



# Phoenix District Newsletter – April 6, 2017

## PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

[www.phoenix.shac.org](http://www.phoenix.shac.org)

### April

6 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting  
7-9 - SHAC 17-2 - Wood Badge Weekend Two  
7-9, 28-30 - Powder Horn - High Adventure Training  
22 - Merit Badge University (New Date)

### May

4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting  
6 - Scout Fair

### June

4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting  
19-23 - Cub Scout Day Camp

### Council Training

#### Wood Badge – 2017

Take part in Scouting's most advanced training course, focusing on Leadership and Team Development. Wood Badge provides the ultimate training for hundreds of thousands of leaders around the world. **More info:** <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/wood-badge>

S3-576-17-2     September 8-10 and October 6-8, 2017 (Fri-Sun)  
S3-576-17-3     September 14-16 and October 12-14, 2017 (Thurs-Sat)

#### Powder Horn – April 7-9 & April 28-30, 2017

Powder Horn is an action-packed, hands-on, six-day course which helps Scouts and Scouters learn how to implement high adventure activities into their troop, crew or ship. Powder Horn is designed to introduce and expose Venturing, Sea Scout and Boy Scout adult and youth leaders to the activities, training and resources necessary to manage a successful outdoor or high adventure unit-level program. The course spans two, three-day weekends. The first weekend will be held at Tellepsen Scout Ranch and the second weekend will be held in Galveston.



**More info:** <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/powder-horn>

### NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

Gray Kelon Morley - Crew 1333  
Kevin Robert Mechler - Troop 1324  
Charles Thomas Herd - Troop 1323  
Joshua Eric Blackham - Crew 1244  
Jackson Dale Lightfoot - Troop 1333  
Sterling Allen Hendrix - Troop 87  
Christopher Scott Pilkington - Troop 87

### Friends of Scouting



Friends of Scouting is an opportunity for families, friends, alumni, businesses and community organizations to support Scouting. The \$24 registration fee goes directly to the national office of the Boy Scouts of America. If a Scout unit collects dues, that money stays with the unit to help pay for supplies, advancements and other activities. None of that money helps the Sam Houston Area Council. In order to keep Scouting affordable for all youth, the council runs an annual Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign.

Friends of Scouting contributions provide approximately 24% of the support the council receives each year. Please help Scouting provide the resources necessary to make sure every youth can benefit from Scouting's fun, exciting, adventure-filled activities that foster character, honesty, respect and life-long values.

For more information, contact [David.Gibson619@gmail.com](mailto:David.Gibson619@gmail.com)

### News!!! Cub Scout Advancement Modifications

The BSA has announced modifications to adventure requirements in response to feedback from den leaders who have run the new Cub Scouting program for a year. Dens may begin using the modified requirements immediately as they begin working on their next adventure. For additional information go to <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/programupdates.aspx>

### News from National

#### Tour and Activity Plan Terminated National 04/01/2017

The Tour and Activity Plan has been terminated. For answers to questions you may have regarding the rationale and process for the termination, please read the Tour and Activity Plan FAQ at [www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx)

### Events

#### Cub Scout Day Camp – Save the Date! June 19-23



Day/Twilight camp is an opportunity for Scouts entering 1st - 5th grade during the next school year. Scouts will have a wild time on the safari adventure making new friends, earning rank advancements and participating in BB guns, archery, sports, skills, and crafts. The registration fee is \$66.50 for the first Scout and \$65 for each addition Scout and includes a t-shirt, patch, program supplies, and a water bottle. Camp is being held at Burrough's Park (9738 Huffsmith Rd, Tomball, TX 77375).

### Scouting For Food Patches

If you haven't received your patches for Scouting for Food 2017, please contact Montye at [mholmes@hirschwest.com](mailto:mholmes@hirschwest.com) or cell 281-782-9779.



#### Scout Fair – May 6 – 10:00-3:00 Minute Maid Park

Scouts and the entire family will enjoy visiting hundreds of booths with fun activities and crafts, learning Scout skills, meeting new friends and tasting the delicious outdoor cooking. At Scout Fair, Scouts of all ages converge to showcase their Scouting skills. Meet leaders and Scouts from your neighborhood. Sample the amazing dutch oven creations and other delicacies in the outdoor cooking area. Visit the midway with over 90 experts representing merit badges. Watch demonstrations, interact with participating booths from our community partners. Open to the public. Admission is free (parking fees apply).

## Scout Fair Continued . . .

Scout Fair Coupon Books are a brilliant way for units to raise money and prepare Scouts to earn their own way! The Scout Fair coupon book offers great savings for the buyer, while Scouts earn commissions for every \$10 coupon book purchased. Buyers support the Scouting program while receiving over \$600 in valuable savings from partners such as Kroger, Sonic, Bass Pro, Goodyear and more. All units receive a 30% base commission for each \$10 Scout Fair Coupon Book sold, for funds turned in on or before May 6, 2017. Participate at Scout Fair, as either a service unit or booth participant, and earn an additional 10% commission. Scouts who sell at least 217 Scout Fair coupon books will receive an additional bonus of two tickets to an Astros game, hat, and a souvenir bag.

For questions, please contact Sarah Matthews at 281-755-5824 or Kjjc16@hotmail.com

## Merit Badge University - April 22 - 7:30am-5:00pm Lone Star College, University Park 20515 SH 249

Merit Badge University is a Boy Scout advancement opportunity open to any registered Scout. A Scout has the opportunity to earn Two to Three merit badges at MBU. These are not "give-away" merit badges; and MBU is not a "merit badge factory." Each Scout is expected to fulfill ALL the requirements by attending classes and doing pre-requisites. Scouts are expected to participate fully in order to receive full credit for their Merit Badges.

Leadership Merit Badge Counselor Search continues: signuption (at <http://goo.gl/5Uy1Su>). 2017 MBU is prioritizing Eagle Required and STEM topics that are in high demand from our current scouts. Fees are \$20 for the day, \$25 if you are registered for the First Aid/ Swimming / Lifesaving course. Courses will run in a four hour format, Registration at 6:30 am, closing by 5 pm.

Scout Troops Leaders are encourage. Registration is now open (at <https://goo.gl/QKcoJt>). Registration will close on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Open to all SHAC Scouts.

\*\*\* All units must contact PhoenixDistrictMBU@gmail.com to request a username and password prior to registering for this event. There will be one account given to each Troop / Crew\*\*\*

## Camping - Cub Scout Camping

### Day Camp

- Day Camp is open to all registered Cub Scouts (including Kindergarten graduates)
- 27 camps are offered around the council in June. Scouts can attend any camp.
- Activities typically include BB guns, archery, sports, crafts, nature and Scout skills.
- Scouts make new friends and earn rank advancements.



## Camping (cont.)

### Adventure Camp

- Adventure Camp is a weekend camp out for Cub Scouts and their families at Bovay Scout Ranch
- Admission covers three meals in the air-conditioned dining hall.
- Weekends this spring include the following:
  - April 7-9. April 28-30
  - May 19-21

For more info, contact: Daniel DeMaranville, Camping Chair - demaran@sbcglobal.net

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

### Phoenix Chapter



Colonneh Lodge #137

<http://www.colonneh.org>

Order of the Arrow (OA)

<http://www.aa-bsa.org/>

### Dues

Dues: 2017 Dues are now able to be paid online!! Your \$15 annual dues help our Chapter & Lodge with essential program resources! To pay now visit: [www.aa-samhoustonbsa.org/dues](http://www.aa-samhoustonbsa.org/dues)

### Arrow of Light Teams

AOL Teams are practicing for ceremonies over the next two months. There is still room to participate in these ceremonies. If you would like to be on one of the teams contact Jeremiah Farrell at [bullfrog01@att.net](mailto:bullfrog01@att.net)

### Chapter of the Year

The Phoenix chapter won Chapter of the Year for this previous year!! WAY TO GO PHOENIX!!!!

<http://www.aa-bsa.org/> - the Official National OA Web Site.  
<http://www.colonneh.org/> - the Official Colonneh Lodge Web Site.  
<http://www.aggiecorps.org/programs/AggieEagles/> - Aggie Eagle Program

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