

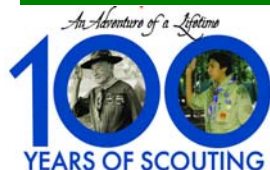


BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Texas Skies District

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Adventure of Life Time Celebration

On **February 18, 2010** the Sam Houston Area Council will host a historic Adventure of a Lifetime at Minute Maid Park beginning at 6:00 PM. This once-in-a-lifetime event will unite every facet of the Sam Houston Area Council's Scouting programs in one location.

Join 20,000 Scouts and take in The Scouting experience located on the concourse level. Only once will a 100 year event occur and we want you to experience this celebration of youth, volunteers and supporters as a united community.

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

For additional details contact:

Wendy Freaney at wendy_freaney@hotmail.com or

Lyssa Wilson at lyssa.wilson@gmail.com



Scout Fair in 2010

April 24, 2010

Scout Fair theme is "An Adventure of a Lifetime". As we celebrate 100 years in Scouting, *our mission is to have every active unit involved in the 2010 Scout Fair.* If you have not reserved your booth yet, go to <https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Forms/ScoutFairUnitParticipa1/Scout%20Fair%20Unit%20Participation%20Form%202010.PDF> for a participation form. Participation deadline is **March 1st.**

Scout Fair offers your unit the opportunity to show off the Scouting skills they've learned and provides your Scouts with many new programs and learning opportunities. *Some of the exciting activities this year include: the Midway representing every merit badge, outside cooking activities and a ring-side seat for Mega-Derby, the largest pinewood derby event in the council!*

Be at **February 11th Roundtable** for the Selling Season Kick off! Tickets and selling incentive details will be distributed. Scout Fair contact is Brad Boozer, boozer.brad@gmail.com.



ATTENTION UNITS

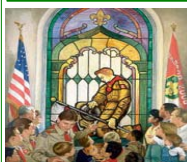
District Leader Appreciation Dinner: Dinner is set for **March 5th** at Church of the Holy Apostles, 1255 West Grand Parkway. Registration deadline is February 16th. Complete registration form at the following link

http://www.texasskiesdistrict.org/events_adult_leaders.htm. For additional details contact Michelle Deal at armymo-mof3boys@yahoo.com.

Unit Spirit Award Nominations: Nominations are due February 5th. Every unit is eligible to nominate someone who has gone the extra mile in making sure the boys in their unit enjoy the Scouting program. Go to the following link for details on how to nominate a leader.

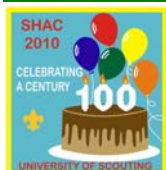
<http://www.texasskiesdistrict.org/unitspirit.doc>.

Friends of Scouting: Packs 542, 543, 548, 567, 827 and 1029 and Troops 320, 590, 827, 1001, 1031, and 1224 need to schedule an FOS presentation for your upcoming Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Banquet. Contact Ken Muggeridge at ksmugg@yahoo.com to get your FOS visit scheduled.



Upcoming Events

- February 4 6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
- February 6** **Unit Scout for Food Collection**
- February 7 Scout Sunday
- February 11 7PM Roundtable - Scout Fair Kick-off
- February 13 Merit Badge Fair: Holy Covenant
- February 13 University of Scouting: Training Opportunity
- February 15-17** **Norman Rockwell/Joseph Csatori Exhibit at Minute Maid**
- February 18** **Event 2: Adventure of a Life Time Celebration**
- February 20 Ten Commandment Hike
- February 22 Baden Powell Dinner
- February 25 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- February 26-28 OA Spring Fellowship
- March 4 6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
- March 5 6:30PM District Leader Dinner, Church Holy Apostles
- March 11 7PM Roundtable
- March 12 Scout Fair Participation Deadline
- March 13 OA Skills Discovery Day
- March 18 7PM OA Chapter Meeting
- March 26-28 District Camporee
- March 27 OA Banquet



2010 University of Scouting February 13, 2010 Celebrating a Century

University of Scouting will be held at MacArthur High School, 4400 Aldine Mail Route in Houston and is designed to be a day of learning while having fun. Course Highlights include:

- * 100+ courses and workshops for Adult Leaders
- * Den Chief Conference
- * Chaplain Aide Conference
- * Troop Guide Conference

Registration forms and course catalog are now available at <https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/UniversityofScouting6/>. Registration forms may be returned by mail, email, fax, or in person at the Cockrell Scout Center. **There will be no online registration this year, so register early to insure your choice of classes.**



OA Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

Congratulations to the Texas Skies "Thunderhawk" OA Chapter on being named Chapter of the Year at the Colonneh Lodge Annual Banquet last month. Texas Skies was named as co-winner for this honor along with the Brazos Chapter.

Congratulations to our 2009 OA Officers, along with all of our Chapter OA members on this great recognition. Thanks also to all of our Adult Advisers who have helped support our youth officers in delivering a great program.

Because the Council *Celebration at Minutemaid* is on Thursday the 18th, we will reschedule our **February Chapter Meeting to Thursday, Feb 25.**

Mark your calendar for **Spring Fellowship on February 26-28** at Camp Strake. We've adopted the theme of "Wild Wings and Shiny Things". The intent is lots of fun, induction of new members, ceremony training, and recruitment to the year's service agenda.



Commissioner Corner Continuous Improvement

by Forrest Bjerkaas

You have heard it from me before . . . Goals enable Continuous Improvement, which is the basis of the **Centennial Quality Unit Award**. If your unit has not yet submitted its 2010 goals, simply go to

<https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Forms/CentennialQualityCommi/> to enter them. This is the big one folks, the 100th year. **The deadline for entry is February 15, 2010.** Get it done now!! If you have questions, contact your Unit Commissioner. **Let's build quality boys through quality units!!!!**



Webelos Woods

Kudos to Cub Scouts from Pack 393 for receiving their arrow at the AOL Ceremony.



Popcorn Top Salesman Honored at Roundtable

by Margaret Izard

ALL UNITS who participated in Popcorn Sales for '09 are invited to Texas Skies District **February 11th** Roundtable. We will honor the top sales man as well as hand out Participation Certificates to all units who sold Popcorn this year. TSD was #2 in Sales for ALL OF SHAC! Congrats to everyone, job well done!

- #1 UNIT POPCORN SALES '09 PACK 548
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- #2 POPCORN SALES '09 DOMINIC MAYA
- #3 POPCORN SALES '09 KYLE GOBLE

District Meeting and Contact Information

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

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

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

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