



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Texas Skies District

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SHAC Jam October 8 -10, 2010

Calling all units, don't delay in registering your unit for SHAC Jam, the council's grand finale event for Scouting's 100th Anniversary celebration. Event is being held at the Texas World Speedway near College Station just to have enough room for all the fun! Register online at http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/camping_and_events/activities/shacjam.



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 jbfortier@sbcglobal.net or Greg Allen (Cubmaster@pack343.net).



SHAC Jam Rocketeer News

by [Andy Berger](#)

We're up over 1,700 participants already and well on our way to the 3,200 goal. Go to <http://www.bsarocketry.org/> to register. You can make additional orders until mid-August

Rocket Kits will be delivered in mid-August. All completed rockets will be impounded for launch preparation by mid-Sept. Don't forget about "Sponsor Kits" and that siblings, relatives, co-workers, etc, may also purchase rocket kits. **For each rocket kit a Scout builds, his name will go into a lottery to determine who will press the LAUNCH button.**

If you'd like to get a small taste of what the launch will be like, check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUs0wm4H00w> a YouTube link to the 2007 World Record Launch in Austin. Launch was planned and organized by Pack and Troop 990. They launched 967 model rockets!

Keep getting the word out! We have many districts with very limited or no participation. Word-of-mouth publicity is working the best! Thanks for spreading the word out to all units!!



ATTENTION UNITS

Fall Recruiting Training: Our 3rd Annual Step into Scouting "Celebrating a Century" is set for September 18th at [La Centerra, 4pm-8pm](#). We urge everyone to participate, showcase your unit, set up a fun and exciting Scouting display, activity, craft, game, etc... and help us tell the Scouting story.

If your unit is interested in hosting a booth this year, please contact michelle.phillips@shac.org and provide your unit number and unit contact information.

Fall Recruiting Training: July 17th training has been cancelled. August 14th training is being hosted by Texas Skies District at St. Peters Scout House.

Youth Protection Changes: Effective June 1, 2010, YPT Registered Volunteers and New leaders are required to take YPT before they submit their application for registration. The certificate of completion must be submitted with registration and before volunteer service with youth begins.

Popcorn Unit Sign-up: Please let Michelle Phillips at Michelle.Phillips@SHAC.ORG know if your unit plans on selling popcorn this year.



Upcoming Events

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 4-10 Week 4: El Rancho Cima Summer Camp
- July 10-13 Boy Scout Skills
- July 11-17 Week 5: El Rancho Cima Summer Camp
- July 16-17 Boy Scout 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
- July 28-31 Delta Cub Scout Camp at Bovay
- August 5 6:30PM Commissioner/District Committee Meeting
- August 5 OA Vigil Nominations Due
- August 7 Cub Scout Roundtable Basic Training
- August 12 7PM Roundtable
- August 13-15 Venturing Annual Summit at Bovay



Training

Knowledge Brings the Responsibility of Choice

2010 Cubscouts is here!

With the changes to the Cub Scout program comes **Awesome** changes to Fall Recruitment Training. Starting this year training will be a Council wide event instead of district. This will give you more resources and new, fresh ideas. Come and join us so that we can bring more boys into scouts. Current training dates will be announced in August.

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

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



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Thunderhawk Chapter

by Paul Huttenhoff

2010 SR2-3S Conclave "The Lone Star Fellowship" is being held at Baylor University, Waco, Texas July 9 -11. Theme is "**Livin the Dream**". Cost is \$70 for the weekend (2 nights in dorm, 4 meals, patch, program). \$40 for Saturday Only and 1 less meal. Registration site <http://www.sr2-3s.org/conclave.php>. Two reasons from 10 Reasons to Attend Conclave list include watching your lodge advisor run around during the hilarious adviser's scurry and **number 1 reason is Girls Volleyball Camp is the same weekend. See you at Conclave!**



Commissioner Corner

Summer Time in 2010

by Forrest Bjerkaas

As the summer flies by in this our 100th year, let's challenge ourselves to **make this an anniversary to remember**. Get involved and:

1. Help a Cub Scout Pack with its program as the Cubs and the Pack work on their National Summertime Award, or
2. Help a Boy Scout Troop prepare for camp or work on Merit Badges, or
3. Help a Venturing Crew with its High Adventure program, or
4. Help an individual scout work on an advancement he/she is struggling with.

Remember as you do, you are **building our leaders of tomorrow**.



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. **2010 session is July 28-31, 2010.**

Webelos Resident Camp gets boys ready for the Boy Scout transition. Three sessions are scheduled this summer: **July 18-21, 21-24 and 25-28.**

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



Order SHAC Jam Rockets

Has your unit ordered your rockets? Building rockets over the summer should be fun. All rockets built over the summer will be collected in preparation for the launch. For questions and to ensure your unit a spot to participate go to <http://www.bsarocketry.org/> to register.



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 jfortier@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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