

FLAMING ARROW DISTRICT

June, 2018 Edition

Flaming Arrow District Key Leadership

Ed Tucker.....District Commissioner
Harry Drew.....District Chair
Jeff Hammonds.....District Vice Chair
Candace Skinner.....Senior District Executive



Jared Jensen

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

Jared Jensen has participated in the Scouting Movement for over 30 years. He is the 5th generation of family scouting leaders. Jared's great-great-grandfather was Scoutmaster of Troop 157 in Sunset, UT in the 1930's and was awarded the Silver Beaver before 1949. Jared's father was the first Eagle Scout in the family and was a Charter Executive in Kingwood for five years.

Jared began his Scouting journey in the summer of 1986 when he joined Pack 131 in Midland, TX. He earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1992, followed by 7 Eagle Palms. Jared served as a council contingent Senior Patrol Leader at the 1993 National Scout Jamboree in Fort AP Hill, VA. After serving two years as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Santiago de Chile, Jared returned to school at Brigham Young University. While in college, Jared volunteered with the Utah National Parks Council for three years. In 2000, Jared was selected to represent the BSA as an international staff exchange member to the Bucher Berg camp in Bavaria, Germany. Jared was involved with many programs and achievements

while in Utah, but the most important things he took away from his time in Utah were a master's degree in mechanical engineering and his beloved wife Krista, who he married in November 2001.

Jared's first job out of college was as a nuclear engineer and he relocated to upstate New York. During this time Jared served informally as an advisor to a local troop. Following a combat deployment to Afghanistan in 2008, Jared joined the troop as a troop committee member, and then became the committee chair. Jared and his family left New York in late 2012.

In 2013, Jared began work in the oil & gas industry as a drilling engineer in Houston, TX. That year he and his father staffed the 2013 National Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Scout Reservation. His volunteer service continued, as he became Scoutmaster for Troop 1143. Under his leadership, the troop qualified for the first time as a Journey to Excellence unit (Silver in 2016 and Gold in 2017). In 2017, Jared joined Pack 3664. In May, 2018, he became the FAD Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner.

Krista and Jared have been married for 16 years. Their sons -Quinten (8) and Vincent (7)—are active members of Pack 3664. Their daughter Alexis (11) is an avid swimmer and looks forward to learning to play the flute in middle school starting this fall.

For Jared's thoughts about Cub Scout summer activities and his future goals, see pages 5 and 65.

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Flaming Arrow District Calendar

DATE	EVENT
JUNE	
7	FAD Roundtable
7	OA Chapter Mtg
10-	NYLT SESSION 1
17-	NYLT Session 2
19-21	FAD Day Camp
13-15	OA Section Conclave
14	FAD Committee Mtg
14	FAD Commissioners Mtg
JULY	
	NO Roundtable
4	Independence Day
8-	Cub Resident Camp
11-	Cub Resident Camp
15-	Cub Resident Camp
27-Jul-04	NOAC
AUGUST	
1	Online Popcorn sales begin
9	FAD Roundtable
9	OA Chapter Mtg.
9	Recruitment trng
12	OA Troop Rep Summit
14	Popcorn kickoff – unit kernels
18	Venturing Banquet

For more information:

www.flaming-arrow.shac.org

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Gene Hamilton says...

Roundtable: Boy Scout Roundtable will consist of our annual fellowship focus. Bring some munchies to share, or show off your skills and cook it there (**fire pit not included at current location**). Socialize and strategize your summer Scouting! I'm feeling some of my excellent green sauce and chips coming on...

Facilities: Remember - no roundtable in July. We'll see you again in August on the ****2nd Thursday** of each month** - note the change, and spread the word so no one gets stranded when they expected to be with fantastic volunteers like you!

SUMMER CAMPING for FLAMING ARROW UNITS

This summer our units will travel more than **13,000 miles** for summer camp and High Adventure. Let's see where they are going. . .



Worth Ranch

Palo Pinto, Texas Troop 1377

Worth Ranch is located 60 miles west of Fort Worth on the Brazos River at the foot of Kyle Mountain. The historic stone and petrified wood buildings that encircle the parade ground showcase the rich and colorful history of Worth Ranch. Comanche Indians once lived on which is now the parade ground, and Quanah Parker, the last great war chief of the Comanche, was born a few miles up the Brazos River. The chuck wagon was developed near here in 1866.

Scouts can climb and rappel on the cliffs of the Climbing Gardens, fish, row, canoe and kayak on the Brazos River, hike Kyle Mountain, swim and play water basketball & volleyball in 2 pools, see outstanding campfire programs, and eat in the big air-conditioned Duncan Dining Hall.

Kerr Scout Ranch Slippery Falls, Oklahoma Troop 1775

In late 1966, leaders of the Last Frontier Council explored land that was then known as Slippery Falls Ranch to see if the location was suitable for a Boy Scout camp. Amazed by the beauty of the rock formations and pristine waters of Pennington Creek, the council decided to purchase the land and open it for summer camping in 1967.

The camp offers a climbing tower, aquatics, horseback riding and stresses "boy led" programs.

Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch - Walsenburg, Colorado
Troop 1011

Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch has z new ATV Program, High Adventure Camp Programs, Shooting Sports, Fish Pond, Ecology/Conservation, First Class Trail, Rock Climbing/Rappelling, Scout Craft, and even our new Technology and Conservation Areas are complemented by the beauty of the forest, lake, and meadows.

Rockefeller Scout Ranch - Damascus, Arkansas
Troop 727

Camp Rockefeller is in the 3,200-acre Gus Blass Scout Reservation in Damascus, Arkansas. Lakes, streams, caves, creeks, hills, mountains, forests, and fields are scattered throughout the reservation.

Scouts and adult leaders can participate in shooting sports, swim or learn how to swim in an Olympic- sized pool, climb “the mountain” or race down the “zip line,” fish in lakes and streams, hike through forests, camp in tents, view wildlife, bike through the mountains, boat on lakes, eat in air-conditioned dining hall, learn from the ranch staff, and relax in Rockefeller facilities. The ranch includes a chapel, a fire ring, COPE course, trading post and 60’ climbing wall. Camp Rockefeller is truly the perfect place to get away from it all or get in the mix.

Sid Richardson Scout Camp - Bridgeport, Texas
Troop 839

Sid Richardson Scout Ranch (SR2) is a Texas-sized camp with 15 miles of rugged shoreline on 10,000-acre Lake Bridgeport and 2,500 acres of scenic cliffs, prairie, and forests.

SR2 offers over 70 Merit Badges, an air-conditioned dining hall, large pool, Technology Center, Flight Simulation Center with 16 F-16 cockpits horsemanship program, Space Shuttle Simulator, working Blacksmith Shop, Sailing Base with 24 sailboats, sporting clays range, Viking Ship, Trail to First Class first-year camper program, Climbing tower and cliffs, 2 Blobs, windsurfing, Mile Swim, Snorkeling, BSA Lifeguard, and much more.

Camp Alexander
Pike National Forest, Colorado
Troop 56

Camp Alexander is located in the Eleven mile Canyon in the Pike National Forest and is between 8200 and 8600 feet elevation. The camp area consists of hills, low mountains, and valleys covered by a mix of Ponderosa pine forests, high-altitude grasslands, and wetland vegetation along the lake and stream. There is abundant wildlife including black bears, raccoons, skunks, rabbits, squirrels, deer, elk, coyotes, snakes, and bald eagles.

Programs: aquatics (canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling, swimming, rowing), hiking, cycling, mountain boarding, archery, rifle, shotgun, ATV, rock climbing,

Trevor Rees Jones at Clements Scout Ranch
Athens, Texas
Troop 774

The Clements Scout Ranch is home to Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp and Camp Meisenbach. The ranch has over 3,300 acres of towering pines and hardwoods with four well-stocked lakes.

Trevor Rees Jones has thirteen program areas that are staffed by National Camping School certified area directors and fellow Scouts who are eager to teach. The program areas include: Citizenship and Communications, C.O.P.E. and Climbing, Conservation/Nature, Horse Corral, Field Sports, Handicraft, ATV, Health Science, Water Front, Pool, Scout Skills, Shooting Sports, and Trail to First Class.

High Adventure Venues

Troop 1377 Crater Lake, Oregon

Troop 839 South Carolina/Georgia

In August, David Godell will report the best and perhaps the “not so good” of all these summer camps and High Adventure trips. To facilitate his report, respond to his **Survey Monkey, page 2.**

Summer Fun for Cubs



Jared Jensen,
Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

With summer upon us, I encourage each of you to consider what you will do to help sustain Scouting during the summer months. Whether you have a plan in mind or not, think about where you would like your program to be in three months and what you can do this summer to help start strong when our Cub Scouts start back to school. As you consider this, keep three things in mind:

Set a Schedule

How many times have you talked to the parent of one of your Scouts on recruiting night and had a conversation that goes like this:

"So good to see you back again this year. We're excited to have Johnny moving up to the Bear den."

"We are excited too, but we decided to sign Johnny up for football this fall and practices are the same day as den meetings. We won't be able to come to den meetings anymore. If only we had remembered..."

One of the great things you can do to keep your Cub Scouts ready for fall activities is to have an activity once a month on the same day your Pack usually has its meetings.

This helps Cubs stay engaged in scouting activities and reminds parents to keep scouting in mind for their fall schedule.

Choose Activities

Summertime is a great time to get outside and enjoy a fun program with the boys. Whether its Cub Scout day camp, a STEM program at Houston Museum of Natural Science, or a night out at the ballpark, there are many options for organized summer activities that you don't have to plan. But if you're up to something smaller, **planning your own activity is easy.** The Houston area offers wonderful opportunities for outdoor fun at local parks, community swimming pools, the beach, and nearby campgrounds. The sky is truly the limit.

Make Assignments

No matter what you decide to do for your summer activities, having the right leadership in place is one of the great keys to success. **First, make sure you have the right leaders in place for critical safety needs**—like first aid, safe swim defense, and two-deep leadership. This will keep the event safe even if...

you decide to do something a little more outgoing than the norm for your Pack.

Second, consider who can best plan and lead the activity. Summer activities give you the opportunity to attract new adult leaders to your unit by having interested parents plan and lead a single activity. This is not nearly as daunting as asking that brand new mother if she would like to be the Tiger Den Leader—you're just asking them to plan an outing to the local park with some popsicles afterwards. Who knows, you might just find your next Cubmaster this way.

Last, be sure that regardless of who is planning and leading the event that you assign enough parents and leaders the task of coming to wrangle the Cubs. New Tigers need a 1-to-1 adult to Cub ratio per program guidelines, but you will also need enough adult leaders to keep the Bears from eating the Wolves, so don't skimp!

Don't let your Pack program melt in the summertime heat. Keep it cool with engaging activities that help the boys stay united as a group and having fun with the Scouting program. Don't worry that some of the Pack will be unable to make the activities. Summer is a time for family, too, but as long as we are patient and inclusive, we will have opportunities to keep most of the Pack participating at least once or twice over the summer.

Hopefully this taste of summertime will whet your appetite for more information about how to run a great summer program. I look forward to seeing each of you this upcoming roundtable for a discussion on how to run a quality summertime Cub Scout program including requirements on earning the **Summertime Pack Award.**

To conclude my commissioner comments, I want to give you a taste of my goals for the Cub Scout Roundtable for the coming program year. **We are at the cusp of a new opportunity with Scouting.** With 100 years of legacy behind us, we are at the forefront of the Family Scouting movement where boys and girls both will eventually have the opportunity to be integrated into our units from the youngest Lion to the most seasoned Venture Scouts. I am excited to help all of you learn the skills that will be needed to carry scouting forward for the next hundred years, but it all starts with this year.
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Cub Roundtable Goals

To that end, I am establishing three goals for Cub Scout Roundtable that will help us focus our efforts for the coming program year. I hope that accomplishing these goals will help us improve our ability to serve our units and each other:

1. **Increase Cub Scout Roundtable attendance by 10%**
2. **Raise the number of fully trained Cub Scout leaders in the district to 60% or higher**
3. **Help every Cub Scout unit in the district achieve Bronze Journey to Excellence status or better**

Each of these goals provides focus to the important aspects of delivering a quality program to the Cub Scouts we serve.

First, every Cub deserves a fun program. At Roundtable, we practice the skills that enable us to deliver a fun program to the Cub Scouts. We will strive in Roundtable to deliver the tips and tricks you need to take your program to the next level—but we need you at Roundtable to learn! So please, join us each month and bring a friend.

Second, every Cub deserves to be led by a trained leader.

The basics of how to lead Cub Scouts is captured in the training programs conducted by BSA. Whether you are a den leader or the pack committee chair, basic training gives you the tools to succeed in your efforts to support the Cub Scouts in our communities. We will build on the basics learned in Cub Scout leader training each month at Roundtable.

Third, every Cub deserves to be proud of their unit. The Journey to Excellence program is not just an award but also a framework on how to build a self-sustaining and enjoyable program that will serve Cub Scouts this year, next year, and over the next decade. Wondering where to put your focus to make your unit stronger? Look no further than the Journey to Excellence program. Every unit is on this journey, and together we will all go forward to the next level so that Scouting is still here in a hundred years.

My family Scouting tradition goes back nearly a century. My sons now represent the sixth generation of Scouting in my family. I pray that it will still be a part of my family six more generations from now.

Whether you are part of a long chain of Scouters in your family or starting your first steps into a new organization, I am excited to help you “Do Your Best” alongside the Cub Scouts who look to you as role models and leaders. I am excited and humble to serve in this position and look forward to the good times we will have over the coming year.

Virtute non Verbis

From the District Commissioner, Ed Tucker



Thank you parents, scout leaders and scouting volunteers for all your dedication, time and commitment to our youth and communities. Without you, the scouting program would not exist! As we head into the summer activities, remember that you made a difference that will be felt for generations to come. Have a great summer...See you in August!

Ed Tucker



Candace Skinner

Senior District Executive

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Thank you all for allowing me to serve the Flaming Arrow District and your families. It has been a privilege getting to know you all over the past 8 months and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the future!

Flaming Arrow has a rich tradition of “aiming high!” So far this year, we have recruited over 50 new Scouts, started two new units – a Pack and a Crew, and reached our \$37,500 Family Friends of Scouting goal. And it’s only June! We have a big Fall ahead of us and I couldn’t more excited about welcoming new families into our District.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer. If you’re hanging around and have some time for coffee or lunch – please let me know! I’d love to get to know you better and hear all about your adventures.

Thank you all for your support. Yours in Scouting --
Candace

TRAINING NEWS from



Alice Hamilton

It's June... so we can stop talking about training, right? **WRONG!**

We're almost half-way through 2018 and we're losing some ground in training. In the month of May we had many adult leaders whose Youth Protection Training expired – so it's time to get that training up-to-date! In our district, we're at 91.5% of leaders with current Youth Protection Training. Take the time to check when you last took Youth Protection Training. If you've taken it since the first week of February – pat yourself on the back. **If you haven't taken the updated Youth Protection Training at my.scouting.org, maybe you have an hour this month to take the training.** This online Youth Protection Training (if you've taken it since March 13, 2018) is also valid for youth camps in Texas. If you are a merit badge counselor and your Youth Protection Training has expired, your name will not show up on the merit badge counselor list for units using Scoutbook.

Unit leadership – **start preparing for recharter** – make sure that your unit's top leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor, or Skipper) is fully trained. Having a fully trained top leader is required for your unit to recharter at the end of the year – so let's get trained now! If you have a new leader that will be your top leader in the fall, please make sure they are trained! **

****Remember that the online Hazardous Weather course – SCO_800 – is now required for direct contact leaders to be considered trained.** This is true even if you have a previous version of Weather Hazards training that has not yet expired. Hazardous Weather training can be found at my.scouting.org in the BSA Learn Center under Program Safety.

Have an amazing summer!

-Alice



Tips for SUMMER SAFETY

1. Update your Hazardous Weather training
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/alerts/hazardous-weather-training/>
2. Review First Aid training
3. Use sunscreen; hydrate; two-deep everything
4. Read and read again:
Guide to Safe Scouting
www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/
5. [Check medical forms, first aid supplies and have location and contact information for medical assistance when travelling](#)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Preparedness merit badge workbook states the major aspects

Prevention
Protection
Mitigation
Response
Recovery

These are the steps to consider as our youth pursue adventure. Whether it's fire, flood, auto accident, downed power lines or some other threat, remember to
"Be Prepared".