

# HAT HiLites

Los Angeles Area Council

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Boy Scouts of America

## Outdoor Updates

- ❖ The Grand High Adventure Maker Award is re-named the James L. Hawkins Award – very fitting.
- ❖ Congratulations to Bill Hirokawa, T719, Ron Santarosa, T276 and Tom Thorp, T849, Grand HAMS-2008.
- ❖ Powder Horn Training: May 29-31, June 5-7. Offered by Orange County Council, [www.powderhorn-bsa.org](http://www.powderhorn-bsa.org).
- ❖ Vehicle break-ins continue in Angeles Nat'l Forest; use drop-offs, rather than park at trailheads.
- ❖ Terrific article about restoration of Lower Owens River, LATimes, 3/11/-8, p B1; outdoor opportunities.
- ❖ Lots of poison oak, ticks, rattlesnakes, all the good stuff again this year. Be alert.
- ❖ Snow pack in the Sierras, late Feb., 118% of normal; last year at this time, 63%. LATimes, 3/3/08, p. A1.
- ❖ Don't know where you're at? Stay put, unless you can re-trace your route to a known point.
- ❖ Expect strict speed enforcement in Yosemite, particularly near Tuolumne. Got to protect the bears!
- ❖ Trail Boss tool storage and volunteer meetings to move to Hahamongua Watershed Park (you know it as Oak Grove Park) in La Canada, in the former Forest Service buildings. Much more convenient.
- ❖ Current info. about road closures in LA County; go to [www.ladpw.org/mpm/roadclosure](http://www.ladpw.org/mpm/roadclosure).
- ❖ Almost too late to register Scouts for Quest Beyond the Eagle; act now.
- ❖ Recruiting Staff for Quest-2008. Contact Gil Arevalo, 310-408-3773/ [gil\\_arevalo@hotmail.com](mailto:gil_arevalo@hotmail.com), or LAAC-Danette, 213-413-4400, x257.

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Quest Website < [www.questbeyondtheeagle.com](http://www.questbeyondtheeagle.com) >

## Future Events

Jul 5-Aug 9	Log Cabin Wilderness Camp programs	Council-Camping
Jul 22-Aug 3	Provisional Contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch – Trek 2008	Council-Camping
Jul 26-Aug 2	Log Cabin Provisional-Trek 2008	Council-HAT
Jul 14-26, 2009	Provisional Contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch – Trek 2009	Council-Camping

## 3-Month Calendar

Apr 1	HAT Meeting	
Apr 14	Rock Climbing & Rope Use/Rescue	Seminar
Apr 19	California Trails Day	Field Orientation
May 2-4	Rock Climbing & Rope Use/Rescue	Field Training
May 6	HAT Meeting	
May 7	Camping Program Kickoff-2008, LAAC Service Center	
May 10	Leave No Trace	Workshop
May 10	Trail Boss*	Field Training
May 17-18	Backcountry Navigation*	Field Training
Jun 3	HAT Meeting	
Jun 7	National Trails Day @ Red Box	Field Orientation
Jun28-Jul 12	Quest Beyond the Eagle	Council-HAT

\* Required to earn the LAAC-sponsored High Adventure Leader Award.

\*\* Weekend field experience to be scheduled at seminar.

**Note: HAT meetings are open to all registered adults, 7:30 P.M.** HAT meetings are currently being held at Western Federal Credit Union, 1899 Western Way, Torrance, just west of Western Ave., South of the 405. **They will return to the Scout Service Center with the meeting of May 6.**

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