



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## Texas Skies District

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### OA Skills Discovery Day

Mark March 13 on your calendar and encourage all New Scout Patrols to come out for Skills Discovery Day. This training event for "new Scouts" is conducted by the Order of the Arrow, with neighboring Troops delivering the program for one of 6 different skills areas. The objective is to give the new Scouts exposure and experience in many of the skills they will learn and master on their way to First Class. The objective is not necessarily to complete or "sign off" all of these requirements in one day, but to bring the new Scouts some valuable experience that will help them when camping with their Troop, and provide a head start on the path of learning and mastering these skills.

OA Skills Discovery Day is March 13, at the Katy ISD Outdoor Learning Center. Registration begins at 8:00 and we will be done by 3:00 PM. No pre-registration required, but each Scout must bring \$5 (for a hot lunch) and a copy of their medical form.



### Scout Fair Coupon Money Turn-In Dates

Attention Unit Leaders, listed below are Texas Skies District Scout Fair Coupon Money turn-in dates.

#### For additional 5% commission

March 4	6:30 - 8:30PM	Church of Jesus Christ of LDS 1603 Norwalk Drive, Katy, TX
March 8	7:00 - 9:00pm	NCE Cafeteria 20500 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX

#### For additional 3% commission

March 11	7 - 8:30PM	Roundtable Church of Jesus Christ LDS, 1603 Norwalk Dr, Katy, TX
March 31	6:30 - 8:30PM	Church of Jesus Christ of LDS 1603 Norwalk Dr, Katy, TX

#### For additional 1% commission

April 8	7 - 8:30PM	Roundtable Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, 1603 Norwalk Dr
April 15	7 - 8:30PM	Church of Jesus Christ LDS 1603 Norwalk Dr, Katy, TX

Units may also turn-in money to Sam Houston Area Council directly.

TSD Scout Fair contact (Christine Tunnel, [Christine-mikey@comcast.net](mailto:Christine-mikey@comcast.net)).



### ATTENTION UNITS

**District Leader Appreciation Dinner:** Dinner is set for **March 5th** at Church of the Holy Apostles, 1255 West Grand Parkway. Go to following link for registration details [http://www.texasskiesdistrict.org/events\\_adult\\_leaders.htm](http://www.texasskiesdistrict.org/events_adult_leaders.htm). For additional details or to provide your headcount contact Michelle Deal at [armymomof3boys@yahoo.com](mailto:armymomof3boys@yahoo.com).

**Friends of Scouting:** Troops 590, 987, 1001, 1031, 1224 and 1455 need to schedule an FOS presentation for your upcoming Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Banquet. Contact Ken Muggerridge at [ksmugg@yahoo.com](mailto:ksmugg@yahoo.com) to get your FOS visit scheduled.

**Calling all Troops :** Recruiting Troops in progress to serve as Program and Service Troops for OA Discovery Skills event. OA needs you to ensure we deliver a fun and successful program for all new Scout Patrols. Contact Paul Huttenhoff at [pchuttenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:pchuttenhoff@gmail.com) if are able to help.



### Upcoming Events

March 4	6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
<i>March 4</i>	<i>6:30-8:30PM 5% Scout Fair Coupon Commission Turn-in</i>
March 5	6:30PM District Leader Dinner, Church Holy Apostles
<i>March 8</i>	<i>7-9PM 5% Scout Fair Coupon Commissions Turn-in</i>
March 11	7PM Roundtable, 3% Scout Fair Coupon Commission Turn-in
March 12	Scout Fair Participation Deadline
March 13	OA Skills Discovery Day
March 14	Camporee Registration Deadline
March 18	7PM OA Chapter Meeting
March 19	Day Camp Electronic Registration Due
March 26-28	District Camporee and OA Callout
March 27	David Hines Training, Banquet & OA Meeting
<i>March 27</i>	<i>Day Camp Registration Derren Huff Scout House</i>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting</b>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>6:30-8:30PM 3% Scout Fair Coupon Commission Turn-in</i>
April 8	7PM Roundtable, 1% Scout Fair Coupon Commission Turn-in
<i>April 15</i>	<i>7-8:30PM 1% Scout Fair Coupon Commission Turn-in</i>
April 16-18	District OA Ordeal
April 17	Pinewood Derby, EDGE Training Derren Huff Scout House
April 23	Scout Fair Setup
April 24	Noon Scout Fair



## Training

*Knowledge Brings the Responsibility of Choice*



Woodbadge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders and council and district leaders make your commitment now to training.

**SR-1023** March 4-6 & March 25-27, 2010 (begins Thursday at 7:30 AM, ends Saturday at 5:00 PM)

**SR-1024** April 9-11 & April 30-May 2, 2010 (begins Friday at 7:30 AM, ends Sunday at 5:00 PM)

**SR-1069** October 29-31 & November 19-21, 2010 (begins Friday at 7:30 AM, ends Sunday at 5:00 PM)

Courses available Online (<http://olc.scouting.org/>)

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Climb on Safely             | Youth Protection Training   | Safe Swim Defense |
| This is Scouting            | Troop Committee Challenge   | Safety Afloat     |
| Cub Scout Leader Fast Start | Boy Scout Leader Fast Start | This is Scouting  |

### Day Camp Training Dates:

- May 8, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
- May 15, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- May 27, 2010, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
- May 29, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm



## OA

### Thunderhawk Chapter

*by Paul Huttenhoff*

Congratulations to Johnathan Hayes who served as Chairman of the Colonneh Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Strake on February 26-28th. Next Chapter Meeting is Thursday, March 18 at Deren-Huff Scout House. We will hold our annual OA Callout ceremony at District Camporee on March 27. We will recognize all those elected in 2009 who are eligible for induction in 2010. We will also have opportunity for Brotherhood induction at Camporee. Texas Skies Chapter Ordeal is scheduled for April 16-17 at Camp Brosig.



## Commissioner Corner

*Being Prepared*

*by Forrest Bjerkaas*

As I watch snowflakes fall on this late February evening, my thoughts go to winter camping and being prepared. Winter camping would be less than ideal and perhaps miserable without proper preparation. So too with your unit's program. Without proper preparation such as **vision, goals, and means of execution**, the program delivered to the boys/youth of your unit will be less than it can be. As we move into spring of our 100<sup>th</sup> year, utilize your resources, i.e., **Training, Roundtable, Unit Commissioners**, to provide the year's best program.

*Let's make our 100<sup>th</sup> year one for the ages!!!!*



## Scouting for Food A Success!

The Texas Skies District Scouting for Food Drive was amazing! Thanks to all the units that did their part to make this a success. Any units who may have not had a chance to turn in their results yet. Please email your information to [jimbeckham@consolidate.net](mailto:jimbeckham@consolidate.net).

Special thanks to the Scouting for Food Drive Chair, Jim Beckham and his team of Kelleyne Beckham and Tracy Hendon!



## Camporee Registration Open

*March 26 thru March 28*

Camporee will be held at Camp Brosig. Registration **deadline is March 14th**. This year's theme is *Camporee Transformed, It's More Than Meets The Eye*. Go to <http://www.texasskiesdistrict.org/camporee/camporee.htm> for registration details and Leader packets. For registration questions call Paul Ventura, 281-693-5394 after 5pm.



## Scouts Helping Scouts

*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](mailto: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/Unit Commissioner Meeting: 6:30PM, 1st Thursday of each month

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

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