



Phoenix District Newsletter - November 5, 2015

PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

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November

5 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
7 - Pushmobile
14 - Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow
21 - Popcorn Distribution

December

3 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
5 - College of Commissioner Science (Council)

January

7 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
23 - District Dinner (Volunteer Recognition)
30 - Scouting for Food - Door Hanger Distribution

NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

Michael James Sobin - Troop 1550

1959 Zachary Ballard Jones - Crew 1959

Daremas O' Fae Fitzgerald Bell - Troop 440

Commissioner's Corner

It's November, which means that it's time to start working on RECHARTER for your units! Please pick up your Unit's RECHARTER Packet if you did not do so at the October RT. Please have a representative from your Unit pick them up as soon as possible. I will have them available for pickup at the following upcoming District Activities:

- 1) District Roundtable on Thursday 11/05 at Kleinwood LDS
- 2) Pushmobile on Saturday 11/07 at Woods Edge Church
- 3) District Training on 11/19 at Trinity Lutheran Church

To help you understand the Recharter Process, we will be conducting a 2nd RECHARTER TRAINING during the breakout sessions at our Roundtable this Thursday night 11/05 at Kleinwood LDS.

For information on recharter, please go to our District Website at <http://phoenix.shac.org/>

The first Internet Rechartering milestone is Sunday, November 8 when all units should have logged in to Internet Recharter (IR) and loaded roster data into their IR workspaces to complete Stage 1. 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.

Last month's commissioner Corner detailed information about online training, especially the updated training for the new cub program. If you missed the newsletter for October, please go to our web site and download it.

If you have any questions, please contact your Unit Commissioner, Asst District Commissioners, District Commissioner, or District Executive.

Thanks!

Kevin Renfro, Phoenix District Commissioner
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District Training

Merit Badge Counselor/Chartered Organization Rep (COR) Training - 11/19 7:00-8:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Family Life Center

5201 Spring Cypress

Online registration:

<http://phoenix.shac.org/training-registration#register>

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)



Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow -

Time for New Adventures

November 14, 2015

Aldine Senior High School

11101 Airline Dr., Houston, TX 77037

Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow is a one-day training with new ideas and resources for Cub Scout leaders and parents. Over 50 classes are offered on topics such as awards, crafts, games, songs, skits, outdoor cooking, derbies, den meeting ideas, field trips, pack committee resources, pack meeting ideas and more. Leaders and parents can increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and gain enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting. Offered only once per year, participants choose from a wide variety of activity and learning sessions and walk away with useful resources and tons of ideas! Register at SamHoustonBSA.org.

Venturing: President's Council Conference

Sunday, November 15 - 10:00am-3:00pm

Presidents Council Conference is a new event for all crew and ship leadership in Sam Houston Area Council. The purpose of this event is to bring together all the youth leadership within the council to meet with the council Venturing Officer Association (VOA) and discuss current and upcoming events. We encourage all units to send at least two current youth officers! The registration fee is \$10 for youth and adults and includes lunch and materials needed for training modules. Check-in begins at 9:30 am. Register at <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/venturing-presidents-council-conference-2015-11-15>. For questions, contact Kelsey McLeland at 713-515-0023 or kelseyshacventuring@gmail.com

Popcorn Orders Due

Consider taking advantage of the final Popcorn Blitz Day; collect forms and prize selections and money on November 7th. Place the unit order before the council deadline in case you need assistance or have a problem. 60 items must be sold to qualify, submit entry before 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7th to popcorn@shac.org.



Popcorn (Continued)

Dates to remember:

- November 10th: Unit Popcorn Orders DUE in Trails End System
- November 10th: Unit Prize Orders Due
- November 21st: Unit Top Sellers due (\$1,800 and above) to District Popcorn Chairman
- November 21st: Unit Distribution Pick Up
- November 21st: Unit Payments Due
- January 9th: Council Top Seller's Bash (for the council top three sellers and the \$1,800 Club members)
- February 15th: Online commissions issued and mailed to the committee chair on file for the unit

Phoenix District popcorn pick up will be held between 8am and 11am at the following location:

Houston Distributing Company
7100 High Life Drive, Houston, TX 77066

As always, please direct questions to your district popcorn kernel at PhoenixPopcorn@att.net

Events

Pushmobile - November 7

Register: WWW.PHOENIX.SHAC.ORG or Roundtable September 3 or October 1

When: Saturday November 7, 2015 RACING starts at 9:00am.

Where: WoodsEdge Community Church 25333 Gosling Rd. Spring, TX 77389.

Bring: Helmets are REQUIRED for race participants.

Win: Trophies presented to top 3 teams per Rank and to top 3 Packs.

Have: Lots of fun, refreshments will be available for purchase.

Learn: Teamwork, Do Your Best, Sportsmanship.

Receive: Patches guaranteed for the first 400 paid scouts.

- **Contact:** PUSHMOBILE.PHOENIX@GMAIL.COM or Paul Stevens 281-772-4285.
- **Cost:** \$5 dollars per boy Deadline Roundtable NOV. 5th
- Pack trackside location awarded in order of payment!

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.

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, Crew, 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.
- Northern Tier is the site of the Boy Scouts of America's National Cold Weather Camping Development Center. OKPIK Cold Weather Camping, Northern Tier's winter offering, is the BSA's premier winter camping program. At OKPIK, Scouts experience a true Northwoods winter: learning how to thrive in subzero temperatures, travel across frozen wilderness lakes and construct their own sleeping structures out of snow. All trips are fully outfitted and provisioned, including almost all of the personal gear necessary to stay warm in the winter. A highly trained staff member, called an Interpreter, accompanies all crews on their trek.

Daniel DeMaranville, Camping Chair - demaran@sbcglobal.net



ORDER OF THE ARROW - Phoenix Chapter

Colonneh Lodge #137

Order of the Arrow (OA)

<http://www.colonneh.org>

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

Phoenix Chapter is now holding unit Troop and Team elections! Contact Tom Lewis to schedule yours today. Election Deadline November 16, 2015

November 7-9 FALL POW WOW - Bovay Scout Ranch -

<http://oa.samhoustonbsa.org/fall-pow-wow>

Arrow of Light Season will begin December 1 - Contact our Ceremonies Adviser Lynn McKee to schedule your date!

Order of the Arrow ORDEALS- Only 2 more opportunities remain to complete your ordeal. If you were elected in 2014 and have not completed your ordeal, you can register at <http://oa.samhoustonbsa.org/ordeals>. Last two dates: November 20-21 & December 11-12.

For Questions: Contact either Chapter Chief Matthew Adkins @ futureairman84@gmail.com or Chapter Adviser Rhonda Bill

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<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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