



## Phoenix District Newsletter - January 7, 2016

### PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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

#### January

- 23 - District Dinner (Volunteer Recognition)
- 28 - Scout Fair kick off meeting
- 30 - Scouting for Food - Door Hanger Distribution

#### February

- 1 - Scout Fair Coupon Book Sales Begin
- 4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 6 - Scouting for Food - Food Pick Up
- 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

**William Robert Sherwood - Troop 1333**

#### Commissioner's Corner

RECHARTER was officially due in December, but if you're still working to get it completed, or have some problems that you need to correct to get it finalized and approved, please let us help you.

Online recharter training or assistance is available at <http://phoenix.shac.org/home> on our District home page under Recharter.

If you have any questions, please contact your Unit Commissioner, Asst District Commissioners, or District Commissioner. Contact information for your Commissioner staff volunteers can be found on the Phoenix District website.

Remember, the top Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Crew Advisor, etc) must be fully position trained as a pre-requisite for your unit to successfully rechartered, and all adult leaders must be up-to-date on YPT training for their positions.

Kevin Renfro, Phoenix District Commissioner  
[kevin.renfro@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.renfro@gmail.com)

#### Changes in District Staff

Our District Director, Stuart Goins, has accepted a new position as Assistant Scout Executive with the Norwela Council in Shreveport, Louisiana effective January 1, 2016. Stuart started his Scouting career as a district executive in the Evangeline Area Council, Lafayette, LA in 2007. He then joined the Sam Houston Area Council in 2010 serving as a senior district executive and district director. This is a promotion for Stuart and we send him to his new council with our congratulations and wishes for continued success.

Until Stuart's replacement is hired, please direct questions or issues to the District Chairman, Randy McQuay or the District Commissioner, Kevin Renfro who will contact council if necessary.

#### 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@icloud.com](mailto:david.gibson619@icloud.com) and phone is 281-221-0938.

#### 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](http://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?



#### Events

##### **Phoenix District Dinner - January 23, 2016**

Kleinwood LDS Church, 16535 Kleinwood Drive  
Online reservations at [phoenix.shac.org](http://phoenix.shac.org)

District Dinner is an opportunity for a night of fellowship and great food as we acknowledge and thank our adult volunteers for the hard work and dedication that made this year incredibly successful. Phoenix District's outstanding leaders at the unit and district levels will also be recognized. All volunteers in Phoenix District are invited.

Reservations are required no later than by 1/14/16 as the dinner order is placed with the caterer. Reservation is your acknowledgement that payment is required whether you are able to attend or not. Cancellations must be made by January 16, 2016. The cost is \$18 per person. Online registration is your commitment; payment is required to confirm your reservation. Paper registration forms and payments may be turned in at roundtable on January 7, 2016.

Award Nomination Forms - Nominations can be submitted online at [phoenix.shac.org](http://phoenix.shac.org) or a paper version of the nomination form can be turned in at the January roundtable. Nominate Scouters who have served Phoenix District youth above and beyond the call of duty. The deadline for submitting nominations is January 10, 2016.

**Awards include Community Leadership, District Award of Merit, Family of the Year, Jack of All Trades, Rising Phoenix, and Unit Service Award.** For additional information on each of these awards, see the web site: [www.shac.org/phoenix](http://www.shac.org/phoenix).

## **District Scout Fair Kick-off - January 28**

It's that time of year when Scouts can earn money for their Scouting activities or their units by participating in the Scout Fair Coupon Book sales. All unit Scout Fair chairs must attend the district kick-off to receive their coupon books, materials and general information. The Phoenix District kick-off meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church FLC (Room 116), 5201 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring, TX at 7:00 pm. Coupon book sales begin on February 1st.

Please see the Scout Fair Leader's Page for more details and important dates: <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/scout-fair-leader-page>

## **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.

## **Camp-o-ree - February 26-28**

Tellepsen Scout Camp - 3450 County 317, Navasota, TX 77868

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](http://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.

For questions, contact Korey Soderberg at [bsatroup1333@gmail.com](mailto:bsatroup1333@gmail.com)

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

**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.

## **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.

### **Boy Scouts, Teams, Crews, Ships:**

Winter Camp is a wonderful opportunity for troops to camp and Boy Scouts to earn merit badges. Merit badge classes are taught by Scouters with real-life experiences in the field. The 30th annual winter camp will be held at Bovay Scout Ranch. Over 50 merit badge classes are offered, including many merit badges that are not normally offered at summer camp. There is still time to register.

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

Camporee is the perfect time for scouts to get together to display their scout skills. Keep February 26 thru the 28 on your troop calendar to attend.

Daniel DeMaranville, Camping Chair - [demaran@sbcglobal.net](mailto:demaran@sbcglobal.net)



## **ORDER OF THE ARROW - Phoenix Chapter**

Coloneh Lodge #137 <http://www.coloneh.org>  
Order of the Arrow (OA) <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.samhoustonbsa.org](http://www.aa.samhoustonbsa.org)

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

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