

FLAMING ARROW DISTRICT

Flaming Arrow District KEY 3 Leadership

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Rocket Day

About 200 Cub Scouts had a great day on Saturday, November 3rd. The event was hosted by Pack 1775 in Huffman at the May Community Center.



From the District Commissioner,
Ed Tucker

Most people don't volunteer because they have never been asked...BUT we are asking you to become a Commissioner.

Why do we have commissioners?

The Mission of Unit Service is to help units better serve more youth through scouting.

Who appoints and approves commissioners?

The district commissioner with the approval of the designated professional liaison appoints unit commissioners, roundtable commissioners and assistant district commissioners.

What are the requirements?

- Background check
- Training:
Youth protection training
Position-specific training
Unit Commissioner Basic Training

What recognition items can be earned?

The eight recognition items range from the Arrowhead Honor Award to the Doctorate of Commissioner Service. ***The greatest reward comes from helping a unit achieve goals that benefit its members, especially the youth.***

Are commissioners scouting experts?

No, the unit relies on commissioners to have answers, but more importantly, to know appropriate resources within the district. The commissioner is in contact with the unit often, is a Scouting friend to the unit leadership and may know the questions before they are asked.

If you are interested or know someone who'd like to be part of our district's commissioner team, please let us know." To learn more about commissioning, visit

<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/>

Camping Cuisine from David Godell

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Cobbler

Food is one of those things that can make or break a campout. At home, if you prepare a bad meal it is not big deal. You can usually make something else or order a pizza. When camping, this isn't the always the case.

How do you help to ensure a successful campout?

By making sure Scouts (and adults) go to bed with something warm and yummy in their tummy. **Cobbler is one of those Camping Specialties that can help ensure good dreams and positive campout memories.**

These are the recipes for the cobblers prepared at the recent BALOO training. Like anything you come across from others in Scouting, these are not the end-all-be-all, but rather a starting point for you. Some suggestions for embellishments are included for you to try.

Some thoughts before we get started: On some things I am **brand-specific** while on other things I am not. This has been learned by trial-and-error, and by no means are my thoughts absolute. I encourage you to try different things. Also, I do not mention the **size of the cans**. Different fruits are different weights. Remember, the smaller the can, the more cans you will need. We used four cans each of cherry and apple, but only three cans of peaches. With the **soft drink**, it depends if you have an 8oz can, a 12oz can, or a 20oz bottle. Use a whole 8oz can versus 1/3 of a 20oz bottle. The preferred **measuring method is TLAR** (That Looks About Right). As for the brown sugar, a good sprinkling over the cake mix will create just enough crunch and taste, but won't be so thick so as to be a thick and nasty crust.

Caution: Before you make your first cobbler on a campout, try it at home first! Nothing worse than thinking you are going to have the county-fair-winning-cobbler only to find out something is amiss.

Supplies:

1 Dutch oven	Parchment paper
1 box yellow cake mix	1 stick of butter
About ½ cup of brown sugar	Kingsford charcoal
6 to 8oz of a lemon/lime soft drink	
3 to 4 or so cans of your preferred pie filling	

Fire: It will take 20 to 30 minutes for your cobbler to cook, but it will take 45 minutes for your charcoal to be ready after it is lit. I prefer Kingsford because of consistency in quality product (size of briquettes, quality / consistency of the briquettes).

Dutch oven: Line it with parchment paper. I do two different directions to make sure I get good coverage on the sides. The advantage is if something burns / you get a hot spot, it will generally come out with the parchment paper, and makes cleanup a five-minute breeze versus a two-hour nightmare.

Cobbler: Empty your cans of pie filling into your Dutch oven. Pour 6 to 8oz of your preferred lemon/lime soft drink (Sprite, 7-Up, store brand lemon/lime drink) atop the pie filling. The soft drink will help keep the pie filling moist! Cover your pie filling with 1 box of yellow cake mix. Make sure the pie filling is well covered. Sprinkle generous amounts of brown sugar across the cake mix. Slice the butter in 1" squares and place them around the top of the brown sugar. ****There is no mixing! Do NOT stir! ****

Fire: Spread out the coals. We used a pair of tongs, but a small camp shovel will work. Set the Dutch oven over the spread-out coals. Cover the lid with a dozen more coals. Wearing leather gloves will save your hands from the heat of all the briquettes!

Cooking: At 20 minutes, lift the lid *very carefully* so that ash does not fall into your cobbler. If the crust looks about done, then it is about done. It may be boiling, so *do not sample!* Let it cool. I prefer to put the cobbler on the charcoal right after dinner and pull it off right before the campfire. This gives it time to cool so that it isn't boiling when served.

Ingredients:

Peach Cobbler: Pie filling works really well. Cans of sliced peaches tend to be a bit soupy when served. If you use one fewer can of peach pie filling and one can of slices peaches, you won't need the lemon/lime soft drink.

Cherry Cobbler: Try chocolate cake mix and 6 to 8oz of regular Dr Pepper. You could even serve the two types of cherry cobbler side by side for a little comparison!

Apple Cobbler: I like slicing one or two fresh apples and putting them in with the apple pie filling. Be sure to core the apples and don't include the seeds.

News You Can Use

Operation Lone Star Santa The Lone Star Veterans Association is excited to invite all Eagle Scout Association members to participate in LSVA's 10th annual "Operation Lone Star Santa" on Saturday, December 8. Our volunteers help provide donated toys to the children of veteran families in the Greater Houston area. We also celebrate the season and spirit of giving by sharing a wonderfully catered meal at the Combined Arms center east of downtown. Check out [LSVA on Facebook](#) for more information and to get on this list. To register to volunteer:

<https://www.lonestarveterans.org/olss>

More about the Eagle Scout Association:

<http://esa.samhoustonbsa.org>

Order of the Arrow Lone Star Fellowship

Sign up for the premier event of the section, the 2019 Lone Star Fellowship. Each year the OA section puts on a weekend event for the nine lodges of south and central Texas. Join us on **March 15th-17th** at Lost Pines Scout Camp in Bastrop, Texas.

Choices for Merit Badge University

MBU is an opportunity for Scouts to work on badges in a collegiate environment. Focusing on learning through doing with a variety of classes offered for those interested in or in need of advancing in rank. Scouts are encouraged to come and register with their units, but individual sign ups are permitted.

Texas A&M University
<http://tamumbu.org/>

Details about the 2019 Merit Badge University (MBU) are now available and registration is open. Alpha Phi Omega, which hosts the event, is a service organization which shares the ideals of the Scouting program.

Sam Houston State University
<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/scouts/>
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Scouting for Food January 26 - hanger day February 2 - food collection

Unit Leaders

Does your unit have a campaign leader?

Is your unit committed to pick-up from every home that received a hanger?

Have you trained your youth to be courteous and respect homeowners' yards?

Have you considered street safety and two-deep leadership?

Are you assuming good weather and preparing for an inclement day?



**Scout Fair, 2019
April 6**

Houston Philmont Crew
Trek Date: June 15-29, 2019



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TRAINING NOTES
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Online training modules found via my.scouting.org will be updated the first week of January 2019 (updating for Scouts BSA, etc). If you have started a course of training online, but have not completed it, the progress will be lost with the updates. I would suggest that if you have online training to complete that you complete it by December 31, 2018. Otherwise, you will get to start over with the new versions in January. Use a few hours of some of your holiday break to make sure your training is complete.

As ever, trained leaders are what the youth in our units need. Encourage others in your unit to be trained leaders.



Enjoy the great celebrations that happen this month and make some memories with your friends and family.

Send any training questions this way - mrsgene@gmail.com.

-Alice Hamilton



Cubs from Pack 912 know it's never too early to set your course.

Who's Who in the District

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**What is a board of review?
Here's a quick reminder.**

Excerpt from Bryan Wendell's
Bryan on Scouting 11/7/18

A board of review is a chance for adults to talk with Scouts about what they've done, what they've learned, how has it helped them in their advancement and how they're enjoying the program.

It's a chance to celebrate what's happening and answer questions about the future. Occasionally we hear of Eagle Scout boards of review that have been turned into something they were never intended to be...**some have said that the board of review is like a job interview. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Scouts have already "earned the position" of Eagle Scout by completing the requirements. They are not interviewing for the position.**

All too often, the "job interview" analogy is used to justify a number of additional requirements that aren't appropriate...making the Scout better prepared for experience in the "real world."

However, the Scout is already in the "real world" of Scouting. The board of review is not about preparing the Scout for something but rather about celebrating their accomplishments...

Other youth leaders and adults who previously reviewed the Scout determined that the requirements were met when they signed off on the requirement, or merit badge, etc. It is not up to the board to decide that the standards used by those leaders were or were not sufficient.

By the time Scouts have reached the Eagle Scout board of review, they have already demonstrated their knowledge and skills, many times over.

Therefore, make the Scout's Eagle board of review a celebration of their achievement. Make it something to be proud to share with others, not something to be feared.

See [Section 8 of the Guide to Advancement](#) for more great insight into boards of review.



Scoutmaster Felix Trujillo congratulates Ryan McGuire on earning the rank of Eagle Scout



Ryan's Eagle Project: an outdoor classroom for Splendora High School.

This month, I want to remind you all of my August message—to **“Commit to One.”** We are now halfway through the Scouting program year. Rocket launches are in the rearview mirror. Rechartering, Pinewood Derby, and Blue & Gold banquet will keep most of us busy for the next three months. Once that is done, it is a quick dash through the last several weeks of the program year before we all crunches through crossover ceremonies and pack the Cub Scouts off for the summer months.

It is easy to think of these as milestones filled with tasks, deadlines, and checklist items that need completing so that as many Cub Scouts as possible advance ranks with their den. But when we treat Scouting like this—a group activity that is the sum of many individual tasks—we lose sight of the amazing influence we can have on youth one Scout at a time.

That is why now, halfway through our program year, I want to remind each of you to Commit to One. **Each day, you can make a difference in one Cub Scout’s life. Take time to teach them face-to-face.** Look for the Cub Scout that is playing alone at the fringes of the group game. Draw in the loner that draws in the dirt alone while the others work on an activity together. Each of these simple activities help change our perspective on Scouting from an endless run of busy activities to a caring reach toward a needy child. Never forget that each one of the Scouts we serve is needy in his or her own way—just like each of us as adult volunteers has our own hidden needs that make us uniquely human.

This particular newsletter article comes to you courtesy of the morning aches and pains following a camping trip with my sons and their pack. I double duty (like many of us) as a Wolf den leader. This weekend we took 12 boys through the camping and hiking adventures—we cooked s’mores (some even got eaten), dodged the rain, learned about wild pigs, splashed through a creek, and attempted to keep the germs away before cooking and eating our meals together—as a den. It was a weekend for group activities in the great outdoors.

I watched the boys in my den as individuals, not just as a group. I took the time to talk to the boy who was climbing a tree alone rather than playing with the other boys. I taught the Cub Scout who wondered why blowing on a dying fire would help. I listened and smiled when one boy explained his theory on wild pig rooting techniques along the trail.

It was all worth it when, late on Friday night, a father approached me to say he was determined to commit more time to Scouting now after the camping experience his autistic son had over the first half of our campout. It was his first campout, and he arrived kicking and screaming, refused to eat foil dinners with the other Scouts, and complained that he wanted to go home to his comfortable bed rather than sleep on the ground in a tent. By the next night, when they had to leave, this special needs Scout was disappointed he had to go to grandma’s house rather than stay to morning with his friends.

Although he had been a member of the den almost a year, his personal experience on this campout has changed this boy’s connection to Scouting. This family is almost certainly now a Scouting family because of the personal experience of One. I could not have asked for a better outcome at our fall campout.

Think about your experiences with Scouting this program year. **If you have a story like this to tell, please share it.** If not, I invite you again to **Commit to One** by seeking out the personal experience that will change two lives—both yours and the Scout you reach out to serve. I look forward to hearing your stories.

Late December Events Calendar	
26-31	NYLT at Bovay Scout Ranch
26-31	Boy Scout Winter Camp at Bovay
26-31	Kodiak Challenge: Venturers/Sea Scouts

January Calendar

3 Flaming Arrow District
Committee/Commissioners meeting
20200 Eastway Village Dr Humble

10 Roundtable/OA Chapter meeting
Atascocita LDS Church
19618 Atasca Oaks Dr
Humble, TX 77346

Nominations for Recognition Dinner are due



- 12 Key Leader Conference
- 16 Day Camp meeting (Cockrell Service Center)
- 17 Scout Fair Chairman's Meeting (for district Scout Fair chairs)
- 19 OA Lodge Development and banquet
- 21 Cockrell Service Center closed
Martin Luther King Day
- 22 Venturing Forum
- 24 Scout Fair Kickoff (for unit leaders)
- 26 Scouting for Food hanger distribution

For specific information on these or other events:
www.samhoustonareacouncil.com



Cubs from Pack 1727, sponsored by St. Martha's Catholic Church, plant a fig tree, learning an outdoor skill and what it means to leave a legacy.



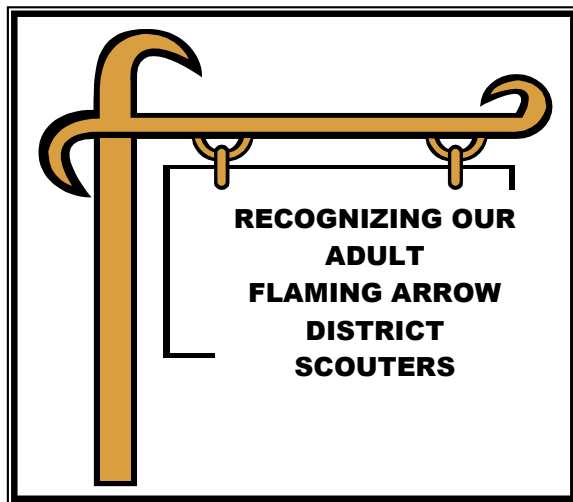
Members from Troop 1377 performed community service for Black Cat HAAM by painting, cleaning, repairing donations.

From the Recognition Dinner Chair, Ron Sunker

Each year the district has an opportunity to recognize and say "thank you" to Scouters who have made a significant contribution to the Flaming Arrow youth. Guidelines for the awards are on page 8.

For more information or to register:

<http://flaming-arrow.shac.org>



EACH YEAR, SCOUTERS WHO HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE YOUTH OF OUR AREA ARE RECOGNIZED.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN IDENTIFYING FELLOW SCOUTERS THAT HAVE DONE A SPECIAL JOB AND DESERVE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE DISTRICT.

THERE ARE SEVERAL AWARDS - PICK THE ONE THAT BEST SUITS THE INDIVIDUAL YOU ARE NOMINATING.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

THE HIGHEST AWARD PRESENTED IN THE DISTRICT TO SCOUTERS. 4 AWARDS/YEAR (District Award of Merit)

CECIL SAMPSON OUTSTANDING SCOUTMASTER AWARD

1 AWARD/YEAR (Flaming Arrow Cecil Sampson Outstanding Scoutmaster award)

JESSIE & EARLINE HUNT OUTSTANDING DEN LEADER AWARD

1 AWARD/YEAR (Flaming Arrow Jessie & Earline Hunt Outstanding Den Leader Award)

OUTSTANDING VENTURING LEADER AWARD

1 AWARD/YEAR (Flaming Arrow Outstanding Venturing Leader Award)

SPECIAL AWARD PLAQUES

22 AWARDED/YEAR (Flaming Arrow Special Awards)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

NEW - EACH UNIT MAY NOMINATE AND RECEIVE 2 CERTIFICATES PLUS ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 25 YOUTH AND ADULTS REGISTERED ON THE FIRST OF OCTOBER OF THE CURRENT YEAR. (Flaming Arrow Certificate of Merit)

IMPORTANT: NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY ROUNDTABLE

FORMS: VISIT <http://flaming-arrow.shac.org/> to either download the desired forms or complete them online. On the website go to Activities and Recognition Dinner

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