

# HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

June 2017

Boy Scouts of America

- ❖ **NEW!** Adult leader backpack training will be held on two Saturdays, September 16th and 30th. 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 to 30 participants so register early. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ To celebrate the birthday of the National Park Service, there will be no admission fees at National Parks on August 25.
- ❖ Trail Boss training will be Saturday, September 2nd. Topics covered will be instruction, safety, brushing, treading, and containment walls. If possible, please notify David Ledford in advance (see below) to ensure the proper quantity of tools and equipment are provided.
- ❖ Desert Camping and Travel training will be held on Saturday, September 9th. 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. To sign up, register online at <http://glaac-hat.org/register/> or call 626-351-8815 and ask for the Camping Department (x241).
- ❖ BSA has revised the climbing procedures and has released new information for canyoneering and caving activities. For the latest visit <http://www.scouting.org/Home/OutdoorProgram/COPE.aspx>.
  - Updated [Belay On](#) - The latest version of BSA's COPE & Climbing textbook.
  - Updated [Climb On Safely](#) - BSA's guide for unit climbing activities.
  - New! [Canyoneering Safely](#) - BSA's guide for unit canyoneering activities.
  - New! [Cave Safely, Cave Softly](#) - BSA's guide for unit caving activities.
- ❖ 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](mailto:gdledford@verizon.net).

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 2     | Trail Boss (Advanced)                            | See attached flyer |
| Sept 5     | HAT Meeting *                                    |                    |
| Sept 9     | Desert Camping and Travel Seminar                | See attached flyer |
| TBA        | Desert Camping and Travel Field Experience       |                    |
| Sept 16&30 | Adult Leaders Backpack Training Seminar          | See attached flyer |
| TBA        | Adult Leaders Backpack Training 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.

## HAT Contacts

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| LA River Ranger District | Little Tujunga Station | 818-899-1900 |  |

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](mailto:agreen.bsa@gmail.com). Questions about this ALBPT training should be directed to David Behenna, Course Director, e-mail: [tigerbay@att.net](mailto:tigerbay@att.net)

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

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## **Training Bulletin**

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### **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**

## **Trail Boss Training-Fall 2017**

The USDA-Forest Service, Los Angeles River Ranger District, and the Greater Los Angeles Area Council-High Adventure Team invite you to attend the next of the on-going series of Trail Boss Training sessions.

- When: September 2, 8:00 am to not later than 3:00 pm.
- Where: Please contact one of the sources listed below, **after August 25**, for the location of this event and directions for getting there.

The objective of this High Adventure training is to train and qualify adult volunteers to organize and supervise conservation projects by sponsored groups, such as a Scout Unit. Interested persons may begin this field training whenever a session is offered and proceed through it at the convenience of their schedule and interest. Only adults may take this training, which is offered free to anyone who is interested in doing conservation work in the Angeles National Forest. Registration is not required; just show up at the indicated time and place. Persons already certified as Trail Bosses are encouraged to attend, to assist with the training and to upgrade their skills. The next session of Trail Boss Training is scheduled for May 2018, California Trails Day, April 2018, will also provide some training opportunities. An Administrative Pass, valid for this date, will be provided for vehicles that lack an Adventure Pass.



If this is your initial session, you will be given a Trail Boss training card and a syllabus, "Trail Boss- Program and Practices". A companion syllabus, "Forest Conservation", is available for those who are interested in doing conservation projects of that type. You may also be given an USDA-FS brochure, "Volunteer Applicant Packet", which briefly describes the Forest Service's volunteer program and contains an application form.

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### **Clothing and Equipment**

Persons attending need to be dressed and equipped to do a full day of trail work. The fashion conscious volunteer wears long pants, long sleeve shirt, work boots, gloves, and a broad-brimmed hat. These are supplemented with sunscreen/sun block, dark glasses, insect repellent, and lots of water. Sneakers/sport shoes are not appropriate wear when swinging a Pulaski and moving large rocks. Conservation project sites tend to be hot, sunny, dusty, and lunchrooms for insects. Bring your lunch and whatever snacks you need to get through the day – these training sessions are usually at remote sites in the Angeles.

### **Additional Information**

- USDA-Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Station, (Daytime): Dennis Merkel, Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 X229  
email: [dmerkel@fs.fed.us](mailto:dmerkel@fs.fed.us).
- Dave Ledford, GLAAC-HAT Trail Boss Training: 1-310-373-2111  
email: [gdledford@verizon.net](mailto:gdledford@verizon.net)

## Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2017

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.

The objectives of this training are to 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.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8:00 am to about 4:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. There will be a 45-minute lunch break; participants may bring lunch or purchase it from a nearby take-out. The seminar is conducted as a series of demonstrations and presentations. They consider the unique, harsh reality of the desert, and cover: special equipment and clothing; menu planning; desert travel and route finding; water requirements and conservation; safety and first aid; equipment and other needs for vehicles. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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.

A fee of \$20.00 is charged for this training. Registration is required by September 1. 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.

It is recommended that participants have completed Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

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**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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