

Communications Program

The Communications Program of the LAAC-High Adventure Team involves three elements: people, paper, and the Internet. LAAC-HAT several years ago examined how it was providing information to Unit leaders. The purpose was to determine what actions might be taken to improve its timeliness and to reach more Units within the Council. One of the results of this review is the e-mail messaging service, which should help with both of these matters. Providing the information on a timely basis to Unit Leaders that is useful to conducting a challenging High Adventure Program is a top priority of the LAAC-HAT. Suggestions as to how this may be improved are always appreciated.

District Representatives

These persons are our most important communications media. They are expected to attend both District and LAAC-HAT meetings and provide a two-way communication link for both groups. They will have information about upcoming High Adventure activities and events in which the Unit or its leaders can participate. They are a source of ideas and assistance about conducting an outdoor program. Get to know your District's.

Web Sites

A variety of materials about the activities of the LAAC-HAT are to be found on its web sites. They include recent issues of The Trail Head and HAT HiLites, the roster and calendar for the LAAC-HAT, Training Bulletins for upcoming sessions, selected Program Announcements, and other items regarding High Adventure. Its address is www.laac-hat.com. Bob Beach is the web master.

E-Mail Messaging Service

Persons who sign up for this service will be sent only materials specific to High Adventure and to the activities of the LAAC-HAT. The service is structured to be one way. Participants in this service can expect to receive HAT HiLites, Training Bulletins for sessions to be offered in the next 6-8 weeks, newly issued Program Announcements, and other High Adventure items on a regular basis. You can enroll in this service by contacting your District Representative or by e-mail to labsahat@juno.com. Just say, "Add me to LAAC-HAT e-mail service", and provide your name and District. You may withdraw at any time by sending a message that requests that you be removed.

HAT HiLites

A monthly, one page flier, distributed at District Roundtables and on the e-mail service, and posted on the web site. It contains a calendar of upcoming events and comments on current local hiking conditions and other outdoor-related matters.

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Program Announcements

Brief, detailed announcements about on-going, special, or limited duration activities, awards, backpack routes, etc. They may be stand-alone, or provide additional information about a matter that is covered in a Hike Aid or other publication. Currently available are:

6. TrailSaver Program.
7. ForestSaver Program.
10. Jim Spencer Conservation Award.
11. Gabrielino Award.
12. Golden Eaglet Mini-Long Term Award.
13. Conservation Awards.
16. Full Dimension High Adventure Training
18. Leave No Trace.
19. Ten Essentials-Plus.
20. High Adventure Literature.
21. Conservation Project Reservation.
22. Backpacker Award Application.
23. Philmont-200X.
25. The BSA Climbing/Rappelling Program.
26. The Trail Boss Program.
27. High Adventure Maker-200X.
28. Master Trail Builder-200X.
30. High Adventure E-mail Service.
31. Communications Program.
32. High Adventure Gateway -200X
33. Long-Term Trekking-200X
35. Lyle N. Whited Hiking Award
36. Quest Beyond the Eagle-200X
37. Climbing Award

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Announcements typically are distributed at LAAC-HAT events and District Roundtables.

Training Bulletins

These one-page documents contain the information about each of the training sessions of the LAAC-HAT. This includes a brief description of the training, its date, location, and registration fee. The bottom third is a detachable registration form, to be submitted to LAAC-Camping along with any fee. A bulletin is usually distributed 6-8 weeks before the training event. Hard copies will be available from District Representatives at Roundtable. It will be printed in The

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