

# HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

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- ❖ With the elimination of Tour and Activity Plans most of the GLAAC-HAT award application forms have changed. The new [High Adventure Award Application](#) is attached.
- ❖ The USDA-Forest Service, Los Angeles River Ranger District, and the GLAAC-HAT invite you to attend the next of the on-going series of Trail Boss Training sessions on May 6th. The purpose of this program is to train and qualify adult volunteers to organize and supervise conservation projects. Contact David Ledford (see below) for details.
- ❖ The Big Ride 2017 which is sponsored by the Antelope Valley District & Troop 555 is coming up June 2-4. To sign up contact Vance Pomeroy at 661-361-5619 or [vance@juniperpacific.com](mailto:vance@juniperpacific.com).
- ❖ The Los Angeles River Ranger District, USDA-Forest Service, and its associated volunteer organizations invite you and your Unit, along with the general public, to join them in celebrating National Trails Day on June 3rd. See the attached flyer.
- ❖ 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 email [gdledford@verizon.net](mailto:gdledford@verizon.net).
- ❖ Tip: Make sure that the bear canisters that you use are approved by the government agency that controls the area where you will be using them.
- ❖ The time is ripe for Eagle projects in the local National Forests. Contact David Ledford (see below) for more information and a list of possible Eagle projects.
- ❖ 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

May 6	Trail Boss (Advanced)	See attached flyer
May 13	Scout Backpack Training Seminar	
May 19-21	Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training Field Experience	
May 27&28	Scout Backpack Training Field Experience	
June 3	National Trails Day/Trail Boss	See attached flyer
June 6	HAT Meeting *	

\* 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.

## High Adventure Award Application

The mission of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC) High Adventure Team is to develop and promote outdoor activities within the Council and by its many Units. To insure the highest level of a safe, enjoyable experience for all participants, Unit Leadership is required to take the following specific actions for its members to qualify for a High Adventure award that is sponsored by the GLAAC-HAT.

- ◆ Comply with the General Requirements section of Hike Aid 6, "High Adventure Awards Program".
- ◆ Satisfy, as a Unit or individually, each of the Specific Requirements for the award as shown in Hike Aid 6.
- ◆ Obtain awards earned by participants by completing the following application, getting any required GLAAC-HAT approval, and submitting it to the Scout Shop.

Note: The GLAAC-HAT does not approve a Unit's outdoor program or specific outings or activities. That is the responsibility of the Unit Committee.

### Pre-Trip Planning Review

HAT review of the adequacy and completeness of the Unit's planning before the trek is required for participants to earn any GLAAC-HAT sponsored long-term backpacking award involving three or more nights.

HAT Representative Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### High Adventure Award Application

Unit type/no. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Activity \_\_\_\_\_

#### ◆ Names and quantities of awards sought:

#### Names of Recipients

<u>Award Title</u>	<u># Scout</u>	<u># Adult</u>	1
_____	_____	_____	2 _____
_____	_____	_____	3 _____
_____	_____	_____	4 _____

#### ◆ Outing Leader:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

#### ◆ First Aid and CPR Certified Adult: \*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Types; Dates Issued \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Required to receive any High Adventure Award. \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_

#### ◆ Backpack Trained Adult: \*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\* Required to receive any long-term High Adventure Award. \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_

### Post-Trip Certification

By my signature, I do certify that I have read and understand the general and specific requirements for the award(s) listed and that the participants have satisfied all of the requirements for the award(s) sought.

Outing Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

HAT Representative Approval \*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Required to receive Conservation, Backpacker, Advanced Backpacker, Mini-Peak Bagger, Senior Peak Bagger, and Mountaineer Peak Bagger awards.

## **Trail Boss Training-Spring 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: May 6, 2016; 8:00 am to not later than 3:00 pm.
- Where: Please contact one of the sources listed below, **after April 21**, 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 September 2, 2017. National Trails Day, June 3, 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.

Hike Aide 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)626-3566 (C); e- mail, [agreen.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:agreen.bsa@gmail.com)

### **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  
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## **Training Bulletin**