



# Phoenix District Newsletter - January 5, 2017

## PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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

### January

- 12 - Commissioner Mtg (6-7), District Committee (7-8)
- 14 - Key Leader's Conference (for district committee members)
- 28 - District Dinner
- 28 - Scouting for Food Hanger Distribution

### February

- 2 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 4 - Scouting for Food - Food Pick Up
- 5 - Scout Sunday
- 24-26 - Outdoor Leader Training
- 24-26 - Venturing Challenge (SHAC)

### March

- 2 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 17-19 - SHAC 17-2 - Wood Badge Weekend One
- 24-26 - Camporee

### April

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

## NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

- Spencer Desmon Butts - Crew 1805
- Vinay Sagar - Troop 1333
- Harrison Edward Bartulla - 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 helps:

- Recruit and train youth and leaders
- Provide assistance to those in need
- Keep camps and activities affordable
- Enhance programing and facilities
- Provide communication tools for volunteer leaders

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.

**Unit Leaders:** Each unit is requested to hold an FOS presentation at your unit's biggest gathering (typically the blue and gold banquet or a troop court of honor) during the months of February through May. The presentation, which takes approximately seven minutes to conduct, informs parents and leaders of all council services, its financial needs and extends an opportunity to help fulfill the need. Please sign up for a presentation.

## District Training

**Outdoor Leader Training - Spring Creek Park**  
15012 Brown Rd, Tomball, TX 77375

- 2/24-25 - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) 7:00pm Friday - 9:00pm Saturday
- 2/25 - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) 7:30am - 4:00pm
- 2/25 - Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL) 7:30am - 4:00pm

## Council Training

### **University of Scouting**

University of Scouting is a training for leaders of all program areas to come together for a day of fun, fellowship and learning. There are 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. Register at [www.samhoustonbsa.org/university-of-scouting](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/university-of-scouting)



### **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>

- S3-576-17-1 March 17-19 and April 7-9, 2017 (Fri-Sun)
- S3-576-17-2 September 7-9 and October 5-7, 2017 (Thur-Sat)
- S3-576-17-3 September 22-24 and October 20-22, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

### **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>

## District Events

### **Phoenix District Dinner - January 28, 2017**

The Phoenix 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. The dinner is being held at the Kleinwood LDS Church (16535 Kleinwood Drive) at 6:00 pm



(fellowship begins at 5:00 pm). The cost is \$16.50 (or \$15.00 if you pay by check) before January 14, 2016. All dinner reservations made after Saturday, January 14, 2016 will be \$19.50 per person. Register at phoenix.shac.org

### District Award Nominations - Due January 14, 2017

Nominate Scouters who have served Phoenix District youth above and beyond the call of duty. The following are the different categories that will be awarded:

- Community Leadership Award is presented annually to a community leader who has provided outstanding support to the Scouting program in our district.
- Chartered Partner Award is for chartering organizations who demonstrates outstanding or distinctive relationships beyond the normal expectation. The chartering organization should provide noteworthy service to youth, contributing to increased youth participation, cooperates with the district and/or council, involve the instructional head in the selection of quality unit leadership, and causes a greater comprehension in the use of Scouting within the community organization.
- District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.
- Family of the Year Award is presented annually to a family who has, as a group, provided outstanding support to the Scouting program in our district.
- Jack of All Trades Award is for that unit Scouter whose unit always seems to turn to when there is a need within the unit.
- Rising Phoenix Award is for that Scouter whose unit always seems to turn to when there is a need within the district.
- Unit Service Award recognizes exceptional BSA leaders who work with youth at the unit level. Each unit is strongly encouraged to consider leaders in their unit for nomination.

### Souper Bowl of Caring - Scouting For Food



One of Scouting's foundational principles is "doing a good turn daily."

We encourage all of our Scouts to participate in this tradition of service by joining our annual Scouting for Food Drive in conjunction with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Let's show our community the Scouting value of being HELPFUL by fighting hunger in our area. Scouts will go out on one weekend (Saturday, January 28), place hangers on the doors of their neighbors, and come back the next week (Saturday, February 4) to pick up the food and take it to a local food bank. Door hangers will be available at the Sam Houston Area Council Cockrell Scout Center and Roundtables in early January. Scouting for Food is the leading service program for Boy Scouts of America and is a part of the national BSA program - Good Turn for America. Make sure your Scouts are a part of it and register now to receive important updates, information and resources. For more information, contact Montye at 281-782-9779 or mholmes@hirschwest.com



**May the odds be in your favor!  
You've been selected by the lottery of Panem to represent your district at the 2017 Phoenix District Camporee Hunger Games**

March 24-26, 2017 - Tellepsen Scout Camp, Navasota Texas

***You heard of the Hunger Games, but are you ready for "The Scout Games?"***

### (Camporee Continued)

(Use your scout skills)

- Pioneering
- Camping
- Plant Identification
- Communications
- First Aid
- Emergency Preparedness
- Rifle Shooting
- Archery
- Physical Fitness
- COPE SKILLS
- Knots/Lashing
- Wilderness Survival

For Information contact Brian or Betsy Vogel @  
bkv821@gmail.com or 832-721-8206

### Camping



McNair Cub Scout Adventure Camp is an overnight, full program camp for all family members at Bovay Scout Ranch. Cubs and their families will enjoy an exciting variety of activities at several program areas and food service in the camp's air conditioned dining hall. A staff member in each area will provide program supplies and support the parents who will be invited to assist in leading the activities. Weekends this spring include the following:

- February 24-26
- March 3-5, March 24-26
- April 7-9, April 28-30
- May 19-21

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/>

Congratulations to Clayton Bill-Phoenix Venture Crew 2020/Troop 382 for being elected as Colonneh Lodges 2017 Lodge Chief. Congrats also to our current Chapter Chief, Ethan Roberts from Troop 87/Crew 87 was elected as Vice Chief of Membership for the lodge! We hope you can join us at our annual banquet as we watch them take their oath of office!!!

### OA Rep & Officers

New Officers & OA Reps should attend LLD (Lodge Leadership Development). This is an all-day event ending with the annual banquet. It is on Saturday, Jan. 21 and the cost is \$32 for the day. [www.aa.samhoustonbsa.org/banquet](http://www.aa.samhoustonbsa.org/banquet)

### 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)

### 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)

### Annual Review

JTE: Our Phoenix Chapter has once again made GOLD Level in our annual review!! 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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