



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Texas Skies District

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Hornaday Weekend

October 2 - 4, 2009

The Hornaday Award Weekend will be held at Bovay Scout Ranch. This will be a great event where Boy 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. For details contact debvaughn@gmail.com.

ATTENTION UNITS

BSA Registration Fee Increase: BSA has announced that the youth and adult registration fee for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing will increase to \$15 per registrant.

CQU Achievements Deadline: Units complete your 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Achievements form and turn in by December 3rd.

Unit Training: Units must meet their training goals by December to receive the 2009 Centennial Quality unit award. Has your unit met their goals?

ROUNDTABLE

The Texas Skies District Commissioner Team will be hosting the Unit Recharter Training at the October Roundtable, which will be on Thursday October 8th at 7PM at the Katy LDS Stake Center, 1603 Norwalk.

Please make plans for your unit re-chartering representative to attend training and receive the latest updates and information for re-chartering your unit. Note Re-charter must be completed and turned in by December 3rd.

Attention Packs, this month's roundtable will be offering Cub Leader training. Get your leaders to Roundtable this month!



POPTOBER

October 1st Popcorn Sales Kick off begin! Go to www.trails-end.com to manage your 2009 Popcorn Sales, including product information, online selling and contest prize information.



Upcoming Events

- October 1 6:30PM Commissioners Meeting
- October 1 7PM District Committee Meeting
- October 2-4 Hornaday Weekend: Bovay
- October 2-4 Catholic Retreat: Camp Strake
- October 3 9AM OA Fall Service Project
- October 8 7PM Roundtable
- October 8 7PM Cub Scout & Re-charter Training
- October 10 District Booth Katy Rice Festival
- October 15 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- October 17 9AM - 5PM Tiger Day
- October 23-25 Cuboree at Camp Brosig
- November 5 6:30PM Commissioners Meeting
- November 5 7PM District Committee Meeting
- November 7 Akela's Trail, Springwood High School
- November 10 Cub Leader Training
- November 12 7PM Roundtable
- November 14 Meet the Troop Event
- November 19 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- November 21 9AM-5PM District 1st Aid Meet
- November 21 9Am-5PM Popcorn Distribution



Training

Knowledge Brings the Responsibility of Choice

by Lori Powell

Cub Leader Training:

Scheduled for October 8th at Round Table, Katy Stake LDS, 1603 Norwalk, Katy, 77450. Great opportunity to get your unit trained. Contact Lyssa.wilson@gmail.com for details.

Resources for New Leaders:

If you are a new leader in Cub Scouting, the link below provides some key resources that you can get your den or pack up and running, right from the start.

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



OA

Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

Attention Texas Skies OA Arrowmen. Colonneh Lodge Fall Pow Wow is set for October 16 to 18th weekend at Camp Strake. Registration deadline is October 9th.

Fall Pow Wow is the biggest Colonneh Lodge event of the year, and you don't want to miss this year's event. Program includes a variety of games, classes and competitions for Arrowmen of all levels of experience. Saturday evening show is highlighted by the annual Vigil Callout, where outstanding OA Members from around the Council are recognized for their exceptional service. From there, the program moves to the Pow Wow ring, where American Indian singing, drumming and dance will fill the night air.

Take advantage of registration cost savings, if you register no later than October 9th.



Commissioner Corner

Time For Re-charter

Each year, every Charter Partner must renew their BSA charter for the units they sponsor. This is called "Re-chartering". It is that time again!! **At 7PM, Thursday, October 8th, at the LDS Stake Center** on Norwalk, we will be offering Re-charter Training for the units of Texas Skies District. Please ensure the person responsible for re-chartering in your unit attends the training. The Re-charter Packet for your unit will also be available for pickup at that time. This year we once again will be coupling the 2009 **Centennial Quality Unit** (CQU) results and the 2010 CQU goals with re-chartering And remember, your Unit Commissioner is there to help guide you through this process.

Thanks for building the leaders of tomorrow!!

Unit Recharter Tips

The Council's Re-charter website contains helpful re-chartering information at www.samhoustonbsa.org/aboutshac/commissionercontactinf/InternetRechartering



Friends of Scouting

by Ray Farrell

TSD has raised \$87,500. We are only \$12,500 away from our target. Thanks to all 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.**

Meet the Troops Open House

An opportunity for all Webelos and Parents to get more information about the Boy Scout Troops in TSD. Meet with the Troops and find out when, where and what time Troops meet, as well as contacts for each Troop. Event will be held Nov. 14th. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.



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: 7PM, 1st Thursday of each month

Unit Commissioner Meeting: 6:30PM, 1st Thursday of each month

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

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