

HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

November 2017

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ A navigation and orienteering class will be held on November 18th. A field experience will be held, in association with the Los Angeles Orienteering Club, on a date to be announced. See the attached flyer for details. Call the Camping Department (626-351-8815 x241) to register. Registration by November 3rd is required, as space is limited.
- ❖ Want to become a climbing instructor? Level II classes will be held November 18&19. Contact Dale Whitten (909-986-8435, Agr8driver@hotmail.com) for more information.
- ❖ Be sure to checkout the high adventure classes being offered at the University of Scouting on December 5th.
- ❖ The Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing Seminar will be held January 8th at the Cushman-Watts Service Center. The Cross County outing will be January 14th. The Snow Shoeing outing will be January 21st. To register call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ Hold the date - The next Adult Leader Backpack Training will be Friday, February 23th, to Sunday, February 25th, 2018.
- ❖ Philmont Scout Ranch is now taking reservation requests for 2019 treks. Make your reservation request via the web.
- ❖ 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

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

Nov 18	Navigation & Orienteering Seminar	See attached flyer
Nov 18&19	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	See attached flyer
Dec 2	University of Scouting	
Dec 5	HAT Meeting *	
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Jan 8	Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing Seminar	See attached flyer
Jan 13	Cross Country Skiing Field Experience	
Jan 27	Snow Shoeing Field Experience	

* 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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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.

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>. 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 David Hensley, Course Director, at c: 602-405-1187; e-mail: hensley.davidL@gmail.com.

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

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Training Bulletin

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Navigation & Orienteering Training - 2017

Please register me for attendance at this GLAAC-HAT training program. A check for **\$15.00, payable to BSA**, 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: _____

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

B.S.A. Climbing Level II

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.

Prerequisites for participation in course:

- Current registration with Boy Scouts of America
- 21 years old
- Current Level I Climbing Instructor
- 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 II Climbing Instructor Qualification Certification is good for three years upon successful completion of this class
- Course size: is limited to 6-12 students. Preregistration requested
- Duration: One weekend of classroom and practical instruction on natural rock
- Fee: \$20.00 per person (classroom material) waived if taken in conjunction with Level I class
- Textbook: B.S.A. publication entitled "Belay On"
- Schedule/Location: **Lecture, Saturday, November 18, 2017, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at Cushman-Watt Service Center. Field Outing Sunday, November 19, 2017, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm at Stoney Point**
- Contacts: To register for the class, contact: The G.L.A.A.C. Camping Dept. at (626)351-8815 ext 241 or e-mail Danette.Verdugo@scouting.org
- For more information, contact: Dale Whitten, H) 909-983-5444; or at agr8driver@aol.com

Gear – Each participant must provide themselves a:

- Harness
- Helmet
- An ATC belaying device
- Three or four locking-gate carabiners
- One 24” and one 48” pre-sewn runner or one 24” pre-sewn runner and a commercially made leash (personal anchor)
- Two pieces of 5-6mm accessory cord, one piece 72” long and the other 96” long.
- Climbing shoes (optional)
- All other gear will be provided by the Directors (ropes, anchors, carabiners, etc.) **All personal gear will be inspected prior to use. Please Bring to the Lecture Class.**

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

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOW SHOEING SEMINAR – 2018

If you are the kind of hiker who would like to take extended trips during winter months, you should try cross country skiing or snow shoeing. Enjoy the challenge of high country winter travel with confidence. Learn firsthand knowledge of safety and techniques. It will allow you to expand your “places to go” during the snow season.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar at 7:30 pm on **Monday January 8, 2018** at the Cushman-Watt Service Center. The program will include demonstrations and discussions covering the special equipment and gear needed. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

The second part of the program will be two one-day outings in the local mountains.

- The Cross Country Skiing outing will be Saturday January 13, 2018.
- The Snow Shoe outing will be held January 27, 2018 at a location to be determined.

Each participant is responsible for the rental of skis and other equipment.

A fee of \$10.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by December 4, 2017. You will be sent a confirmation, or notice of cancellation if there are less than 5 sign-ups by that date. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of two special patches.

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I wish to attend the Cross Country/Snow shoeing seminar. Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of course materials for the indoor session. If I choose to register at the door, I understand the cost will be \$15.00.

Course will be canceled with fewer than 5 registered students.

Name: _____

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

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

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