



## Phoenix District Newsletter - August 6, 2015

### PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

[www.phoenixbsa.org](http://www.phoenixbsa.org)

#### August

- 15 - Cub Scout Program Updates (Council)
- 14-16 - Venturing Extravaganza
- 18 - Popcorn Kickoff (for unit popcorn kernels)
- 31 - Last day to redeem 2015 Scout Fair prizes

#### September

- 3 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 - Advancement Academy (Council)
- 18-19 - Outdoor Leader Training
- 26 - Cub-o-ree

#### October

- 1 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 3 - Leader Specific Training
- 16-18 - Fun with Son (Council)
- 23-25 - Webelos Woods
- 27 - Council Recognition Reception (Silver Beaver)

#### NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

##### June:

- Ethan William Roberts - Troop 87
- Aaron Michael Hair - Crew 1244
- Rylan Michael Hair - Team 1244
- Donald Henry Fishel - Troop 111
- Zachary Christopher Norton - Troop 1333
- Alec T. Smith - Troop 1550

##### July:

- William Ross Stegemeier - Troop 1324
- Julian Bustamante - Troop 1323
- Max Colin Hall Brown - Team 1244
- Tanner John Hecker - Team 1491
- Ross William Burgett - Troop 1333
- David Joseph Casagrande - Troop 1333
- Kyle Tanner Sestak - Troop 1324

#### FLAG CEREMONY TEAMS NEEDED !

If you would like to have your Unit provide the opening flag ceremony for a Roundtable in 2015, please contact me to get on the schedule. I'd like to have a cross-section of Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews participating this year.

Kevin Renfro, Phoenix District Commissioner  
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#### New Web Site

Council is now providing our web site support. You can use the direct link [phoenix.shac.org](http://phoenix.shac.org) or you can go to [samhoustonbsa.org](http://samhoustonbsa.org) and select the Phoenix District from the District dropdown.

We are currently working on a new way to email since the council web site does not include an e-blast feature. Until we have something in place, be sure to update your calendar with district and council activities (especially Roundtable!). You will want to visit this site a few times a month so you don't miss any great information!

#### Training

##### District Training

##### Outdoor Leader Training - 9/18-9/19

- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) for Boy Scout leaders - Saturday-Sunday
- Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders - Saturday
- Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Scout Leaders - Saturday

##### Leader Specific Training - 10/3

- Den Chief Training
- Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters Basic Leader Training
- Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training
- Venturing Advisor Training
- Classroom Facilitated YPT

##### Council Training

##### Cub Scout Program Updates - August 15 - 9-11am

Experience the NEW Cub Scout Adventure Program. The Cub Scout program is changing! Come and learn all about the new exciting changes that went into effect June 1, 2015! All Cub Scout leadership, parents, den leaders, committee members, and unit commissioners are invited to attend. There is no charge to attend and is being held at the Cockrell Scout Center (2225 North Loop West, Houston, TX 77008).

##### Wood Badge - 2015

- S3-576-15-2 September 18-20 and October 16-18, 2015 (Fri-Sun)
- S3-576-15-3 October 29-31 and December 3-5, 2015 (Thurs-Sat)

##### Advancement

##### Advancement Academy - September 12 8:00am-3:00pm

Advancement Academy is a training for unit advancement chairs, committee members, unit leaders and district advancement committee members. Instructors will discuss advancements for all Scouts, training requirements and recent advancement updates and changes. To register, go to [www.samhoustonbsa.org/advancement-academy](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/advancement-academy).

##### Popcorn Kickoff - August 18

Selling gourmet popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting. **Why Sell?** • Increase your unit income - 73% stays in the local area • Scouts learn life lessons by "earning their own way" • There are loads of incentives including cool prizes and college scholarships



**Popcorn Training:** One representative per unit should attend the popcorn kick-off on August 18, 2015, at the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS (16535 Kleinwood Dr.) at 7:00 pm. Unit leaders will receive, sales materials, training, tools and will also find out what's new this year (e.g., accept credit card payments with SQUARE). For more information, contact Kerin Farrell.

## Cub Scout Fall Recruiting

Did you know that 46% of families have never been asked to join Scouting? Based on a recent national survey you can see how Scouts and families find out about Scouting. 68% are asked by a Scout, friend, volunteer or the charter organization to join. What can we do to ask the 46% who have never been asked to join? Utilize the BSA's Build an Adventure and Badge of Honor resources. Ideas on how to produce a successful fall recruiting campaign:

- School visits (classrooms, lunchrooms, recess, etc.).
- Send flyers home from school to all prospective members.
- Posters in schools, businesses, community organizations, etc.
- Put Cub Scouting messages on marquees at schools, subdivisions, and businesses.
- Set up a booth at "Meet the Teacher" nights, open houses and charter partner.
- Post yard signs in every Cub Scout family's yard.
- Public address announcement at the school on the day of the rally.
- Articles in local newspapers, subdivision newsletters, and chartered partner newsletters.
- Have Cub Scouts wear their uniforms on the day of the rally.
- Plan a second event (e.g., pack meeting) to invite prospective Cub Scouts. Use the second chance flyers.

## Events

### Venturing Extravaganza - August 14-16

The Venturing Extravaganza is the end-of-the-summer activity for all Venturers, Sea Scouts and your friends who are thinking about joining the program. Make it a full weekend or part of the weekend. Venturers can camp, or just enjoy a long, summer day. The Venturing Extravaganza is being held at Bovay Scout Ranch and offers a chance to relax, do as much, or as little as you want, visit with old friends and make new friends, enjoy meals prepared for you, and of course, engage in a lot of fun activities. See SamHoustonBSA.org for registration and more information.



### Scout Day with the Astros - September 6



Join the Houston Astros celebrate Scout Day at Minute Maid Park. Arrive early to participate in a pregame parade and stay late for a post game run around the bases! To order tickets, go to

SamHoustonBSA.org. For orders of 20 or more and to save on service charges contact Brent Broussard at (713) 259-8316. The first 2000 Scouts will receive a Scout Day Patch. For more information contact Brent Broussard at (713) 259-8316 or Broussard@astros.com.

### Cub-o-Ree - September 26 - 10:00am-3:00pm



Cub-o-ree is an action-packed day for Cub Scouts. Get your teams ready for an Olympic size day of fun games, archery, BB shooting and activities. The day will include outdoor challenges and activities for the new program. Cub-o-ree will be held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (14301 Stuebner Airline Road).

## Camping

In order to assist Council on the Journey to Excellence, we need some camping information.



1. If you went out of Council to a Day Camp, Resident Camp, Summer Camp, or a High Adventure. Where did you go?
2. If you did your own Summer Camp and not a BSA Camp. Where did you go? How many youth/adults participated?

If you went to Cima, we have those numbers already, but if you did Sea Base, Northern Tier, or Philmont also, we need those numbers.

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/>

### **The Phoenix OA needs you!!**

We are celebrating 100 years of the OA!!! We need to be the "living embodiment of our foundation!!" as our National Chief, Alex Call said just Wednesday night (8/4/15) at the NOAC 2015 conference!!

Phoenix Arrowmen, we need you to help take our legacy into the next century, by being the example of the admonition to those who are coming into this great order!

Let the Vice Chiefs know you're coming!!! It helps us prepare!!!

- Aug.6-Chapter Meeting- 6:45 Kleinwood LDS
- Aug.9-Ceremony Practice-5 pm Charterwood MUD
- Aug.13-Ceremony Practice-7 pm Charterwood MUD
- Aug..16-OA Election/Rep Training 2 til 8:30 pm-Council
- Aug. 27-Double Dave's- 5 PM VC PowWow
- Aug 27-Double Dave's-6 pm Pizza BASH
- Sept.11-12- Ordeal Weekend

Contact YOUR Chapter Chief Matthew Adkins @

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Reach our National Chief Alex Call by contacting him on Twitter with #daretodo

Share your inspiration for being an honor scout/scout leader.

<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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