



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Texas Skies District

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Scouting for Food Kicks off Centennial Events

In partnership with the Houston Food Bank's "Souper Bowl of Car-ing," this council-wide service project will kick off **Saturday, January 30**, as Scouts across the Sam Houston Area Council drop off door hangers in their neighborhood to announce the upcoming food drive. The following Saturday, Scouts will return to pick up donations from the same locations. Each District will coordinate efforts in their area. Donations collected will be delivered to Katy Christian Ministries.

How can your unit get involved?

- ◆ Contact Texas Skies District Food Chair at beckhamk@consolidated.net to sign up to participate in Food Drive.
- ◆ Attend the Scouting for Food briefing meetings to be held at roundtable.
- ◆ Arrange distribution of Scouting for Food door hangers in your units assigned territories.



Adventure of Life Time Celebration

Minute Maid Park

Calling all units to join the Our 100th Anniversary celebration on **February 18, 2010 at 6:00pm** for a Once-In-A-Lifetime Event that will chronicle 100 years of Scouting and will introduce the next century of service. **Registration Deadline is February 8th.** Don't delay, get registered.

Go to the following link to register your unit.

http://www.boyscouts100.org/scout_experience.cfm

Go to the following link to register as an underwriter.

http://www.boyscouts100.org/underwriting_levels.cfm

Contact Information: Wendy Freaney at wendy_freaney@hotmail.com or Lyssa Wilson at lyssa.wilson@gmail.com



SHAC Centennial Participation Patch

Purchase the star section of the council's centennial participation patch at Cockrell Scout Center, then earn the individual segments by participating in the five centennial events throughout 2010: The 5 segments will be earned at each Centennial event.

- * **January 30: Scouting for Food, drop door hanger, pick up February 6th**
- * **February 18: Centennial Celebration at Minute Maid Park**
- * **April 24: Scout Fair**
- * **June/July: SHAC Summer Camp**
- * **October 8 -10: SHAC Jam**



ATTENTION UNITS

Family Friends of Scouting: Units lets start getting FOS representatives scheduled at your Blue Gold Banquets or Court of Honors in February or March so we can start working on 2010 FOS Drive.

Merit Badge Fair Deadline: Registration deadline is **January 10th.** Register through your Troop, individual registration is not allowed. To get registered go to following link <http://www.texasskiesdistrict.org/mbfair/mbfairhome.asp>.

AOL Ceremonies: If your Pack would like to schedule an AOL ceremony, please contact Allen Ashe aashe@hal-pc.org.

Help TSD Make Quality District: We have received 85,000 in donations and are 15% from our 2009 Friends of Scouting Goal. We are asking all units 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. Turn in donations to Ray Farrell rayfarrell@yahoo.com.

2010 CQU Goals: If you have not done so, enter your 2010 CQU Goals online at <https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Forms/CentennialQualityCommi/>



Upcoming Events

January 7	6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
January 9	Colonneh Lodge Annual Banquet
January 14	7PM Roundtable, Webelos Woods Deadline
January 15-17	Webelos Woods at Camp Brosig
January 21	7PM OA Chapter Meeting
January 23	2 to 4PM Day Camp Kickoff
January 23	9AM-5PM Key Leaders Conference
January 30	OA Service Spring Project
January 30	Event 1: Scouting for Food Distribution
February 4	6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
February 6	Scout for Food Collection
February 7	Scout Sunday
February 11	Scout Fair Kick-Off For Units
February 11	7PM Roundtable
February 13	Merit Badge Fair
February 13	University of Scouting: Training Opportunity
February 15-17	Norman Rockwell/Joseph Csatari Exhibit at Minute Maid
February 18	Event 2: Adventure of a Life Time Celebration
February 19	District Dinner
February 20	Ten Commandment Hike
February 22	Baden Powell Dinner
February 26-28	OA Spring Fellowship
March 4	6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting



Training

Knowledge Brings the Responsibility of Choice

Let's start our 100th year anniversary by shooting for 100% trained leaders in 2010. There is something for everyone at University of Scouting, to be held on Saturday, **February 13, 2010** at MacArthur High School, 4400 Aldine Mail Route in Houston.

Important: When training is taken online at MyScouting.org before you have received your BSA ID #, it is extremely important that you **update** your MyScouting Account profile with your BSA ID# when you do receive your BSA ID #. You can help us keep better metrics of our trained adults with this simple task.



OA

Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

Thanks to all who came out to the Chapter Lock-in in December.

2009 Unit Elections are complete, and Texas Skies elected 77 Scouts and nominated 11 Adults for membership in the Order. We will publicly recognize all elected candidates during District Camporee in March.

Now is the time for **Webelos II** to complete their **Arrow of Light** and transition into a Boy Scout Troop. If your Pack would like to schedule an AOL ceremony, please contact Allen Ashe aashe@hal-pc.org.

Colonneh Lodge Annual Banquet is the evening of Jan 9. See the Lodge website (www.colonneh.org) for more information.

Congratulations to Johanthan Hayes who has been selected to serve as Chairman for the Colonneh Lodge Spring Fellowship, which will be held at Camp Strake Feb 26-28 (see Lodge website for registration).



Commissioner Corner

New Year's Resolution

by Forrest Bjerkaas

A blank sheet . . . A fresh start . . . A new view . . . New possibilities . . . These are notions we all have as we approach each new year. As 2010, the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, rolls in, it is timely to **reflect on the purpose and vision of your Scouting Unit**, whether Pack, Troop, Crew, or Team. If you haven't recorded your 2010 Centennial Quality Unit goals, now is the time to do so. Work with your Unit Commissioner to determine your goals and then go to <https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Forms/CentennialQualityComm/> and enter your goals. Remember, it's all about improvement goals to achieve your vision. Together, we can deliver the incredible program we all desire for the youth of Texas Skies!!!

Happy New Year and Happy 100th Birthday!!!



Looking for Eagles

If you are an Eagle Scout, then go to link below for SHAC's Eagle Search Online form. By taking a few moments to register you will be able to receive news about our new local Eagle Scout Association. If your contact information has changed, please update your information on the online form. <https://www.shac.org/HOME/FORMS/PROUDTOBEANEAGLESCOUT/>



Webelos Woods

Camp Brosig, Sealy, TX

by Charlie Svoboda

Texas Skies District Webelos Woods is January 15-17. **All dens should be registered by now.** Please note: NO on-site and / or mail-in registration will be accepted.

We will accept checks, medical and talent release forms and have a question and answer session in preparation for the Webelos Woods weekend at **January 14 Roundtable**.

Webelos Woods Registration Link:

http://www.texas skiesdistrict.org/events_everyone.htm
Contact: csvoboda@miswaco.com or 281-610-7894



Merit Badge Counselors

by Bernard Peckam

Attention Troop Advancement Chairs or Merit Badge Coordinators, we need your current contact information. What we need you to do is:

- Contact Bernard Peck at bgpeck@comcast requesting your Troop's Merit Badge Counselor List.
- Make necessary contact information updates
- Send updated list to Bernard.

Help us help you be able to provide accurate M.B.C. List to units. Thanks to the Troops that have sent updated info.

District Meeting and Contact Information

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

District Meeting: 6:30PM, 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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