



Phoenix District Newsletter – February 1, 2018

PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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February

- 1 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting
- 3 - Scouting for Food - Food Pick Up
- 9 - Quarterly Business Meeting-Klein ISD Police Building
- 16-17 - Outdoor Leader Training

March

- 1 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting
- 2-3 - Camporee
- 24 - Spring University of Scouting

April

- 5 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 - Scout Fair

NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

Austin Douglas Hecker - Troop 1491
Joseph Conner Bowering - Troop 78

Council Training

Wood Badge – 2018

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>

- SHAC 18-1 March 16-18 and April 6-8 (Fri-Sun)

Powder Horn – 2018

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.

- Weekend #1 is April 6-8, 2018 (Tellepsen Scout Ranch)
- Weekend #2 is April 20-22, 2018 (Galveston)

District/Council/Community Events

Merit Badge Counselors:

Please double check your MBC status in Scoutbook! If you discover you are no longer listed as a MBC, you need to file a new Adult Application, MBC Application and provide a copy of your current YPT certificate to Merit Badge Coordinator Kerin Farrell (onejanedoe@att.net). If you do not yet have access to Scoutbook, contact Kerin and she can verify your MBC status. Please include your unit/unit number with all correspondence and advise if you are counseling for all youth or just for your unit.

Scouting for Food

February 3, 2018 (food pick up)

Scouting for Food is a council-wide service project to care for people in our local communities who are hungry and those in need. Scouts will pick up food and deliver donations to their local food banks and pantries. For questions, please contact Patricia Keo at patriciakeo@gmail.com

SHAC to provide Scoutbook

Beginning in 2018, Sam Houston Area Council will pay for Scoutbook for all volunteer-run packs and troop. If your unit already uses Scoutbook, don't pay for 2018. If your unit doesn't use Scoutbook, instructions for how to sign up will be provided soon.

Scoutbook Training

February 10, 2018 | 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

The first council-wide opportunity to learn Scoutbook will be conducted at the Cockrell Scout Center from 8:00 - noon for basic users, and from 1:00 - 2:00 for merit badge counselors. The training will begin with a general session, followed by breakouts specializing in user areas (parents, unit leader, advancement chair). Following a lunch break (bring your own), the training will continue with an orientation on how to use the merit badge counselor functions in Scoutbook (for troops). This training is free and open to any registered adults in the council and parents of Scouts. Please register for the appropriate breakout session so we can plan workspaces accordingly.

Harris County Precinct 4 TAP Scout Day at KMP Feb. 17 9am-1pm-Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

You are invited to participate in a day of outdoor recreation and education! Harris County PCT 4 will host a meet and greet with some of our local politicians. Commissioner Cagle will be the keynote speaker at 9am. This is an opportunity to complete a few of the requirements for Citizenship merit badges.

We will then break into groups to rotate through stations set up by Trails as Parks highlighting four of the merit badge classes that will be hosted during the coming year:

- Environmental Science/Ecology
- Fishing
- Nature walk / Forestry
- Archery

Join us for four, 45 minute activities that will touch upon at least one requirement for each badge. Scout day is meant to give Scouts a taste of what is available in their local parks and what is offered for outdoor recreation and education.

Phoenix District Camporee – March 2-3, 2018

Theme : Raiders of the Lost Treasure Camp

Camporee 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. Registration is a two-step process. The cost is \$15 per Scout and \$5 per adult. Registration opens in February. Program includes: knife throwing, ax throwing, hockey, archery, shooting sports, obstacle courses, and team building activities.

Schedule:

- Friday 6:00 - 9:00 pm - Registration and camp set-up
- Saturday - camporee activities
- Sunday, 9:30 - 11 am - check-out and departure

University of Scouting – March 24, 2018

Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men
1700 Gregg St, Houston, TX 77020

University of Scouting is a training for leaders of all program areas to come together for a day of fun, fellowship and learning. University of Scouting has over 100 different classes, presented by some of the most experienced volunteers in the council covering leader specific training, information on how to train youth, conservation, program ideas and more. University of Scouting also offers several youth courses. The Spring University of Scouting Training Opportunity is now available for online registration.



2018 Scout Fair Schedule Dates, Times and Locations

- ***Kroger Booth Sign Up Link - (opens TBD at 2:00 pm) The registration link will be posted on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SHAC.BSA/>
- 2-1-18 - Roundtable Pick Up/Turn-In - 6536 Kleinwood Dr, Spring, TX 77379 7-8pm
- 2-12-18 - Turn-In - Fellowship of Champions 16707 Squyres Rd, Spring TX 77379 7-8pm
- 3-1-18 - Roundtable Turn-In (5% Bonus Deadline) - 6536 Kleinwood Dr, Spring, TX 77379 7-8pm
- 3-12-18 - Turn-In - Fellowship of Champions 16707 Squyres Rd, Spring TX 77379 7-8pm
- 3-26-18 - Turn-In (3% Bonus Deadline) - Fellowship of Champions 16707 Squyres Rd, Spring TX 77379 7-8pm
- 3-31-18 - Deadline to sign-up for a booth or as a service unit to receive 10% participation commission
- 4-5-18 - Roundtable Final Turn-In (1% Bonus Deadline) - 6536 Kleinwood Dr, Spring, TX 77379 7-8pm
- 4-14-18 - Scout Fair - NRG Area 10am-3pm (\$12 parking)

Booths are set up on Friday, April 13, 2018, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm or on Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 8:00 - 10:00 am

Merit Badge U (June 9, 2018* - New Date)

Merit Badge University (MBU) is an opportunity for Boy Scouts or Venturers, of any rank, to work on several merit badges. Merit badge counselors are needed to run the merit badge classes.

The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Boy Scout advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communications)—as a merit badge counselor, you can play a vital role in stirring a young man's curiosity about that particular topic.

Please contact Kat Amundsen at phoenixmbu@gmail.com to become a volunteer for the day this month.

Camping

Cub Scouts:

Resident camp is a three-night campout at Bovay Scout Ranch for Cub Scouts entering the first through fifth grades the following school year. Cub Scouts attending resident camp are also encouraged to register for day camp, as the advancements offered at resident camp add to those offered at day camp. Resident camp includes activities such as riding BMX bikes, shooting archery and BB guns, playing sports, canoeing, fishing, making crafts, learning about STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), exploring nature, stargazing, branding, and splashing in the pool.

Boy Scout Summer Camp 2018

Council plans are not to conduct Boy Scout summer resident camp in 2018 at one of our camp properties and instead assist our Boy Scout troops to find a suitable summer resident camp at another council's camp to meet their needs. There are many other local

Council camps in the Texas region. We have partnered with the Capitol Area Council headquartered in Austin, Texas for troops to consider their Boy Scout summer camp program at Lost Pines Scout Reservation, located in Bastrop, Texas. The Capitol Area Council has expanded their Lost Pines Boy Scout Summer Camp season in 2018 to accommodate our troops.

Also, we will continue to provide campership assistance for our Scouts in need to participate in a Boy Scout summer resident camp program if they attend the Lost Pines Boy Scout Summer Camp in 2018. Registration opens in September.



ORDER OF THE ARROW **Phoenix Chapter**

Colonneh Lodge #137
Order of the Arrow (OA)

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

DUES for 2018 are now open for payment online: www.colonneh.org

Phoenix is pleased to announce our New Chapter Adviser, Fred Himburg (Troop 626). Fred is a longtime friend of Colonneh Lodge and is a Vigil Honor Member. He served as Chapter Chief in the Polaris District and was Lodge Chief for Colonneh Lodge. His passion for scouting, ceremonies and dancing will be a huge asset in our Chapter! Welcome Fred!! After, 5 years of leadership in the Phoenix District serving as Chapter Adviser, Rhonda Bill will continue to serve the OA as a Phoenix Associate Adviser. We thank her for her continued support of the Chapter and the District.

Scouting for Food 2018- Arrowmen, when you are done serving with your units, join us at NAM where the Phoenix OA Chapter will lead the collection and sorting process. This will be our first service project of 2018!! Collection at NAM will begin at 9:30 and last until approximately 2 pm. After the fun we'll gather at Fellowship of Champions for Pizza and AOL Practices. Anyone interested in Ceremonies should attend. Please RSVP to Ms. Bill if you can attend. We need 9 youth or adults to be at there for a few hour shifts. Thanks for your CHEERFUL service.

Ordeals - Congratulations to all of the newly elected members of the Phoenix Chapter. You may now complete your membership Ordeal. You should be receiving a letter from the Lodge with more information. Registration and information are available at oa.samhoustonbsa.org/ordeals.

2018 Arrow of Light Ceremonies- Register on the Website. <http://phoenix.shac.org/request-aol>
<http://www.aa-bsa.org/> - the Official National OA Web Site.
<http://www.aa.samhoustonbsa.org> - the Official Colonneh Lodge Web Site.

2018 Officer Elections

Chapter Chief- Zachary White
VChief- Admin. Daniel Turcotte
VChief Service- Arman Tavali
VChief Ceremony Teams- Jeremiah Farrell
VChief Communications-Vacant
VChief Native American Team-Vacant

Fred Himburg-Phoenix Chapter Adviser- himburs@sbcglobal.net
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Kerin Farrell-Associate Adviser-Membership onejanedoe@att.net