

# HAT HiLites

Greater Los Angeles Area Council

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## GLAAC Reopening Update

Restrictions on meetings and activities due to COVID-19 have been relaxed. Units should still encourage safe COVID practices which include minimizing close contact, wearing masks where the risk of transmission may be higher, hand washing and other sanitation measures, and emphasizing activities that are outdoors as much as possible.

For details on the above and the latest updates see the GLAAC website  
<https://www.glaacbsa.org/COVID-19>

- ❖ You can now buy all of our High Adventure awards, and some from other Councils too, directly from the GLAAC High Adventure Team. Just go to our website and click on the "Store" tab, <http://glaac-hat.org/store>.
- ❖ Due to COVID-19, Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Seminar will be held later this year.
- ❖ Adult Leader Backpack Training will be held in-person on September 10th to 12th. 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 18th. 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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**Awards store:** <<http://glaac-hat.org/store>>

## 3-Month Calendar

Sep 4	Trail Boss (Advanced)	
Sep 7	HAT Meeting *	
Sep 10-12	Adult Leader Backpack Training Seminar **	See attached flyer
Sep 18	Desert Camping and Travel Seminar **	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. During the coronavirus crisis we will be meeting virtually online. Contact Steve Dodson for details.

\*\* 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.

## Greater Los Angeles Area High Adventure Team 59<sup>th</sup> Adult Leaders Backpack Training-2021

### 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:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10-12 September 2021  
Weekend backpack outing to be arranged during the training sessions.

### TIME:

Friday 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,  
Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### LOCATION:

Cabrillo Youth Center, San Pedro.

### COST:

\$115 before August 27, \$125 after that.

### REGISTRATION:

**Online registration** with check, Paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register>. **Early registration is mandatory to ensure sufficient meals, snacks, and course materials.** Persons whose registration is received by 12 February will be sent a confirmation, map of location, and other details. For help with registration contact Charlie Wilson Director of Support Services/Camping (213) 413-4400 or email [charlie.wilson@scouting.org](mailto:charlie.wilson@scouting.org).

### MEALS:

Cracker barrel Friday, breakfast, lunch, dinner Saturday, breakfast Sunday.

### EQUIPMENT:

Compass, paper and pencil.

Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their gear and to camp (free) at the facility. Onsite camping reinforces the essentials of your training.

### MAXIMUM SIZE:

45 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](mailto: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>. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Michael Schlaifer; Vice Chair Training: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, [michael@schlaifer.com](mailto:michael@schlaifer.com).

## **Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2021**

- 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 18 September 2021  
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, 2333 Scout Way, 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 2021. 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 Charlie Wilson Director of Support Services/Camping (213) 413-4400 or email [charlie.wilson@scouting.org](mailto:charlie.wilson@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](mailto: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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