



Phoenix District Newsletter - March 2, 2017

PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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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 - Powder Horn - High Adventure Training
22 - Merit Badge University (New Date)

May

4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
6 - Scout Fair

June

4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
19-23 - Cub Scout Day Camp

NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

Bryce Forrest Burton - Troop 87
Rutger Hayden Haynes - Crew 332
Nicholas Moore Buckalew - Troop 1324

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 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.

For more information, contact David.Gibson619@gmail.com

News!!! Cub Scout Advancement Modifications

The BSA has announced modifications to adventure requirements in response to feedback from den leaders who have run the new Cub Scouting program for a year. Dens may begin using the modified requirements immediately as they begin working on their next adventure. For additional information go to <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx>

District Training

Scoutmaster Specific Training in other Districts

Mar. 4 - Tall Timbers District - 8:00am-2:00pm (\$0)
To register: <http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2046864&OrgKey=2560>

Mar. 17-18 (7:00pm-12:00pm) David Crocket District (\$16.50)
To register: <http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2065979&OrgKey=2565>

Council Training

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 8-10 and October 6-8, 2017 (Fri-Sun)
S3-576-17-3 September 14-16 and October 12-14, 2017 (Thurs-Sat)

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>

Events

FM1960 St Patrick's Day Parade

If your Scout Unit would like to volunteer to participate in the FM1960 St Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Saturday 3/12, please contact John Brogan at jtbrogan001@gmail.com. John has confirmed a place for Scouts to carry the lead banner along the 3.2 mile parade route. There are also opportunities to volunteer at a popup vendor market at the Home Depot at Walters Rd and FM 1960, or to setup a booth at that location. Scouts from Troop 440 will be participating.



Phoenix District Camporee Scout Games

March 24-26, 2017 - Tellepsen Scout Camp,
Use your scout skills in the following areas:

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

For information contact Karen Mast or Betsy and Brian Vogel at phoenixcamporee@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp - Save the Date! June 19-23



Day/Twilight camp is an opportunity for Scouts entering 1st - 5th grade during the next school year. Scouts will have a wild time on the safari adventure making new friends, earning rank advancements and participating in BB guns, archery, sports, skills, and crafts. The registration fee is \$66.50 for the first Scout and \$65 for each addition Scout and includes a t-shirt, patch, program supplies, and a water bottle. Camp is being held at Burrough's Park (9738 Huffsmith Rd, Tomball, TX 77375).



Scout Fair - May 6 - 10:00-3:00 Minute Maid Park

Scouts and the entire family will enjoy visiting hundreds of booths with fun activities and crafts, learning Scout skills, meeting new friends and tasting the delicious outdoor cooking. At Scout Fair, Scouts of all ages converge to showcase their Scouting skills. Meet leaders and Scouts from your neighborhood. Sample the amazing dutch oven creations and other delicacies in the outdoor cooking area. Visit the midway with over 90 experts representing merit badges. Watch demonstrations, interact with participating booths from our community partners. Open to the public. Admission is free (parking fees apply).

Scout Fair Coupon Books are a brilliant way for units to raise money and prepare Scouts to earn their own way! The Scout Fair coupon book offers great savings for the buyer, while Scouts earn commissions for every \$10 coupon book purchased. Buyers support the Scouting program while receiving over \$600 in valuable savings from partners such as Kroger, Sonic, Bass Pro, Goodyear and more. All units receive a 30% base commission for each \$10 Scout Fair Coupon Book sold, for funds turned in on or before May 6, 2017. Participate at Scout Fair, as either a service unit or booth participant, and earn an additional 10% commission. Scouts who sell at least 217 Scout Fair coupon books will receive an additional bonus of two tickets to an Astros game, hat, and a souvenir bag.

For questions, please contact Sarah Matthews at 281-755-5824 or Kjjc16@hotmail.com

Merit Badge University - April 22 - 7:30am-5:00pm Lone Star College, University Park 20515 SH 249

Merit Badge University (MBU) is an opportunity for Boy Scouts or Venturers, of any rank, to work on several merit badges. Eagle required and "STEM" merit badges classes will be available. Register is done by units is currently open.

Please share the following info with your scouts:

- ❖ have a signed blue-card before registration
- ❖ prepare all required reports prior to attending the class
- ❖ review the merit badge book thoroughly prior to the class - complete any requirements for your chosen merit badge listed in the workbook prior to your arrival

Merit badge counselors and room volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact Kat Amundsen at barefootcreation@gmail.com for more information.

Camping - Cub Scout Camping

Day Camp

- Day Camp is open to all registered Cub Scouts (including Kindergarten graduates)
- 27 camps are offered around the council in June. Scouts can attend any camp.
- Activities typically include BB guns, archery, sports, crafts, nature and Scout skills.
- Scouts make new friends and earn rank advancements.



Camping (cont.)

Adventure Camp

- Adventure Camp is a weekend camp out for Cub Scouts and their families at Bovay Scout Ranch
- Admission covers three meals in the air-conditioned dining hall.
- Weekends this spring include the following:
 - March 24-26
 - April 7-9, April 28-30
 - May 19-21

For more info, contact: 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/>

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

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

Chapter of the Year

The Phoenix chapter won Chapter of the Year for this previous year!! WAY TO GO PHOENIX!!!!

February Fun Event

We plan to hold a Canoeing fun event Saturday, Feb 25th. Stay tuned for more info!!

<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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