



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Texas Skies District

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TSD First Aid Meet

November 21, 2009

This month is the Texas Skies First Annual "First Aid Meet" to be held at Church of Latter Day Saints on 1630 Norwalk Drive, Katy, TX. Registration begins at 8:00am. All patrols must be registered no later than 8:45 am. Cost is \$15 per patrol, checks made payable to SHAC. Don't forget your medical forms. To register your patrol contact Doug Schwartz dschwartz@yahoo.com, 281-693-4747. **Registration Deadline is 10/31/09.**



Meet the Troops Open House

November 14th is Meet the Troops Open House, hosted by Troop 73. This will be a great opportunity for Webe-los and Parents to meet Troops at one location (Memorial Lutheran Church Loomis Center, 5810 3rd Street in Katy, TX). Learn about Troop meeting dates, times, locations, camping opportunities, summer camps and High Adventure.

WELCOME ABOARD Pack 1103

Our newest Scouting unit to the Texas Skies District, chartered to Stan Stanley Elementary School PTA. Currently this pack has 35 new Cub Scouts and many enthusiastic parents and leaders.

Pack 987 at Katy Rice Harvest Festival Parade



ATTENTION UNITS

District and Unit Commissioner Meeting Time Change: Starting in November the district committee meeting and the commissioners meeting will be a joint meeting with working breakout sessions for each of the various groups. **The meeting will start at 6:30.**

Tiger Day Update: We had 92 Tigers at Tiger Day. These boys had FUN, FUN, FUN!!! Major Scouting thanks to Jon Walters who made this event happen!

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

Recharter News: Deadline is December 3rd to turn in Recharter packets at the Katy LDS Stake Center.



Upcoming Events

- November 5 6:30PM District Committee Meeting
- November 5 6:30PM Unit Commissioner 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
- December 3 6:30PM Commissioners Meeting
- December 3 7PM District Committee Meeting
- December 3 Recharter Deadline
- December 5 Commissioners Conference
- December 10 7PM Roundtable
- December 11 Popcorn Prize Deadline
- December 17 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- December 26 Winter Camp



Training

Knowledge Brings the Responsibility of Choice

by Lori Powell

Akela's Trail on Saturday, November 7th at Spring Woods High School is our yearly council wide training event that focuses on the Cub Scouting program. Cub Scout leaders and parents are the primary focus for this event, but there is also training for Den Chiefs (older boys) and this year BAT (Basic Aid Training) will be available for Webelos Scouts (these Webelos must have at least one parent attending Akela's Trail).

Registration deadline is October 26th. To order T-shirt deadline is October 15th. For additional information, including a link to online registration form, course catalog go to <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/AkelasTrail/>.



OA

Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

Congratulations to John Huttenhoff who was selected to the Vigil Honor, and was recognized during Colonneh Lodge Fall Pow Wow on Oct 17.

2009 OA Unit Elections are currently underway, and must be completed by Nov 30. If you have not yet scheduled your Troop or Team OA Election, please contact Paul Hatterman at (W) 713-856-2017 or paulh@marimoninc.com. We will hold elections for 2010 Chapter Officers at Nov 19 Chapter meeting. All youth OA members are encouraged to participate in this annual election, and also to consider serving as a Chapter Officer.



Commissioner Corner

Planning For the Future

by Forrest Bjerkaas

One of the elements of ensuring success of your unit is planning. While your unit's annual planning is done in the May / June timeframe, the November / December timeframe is also the perfect time to review and plan for your unit's **progress against its vision**. Together with your Unit Commissioner, as you evaluate your progress against your 2009 **Centennial Quality Unit** goals and set your 2010 goals, keep in mind the intent, i.e., **progress towards your vision!!!**

And remember, if you have any questions about recharter or the Centennial Quality Unit award, we will be available during Roundtable at **7:00 PM, Thursday, November 12th, at the LDS Stake Center on Norwalk**, to answer any and all of your questions to enable your unit's success.

Membership Update

Way to go Leaders!!! Fall Recruitment was a tremendous success due to all of our leaders and Scouts working so hard to recruit new boys. To date we have recruited 465 new Cub Scouts, and they are still joining! Special thanks to Marissa Nix Burke and the Texas Skies District Membership Committee for your support and leadership to the Fall Recruitment campaign.



Cuboree a Success!

Cuboree was awesome! The Cub Scouts and their families had a blast! We had over 276 Cub Scouts and families. There were all sorts of fun activities for the Cub Scouts to enjoy: Sling Shots, Flag Etiquette, Map and Compass, Knot Tying, and Troop 827's Pyramid of Death! Hats off to John Fortier, Greg Allen, Michael Scherer and all the Boys Scouts that were instructors! We can't wait till next year!



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 jbfor-

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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