



Phoenix District Newsletter - March 3, 2016
PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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March

4-5 - Outdoor Leader Training
 18-20 - Wood Badge 16-1 Weekend 1

April

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

May

5 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
 26 - Council Coordinated Meeting

June

2 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
 20-24 - Cub Scout Day Camp

NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

Daniel F. Bumpus - Troop 382
 Thomas Craig Wenglinski - Troop 1323
 Brandon Layton Hopson - Troop 1323
 Christian Samuel Stavig - Troop 1333
 Noah Bryce Talley - Team 1244
 Ricardo Rodriguez - Team 439

More Changes to Professional Staff

We have a new District Executive, Stephanie Turner. She is originally from the Seattle, WA area and attended Seattle Pacific University where she earned a BA in Political Science. After graduating, she lived in Washington DC for three years and worked for the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a non-profit dedicated to cancer research and education. She has been with SHAC since February 8 and is so excited to be with us. Her father is an Eagle Scout and has shared many of his favorite scouting stories with her. Stephanie loves to travel and is looking forward to getting to know her new city and friends. Please be sure to give her a warm Phoenix welcome!

Friends of Scouting

The 2016 FOS Campaign is in full swing. We are still in need of some Units meeting dates for the FOS Presentation. If you're presentation has not happened yet please send that date, time, and meeting location to David.Gibson619@gmail.com or call him at 281.221.0928. He is also available in the FOS room at Roundtable if you have questions.

Community in Action Dinner

Phoenix District will be hosting its annual Community in Action Dinner on Thursday, April 14, at Shirley Acres. This fundraising event is specifically focused on gathering financial support for Scouting from business and community leaders in the Northwest Houston area. Funds from the Community in Action Dinner play a major role in reaching the district's annual Community FOS goal. If you are a business leader, or you would like to invite a business leader or personal contact to attend this event to financially support Scouting, please contact Phoenix District Chair, Randy McQuay at rmcquay@phoenixdistrict.org, for more information.

There are still a few table host opportunities available, as well as named sponsor opportunities, but a response by March 31st is needed for inclusion in printed event materials.

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

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

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

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, mountain biking, fly fishing, wilderness first aid, astronomy, 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



On February 6, the Phoenix District participated in "Souper Bowl of Caring" with other districts in the Sam Houston Area Council. We had 35 Units with 975 Scouts and Leaders collect 12,542 pounds of food that was donated to the food pantries at Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) and Trinity Lutheran.

Scout Fair and Coupon Book Sales

Kudos to the many Phoenix District Units that are participating in the 2016 Scout Fair Coupon Book Campaign. All books allocated to the District were issued and several units have requested more. Thanks to all of you for your continued hard work in helping Phoenix meet its goals!

- Total Number of Packs participating: 18
- Total Number of Troops/Crews participating: 13
- Total Number of Units participating: 31
- Current sales turned in through Feb 29: \$ 11,490

Deadline to turn money in for the 5% bonus commission on coupon books is 3/3/2016 at Roundtable. Don't forget to get your units registered for a booth for the extra 10% commission!! For more info: <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/scout-fair-leader-page>
 Contact: Sheresa Barron, barronsix@comcast.net, 832-381-8735

Merit Badge University - April 30



The Merit Badge University (MBU) is an opportunity for Boy Scouts or Venturers, of any rank, to work on several merit badges. All Scouts are required to bring signed blue cards in order to work on merit badges.

Merit badge counselors are needed. We would like to offer over 30 different merit badges. Merit badge classes range from two to eight hours. Room volunteers are also needed. Room volunteers are parents that assist the merit badge counselor. Parents that volunteer get an early access pass which will allow them to register their Scouts for their classes a day early. The passes will be issued at the orientation. There are a limited number of passes which are issued on a first come, first serve basis, so sign up to teach a merit badge class or to serve as a room volunteer today. Registration for Scouts is open.

Philmont Trek with Troop 87 (July 15-30, 2016)

Four spots available. If interested, contact David Klein dklein@klein-equities.com

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

<http://www.colonneh.org>

Order of the Arrow (OA)

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

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

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.oe.samhoustonbsa.org

April 1-3 Ordeal at Arrowman Bash

April 22-24 Ordeal at Baytown Nature Center

May 6-7 Ordeal at Brosig

December 9-10 Ordeal at Bovay (hosted by Phoenix, Orion & Iron Horse)

Patch Trad-o-ree- March 18-19 at Cockrell Scout Center- Registered Scouts in Uniform **FREE**.

Entry Fee for non-registered \$5.

Traders from all over come with their collections for trade. Tables may be purchased.

Lunch may be purchased!!

Benefits the Scholarship Fund for NOAC(National Order of the Arrow Conference)

Arrowman Bash & ORDEAL & Brotherhood - April 1-3

****NEW THIS YEAR>>>>TROOPS & TEAMS MAY CAMP TOO!!!!

More details soon . . .

Congratulations to New Brotherhood Members: Kieren Boyd-T1332, Brandon DeMaranville-C1333, Vinay Sagar_T1333 & Rob Neslage-T1332 These four Arrowman sealed their membership in a ceremony at Camporee on Saturday, Feb. 27!!!

Congratulations NEW CANDIDATES: 14 newly elected OA candidates were called out at our Camporee Campfire, Feb. 27!!

T626-Bobby Cashman

T1332- Kole Metting & Conner Watts

T87-Dharius Daduva, Jonah Doyle, & Zachary White

T1333- Logan Barron, Mason Barron, Ryan Hames, Justin

DeMaranville, Sam Johnston, Daniel Tamez, Daniel Turcotte,

Christian Hames & Greg Turcotte

T440-Joseph Lauckner & Nollan Mangaoang

Called out at a ceremony in their unit, T382- Matthew Bailey, Philip Durham, Dustin Lewis, Seth Lewis, Gregg Williams & Angela Gloria

ALL PHOENIX CALLOUTS ARE NOW COMPLETE! If you have scouts who still do not know about their election results, please tell them now.

We only have a limited number of Ordeals this year, so scheduling is critical. You do not have to be "Called Out" to attend an Ordeal!

COMPLETING ORDEALS in February 2016!!! Welcome Tommy Price-T1323 as a NEW ORDEAL ARROWMAN!!!!

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

REGISTER FOR ALL LODGE EVENTS AT

[oe.samhoustonbsa.org](http://www.oe.samhoustonbsa.org)

<http://www.oe-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

rhonda.bill@sbcglobal.net - Rhonda Bill - Phoenix Chapter Adviser

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