter Camping and Travel Training – 2017

Please register me for attendance at this GLAAC-HAT training program. A check for **\$20.00**, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-GLAAC, is enclosed. I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

Name: _____

Telephone (Res.): _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Unit No.: _____ District: _____ Position: _____

ALBT completion date: _____ ALBT card number: _____

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Snow and Ice Travel Training - 2017

Enjoy the challenge of high-mountain travel with confidence in your safety and knowledge of snow and ice travel techniques. Sharpening your judgment and learning the skills needed for safe and effective practices for snow slope travel will allow you to expand the places that your Unit can visit in the winter outdoors.

This High Adventure training is an optional follow-on to Winter Camping and Travel. It begins with a seminar immediately following the Winter Camping and Travel seminar on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. The special equipment for snow and ice travel will be displayed and the requirements for, and location of, the field training will be discussed. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.



Field training will be held on a Saturday in January 2018, in the Mt. Baldy area (an Adventure Pass is required for your vehicle). You will be taught how to properly use crampons and an ice axe. You will practice using the ice axe to make a self-arrest and for exhilarating glissades. A forecast of insufficient snow or of extreme weather conditions will cause the field training to be rescheduled. Some special equipment (rent/borrow/buy) will be needed.

A fee of \$5.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by October 20, 2017 and it may be submitted along with Winter Camping and Travel. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch.

Attendance at Adult Leaders Backpack Training and at Winter Camping and Travel (which may be taken the same day) are **prerequisites** to taking this course.

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GLAAC-HAT

Training Bulletin

January 2017

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- Snow and Ice Travel Training - 2017

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Navigation & Orienteering Training - 2017

- ❖ Do you feel uncomfortable about taking your Unit into new locations?
- ❖ Do you want to improve your navigation and route-finding skills?
- ❖ Have you considered orienteering as an activity for improving your Scouts' map and compass skills?



A course in navigation and orienteering will be conducted by the members of GLAAC-HAT on November 18, 2017 at the Firestone Scout Reservation. We will begin Saturday with discussions of the tools of navigation and strategies for their utilization. There will be demonstrations of various types of maps and compasses. Topics will include route finding, collecting terrain features, the Global Positioning System (GPS), disoriented, avoidance of getting lost, and getting "un-lost". The special problems and techniques associated with route finding on the snow and in desert terrain will be discussed. These activities will be followed by participant-led map-hikes which use the detailed orienteering map for Firestone.

A field experience will be held, in association with the Los Angeles Orienteering Club, on a date to be announced. Participants will help officiate in an LAOC Orienteering meet.

A fee of \$15.00 is charged for this training. Registration **is required** by November 3, 2017 as space is limited. This fee covers the cost of the outing including the day use fee at Firestone including course maps and materials. Attending a Los Angeles Orienteering Club event will be a separate outing and an additional fee is payable to that Club. Additional information about the Los Angeles Orienteering Club will be presented and can also be found on its web site, <http://LosAngelesOrienteering.org/drupal>. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch.

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