



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Texas Skies District

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CQU Deadline

by Stan Stanley & Forrest Bjerkaas

As the stepping stone to the 100 year celebration in 2010, qualifying units will earn the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Award. This is a continuation of the program started 2 years ago. Securing the achievement for 2009 will be the third step toward this four year recognition that your unit will cherish. **All Units should have done the following by now:**

1. Review the goals with your Unit Commissioner.
2. Submit your achieved 2009 goals online via website see link below.
4. Record your 2010 goals on paper now.
5. Submit your 2010 goals online via website after December 1st.
6. Units remember to keep a hard copy of your goals.

www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Forms/CentennialQualityAchie5/

Thank you for your leadership in assuring that your unit qualifies for the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Award! The example that your unit sets and achieves is a testament to successful Scouting!



Centennial Events

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have been helping the youth of America find in themselves and the world around them more than they thought possible. Our 100th Anniversary will be providing a unique opportunity to celebrate this heritage and lay the foundation for the next 100 years. Keep your calendars open for the following exciting events celebrating the 100th year of scouting!

- ◆ January 30: Scouting for Food, drop door hanger, pick up February 8th
- ◆ February 18: Centennial Celebration at Minute Maid Park
- ◆ April 24: Scout Fair
- ◆ June/July: Shac Summer Camp
- ◆ October 8 -10: SHAC Jam

For more information visit www.Samhoustonbsa.org/2010 or contact Texas Skies Cheerleaders:

Wendy Freaney at wendy_freaney@hotmail.com

Lyssa Wilson at lyssa.wilson@gmail.com



ATTENTION UNITS

Recharter Due: December 3rd turn in Recharter packets at the Katy LDS Stake Center at 6:30pm.

2009 CQU Achievements Due: Deadline is December 3rd to get 2009 achievements entered online via website or bring to Recharter turn in. Also, enter your 2010 CQU Goals online after December 1st as well (refer to CQU Deadline article for details).

Training: It's crunch time. Contact Lyssa Wilson at lyssa.wilson@gmail.com if you need to get your direct leaders trained to met your CQU goals.

Troop 1103 Organizational Meeting: December 2nd, 2009 at 7:00pm - Traditions Bank Boardroom, 1515 S. Grand Parkway, Katy. Troop 1103 is a new troop serving Cinco Ranch Southwest area. Chartered Partner is Stan Stanley Signature Products. This meeting is for parents of Scouts interested in being part of a small boy-led troop. For additional information contact: Charles Eaton, Troop 1103 Chartered Organization Representative EatonCL2@gmail.com or 832-387-9397 or Wendy Freaney, District Membership Chair at wendy_freaney@hotmail.com.



Upcoming Events

- December 3 6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
- December 3 Recharter Deadline, turn in Katy LDS Stake**
- December 5 Commissioners Conference
- December 10 7PM Roundtable
- December 10 7PM National 100 Anniversary Audio-cast Rally
Go to <http://audiocast.scouting.org>
- December 11 Popcorn Prize Deadline
- December 12-13 OA Leadership Planning Conference
- December 17 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- December 26 Winter Camp at Camp Strake
- January 7 6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
- January 14 7PM Roundtable
- January 15-17 Webelos Woods at Camp Brosig
- January 21 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- January 23 9AM-5PM Key Leaders Conference
- January 30 OA Service Spring Project
- January 30 Scouting for Food Distribution



Webelos Woods

January 15 - 17

by Charlie Svoboda

Texas Skies District Webelos Woods is January 15-17 at Camp Brosig north of Sealy Texas. It is a great two night camping experience for Webelos I and II Scouts and their adult partners. Webelos I Scouts will have fun working on activity pins and Webelos II Scouts will work on some Scouting skills and learn more about Boy Scouting. Register your dens on the Texas Skies website at http://www.texas skiesdistrict.org/events_everyone.htm

and download the leader packet to familiarize yourself with the activities. Contact Charlie Svoboda at csvoboda@miswaco.com or 281-610-7894 if you have questions.



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Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

Thanks to the following for serving the Chapter as officers in 2010.

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| Chapter Chief - Logan Licktieg | Adviser - Paul Huttenhoff |
| Vice Chief Program - Stuart Davison | Adviser - John Fortier |
| Vice Chief Service - Robert Svoboda | Adviser - Charlie Svoboda |
| Vice Chief Inductions - Raymond Mumme | Adviser - Allen Ashe |
| Vice Chief Communications - Brandon Cernetisch | Adviser - Norma Joe |
| Vice Chief Admin - Kevin Schwartz | Adviser - Paul Huttenhoff |

Mark your calendars for **December 12-13**. The David Hines "Annual Planning Leadership Conference" at Camp Strake will begin on the evening of Saturday, Dec 12, following the completion of the Dec 11-12 Ordeal, and will be followed Sunday with the final 2009 meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC).



Commissioner Corner

Giving Thanks

by Forrest Bjerkaas

This is the season of **giving** -- **giving thanks** and **giving back**. As you think about your many blessings, remember to give back, in your own way, during this season. Whether it is via the Scout Slogan of "**Do a good turn daily**", or the third point of the Scout Law, being "**Helpful**", or the idea of the OA "**Brotherhood of Cheerful Service**", our tradition is steeped in **Duty to Others**. I encourage you to make a difference to others by giving back. Be an example and a leader.

Thanks for your Service and your Giving!!!



Merit Badge News

by Bernard Peckam

Attention Troop Advancement Chairs, we need you to review the Merit Badge Counselor list on TSD website at <http://www.texas skiesdistrict.org/MBCounselors.htm> and provide the following information:

- ◆ Are all your Merit Badge Counselors on the TSD MBC list?
- ◆ Should any Merit Badge Counselors be removed?

Thanks to the 5 Troops that have provided an update on their MBC's. Get your updates in.



Meet The Troops Event

A huge thanks to all our Troops that participated in the very first Meet the Troops Event on November 14th, 2009. The Troops were: Troop 73, Troop 209, Troop 557, Troop 567, Troop 987, Troop 1103, Troop 1224, Troop 1288 and Troop 1455. We had a great Webelos turnout from various packs in our district. A huge thanks goes to Brian Elsasser who coordinated this years event! Mark your calendars for next year as 'Meet the Troops' will be an outdoor event on November 13th, 2010. Location to be advised!



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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