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Texas Skies District

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SHAC Jam Registration October 8 -10, 2010

Register now for SHAC Jam, the council's grand finale event for Scouting's 100th Anniversary celebration. Second in size only to BSA's National Jamboree, SHAC Jam is going to be the largest outdoor adventure Sam Houston Area Council has ever had, with exciting activities for every age level in Scouting. This event is so big, it is being held at the Texas World Speedway near College Station just to have enough room for all the fun!

Look for details at http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/camping_and_events/activities/shacjam. Registration must be completed online.



Council Camping

By [John Fortier](#), District Camping Chair

It's Summertime, and that means one thing...SUMMER CAMP! A lot of our units choose to spend their summer camp at El Rancho Cima, but a larger number of units choose out-of-council camps for their summer activities. **Why is this?** Mostly, it is due to poor programs at camp many moons ago, or a bad experience in years past.

I'm here to ask you to give it another chance! The facilities have been upgraded, the program has been revamped, and the OA will be there. Unit leaders and committee chairs/members are invited to spend a day at camp this summer. Any Thursday during camp, you are welcome to visit Cima and see for yourself how the programs look. Please contact myself or the camp directors: Derek Spier (Cockrell) or Bob Stewart (Horseshoe Bend). I look forward to seeing you at camp!!



TSD Unit Volunteers

By [John Fortier](#), [Greg Allen](#)

Our District has several opportunities for your unit to participate, lead, and recruit by being a part of the Event Hosting Team for activities such as:

- * Tiger Day
- * Cuboree
- * Webelos Woods
- * District Pinewood Derby
- * District Dinner
- * Scouting for Food

Some events do require overnight camping, and there is a broad range of events for small, medium, and large units. We are currently working on incorporating this onto the TSD web page so that you can see current needs. If your unit is interested, please contact John Fortier at jfortier@sbcglobal.net or Greg Allen (Cubmaster@pack343.net).



ATTENTION UNITS

Summer Camp 2010: Troops have you registered your Boy Scouts in one of council's camps this summer? It's not too late to plan for a week at Cockrell River Camp or Walter Horseshoe Bend and insure that special mountain-top experience. Packs have you registered your Cub Scouts at Bovay Scout Ranch? This summer we have "Back to Basics" week long camps offered to Cub Scouts and Webelos? Go to www.samhoustonbsa.org camping section to reserve a spot for your Scouts this summer.



Upcoming Events

- June 1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
- June 2 Fall Recruitment Training (Council)
- June 2 Popcorn Orientation (Council)
- June 3 6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
- June 4-6 Colonneh Lodge Ordeal At El Rancho Cima
- June 5-12 Summer Camp Staff Training
- June 6-11 National Youth Leadership Training #101
- June 6-12 Venturing Kodiak Course at El Rancho Cima
- June 10 7PM Roundtable
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 13-19 Week 1: El Rancho Cima Summer Camp
- June 14-18 2010 Cub Day/Twilight Camp
- June 14-19 National Youth Leadership Training #102
- June 20 Father's Day
- June 21-26 LDS 11 Year Old Camp
- June 20-26 Week 2: El Rancho Cima Summer Camp
- June 27-03 Week 3: El Rancho Cima Summer Camp
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 4-10 Week 4: El Rancho Cima Summer Camp
- July 9-11 Section Conclave at Baylor University
- July 10-13 Bovay Scout Skills
- July 11-17 Week 5: El Rancho Cima Summer Camp
- July 16-17 Bovay Summer Staff Training
- July 16-18 OA Section Conclave
- July 17 Fall Recruiting Training
- July 18-21 Alpha Webelos Scout Camp at Bovay
- July 21-24 Beta Webelos Scout Camp at Bovay
- July 25-28 Gamma Webelos Scout Camp at Bovay
- July 26-4 National Jamboree



Training

Knowledge Brings the Responsibility of Choice

What is Required to be a Trained Leader?

For a list of training requirements for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing and Sea Scout Leaders visit the following link.

http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/my_files/trained-leader-requirements-2010.pdf

2010 Training Schedule

Listed below is a schedule of upcoming training courses in Sam Houston Area Council. Please contact the host district for more information. http://www.shac.org/training/training_schedule

Scouters are not limited to courses offered in their home district. You are welcome to attend any course that meets the needs of your schedule.

Youth Protection Training - Texas Law

Youth Protection Training is highly recommended for all leaders and is now required for unit leaders to be considered "trained". While the course may be taken online or in a classroom setting, the online version (**per Texas law**) is required within the past 2 years for all adults participating in long-term camping experience in the state of Texas - to include day camp, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp, summer camp and winter camp. Local Tour Permits also require that one adult leader on any outing have completed Youth Protection Training within the last 2 years.

Complete your online training at www.myscouting.org. A special version of Youth Protection Training is available at the same site for Venturing leaders.



Kodiak Course at Summer Camp

This summer the Council will be hosting a Kodiak course on June 6-12 at El Rancho Cima. Participants will experience some great leadership training while enjoying all that El Rancho Cima has to offer (horseback riding, shooting sports, backcountry hiking, GPS navigation and much more).



Commissioner Corner

Camping Time

by [Forrest Bjerkaas](#)

It's **SUMMERTIME!!** A time when hundreds of thousands of boys spend a week or more, learning, engaging, developing, but most importantly, having fun in the outdoors. This summer at camp, seek out your **Camp Commissioner**. They are volunteers giving cheerfully to ensure a memorable and positive experience for the youth and adults at camp. They are there to answer your questions, solve your problems, and provide "cheerful service." So find them and allow them to serve you. And thank them for their service as well. **Most of all, have fun at camp!!**



Back to Basics at Bovay Scout Ranch

Cub Scout Resident Camp is a 4 day camp, 3 night camping experience for Cub Scouts, and their parents and/or leaders. Cub Scouts will have fun and work on advancements while parents enjoy the unique beauty of Bovay Scout Ranch. 2010 session is July 28-31, 2010.

Webelos Resident Camp gets boys ready for the Boy Scout transition. This 4 day and 3 night adventure offers more challenging skills like fire building, canoeing, first aid, advanced archery, sailing, rocketry and more! Three sessions are scheduled this summer: July 18-21, 21-24 and 25-28.

Attendance at either camp qualifies Scouts for Camping segment for the SHAC Centennial Star patch. To register contact Carmen.rodriguez@shac.org or call 713-865-9123.



OA

Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

Lodge Service Weekend at El Rancho Cima is **June 4-6**. It would be great if we had 20-30 active OA members from Texas Skies come out to Cima to support the most important OA service weekend of the year. The Lodge plays a critical role in supporting our Council Summer Camp, and we'd like to see a strong turnout for this important service weekend, to help support the opening and set-up of Summer Camp.

Good luck to those taking part in OA programs at Summer Camp, including OA Callout and Ordeals.

No Chapter meeting in June or July, but we'll have our next Chapter meeting on **August 19**.

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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