



## Phoenix District Newsletter - September 3, 2015

### PHOENIX DISTRICT: HELPING UNITS SUCCEED

[www.phoenixbsa.org](http://www.phoenixbsa.org)

#### September

3 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting  
12 - Advancement Academy (Council)  
18-19 - Outdoor Leader Training  
26 - Cub-o-ree

#### October

1 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting  
3 - Leader Specific Training  
16-18 - Fun with Son (Council)  
23-25 - Webelos Woods  
27 - Council Recognition Reception (Silver Beaver)

#### November

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

#### NEW PHOENIX EAGLE SCOUTS

Kurtis Ray Cutler - Troop 87  
Jonathan Ray Bullen - Troop 1324  
Lawrence I. Mangaoang - Troop 440  
Stephen Edward Chalk - Team 531  
Peter James Myers - Troop 440

#### FLAG CEREMONY TEAMS NEEDED !

If you would like to have your Unit provide the opening flag ceremony for a Roundtable in 2015, please contact me to get on the schedule. I'd like to have a cross-section of Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews participating this year.

Kevin Renfro, Phoenix District Commissioner  
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#### New Web Site

Council is now providing our web site support. You can use the direct link [phoenix.shac.org](http://phoenix.shac.org) or you can go to [samhoustonbsa.org](http://samhoustonbsa.org) and select the Phoenix District from the District dropdown.

Please sign up for the new Phoenix District Newsletter Email List. Since we have moved to the new Phoenix District Website that is hosted by SHAC, we are re-creating the email distribution list for our future newsletter. From <http://phoenix.shac.org/>, you will see a link that lets you sign up for the new email distribution list. Click on the picture that looks like picture below to take you to the link.

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#### Training

##### District Training

##### Outdoor Leader Training - 9/18-9/19

- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) for Boy Scout leaders - Saturday-Sunday
- Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders - Saturday
- Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Scout Leaders - Saturday

##### Leader Specific Training - 10/3

- Den Chief Training
- Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters Basic Leader Training
- Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training
- Venturing Advisor Training
- Classroom Facilitated YPT

##### Council Training

##### Wood Badge - 2015

- S3-576-15-2 September 18-20 and October 16-18, 2015 (Fri-Sun)
- S3-576-15-3 October 29-31 and December 3-5, 2015 (Thurs-Sat)

##### Advancement

##### Advancement Academy - September 12 8:00am-3:00pm

Advancement Academy is a training for unit advancement chairs, committee members, unit leaders and district advancement committee members. Instructors will discuss advancements for all Scouts, training requirements and recent advancement updates and changes. To register, go to [www.samhoustonbsa.org/advancement-academy](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/advancement-academy).

##### Popcorn - Sell, Sell, Sell!!!

Selling gourmet popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting. **Why Sell?**

- Increase your unit income - 73% stays in the local area
- Scouts learn life lessons by "earning their own way"
- There are loads of incentives including cool prizes and college scholarships



You may see our "Show and Sell" packs out selling. Internet sales are open, so be sure to contact friends and family and get them to purchase from your scouts online. And of course you can sell door-to-door after your unit kick-off!

##### Cub Scout Fall Recruiting

Did you know that 46% of families have never been asked to join Scouting? Based on a recent national survey you can see how Scouts and families find out about Scouting. 68% are asked by a Scout, friend, volunteer or the charter organization to join. What can we do to ask the 46% who have never been asked to join?

## **(Cub Scout Fall Recruiting – Cont.)**

Utilize the BSA's Build an Adventure and Badge of Honor resources. Ideas on how to produce a successful fall recruiting campaign:

- School visits (classrooms, lunchrooms, recess, etc.).
- Send flyers home from school to all prospective members.
- Posters in schools, businesses, community organizations, etc.
- Put Cub Scouting messages on marquees at schools, subdivisions, and businesses.
- Set up a booth at "Meet the Teacher" nights, open houses and charter partner.
- Post yard signs in every Cub Scout family's yard.
- Public address announcement at the school on the day of the rally.
- Articles in local newspapers, subdivision newsletters, and chartered partner newsletters.
- Have Cub Scouts wear their uniforms on the day of the rally.
- Plan a second event (e.g., pack meeting) to invite prospective Cub Scouts. Use the second chance flyers.

## **Events**

### **Cub-o-ree – September 26 – 10:00am-3:00pm**



Cub-o-ree is an action-packed day for Cub Scouts. Get your teams ready for an Olympic size day of fun games, archery, BB shooting and activities. The day will include outdoor challenges and activities for the new program. Cub-o-ree will be held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (14301 Stuebner Airline Road).

### **Webelos Woods – October 23-25**



Webelos Woods is a camp out designed to introduce 4th and 5th grade Webelos to the many outdoor adventures of Boy Scouting. This awesome weekend event includes patrol-method camping and Scout activities. The event is being held at Spring Creek Park.

On Saturday morning, Webelos patrols compete in Webelos skills (first aid, fire building, camping skills, games, knots) and during the afternoon local Boy Scout troops teach basic Boy Scout skills. The patrols are judged on patrol flag and yell, resources, leadership, teamwork, skill demonstration and Scout spirit. The evening will finish off with an entertaining campfire program. After the campfire troops, crews and ships will host a cracker barrel where Webelos and their parent/guardian can tour their campsites and ask questions.

### **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!

## **Camping**

It's that time again, school has started and weekends are a great way to escape by going camping. From the National website please remember the following:



Tools to plan events and campouts:

- The campout safety checklist provides guidance on safety issues that you may encounter at a Scouting campout. Along with the Guide to Safe Scouting and the tour and activity plan, this tool will help you in having conversations on identifying risks that need to be mitigated or eliminated.
- The event safety checklist provides guidance on safety issues that you may encounter at a Scouting event. This is a tool, not a list of mandatory guidelines. The intent of the checklist is to create conversations among event organizers around risks and ways to mitigate or eliminate them.

As an aid in the continuing effort to protect participants in a Scout activity, the BSA National Health and Safety Committee and the Council Services Division of the BSA National Council have developed the "Sweet Sixteen" of BSA safety procedures for physical activity. These 16 points, which embody good judgment and common sense, are applicable to all activities.

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### **ORDER OF THE ARROW – Phoenix Chapter**

Colonneh Lodge #137  
Order of the Arrow (OA)

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

#### **The Phoenix OA needs you!!**

We are celebrating 100 years of the OA!!! We need to be the "living embodiment of our foundation!!" as our National Chief, Alex Call said at the NOAC 2015 conference!!

Phoenix Arrowmen, we need you to help take our legacy into the next century, by being the example of the admonition to those who are coming into this great order!

Let the Vice Chiefs know you're coming!!! It helps us prepare!!!

- Sept.11-12- Ordeal Weekend

Contact YOUR Chapter Chief Matthew Adkins @ [futureairman84@gmail.com](mailto:futureairman84@gmail.com) or your Chapter Adviser Rhonda Bill @ [Rhonda.bill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rhonda.bill@sbcglobal.net)

Reach our National Chief Alex Call by contacting him on Twitter with #daretodo

Share your inspiration for being an honor scout/scout leader.

<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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