



Phoenix District Newsletter - January 4, 2018

PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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January

13 - Key Leaders Conference
25 - Scout Fair Kick Off Meeting
27 - Scouting for Food - Door Hanger Drop Off
27 - District Dinner

February

1 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting
3 - Scouting for Food - Food Pick Up
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

Jonathan Oka Mitsuo - Troop 78
John David Lewis - Troop 78
Benjamin Ross McClendon - Troop 1550
David Oluwatolani Oderinde - Troop 626
Benard D. DuPriest - Troop 382
Logan Christopher Allen - Troop 87
Moroni Abinadi Uribe Garcia - Troop 439
Jackson Alexander Waltman - Troop 1550
Daniel Edward Tamez - Troop 1333

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 Events

Scouting for Food

January 27, 2018 (hanger drop off)

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. In partnership with the Houston Food Bank and "Souper Bowl of Caring," the project begins Saturday, January 27, 2018, as Scouts distribute door hangers in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Scouts return the following Saturday, February 3, 2018, to pick up and deliver donations to their local food banks and pantries.

The unit representative should register the unit for Scouting for Food at <http://phoenix.shac.org/> For questions, please contact Patricia Keo at patriciakeo@gmail.com



District Dinner - January 27, 2018

Kleinwood LDS Church
16535 Kleinwood Dr.
Spring, TX 77379

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.

Bring items to decorate your dinner table.

5:00 pm - Fellowship

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Speaker and Awards

Registration is open - see samhoustonbsa.org/phoenix

Award Nomination Forms

Nominate Scouters who have served Phoenix District youth above and beyond the call of duty. The deadline for submitting nominations is December, 31, 2018.

- 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.

Forms are available online at <http://phoenix.shac.org/>

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.

Camporee (cont) 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 - dcheck-out and departure

2018 Scout Fair Schedule – Phoenix District Dates, Times and Locations

(*Please be advised our dates for Phoenix District are different from the Council site!*)

Register to sell in front of Kroger (opens TBD at 2:00 pm) Watch your e-mails The registration link will be posted on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/SHAC.BSA/>

- 1-25-18 - Kick off - 5920 FM2920, Spring, TX 77388 7-8pm
 - **Kick Off Sign Up Link -
<http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/survey/scout-fair-coupon-book-sale-registration/59578>
 - ***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
 - ***Booth Sign Up Link-TBD
 - 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)
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- ***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 University (May 5, 2018)

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. By serving as a merit badge counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so that Scouts can explore a topic of interest.

Eagle Required and S.T.E.M. Merit badge counselors are needed

as these courses overflow first. Your expertise will make this event a success. Please contact Kat Amundsen at phoenixmbu@gmail.com to become a volunteer for the day this month.

Camping

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/>

Phoenix is pleased to announce our New Chapter Adviser, Fred Himburg (Troop 626). Fred is a long time 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 will gather at Spring Creek BBQ on FM 1960 for lunch together!! Let us know if you need a ride! NAM- 16555 Kuykendahl Road.

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 www.samhoustonbsa.org/ordeals.

2018 Arrow of Light Ceremonies- Arrow of Light Ceremony Teams must be requested using the Phoenix

Website. <http://phoenix.shac.org/request-aol>

<http://www.aa-bsa.org/> - the Official National OA Web Site.

<http://www.aa-bsa.org/> - the Official Colonneh Lodge Web Site.

2018 Officer Elections will take place at January Chapter Meeting- what a fantastic opportunity to advance your leadership!

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Rhonda Bill- Associate Adviser- Admin rhonda.bill@sbcglobal.net

Kerin Farrell- Associate Adviser-Membership onejanedoe@att.net