Verdugo Hills Council Roundtable Agenda
Thursday, August 14, 2025, 7-8:30 PM
Via Zoom

GENERAL OPENING (All Scouting Programs)

Welcome and Introductions .....Pierre Landry, Roundtable Commissioner

Announcements & Reminders ..... Craig Harris, Council Commissioner

C A L E N D A R R E M I N D E R S

Good Turn Award for Nancy Guillen .....Aug. 22 at Urban Press Winery, Burbank

Girls' 10-Mile Backpack Trip ..... Aug. 30-31 at Frazier Park

Wood Badge ..... Sep. 5-7 & Sep. 13-14 at Camp Verdugo Oaks

HAT Orienteering for Adult Leaders.....September 21 at CVO

Camporee ..... October 10-12 at CVO

Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training at Camporee.....October 11 at CVO

50th Big Strike Auction.....Oct. 17, 6-9 PM at Castaway Restaurant, Burbank

Merit Badge Weekend .....October 17-19 at CVO

HAT Backcountry Skills for Women ..... October 18-19 at TBD

Cub Scout Haunt ON .....October 24-26 at CVO

BALOO & IOLS .....Nov. 1-2 at CVO

Order of the Arrow Induction.....Nov. 7-9 at CVO

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National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) ..... Feb. 14-16, and Feb. 20-22 at CVO

National Jamboree.....July 22-31, 2026 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

P R O G R A M U P D A T E S

Scouts BSA Troop Online Self-Assessment Tool

Scouts BSA recently launched an online self-assessment tool for troops. Previously, this was a PDF form, but it is now available in an online format. The program is not a patch or recognition initiative but a resource to help leaders identify their unit's strengths and challenges, providing real-time resources and relevant information to address concerns. The self-assessment should complement the Commissioners of Scouting America connection guides and serve as an effective discussion point. More information can be found here.

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Upgrade to the Renewal Process

Starting this month, Scouting America will begin sending direct text reminders to members about upcoming renewals. These helpful reminders will be sent out 45 days before the membership expiration.

Messenger of Peace Program Guide

The Messenger of Peace program is a global initiative that encourages Scouts to take an active role in creating a better world. The program empowers young people to engage in community service, promote peace, and address local and global challenges through sustainable projects. Scouts participating in the program share their efforts to inspire others, fostering a global network of youth dedicated to positive change and peacebuilding. For more information, access the 2025 program guide here.

ROUNDTABLE TOPICS

Hot Topic. Transitioning from Scout to Adult Leader
Transitioning from being a Scout to becoming an adult leader is a significant step. Often, Scouts complete their youth program and then do not renew their membership unless they return later as parents. By encouraging these young adults to transition into leadership roles we can promote positive membership retention and create valuable opportunities for personal growth. We will share some tips.

Safety Moment. Keeping Your Food Safe
Foodborne illnesses are more common in the summer, thanks to warmer temperatures and less-than-perfect food handling. Whether you're hiking, camping, or cooking under the stars, planning your menu carefully and practicing safe food handling can keep your meals—and your Scouts— safe.

Membership Moment: Five Steps for an Open House
Open houses are a great way to attract new members to troops, crews, and ships. They all follow basically the same format, with a message tailored to the specific unit.

Cub Scout Leader Breakout: Welcoming New Families
New families are the lifeblood of a Cub Scout pack! As new families join, what can they expect from the pack? And what minimal expectations do you set for your pack's parents? We'll talk about how those expectations can be shared.

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Scout Troop Leader Breakout: Digital Merit Badges

We'll review the new digital merit badge pamphlet, upcoming merit badges for AI and Cybersecurity, an AI platform for sharing the information across merit badges, and the Merit Badge Test Lab. And we'll provide a preview of what's coming in the next few years as Scouting keeps current with our Scouts in the Digital Generation.