



Phoenix District Newsletter - February 4, 2016
PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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February

- 1 - Scout Fair Coupon Book Sales Begin
- 4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 6 - Scouting for Food - Food Pick Up
- 7 - Scout Sunday
- 12 - Quarterly Business Meeting
- 13 - University of Scouting
- 26-28 - Camp-o-ree

March

- 3 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 4-5 - Outdoor Leader Training
- 18-20 - Wood Badge 16-1 Weekend 1

April

- 3 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 8-10 - Wood Badge 16-1 Weekend 2
- 8-10, 22-24 - Powder Horn
- 16 - Scout Fair

NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

Jacob Mathew Mani	Troop 626
Jonathan Westley Ohl	Troop 626
Osama Ahmed Shuja	Troop 321
Hamzah Ghanem Hajyounes	Troop 321
Nicholas Aaron Tamez	Troop 1333
Aaron Kelly Abbott	Crew 332
Richard Mark Ellsworth	Troop 531
James Vernon Young IV	Troop 1324
Nathanel Jon Duty	Troop 626
Park Glen Anderson	Crew 1927
Ricardo Rodriguez	Team 439

Changes in District Professional Staff

We have a new District Director for Phoenix District! Please welcome Stephen DeLeon as the new District Director, the lead Scouting professional for our Phoenix District. Stephen has been a professional Scouter with the SHAC for the past 8+ years, having previously served as District Executive for Eagle Trail District and Senior District Executive for the Skyline District for 4 years. He was born and raised in Houston, graduating from Stafford HS and the University of Houston.

Stephen's contact information is as follows:

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- Office: 713-756-3394
- Fax: 713-865-9149
- Cell: 713-726-6246

Friends of Scouting

It's time to schedule your 2016 FOS presentation. Please contact David Gibson with the date of your Spring Court of Honor or your Blue and Gold banquet. His email is david.gibson619@gmail.com and phone is 281-221-0928.

District Training

(see details and sign up at phoenix.shac.org)

2/20/16 Leader Position Specific Training for Cubmasters & Scoutmasters at Trinity Lutheran Church

3/04-05/16 Outdoor Leader Training

- IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)
- OLSWL (Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders)
- BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) at Spring Creek Park in Tomball

Council Training

Wood Badge - 2016

- S3-576-16-1 March 18-20 and April 8-10 (Fri-Sun)
- S3-576-16-2 September 8-10 and October 13-15 (Thurs-Sat)
- S3-576-16-3 September 16-18 and October 21-23 (Fri-Sun)

University of Scouting - February 13

University of Scouting is a day of training for leaders of all program areas to come together for a day of fun, fellowship and learning. For more information, go to www.shac.org/uos.

Powder Horn - April 8-10 and April 22-24

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. Would you like to expose your troop, crew or ship to rock climbing, geocaching, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, firefighting, search and rescue, trekking in a different countries, mountain biking, fly fishing, canoeing, wilderness first aid, astronomy, shooting sports, equestrian, NYLT, Sea Scouts, the Kodiak Challenge, and more?



Youth Training - NYLT - Bovay Scout Ranch

- Week 1: June 5-10, 2016
- Week 2: June 12-17, 2016

Scouting for Food



A Cub Scout promises to "give goodwill" and a Boy Scout promises "to help other people at all times." There is no better way to show our Scouting Spirit than by participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive! Now is the time to show our community the Scouting values of being loyal, helpful, kind and cheerful.

In partnership with the Houston Food Bank and "Souper Bowl of Caring," this council-wide service project begins Saturday, January 30, 2016 as Scouts distribute door hangers in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Scouts return the following Saturday, February 6, 2016, to pick up and deliver donations to their local food banks and pantries.

Scout Fair and Coupon Book Sales

District Kickoff for Scout Fair coupon books was a success! If you were not able to pick up your books at the kickoff, we will have them available for you at February Roundtable. You may also turn in any money collected at this time or check out more books if needed. Each Thursday we will have turn in opportunities, for February 11th, 18th, and 25th you may turn in money at Trinity Lutheran Church (FLC), 5201 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring, TX 77379 starting at 7:00 p.m. The March 3rd turn in will be at March Roundtable. This will also be the deadline for the 5% bonus commission. Please encourage your scouts to get out and sell coupon books and don't forget to register for a booth or service unit to get the extra 10% commission!

Please see the Scout Fair Leaders page for additional info:
<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/scout-fair-leader-page>
Contact: Sheresa Barron

Camp-o-ree - February 26-28

Tellepsen Scout Camp - 3450 County 317, Navasota, TX 77868
For questions, contact Korey Soderberg at bsatroop1333@gmail.com

Camp-o-ree is a weekend campout for troops. Patrols compete in various competitions and are judged on leadership, teamwork, skill demonstration and Scout spirit. Registration is done by Troops at www.phoenix.shac.org. Troops need to RSVP with an approximate head count for planning purposes. Additional Scouts and adults can be added at check-in. Camp-o-ree packet is available on the Phoenix Microsite. Payment to be made at Phoenix Roundtable Jan. 7 and Feb. 4.

\$ 15 - Scouts \$ 5 - Adults
\$ 30 - High Adventure program (scouts 14 and up)

Patrols will be divided into three groups:

First year Scouts program. This group includes new Scouts, Scout rank, Tenderfoot, and Second Class. Scouts will be trained on each skill and then will compete in the following: knots/lashings, orienteering, cooking, fire building, first aid, fitness.

Second Year Scouts program. This group includes Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Scouts will compete in the following: knots/lashings, orienteering, cooking, fire building, first aid, Scout games. The competitions for third years Scouts will be slightly more challenging.

Third year Scouts program. This group includes First Class, Star and Life. Scouts will compete in the following: knots/lashings, orienteering, cooking, fire building, first aid, Scout games. The competitions for third years Scouts will be slightly more challenging than for the second year program competition.

High adventure program. Older Scouts (ages 14 and up) can participate in shooting sports, archery and climbing.

Campmaster Program

Do you consider the "OUT" in ScOUTing to be an important part of the BSA program? Have you enjoyed weekend camping at any of the Sam Houston Area Council camps? Would you be willing to help others get the same enjoyable experience? Can you commit just two weekends per year to helping others? If so, then the new SHAC Campmaster Corps is the place for you! Teams are now being formed for Camp Brosig, McNair Cub Adventure Camp and Tellepsen Scout Camp at Bovay Scout Ranch.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org and go to Camping then to Campmaster for more info.

Camping

Cub Scouts:

Organized camping is a creative, educational experience in cooperative group living in the outdoors. It uses the natural surroundings to contribute significantly to physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth. Cub Scouting offers camping opportunities for Cub Scouts through day camps, resident camps, Webelos den overnight campouts, council-organized family camps, and pack overnights.



Troops, Teams, Crews, Ships:

If you still are looking for a summer camp please keep El Rancho Cima as a possible summer camp destination.

Daniel DeMaranville, Camping Chair - demaran@sbcglobal.net

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Phoenix Chapter

Colonneh Lodge #137

Order of the Arrow (OA)

<http://www.colonneh.org>

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



Arrow of Light Season is in progress!! Request your ceremony dates on the Phoenix Website.

Order of the Arrow ORDEALS- If you were elected during the 2015 Election Season, you may complete your Ordeal any time during the 2016 Calendar year. See our website for available dates. www.aa-bsa.org

There will be a Callout at Camporee. Please see the OA Representatives at check in!!

April 1-3 is Arrowman Bash at Bovay Scout Ranch. This is an awesome opportunity to complete your Ordeal, then join the Arrowmen for a great time Saturday night!!

www.aa-bsa.org to register

For Questions: Contact either Chapter Chief Ethan Roberts or Chapter Adviser Rhonda Bill

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www.aa-bsa.org/ - the Official National OA Web Site.

www.colonneh.org/ - the Official Colonneh Lodge Web Site.

www.aggiecorps.org/programs/AggieEagles/ - Aggie Eagle Program

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<http://phoenix.shac.org/communications>