



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Texas Skies District

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Hornaday Award Weekend

October 2-4th at Bovay Scout Ranch

Troops mark your calendars for the Hornaday Weekend! Scouts will have an opportunity to earn up to 4 merit badges and learn about conservation. The Hornaday Award Weekend goal is to create a dramatic and permanent impact on our natural resources through the collective results of thousands of Scouts performing Hornaday conservation projects. Look for upcoming details from debvaughn@gmail.com.

ATTENTION UNITS

Roundtable Date Change: Roundtable will be held on September 17th this month at LDS Church, 1603 Norwalk Dr.

Winter Camp: Registration deadline is September 25th. Get your Troop registration form and \$50 deposit per camper turned in. Winter Camp is held at Camp Strake from December 26th through December 31st.

Unit Training: Remember your Centennial Quality Unit adult leader training goals. October 31st is the target completion date to be ready to earn your CQU Award.

U.Commissioner and D.Committee Meeting Merge: Starting October these meetings will be combined to minimize time requirements, maximize effectiveness of meetings and to deliver quality program to the youth within our district.



LaCenterra
At Cinco Ranch
STEP Into SCOUTING



Texas Skies 2nd Annual 'Step Into Scouting' event will be held on September 19th, 2009 at LaCenterra Center, Cinco Ranch from 4:00pm till 8:00pm.

Please come and join us for an evening of scouting fun!

If your unit is not signed up or is still thinking about signing up, we encourage you to please join us! This will be a great event that provides the following:

- Help in recruiting new scouts and promoting Scouting to the Katy community.
- An exciting and fun-filled afternoon of Scouting fun for Scouts of every age!

We urge Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Venture Scouts to participate, showcase your unit, and help us tell the Scouting story. Every participant in this years festival will get a woven 'Step Into Scouting' patch.

Interested in hosting a booth and want more information, please email Wendy Freaney at stepintoscouting@yahoo.com.

Labor Day



Upcoming Events

- September 3 6:30PM Commissioners Meeting
- September 3 7PM District Committee Meeting
- September 8 7PM Unit Kick-off Popcorn Training at Cinco Ranch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd
- September 10 Fall Recruiting**
- September 12 9AM Cub Leader Training
- September 17 7PM Roundtable
- September 17 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- September 19 4PM Step Into Scouting
- September 24 Fall Recruiting**
- September 24 7PM Cub Leader Training
- September 25 OA Service Weekend Rancho Cima
- October 1 6:30PM Joint Commissioners and District Committee Meeting**



Training

Knowledge Brings the Responsibility of Choice

Cub Leader Training:

September 12 from 9am to Noon, Bear Creek Methodist Church
16000 Rippling Water Dr

September 24th from 6PM to Noon, Memorial Lutheran - 5810 3rd
Street. Contact Lyssa Wilson at Lyssa.wilson@gmail.com for
additional details.

Important Training and New Leader Tools:

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/NewLeaderResource.aspx



OA

Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

Congratulations to the 35 Candidates that completed their Ordeal at Texas Skies District 2009 OA Ordeal and Fellowship held in August at Camp Brosig. We will be looking for you at our next OA Chapter Meeting on **September 17th** at Deren-Huff Scout House.

We will be hosting a **Service Weekend at El Rancho Cima on Sept 25-27**. All Texas Skies OA Members are invited to come out to Cima for a couple relaxing evenings in the hill country and a good day of "cheerful service" in support of our Council Summer Camp. In addition to existing OA Members, any Texas Skies Troops/Crews that went to Philmont in 2009 are welcome to come out and complete the additional conservation hours needed to earn your 50 Miler award. For more information contact your Troop OA Representative, or Paul Huttenhoff, Chapter Adviser (pchuttenhoff@gmail.com).



Commissioner Corner

Centennial Quality Unit

by Forrest Bjerkaas

The role of the Unit Commissioner is to help every unit be successful. The Centennial Quality Unit Program is a mechanism of goals, measurement, and continuous improvement to enable that success. **Now is the time**, as we head into the fall, for the Unit Commissioner, the Unit Leader, and the Committee Chair **to review the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit goals**. If adjustments and course corrections need to be made, **do it now**, to ensure the goals are met and we are indeed delivering quality program and successful units here in Texas Skies District.

ROUNDTABLE

RoundTable will be held on September 17th this month. We will be collecting Registration forms for new Scouts and Scouters. Units that turn in registration at Roundtable will be receiving a special bonus for their units.



Friends of Scouting

by Ray Farrell

TSD has raised about \$87,500. We are only \$12,500 away from our target. Thanks to all our Scouting families that have got us this far!

We are asking all committee members, commissioners and Scouters in our district to contact businesses you know and trade with and ask if they will help fund our FOS program. Our youth deserve the best we can give them! This effort will help get us there.



Uniform Exchange Bank

by John Fortier

Used (but still good) uniforms shirts, council strips, unit numbers and other uniform items are requested for donations to support "Scouts helping Scouts" program. Scouts helping Scouts is a SHAC program to assist leaders in providing uniforms for boys who would like to wear the Scout uniform but who are not able to purchase the Scout uniform themselves? This exchange will operate with the support of Scout leaders and Scout units across the council through uniform donations.

Please contact John Fortier at (281)646-0616 or jbfortier@sbcglobal.net to arrange pick up of old uniforms.

District Meeting and Contact Information

District Meeting Location: LDS Church, 1603 Norwalk Dr, Katy, TX

District Meeting: Includes Unit Commissioners and Committee Members

U.C./District Committee Meeting: 6:30PM, 1st Thursday of each month

Round Table Meetings: 7:00pm, 2nd Thursday of each month

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