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Roadmap to Scouting Information and Resources

2014-15 Fall/Winter
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Be a part of the outdoor adventure. Join the Scouting movement. Learn more in the pages that follow about the Scouting program, the Alamo Area Council, and some of the events and resources available that support a Unified Focus on Youth. Connect with us, today! www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Join or by email Join@AlamoAreaBSA.org.

NEW TO SCOUTING

Welcome! Bienvenidos to the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council (BSA). You are now part of a unified Scouting family. Scouting starts at the local unit level which is a part of a District. Districts are part of an even bigger entity known as a Council. The Alamo Area Council, one of 280 councils across the BSA, covers Bexar and the 12 surrounding counties making up 12 districts: Armadillo, Cimarron, Diamondback, Galaxy, Longhorn, Memorial, Mustang, Rough Rider, Summit, Texas Hills, Two Rivers, and Victory.

Scouting is provided locally in neighborhoods across the country through Community Charter Partners (CCP) like churches, community organizations, or other groups of interested citizens. Professional Scouters called “District Executives” (DE’s) work with our CCP’s and Scouting Volunteer Leadership to help deliver the program to our youth.

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables are monthly meetings hosted by Scouters to share the Scouting Program in the form of continuing education. Leaders learn about monthly program themes that can be applied at the unit level. And, you also learn about Council happenings.

**Dates:** First Thursday of every month *(Except most districts take off every July for summer vacations, and come together every August at the Council-wide Roundtable held the second Thursday at the AT&T Center.)*

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:15 pm

**Audience:** Open to all leaders and interested parents

**Locations:**

- Armadillo: Crossroads Baptist Church, 8300 Tezel Rd., San Antonio, TX, 78250
- Cimarron: LDS Church, 8801 Midcrown Dr., Windcrest, San Antonio, TX 78239
- Diamondback: LDS Church, 17151 Jones Maltsberger Rd., San Antonio, TX, 78247
- Longhorn: LDS Church, 636 Oak Haven, Pleasanton, 78064
- Memorial: St. Vincent De Paul, 4222 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX, 78227
- Rough Rider: MacArthur Park Church of Christ, 1907 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78217
- Summit: University United Methodist Church, 504 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX, 78249
- Texas Hills: Bandera United Methodist Church, 1103 Cedar Street, Bandera, TX 78003
- Two Rivers: Tree of Life Church, 5513 S Interstate 35, New Braunfels, TX 78132
- Victory: LDS Church, 7420 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX, 78240

STAY CONNECTED

Become a MyCouncil member of the Alamo Area Council Website. Your membership allows you to receive electronic communications from the council in the form of emails and e-newsletters. You can specify your involvement and choose the type of communications you want to receive so that you get relevant and timely information. Membership to MyCouncil will also allow you to register for council and district events and functions. FREE Unit pages and other benefits can be found.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MyCouncil/Join
CUB SCOUTS - Ages 7-10
Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of young boys and their parents. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Service projects, ceremonies, games, and other activities guide boys through the core values and give them a sense of personal achievement. Through positive peer group interaction and parental guidance, boys also learn honesty, bravery, and respect. Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouting and parents are encouraged to play an active role in the program. Through interaction between parents, leaders, and friends, boys learn citizenship, compassion, and courage. This family and community-centered approach to learning means that Cub Scouting is truly time well spent.

BOY SCOUTS - Ages 11-17
Most people associate Boy Scouting with outdoor adventure—and with good reason. Scouting is an outdoor program designed to develop character, citizenship, and fitness. With the Scout Oath and Law as a guide, Scouting helps a boy develop into a well-rounded young man. Through the advancement program, a Scout can progress in rank by earning achievements and gaining additional knowledge and responsibilities. Earning merit badges provides opportunities for Scouts to be introduced to a lifelong hobby or a rewarding career. In Boy Scouting, youth take responsibility for the activities of the troop. By planning and organizing activities, they develop teamwork and learn to lead as well as follow. Through the support of parents and religious and neighborhood organizations, Scouts develop an awareness and appreciation of their role in their community.

SEA SCOUTING - Ages 14-20 (or 13 and completed eighth grade)
Sea Scouts is a specialized segment of the Venturing Program, which was organized to address members' boating skills and promote knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scout units, called “ships,” focus on sailing and cruising either sailboats or power vessels.

VENTURING - Ages 14-20 (or 13 and completed eighth grade)
Venturing is a program for young men and women ages 14 through 20. Venturing is one of the fastest growing programs in the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose of Venturing is to provide experiences to help young people mature and become responsible and caring adults. Young people in Venturing learn leadership skills and participate in challenging outdoor activities. Venturing offers resources that help a community organization provide wholesome, flexible, well-rounded, challenging activities, tailor-made for teenage youth. Those resources include access to Boy Scout camping properties, a recognition program, youth protection training, and specific program helps for a variety of outdoor disciplines.

EXPLORING - Ages 14-20 (or 13 and completed eighth grade)
Exploring is a program for young men and women. Exploring units, called “posts,” focus on a single career field, such as law enforcement, fire/rescue, medical, business, science, arts, and more are sponsored by a local government or business entity. Young adults involved in Exploring will gain practical knowledge of and experience in a career, and engage in a program of activities centered on career opportunities, life skills, citizenship, character development, and leadership experience to encourage the development of the whole person. Most importantly they have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment.

ORDER OF THE ARROW
As Scouting’s National Honor Society, the purpose is to recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America’s youth.
Dear Alamo Area Council Volunteers, Parents and Scouts of all ages,

On May 16th, 2014, the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council accomplished 102 years of service of positive work and social impact to our community. The goal of the Boy Scouts of America continues to be to Prepare our Youth for Life. Education. Service. Adventure. And Leadership.

Scouting makes the most of the little time parents and community leaders have to impact their children. By working together, we can make a difference in the lives of all youth.

With a Unified Focus on Youth, we work alongside our charter partners and almost 7,500 adult volunteer leaders to make significant investments of our time and resources to provide hope. This hope to a Scout youth and their families is the “peace of mind” that their Scouting Adventure will make their future brighter.

The Mays Family Scout Ranch, focusing on the southern part of the Alamo Area Council’s service area, is such a bright spot for our community. After breaking ground on June 2, 2014, The Mays moves towards its completion date in 2015 to provide outdoor adventure to all our Scouting families and community.

Their are many positive stories and successes in the first part of 2014, from innovations with our website and programming to continued membership growth and new community support as seen through the success of our CampCard Spring fundraiser. With our volunteer board’s commitment, one such story is our ability to continue to provide Scouting to those youth who would not otherwise benefit from the values of Scouting without Outreach programs like our Project Aguila (Eagle) and ScoutReach initiatives.

The Scout Oath and Law are simple, but combined it assures us that our Scouts are Prepared. For Life. On behalf of the 29,000 youth we serve, we sincerely thank you for your support.
The Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council was incorporated on May 16, 1912. It was formed for the express purpose of providing Scouting programs for the young people of its territory.

### About the Alamo Area Council:

The Alamo Area Council, BSA, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, serves a 13 county area imparting the Scouting program to over **28,500 youth** and **7,500 volunteer adults** in South Texas. The Boy Scouts of America continue to prepare young people for life by providing the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training utilizing outdoor activity, citizenship, and sports fitness.

**The counties served by the Alamo Area BSA include Bexar, Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, La Salle, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson.**

The Alamo Area Council’s **territory** includes all of the communities from Kerrville and New Braunfels in the north, to Poteet and Floresville in the south, to Seguin on the East, and Hondo on the west.

The Council operates **3 camp properties** for the use of local Scouting programs:

- McGimsey Scout Park
- Bear Creek Scout Reservation
- May’s Family Scout Ranch

The Council operates **2 service centers** with Scout Shops:

- **Council Service Center** - located in Castle Hills at the corner of NW Military Hwy and Lockhill Selma.
- **Scoutreach Service Center** - located on San Antonio’s Southside on South Zarzamora.

Each year, about 365 young men in the council achieve Scouting’s highest rank, Eagle Scout. In order to achieve this prestigious award, the Scout must earn 22 merit badges, develop and lead a service project to better his community, and demonstrate leadership within his troop. Nationally, less than **3%** of all Scouts ever achieve this award.

The council is governed by a volunteer Executive Board made up of many of the leaders of our local communities. The program is guided by a staff of **25** full-time professional Scouters and supported by **10** dedicated full and part-time support staff members.

### Annually, the council operates on a budget of about $4.3 million, which is funded through contributions from Scout families, community supporters, camping and activity fees, popcorn and camp card sales, and investment income.

**ALAMO AREA COUNCIL TERRITORY:**

- Armadillo, Cimarron, Diamondback, Longhorn, Memorial, Rough Rider, Summit, Texas Hills, Two Rivers, and Victory

![Alamo Area Council Territory Map](image-url)
Scoutreach

Scoutreach strives to bring Scouting’s values-based programs to youth who otherwise might not be served. Scouting prepares youth to be leaders, to accept responsibility, and to care about principles and causes beyond their own self-interest. Scoutreach represents the council’s strong commitment to serve the community’s minority populations with traditional Scouting programs that emphasize values, leadership and character building. The challenge in our underserved communities is a lack of financial resources and/or volunteer leaders.

The Alamo Area Council is firmly committed to the vision that no youth will be denied the benefit of a Scouting experience due to a lack of money or volunteer adult leadership. Our goal is to serve an increasing number of at-risk youth and families from our diverse local communities and to develop strong programs for these youth. Currently, the council’s Scoutreach program serves over 4,500 youth in about 75 non-traditional units.

Scoutreach youth expand their learning with modified lessons from the handbooks that often complement the educational and physical activity requirements in their school districts. Each meeting involves a brief flag ceremony and word of the day. The word of the day is always one of the twelve core values of Cub Scouting. The Scouts are then guided through a learning activity that helps them to complete their requirements for their rank badge. To complete the meeting, they participate in a physical activity that is not only fun, but helps to meet their physical education requirements.

Many of the units participate in giving back to their communities by participating in campus clean-up activities. These activities help the Scouts learn the importance of thinking beyond themselves and as part of a larger community. The boys also have the opportunity to participate in food drives that benefit other organizations that serve their community. Collections of non-perishable items have been given to the San Antonio Food Bank and area church food pantries to aid those in need.

Project Aguila

Project Aguila (Project Eagle) was kicked off in August of 2011 as a local Alamo Area Council Board initiative to create long-standing units in areas where the council has identified the need for a program that prepares boys for life.

The program is organized with a Cub Scout focus (1st - 5th grades or 7 to 10 years of age).

Project Aguila financially provides program staff leadership, membership dues, camp fees, training, uniforms, program supplies, and recognition for Scouts and adults for three years.

The goal of Project Aguila is to continue to see healthy increases of parent involvement while managing the expectation for these Cub Scout Packs to become financially self-sufficient.

Parents who volunteer in the program become trained role models displaying traits of ethical and moral character as they lead and participate in activities with youth and other adults.

Volunteering for the Scouts is also an aid to good parenting. Scouting gives involved parents the confidence and resources to work alongside their boys in whatever activities may come their way.

“Teaching self-sufficiency and encouraging youth are the keys to our success, and this year’s Project Aguila Field Day is partly a celebration of the increase of youth and family in such an impactful Scouting program. When our kids win, our community wins.”

“Las claves de nuestro exito son animar a los niños y enseñarles autosuficiencia. Proyecto Aguila Dia de Campo 2013 es, en parte, una celebracion del aumento en participacion de niños y familias en un programa de Exploracion tan impactante. Cuando nuestros niños ganan, nuestra comunidad gana.” ~ Michael de los Santos, Scout Executive / CEO
LOCAL CAMPS
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping

MCGIMSEY SCOUT PARK

McGimsey is a 140-acre Scout Park in North Central San Antonio. The area currently plays host to Cub Scout Day Camps, Cub-N-Ones, Tiger Cub Fun Days, and numerous adult leader training courses. A full C.O.P.E. course is located in the Park. The site is also used for training programs for all levels of the Scouting program and is available for unit camping and activities by reservation.

McGimsey Scout Park
10810 Wedgewood
San Antonio, TX  78231
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/McGimsey

BEAR CREEK SCOUT RESERVATION

On this ruggedly beautiful reservation in the Texas Hill Country, youth, families, and adult volunteers of all ages enjoy weekends, day excursions, and week long summer camp experiences. The reservation hosts Web-O-Ree, Camp Akela, and Boy Scout Summer Camps.

Bear Creek Scout Reservation
125 Bear Creek Scout Rd.
Hunt, TX  78024
www.BearCreekScoutReservation.org

MAYS FAMILY SCOUT RANCH

The Mays is 75 beautiful acres of land being developed on the Medina River South of Downtown San Antonio. More opportunities for outdoor adventures begin early 2015.

Mays Family Scout Ranch
3445 Fess Rd.
San Antonio, TX  78264
www.MaysFamilyScoutRanch.org

SUMMER CAMPS

DAY CAMPS: Day Camps for Cub Scouts run weekly from June 8 - July 24, 2015 at various locations.


CAMP AKELA: Two Sessions for Webelos run July 19 - 25, 2015

Registration opens Spring 2015.
Camping and outdoor programs have been at the heart of Scouting for more than 104 years. Since 1912, The Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council is committed to providing excellent outdoor programs for youth of all ages at our unique council properties - Bear Creek Scout Reservation, McGimsey Scout Park, and our new Mays Family Scout Ranch. www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/HighAdventure

In addition to the Alamo Area Council’s local camping facilities and outdoor programs, the Boy Scouts of America provide an invitation to challenge oneself at BSA’s High Adventure Bases. From the aquatic adventures of Florida Sea Base to the canoeing or winter camping challenge of Northern Tier, from the backpacking expeditions at Philmont Scout Ranch to the adventure sports programs at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, these experiences will shape you and teach you about yourself.

Location: Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan
Date: July 28 to August 8, 2015. The Cost: $5,750, which includes round-trip airfare, a tour of Japan, lodging. www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Jamboree

2015 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE
The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will bring Scouts from all over the world.

NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2017
The 2017 National Scout Jamboree will be held July 19 - 28, 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Mount Hope, West Virginia. Volunteers make the Jamboree go...no question about it...and we’re looking for volunteers starting now. If you are interested in attending the 2017 National Jamboree as a leader, visit: www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Jamboree
FALL SCOUT ROUND-UP

In the next several weeks the field staff along with district and unit volunteers will begin our fall annual recruitment of Cub Scouts. This year’s recruiting plan has different elements and procedures from previous years. School Night for Scouting is now called “Fall Scout Round-up.” Additionally, rallies are now called “Round-up.”

This year’s big change is the switch from having one designated night to coordinated and scheduled Round-ups, which will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between the hours of 6 - 7 pm. District Executives working through Unit Membership Chairs will schedule Boy Talks and Round-ups at elementary schools.

Promotion and marketing is another huge element in this year’s Fall Round-up. The use of two recruiting flyers, posters, yard signs, stickers, school marquis, fence cup signs, school announcements, promotion at back to school nights, and the BIG ONE is the BOY TALK! The Boy Talk will be on the day prior to the round-up. Face-to-face Boy Talks are absolutely paramount to a successful round-up! For more information contact your District Executive.

**Dates:** August 25 - September 22, 2014

**Times:** 6 pm - 7 pm

**Locations:** Various

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FallScoutRoundup2014

NEW SCOUT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY

An exciting field day where newly registered Cub Scouts come for their first outdoor adventure with archery, BB guns, swimming, nature, crafts and games.

**Cost:**
- $8 Early Bird (on or before September 22)
- $10 Regular Price (after September 23)

**Date:** September 27, 2014

**Times:** 8:30 - 2:30 PM

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/NewScoutOutdoorAdventureDay

CUB-N-ONE

Learn about the National Scout Strong program and get a head start on earning the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award! Special activities for Cubs include: camping in tents, archery, BB’s, fishing, hiking, obstacle course, orienteering, knot tying, and many other skills and activities that make a Scout Strong!

**Cost:**
- $55 Early Bird Cub/Parent Team (on or before Sept 26), $65 Regular Price (after Sept 26), Additional Cubs $25, Parents $10.

**Dates:** October 4 - 5, 2014

**Times:** 7:30 am - 9:30 am

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CubScoutShootingSports14

WEB-O-REE

WEB-O-REE is an exciting opportunity for WEBELOS Scouts, their parents and adult leaders to sample the experiences that lie ahead on the trail to Boy Scouting. WEB-O-REE provides an introduction to camping, cooking, Scouting skills, working together as a patrol, games, events, demonstrations, companionship and above all FUN. WEB-O-REE can be a memorable experience and a valuable learning tool.

**Cost:** $15 per Scout or Adult

**Dates:** October 17 - 19, 2014

**Times:** 6:30 pm - 10:30 am

**Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Web-O-Ree

SPOOK-O-REE

The Spook-O-REE is a family Halloween event for everyone! Take your pick of evenings, November 7-8 or November 8-9, 2014, and join the many families that will venture out to McGimsey Scout Park for Halloween fun in a safe, family-friendly environment at a cost that fits just about any budget. The Spook-O-REE is packed with activities including hayrides, storytelling, carnival games, the haunted trail, a pumpkin decorating contest, and more! Everyone is invited so bring your friends!

**Cost:**
- $25 per person,
- $90 for family of 4,
- over the fourth family member is $10 each
CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms

WEB-O-REE
Back to Basics Camp. All Longhorn District WEBELOS are invited to Floresville for a night of fun Scouting Adventures in the theme of Back to Basics. Scouts will take part in a variety of fun outdoor experiences, earn advancement and have the opportunity to visit with many local Boy Scout Troops as they sponsor the different activities.

**Audience:** All Longhorn District WEBELOS Scouts

**Cost:** $5.00 per Scout or adult

**Date:** November 14 - 15, 2014

**Time:** TBD - breakfast Saturday

**Location:** Floresville, TX

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn/Web-O-Ree

DISTRICT PINewood DERBY RACE
All Scouts are invited to come and have fun at our District Pinewood Derby Races! Racing Cars for Cub Scout FUN!

**Rough Rider District:**

**Cost:** $3 per Scout

**Date:** March 28, 2015

**Time:** 9:15 am

**Location:** Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

16245 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78247

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider/PinewoodDerby

Official Refund Policy

This policy applies to all events and activities held in the Alamo Area Council unless otherwise specified in the event literature and website.

Paid registration fees are refundable up to eight (8) days prior to the start of an event, less a 10% supply fee, upon written request with a copy of the receipt of payment.

From the seventh (7) day up to 24 hours prior to the start of an event fees are 50% refundable, upon written request with a copy of receipt of payment.

From 24 hours prior to the start of an event and up to seven days after the event, refunds will only be issued in the event of a valid medical emergency or military assignment. Proper documentation must be provided.

For full details see our complete refund policy at www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/paymentpolicy
OPEN CLIMB AT MCGIMSEY
Boy Scouts and Venturers experience the sport of climbing and rappelling. For beginners and challenging enough for experienced climbers.

Cost: $5 per Scout (each session)
Date: October 4, 2014
Time: Session 1: 9 am - 12 pm
Session 2: 1 pm - 4 pm
Location: McGimsey Scout Park
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OpenClimbMcGimsey

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY
Merit Badge University (MBU) is a bi-annual event that gives Boy Scouts, ages 11-18, the opportunity to earn merit badges ranging from recreational activities to Eagle Scout merit badges.

Cost: $15 per Scout, some activities may have additional costs
Dates: November 1, 2014
Times: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Locations: TBD
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MBU14

WINTER MERIT BADGE EXTRAVAGANZA
This is a three day event that gives Boy Scouts the opportunity to earn merit badges to help with their path to earn their Eagle Scout rank and serve our community.

Cost: $55 through Nov 14
$65 after Nov 14
Dates: December 29 - 31, 2014
Times: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Northwest Vista College
North Ellison Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78251
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/WinterMBU14

CAMP-O-REE / FREEZ-O-REE
Each District's Camping Committee hosts an annual event for all their troops and crews. Each year it has a unique theme with challenging competitive events. These events are generally held in late fall or early spring based on the availability of an appropriate location.

Longhorn District Camp-O-REE:
Search and Rescue Survival Camp

Victory District Freez-O-REE:
Cost: TBD
Date: January 19, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 pm
Location: TBD
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Victory

Memorial District Freez-O-REE:
Cost: $5 per Scout or Adult
Date: January 23 - 25, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 pm
Location: McGimsey Scout Park
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Memorial

Armadillo District Freez-O-REE: Pioneer Games
Cost: $8 Early Bird per Scout or Adult through January 9; Regular $10
Date: January 23 - 25, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 pm
Location: Bear Creek Scout Reservation
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo

Summit District Freez-O-REE:
Cost: $10 per Scout or Adult (includes a patch)
Date: January 23 - 25, 2015
Time: TBD
Location: Bear Creek Scout Reservation
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Summit

Rough Rider District Freez-O-REE:
Pirates of McGimsey Pond
Cost: $8 Early Bird (on or before Feb 1); $10 after Feb 1
Date: February 6 - 8, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 pm
Location: McGimsey Scout Park
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider

Two Rivers District Freez-O-REE:
Pioneering Projects and Competition
Cost: $9 online / $10 in person
Date: February 6 - 8, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 pm
Location: Canyon Park, Canyon Lake, TX
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TwoRivers

Texas Hills District Winter Rendezvous:
Cost: $8 per Scout or Adult
Date: February 20 - 22, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 am
Location: TBD
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHills

Cimarron District Freez-O-REE:
Cost: $10 Early Bird (through Feb 12); $15 Regular (after Feb 12); $3 Friday dinner (optional)
Date: Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2015
Time: 5:00 pm - 10:00 am
Location: McGimsey Scout Park
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron

Diamondback District:
Cost: TBD
Date: Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2015
Time: TBD
Location: TBD
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Diamondback

SCOUTSTRONG PALA CHALLENGE
THE SCOUTSTRONG PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVE LIFESTYLE AWARD CHALLENGE WILL HELP YOU ADD ACTIVITY TO YOUR LIFE AND REWARD YOU WHEN YOU DO!
This challenge is for everyone associated with the Boy Scouts of America, including Scouts, Venturers, parents, volunteers, council staff, board members, friends of Scouting, and BSA alumni.
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ ScoutStrong
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VENTURING PROGRAM
Venturing offers a program that is full of challenge and adventure for young men and women who are 13 (and have completed eighth grade) through 20 years of age. Venturers learn about high adventure, sports, arts and hobbies, and youth ministries.

EXPLORING PROGRAM
Exploring is Learning for Life’s career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed eighth grade) or 15 years of age but not yet 21 years old. Exploring’s purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorer Posts can specialize in a variety of career skills. Programs are based on five areas of emphasis: career opportunities, life skills, citizenship, character education, and leadership experience. Explorers will learn about the educational requirements and will receive tangible advice on steps to take now to prepare and position themselves for a successful career.

VENTURING OPEN HOUSE
An introduction to all the possibilities in the Venturing program. Come experience the adventures with demonstrations in scuba diving, rappelling, black powder and shotgun shooting, kayaking, dutch oven cooking, and more.

VENTURING DANCE CHRISTMAS PARTY
Join Venture Scouts from all over the council in a holiday celebration.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER EXPLORING
Law Enforcement Career Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation. Also, Law Enforcement Exploring is supported by the National Sheriffs’ Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

ALAMO AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING COMPETITION
The Alamo Area Law Enforcement Exploring Competition brings together Explorers from across Texas for an opportunity to learn and develop leadership and interpersonal growth in a fun competitive environment. This competition promotes the ideals and principals of the law enforcement profession.

REQUIREMENTS: Registration is limited to the first 60 teams and will only be accepted online. Must be a registered Law Enforcement Explorer in any Council.

Cost: $100 per 4 person team
Dates: October 25, 2014
Times: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Location: Somerset High School
7650 S Loop 1604 W
Somerset, TX 78069
Lodge Events

Council-Wide Roundtable

All OA Chapters meet at the Council-wide Roundtable where the Indian Heritage will exhibit their award-winning drumming and dancing, followed by a general meeting where upcoming programs are presented and 2014-15 leadership elections will be held. Information on NOCA 2015, high adventure opportunities, as well as information on Lodge events will be available.

Date: August 14, 2014
Location: AT&T Center
100 Montana St.
San Antonio, TX  78205

Fall Fellowship and Vigil Weekend

The second fellowship of the year is held in the Fall at Bear Creek Scout Reservation. This year’s event will be Zombie-themed with fun games and activities. The program team is busy planning the weekend and is looking for Arrowmen to bring their ideas for an extraordinary event. The weekend we also include the Vigil call out to recognize those who have been elected due to their service to the OA, Scouting, and the council camps. The Vigil candidates will take part in their Night of Nights, followed by the Vigil breakfast on Sunday morning. Stay tuned for more details about the morning event.

Date: October 24 - 26, 2014
Location: Bear Creek Scout Reservation
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA/FallFellowship14

Winter Gathering Induction & Fellowship Weekend

This is second opportunity for newly elected candidates to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The induction finishes Saturday afternoon with a great feast followed by fun games and activities. This is also an opportunity for OA members with at least 10 months membership to become Brotherhood. The Lodge is always looking for staff, cooks, elangomats (guides for Ordeal clans), project managers, and ceremonials to help make this a successful event.

Date: December 5 - 7, 2014
Location: McGimsey Scout Park
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA/WinterGathering14

Order of the Arrow Banquet

OA’s annual awards and recognition banquet. The new Chief and officers are installed, and the new Vigil members and the James E. West and Founder’s Award recipients are recognized. Other awards are presented that the Lodge and its members have received during the previous year, including the Spirit Award. A guest speaks, the coming year’s events are shared, and a silent auction is held to benefit scholarships for NOCA and high adventure activities.

Date: January 24, 2015
Location: TBD
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA/ArrowBanquet15

Events Supported by the Lodge

Bear Creek Adventure (BCA)

Bear Creek Adventure is an opportunity for troops and crews to spend a weekend learning and honing their backpacking skills before attending Philmont. Arrowmen are asked to join the BCA staff as Rangers helping teach backpacking skills, describing personal and crew gear, and instructing on cooking, first aid, orienteering and setting up the Bear triangle. Rangers also help run games and cook cobbler in the evening for all the crew members. This is a great time to share your outdoor skills and spend a great weekend with fellow Arrowmen.

Date: September 19 - 21, 2014
Location: Bear Creek Scout Reservation
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BearCreekAdventure14

Council Web-O-Ree

This year we are encouraging our Chapters to provide support to the Council Web-O-Ree running fun games and activities, and teaching drumming and dancing to the future Boy Scouts and Arrowmen. We will have an evening of fellowship activities specially for OA members.

Cost: October 17 - 19, 2014
Location: Bear Creek Scout Reservation
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/WebORee

AlamoAreaBSA.org
UTSA SCOUT NIGHT

Head down to the Alamodome for a fun night and a great game between our local Roadrunners and the El Paso Miners! After the game we will have the opportunity to hear from a super surprise speaker.

Cost:  $10 - Sections 313-315
       $20 - Sections 120-121

Dates:  October 25, 2014

Times:  6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Locations:  Alamodome
            100 Montana St
            San Antonio, TX  78205

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights

SPURS SCOUT NIGHT

Come cheer on our Championship Spurs in a night of basketball exhilaration. Spurs host the Scouts in one of our favorite Scout Nights, with a surprise special guest speaker.

Cost:  TBD

Date:  Anticipated for December, TBD pending release of the season’s schedule

Time:  TBD

Location:  AT&T Center
           1 AT&T Center Pkwy,
           San Antonio, TX  78219

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights

WHITE CHRISTMAS THEATER

Our theater night includes discount tickets for White Christmas the musical, ornament making, cookie decorating, and hot chocolate. There will be an onstage question and answer (Q&A) session with the director, cast, and crew along with photo opportunities. Enjoy this holiday classic performed Broadway-style.

Cost:  TBD

Date:  December 6, 2014

Time:  7:20 pm - 9:30 pm

Location:  Woodlawn Theater
           1920 Fredricksburg Rd
           San Antonio, TX 78201

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/WhiteChristmas

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, this council-wide service project begins Saturday, February 21 as Scouts distribute bags in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Scouts return on February 28 to pickup the bags from participating neighbors and deliver donations to designated drop-off locations. Scouting units should pickup bags beginning in February at our Council Service Centers.

Cost:  Free

Dates:  February 21, 2015
        February 28, 2015

Times:  Varies

Location:  Varies

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Scouting ForFood

REPORT TO STATE

All Scouts are invited to attend the annual Report to State to celebrate the anniversary of Scouting and report on the status of Scouting in each council in Texas. The Alamo Area Council will put a delegation together of no more than 30 youth with one of them being the spokesman for our council. The activity usually starts with a breakfast for council delegations at a hotel in downtown Austin. After the breakfast, Scouting units are invited to march in a parade down Congress Avenue to the State Capitol.

Cost:  TBD

Date:  TBD

Time:  TBD

Location:  Downtown Austin, TX

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ReportToState

SCOUT NIGHT: SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW AND RODEO

Cost:  TBD

Date:  February 15, 2014

Time:  TBD

Location:  AT&T Center
           1 AT&T Center Parkway
           San Antonio, TX  78219

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CommunityService
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts

DISTRICT RECOGNITION BANQUET

Each year Districts hold a reception and recognition ceremony to honor the volunteers, units, and Eagle Scouts. Special awards like Silver Beavers and Lifesaving awards are presented. Visit your District’s page for updates:

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts

Texas Hills District:
Cost: $10 per Person  
Date: January 8, 2015  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Bandera United Methodist Church  
1103 Cedar St.  
Bandera, TX 78003  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHills

Rough Rider District:
Cost: $12 per Person  
Date: January 22, 2015  
Time: Fellowship 6:30 pm  
Ceremony 7:00 pm  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider

Diamondback District:
Cost: TBD  
Date: January 22, 2015  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: Northwood Presbyterian Church  
518 Pike Pl.  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Diamondback

Two Rivers District:
Cost: $10 per Person  
Date: January 30, 2015  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: United Methodist Church  
3460 FM 3009  
Schertz, TX 78154  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TwoRivers

Cimarron District:
Cost: $10 (through Jan 26)  
$13 (after Jan 26)  
Date: January 31, 2015  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: LDS Windcrest  
8801 Midcrown Dr.  
Windcrest, TX 78239  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron

Armadillo District:
Cost: $10 online / $12 at door  
Date: February 7, 2015  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: Silver Creek Lodge  
San Antonio, TX  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo

Longhorn District:
Cost: TBD  
Date: February 7, 2015  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn

Victory District:
Cost: $10 per Person  
Date: February 7, 2015  
Time: 6:30 pm - 9 pm  
Location: Hope Lutheran Church  
5714 Callaghan  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Victory

Memorial District:
Cost: $10 online / $12 at door  
Date: February 7, 2015  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: TBD  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Memorial

Summit District:
Cost: TBD  
Date: February 25, 2015  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: TBD  
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Summit
YOUTH PROTECTION AND ONLINE TRAINING

Youth Protection Training for Adults
Youth Protection Training is offered online through the Boy Scouts of America National Website. Their training site is interactive and you can go at your own pace. The minimum amount of time to take the training is approximately 30-40 minutes.
For more information visit www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection.

Youth Protection Training - In Person
If you do not have access to a computer or you would prefer a classroom setting, Adult Youth Protection Training is available through the council. To find out if there are any upcoming trainings, visit the training page on the council’s website at www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training.

ONLINE TRAINING

Adult volunteer leaders, parents, and all those interested in the health and safety of young people are welcome to complete any online training. These interactive trainings include Youth Protection, Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, This is Scouting, and many more. Take your online trainings here: www.MyScouting.org.

You can also take Leader Specific Training to complete the required training for your volunteer position. Go to www.Scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx to view the requirements for each position.

When creating your online profile at www.MyScouting.org, be sure to input your BSA Member ID. Your BSA Member ID can be found on your membership card, on your unit roster, or by contacting the council office. Once you have completed online trainings, be sure to submit a copy of your certificate to the council office so that the registrar can have a copy on file.

If you have experienced issues while taking online training such as being unable to print a certificate or forgetting a username and password, please contact the national office at (972) 580-2000 or by email at MyScouting@Scouting.org
Adult Cub Scout Leaders are considered to be trained and eligible to wear the official ‘Trained’ emblem once they have completed the Position Specific Leader Training for their assigned position and Youth Protection Training (YPT). Pack Trainers are required to take D70 “Train the Trainer – Fundamentals” in addition to their Position Specific Leader Training and YPT. Visit website www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training or email Training team at Training@AlamoAreaBSA.org.

CUB SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Content is based on the leader’s position and will cover basic knowledge and skills needed to be a successful leader. Attendees MUST bring a copy of their Youth Protection Training (YPT) card and show it to receive a ‘Trained’ patch at the completion of the Leader Specific Training OR may stay to complete the YPT training after the Leader Specific Training and receive their ‘Trained’ patch.

Cost: $5 online / $7 walk-in

Dates/Location: Leaders may attend any available training.
• September 20, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, University United Methodist Church, 5084 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX 78249.
• September 27, 2014, 8:30 am - 10:30 am, Tree of Life Church, 5513 IH 35 S, New Braunfels, TX 78132.
• October 4, 2014, 8:30 am - 10:30 am, Tree of Life Church, 5513 IH 35 S, New Braunfels, TX 78132.
• October 6, 2014, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 7420 FM 2673, Canyon Lake, TX 78133.
• October 18, 2014, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Woodland Baptist Church, 15315 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248.
• October 25, 2014, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228.
• November 4, 2014, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Scout Service Center, 2226 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78213.
• November 15, 2014, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Bandera United Methodist Church, 1103 Cedar St., Bandera, TX 78003.
• December 2, 2014, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, LDS Church, 202 Coronado Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028.
• December 6, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Scoutreach Service Center, 8503 S. Zarzamora St., San Antonio, TX 78224.
• January 24, 2015, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228.
• February 7, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, LDS Church, 8801 Midcrown Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239.
• February 28, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, LDS Church, 636 Oak Haven, Pleasanton, TX 78064.
• March 7, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Room 7A/7B, 4222 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78227.
• March 21, 2015, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228.
• October 18, 2014, 8:30 am - 10:30 am, Tree of Life Church, 5513 IH 35 S, New Braunfels, TX 78132.
• October 25, 2014, LDS Church, 636 Oakhaven Rd., Pleasanton, TX 78064.
• October 25, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, LDS Church, 8801 Midcrown Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239.

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO)

A one day training event that introduces Cub Scout Leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping. It is required to have one BALOO trained leader in the pack (and at the event) to be able to conduct an overnight activity at the pack level.

Cost: $10 per person

Dates/Location:
• August 23, 2014, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, McGimsey Scout Park (McGimsey House).
• November 21 - 22, 2014, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Saturday, McGimsey Scout Park (Dining Hall).
• February 21, 2015, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, McGimsey Scout Park (McGimsey House).

YOUTH / SCOUT TRAINING

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

Boy Scouts who want to serve as Den Chiefs in Cub Scout dens, learn practical skills in teaching games and songs and about the resources available to provide the program to Cub Scouts.

• September 20, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, University United Methodist Church, 5084 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX 78249.

“Every Scout deserves a trained leader.”
-Lord Baden-Powell
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS TRAINING

The Outdoor Leader Skills course teaches the skills needed in order to help a Scout reach the First Class rank. This is a required course for Scoutmasters (SM), Assistant Scoutmasters (SA), Varsity Team Coaches (VC), and Assistant Varsity Coaches (VA) in order for them to earn the ‘Trained’ patch in their registered position. Attendance at this course is recommended for all Scout Leaders, including those planning to attend a Wood Badge course and those who work with their unit’s youth in their outdoor programs.

Cost: $15 per person

Dates/Locations: August 22-23, 2014, 5:00 pm Friday - 6:00 pm Saturday, McGimsey Scout Park (Dining Hall).

• November 21 - 22, 2014, 5:00 pm Friday - 6:00 pm Saturday, McGimsey Scout Park (Dining Hall).

BOY SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Content is based on the leader’s position and will cover basic knowledge and skills needed to be a successful leader. Attendees MUST bring a copy of their Youth Protection Training (YPT) card and show it to receive a ‘Trained’ patch at the completion of the Leader Specific Training OR may stay to complete the YPT training after the Leader Specific Training and receive their ‘Trained’ patch. If Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is required for your position, you will need to show your IOLS card to receive the ‘Trained’ patch.

Cost: $5 online / $7 walk-in

Dates/Locations: Leaders may attend any available training.

• September 20, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, University United Methodist Church, 5084 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX 78249.

• September 27, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228.

• October 18, 2014, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Woodland Baptist Church, 15315 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248.

• October 18, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Trees of Life Church, 5513 IH 35 S, New Braunfels, TX 78132.

• October 25, 2014, LDS Church, 636 Oakhaven Rd., Pleasanton, TX 78064.

• October 25, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, LDS Church, 8801 Midcrown Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239.

• November 15, 2014, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Bandera United Methodist Church, 1103 Cedar St., Bandera, TX 78003.

• December 6, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Scoutreach Service Center, 8503 S. Zarzamora St., San Antonio, TX 78224.

• December 9 & 11, 2014 *Must attend both sessions* 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm, LDS Church, 202 Coronado Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028.

• December 13, 2014, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228

• January 15 & 29, 2015 *Must attend both sessions*

• February 7, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, LDS Church, 8801 Midcrown Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239.

• February 21, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd, San Antonio, TX 78228

• February 28, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, LDS Church, 636 Oak Haven, Pleasanton, TX 78064.

• March 7, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Room 7A/7B, 4222 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78227.

• May 23, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228

YOUTH / SCOUT TRAINING

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

The National Youth Leadership Training course is a one-week experience provided by volunteer Scouts and Scouters to prepare Boy Scout and Venturing youth leaders with effective unit leadership skills. Visit the link for eligibility requirements.

Cost: $260 per youth Scout

Date: June 7 - 13, 2015,

Location: McGimsey Scout Park

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/NYLT15
SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Advanced

TRAINER’S EDGE (TE)

TE is the required train-the-trainer course for Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) participants. Focused raising the level of skills a trainer brings to the staff experience. A teaThis training will help Pack Trainers attain their knot as well as improve all Scout Leaders’ training skills. Primary emphasis is on how to be a more effective trainer by learning better presentation techniques and by creating better visuals to assist you in delivering your training message.

Cost: $5 online / $10 walk-in
Location: McGimsey Scout Park (OA Lodge and McGimsey House)
Dates: August 16, 2014, 8:30 am-5:30 pm
• February 7, 2015, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/TrainersEdge2014

ROUND-UP WORKSHOP

Fall Round-up Workshop for new fall recruiting plan. All Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout volunteers, and adult members of the Order of the Arrow are encouraged to attend.

Cost: Free
Dates: • August 19, 2014, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm,
Location: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1416 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78232.

CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

This 3-part course will teach basic climbing, belaying, and rappelling. Successful completion and demonstration of the skills presented in all three sessions qualifies for the BSA-trained card as a Climbing Instructor or Lead Climbing Instructor. Card allows the person to assist or lead unit-level climbing and rappelling sessions or to assist in district or council-level climbing and rappelling activities under the supervision of a BSA-trained Climbing Director. This course will take place both on the Tower at McGimsey and on Real Rock at Bear Creek Scout Reservation.

Cost: $75 per person
Dates: • September 2, 6-7, 26-28, 2014 *you must attend all three sessions.*
• March 17, 21-22, April 10-12, 2015 *you must attend all three sessions.*
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Climbing

POWDER HORN

Powder Horn is a training opportunity designed to expose Venturing and Boy Scout Leaders to activities and resources necessary to operate a successful high adventure program. This course is based on the Ranger Award requirements exposing participants to outdoor and high adventure activities.

Cost: $230 per person
Dates: • September 26 - 28 and October 10 - 12 *must attend both sessions,*
***This course is currently full, but you may put your name on the waitlist.***

UNIT COMMISSIONER TRAINING

All Unit Commissioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this basic training course, which covers rechartering, helping units succeed, Journey to Excellence, and much more. After completing this course, Commissioners will receive a “Trained” emblem to put on their uniform.

Cost: Free
Location: Council Service Center
• October 11, 2014, 8:30 am-2:00 pm
• January 24, 2015, 8:30 am-2:00 pm

WOOD BADGE

Scouting’s premier training course provides in-depth training in leadership skills and group dynamics. Designed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing leaders, Council and District leaders, and Scouting professionals.

Cost: $180 per person
Location: McGimsey Scout Park
Dates: • October 24 - 26 and November 14 - 16, 2014, *you must attend both sessions.*
• March 20 - 22, April 10 - 12, 2015, *you must attend both sessions.*
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Advanced/Woodbadge

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT) FACE TO FACE

Required for all registered Scouters. The Face to Face training is required by Texas State Law for all adults who plan to attend a licensed camp in Texas. At all times, youth safety is the number one priority. At the same time, adults need to know the rules for keeping themselves safe. Comprehensive Youth Protection Training teaches all the do’s and don’ts of working with youth.

Cost: Free
Date: November 6, 2014, 6 pm
Location: Bandera United Methodist Church, 1103 Cedar St., Bandera, TX 78003.

COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE

This course is open to all Scouters throughout the Council. This is supplemental leader training at its best, designed to provide program ideas, resources, and FUN for all Scouting volunteers. Leaders may return year after year, earn degrees in their chosen fields, and keep current on all that Scouting has to offer the youth in our communities.

Cost: $10 per person
Date: February 21, 2015, 8 am - 4 pm
Location: Castle Hills First Baptist Church, 2220 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78213.
Training@AlamoAreaBSA.org.
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCOUTS
BUY POPCORN

Over 70% goes back to Local Scouting.
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Popcorn

Thousands of Local Scouts in nearly 300 Cub Packs & Boy Scout Troops will be selling in neighborhoods and at various businesses throughout San Antonio in September & October.
Persons serving as merit badge counselors must be registered as a merit badge counselor with the Boy Scouts of America. They must be men and women of good character, age 18 or older, and recognized as having the skills and education in the subjects for which they are to serve as merit badge counselors, as well as having the ability to work with Scout-age boys.

Applicants must submit a Merit Badge Counselors Application to the council service center. If the person is not a registered adult with the Boy Scouts of America, an Adult Application must also be submitted. There is no registration fee required for those choosing to only register as a Merit Badge Counselor.

All merit badge counselors are required to own the most current printing of the Merit Badge Pamphlet of all the merit badges for which they are counseling. These are available at the Council Service Center Scout Shop.

District Advancement Chairmen can provide lists of available counselors within the district.

The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting, but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and military and community service. In 2013, 342 Boy Scouts achieved Scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout, contributing over 57,798 service hours with a value equaling $1,279,647.72 (million) invested into our local economy and community.*

The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout Troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 2.5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than one million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1911.

Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting - citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness - remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank. For more information about Eagle Scouts, please go to our website and click on “Eagle Scouts” on the home page. Youth and leaders will find answers about the process and steps to achieve the rank of Eagle.

The National Eagle Scout Association provides information for those who have earned the rank of Eagle and want to remain connected to Scouting. Visit their website at www.NESA.org. Candidates needing to schedule Eagle project proposals and Final Eagle Scout Board of Reviews, please contact your District Representative. Local Support and Resources can be found at:

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/EagleScouts
EagleScouts@AlamoAreaBSA.org

Alamo Area BSA.org

FUNDRAISING

FALL 2014

Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council

2014 Fall Popcorn Sale

FACT SHEET — REVISED AUGUST 7

What would be an ideal year of Scouting in your unit and for your Scouts?


With popcorn, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!!!

TRUE POTENTIAL UNIT ANALYSIS

A single Scout selling door to door in a neighborhood can sell up to $150 or more per hour.

The 2014 sale has 9 weeks. A single Scout selling for just 3 hours on 2 days each week can sell over $8,000 in popcorn. At the 40% commission rate, that Scout’s Pack or Troop can net $3,200.

A Pack or Troop of 20 Scouts selling at that rate can net $64,000!

2014 Fall Popcorn Sale Product Line Up

- $50 Military Donation*
- $30 Military Donation*
- Chocolate Lover’s Collection*
- Sweet & Savory Collection*
- Cheese Lover’s Collection
- Chocolatey Caramel Crunch*
- White Chocolate Pretzels*
- Premium Caramel Corn with Almonds & Pecans
- Dark & White Chocolatey Drizzle*
- Bacon Ranch*
- Buffalo Cheddar Cheese
- Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese*
- Kettle Corn (NEW in 2014)
- White Cheddar Cheese Corn*
- Classic Caramel Corn
- Popping Corn (NEW in 2014)
- Kettle Corn Microwave*
- Unbelievable Butter Microwave
- Butter Light Microwave

*these products will only be available for the Take Order

2014 Commission Structure

- 25% Base Commission
- 10% Do Your Best to Be Prepared*
- 5% Cash in Lieu of Prizes
- 40% Total Potential Commission

“Do Your Best to Be Prepared Incentive”

- Submit unit commitment online by Aug 18
- Submit a goal sheet by Sept 8
- Attend a training
- Submit photo of unit kick-off event
- Exceed 2013 unit sales OR achieve $600 average sales per registered Scout
- New units achieve $300 average sales per registered Scout
- Place take order & prize order by Nov 3
- Pay unit balance by Dec 5

KEEP YOUR MONEY

Again this year units will be able to keep their earned sales commissions and submit only the portion due to the Council on or before the December 5 deadline. Therefore, there is no early payment commission incentive in 2014. Overpayments will be refunded in February with online commissions.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Learn more about and commit to the Fall Popcorn Sale online at www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Popcorn
2015 CAMP CARD SALE
Registration Begins Online - December 1, 2014
Sale Dates: February 27 - May 1, 2015

The Camp Card is an award-winning fundraiser that helps Scouts earn their way to Camp and other Outdoor Adventures! The Alamo Area Council’s Camp Card offers discounts at several local retailers. Each Camp Card is sold for $5, with 50% going to the unit and 50% going to the Council. During the 2014 Sale, ____ units sold over 80,000 Camp Cards raising over $400,000 to support Scouting programs in our Council.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampCards
CampCards@AlamoAreaBSA.org

SPECIAL EVENTS
Find Your Own Adventure while Supporting the Scouting Program! Events such as the Scout Strong Patriot Run, Sporting Clays, and Golf Classic support Scouting programs through financial assistance to individuals and families so no youth is denied Scouting’s influence on the basis of financial need.

For sponsorship information on these and other council special events, www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SpecialEvents
SpecialEvents@AlamoAreaBSA.org.

2015 SCOUT STRONG PATRIOT RUN
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2015

The annual Flag Day 5k Race and 1k Kids’ Fun Run honoring our Armed Forces has partnered once again with the Alamo Area Council and the national SCOUTStrong initiative to promote a healthy, active lifestyle for the Scouts, families, and communities we serve.

Thank you to Pulmonair, our 2014 Eagle Scout Sponsor, for helping to raise $10,000 to continue our mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutStrongPatriotRun
ScoutStrongPatriotRun@AlamoAreaBSA.org
FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS)
FOS is the annual giving campaign of the Alamo Area Council that helps provide the necessary funds to ensure a quality Scouting program for every youth. Friends of Scouting is one of the council’s largest source of income (29 percent). Your support is vital to the Council’s programs and services to serve all youth.

MORE THAN 84% OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET IS DIRECTED TOWARDS PROGRAM SUPPORT THAT IMPACTS THE QUALITY OF EVERY YOUTH’S SCOUTING EXPERIENCE!

It costs $200 to provide one year of quality program for each Scout.

WHAT DOES A FRIENDS OF SCOUTING INVESTMENT PROVIDE?
• Local programs and activities throughout the council territory.
• Camp scholarships, uniforms, and registration fees for youth who otherwise could not participate.
• Scout service centers that coordinate Scouting activities and provide customer service to members.
• Accident and liability insurance to protect both youth and adult members.
• Professional staff who counsel, guide, and inspire volunteer leadership.
• Camps and facilities available for year-round camping and council-coordinated outdoor events.
• Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events.
• Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for learning and achievement of goals they set.
• Distribution and development of literature and training materials both in print and online.
• Leadership training for young people who will become future community leaders.

To make a donation to Friends of Scouting, go online at www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Donate
Or, please send a check to:
Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council
2226 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78213
RESOURCES
From Internet links, forms and applications, to program and training materials, look to this section for your Scouting needs.
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Resources

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
EAGLE SCOUT LIGHT BOX

SERVICE PROJECT SIGNS
Borrow these any time!
We have several “Scout Service Project” signs that can be checked out for Eagle or unit service projects. Let our neighbors know the good things the Boy Scouts are up to!

ALAMO AREA COUNCIL HISTORICAL TOURS
Schedule your free tour!
Sign up for a free mini tour of the Alamo Area Council museum. Contact info@AlamoAreaBSA.org

CUB SCOUT YARD SIGNS
If your unit is interested in getting the word out to more youth, the council office can help.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Resources

RESOURCES
Materials available include flyers, neighborhood yard signs, stickers, and others. If you are interested in using these resources, please contact your District Executive for more details.
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts

CANOE/KAYAK RENTALS
Rent our canoes. And, soon online facility rentals will be available for this and other items, including camp sites.
Rentals@AlamoAreaBSA.org

MEETING ROOMS
Use the Scout Service Centers for occasional meetings.
The Council Service Center provides several meeting spaces, equipped with audio/visual equipment.
• Conference Room 2 (15-30)
• Small Staff Room (6-10)
• Scoutreach Service Center (up 50)
• Order of the Arrow Lodge (25-35)
• McGimsey House (15-20)
Contact Front Desk or email:
Rentals@AlamoAreaBSA.org

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS
Marketing is the process of influencing the behavior of one or several people so they will make a purchase, cast a vote, offer a contribution, or join an organization.
Some activities that fall under marketing include advertising, public relations, sales, and market research.

Learn about the Alamo Area Council’s key marketing objectives, and our strategy of the “Story Telling Style of Marketing on Owned Media” and more:
• Branding themes and guidelines
• Social media guidelines
• Marketing Toolbox resources
• Public Relations Policy Statement
• Press Release templates
• Unit Marketing Award of Excellence
• SCOUT TV and PR Scribe Patrol
• Talent Release forms
• College Marketing Internships

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts

FREE UNIT SITES AVAILABLE
Did you know your unit has a FREE website on the Alamo Area Council with a calendar and group email features?
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Units/Websites
Webmaster@AlamoAreaBSA.org
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Webmasters

FEEDBACK TO SHARE?
www.alamoareabsa.org/feedback.aspx

SCOUT STUDIO 7 COMING IN 2015
和服务中心

圣安东尼奥地区委员会

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(210) 341-7641 Fax
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The Council Service Centers are open from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday.

地区委员会

Scouting is volunteer-run and funded. The Council is sub-divided into three administrative districts, run by district committee responsible for the following functions:

- **Membership** – Strives for growth of new Scouting units and youth joining existing units.
- **Finance** – supports District’s share of funds to the Council operating budget.
- **Program** – supports Scouting units with camp promotion, special activities, including community service, training adult volunteers, and youth advancement and recognition.

委员职员

The Commissioner is the liaison between the Alamo Area Council and Scouting units.

The Commissioner’s keep units operating at maximum efficiency, maintain regular contact and coach unit leaders, note weaknesses in programs, and suggest remedies. The Commissioner is part of the District, and typically serves 1 - 3 units, other than their “home” unit.

联系您的委员会成员:

- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Diamondback/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn/Committee
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- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Summit/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHills/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TwoRivers/Committee
- www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Victory/Committee

SCOUT SHOPS

购买制服，徽章，手书，文学，奖杯及奖杯，露营设备，工艺品，礼品证书，及更多。

Musselman Scout Shop
2226 NW Military Hwy
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MusselmanScoutShop@Scouting.org

Scoutreach Scout Shop
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NOTE: As of this printing, CLOSED Until further notice.

服务网点和商店都于重大节假日和假日周末关闭。

交易网点

The Alamo Area Council operates trading posts at all camp properties during most council outdoor adventures. Refreshments, camp souvenirs, advancement materials, branded camp and BSA products, and more.

eSales Site

The Alamo Area Council eSales site is an extension of our trading posts:

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Store

网站：www.AlamoAreaBSA.org
# Council Staff

## Executive Staff

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