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## Shoreline Lake & Pacific Skyline Council Launch Watersports Merit Badge Clinic

**New weekend courses, generated from recent partnership with Scouting America, aim to provide on-the-water opportunities for Bay Area Scouts to complete Merit Badge requirements.**

Mountain View, CA. March 19, 2026 – Shoreline Lake announced today they will hold a Watersports Merit Badge Clinic on April 18-19, 2026 (10am-1pm, both days) at the Boathouse. Developed in conjunction with Scouting America's Pacific Skyline Council, this Clinic offers Scouts access to certified and experienced instructors, in a warmer, more protected outdoor environment than the Bay.

Allowing Scouts to complete requirements for either the Canoeing or Small-Boat Sailing Merit Badges, the two courses will be held concurrently (Participants may register for one track only.). Scouts completing the Sailing Merit Badge receive an additional benefit – this track covers skills and concepts from Shoreline Lake's introductory US Sailing curriculum.

"We are excited to collaborate with the Pacific Skyline Council in creating and hosting this custom Clinic," says Chris Nicol, Shoreline Lake's Boathouse manager and senior sailing instructor. "A natural fit with our Kids' Programs, this partnership helps Scout groups, of all ages, to not only access dedicated programs tailored towards earning Merit Badges, but also for earning Training Awards."

A component of this new partnership, the Clinic is one of a number of customizable Scouting Programs available at Shoreline Lake (The others also include 1- or 2-day options for kayaking, stand up paddleboarding and rowing.). To ensure a low instructor to Scout ratio, space is limited and Clinic registration closes on April 10 – a waitlist option is available if new registrations are placed on hold.

"Besides showing strong support among our Scouting families, Shoreline Lake's partnership yields an opportunity for designing structured skills-based watersports instruction," says Chris Rieseberg, District Executive – Redwood, Scouting America, Pacific Skyline Council. "Plus, this alliance enhances our ability to deliver the high-quality outdoor adventures that build character, leadership, and resilience."

More Clinic details can be found on the Pacific Skyline Council Registration page. For questions regarding Scouting options at Shoreline Lake, please visit their Scouting Programs page or contact the Kids' Programs staff (boathouse@shorelinelake.com and 650.965.7474).

About Shoreline Lake
Headquartered in Mountain View, CA, Silicon Shores Corporation oversees operations of the Shoreline Lake Boathouse at the Shoreline at Mountain View wildlife and recreation area. Silicon Shores manages the facilities through a leasing arrangement with the City of Mountain View, which owns the Shoreline Lake park area. This private company, established in 2000, is incorporated in California. For more information, please go to: https://shorelinelake.com

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