

FLAMING ARROW DISTRICT

Flaming Arrow District KEY Leadership

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Thought for the month from the District Commissioner. . . Ed Tucker

A Scout is helpful. A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

You promise in the Scout Oath to help other people at all times. The Scout motto asks you to be prepared. The Scout slogan reminds you to do a good turn daily. These three ideals work together: you promise to help; you can help because you have learned how, and you do help because you care about people.

Scouts want the best for everyone, and act to make that happen. While a Scout might work for pay, he does not expect to receive money for being helpful.

A Good Turn that is done in the hope of getting a tip or a favor is not a Good Turn at all.



COMPLETED YOUR RECHARTER? NEED HELP?

Contact your Unit Commissioner or
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News You Can Use

PROTECT YOUR TAILER AND GEAR

Excerpts from October 17, 2018
Bryan on Scouting newsletter

- 1. Purchase a wheel lock.**
- 2. Block the doors.**
- 3. Don't store any gear inside.**
- 4. Paint the top of your trailer.**
- 5. Think before you park.** "We'll just be gone for a few minutes"
- 6. Make friends in high places.** Local police make good recommendations - and look outs.
- 7. Get insured.**
- 8. Go incognito.**
- 9. Or *don't* go incognito.** If it's stolen, it's tough to give police a description of a plain white trailer. (see #4).
- 10. Take off a wheel or two.**
- 11. Get a GPS tracking device.**
- 12. Lock it down.**

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TRAINING NOTES
From Alice Hamilton
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As we end 2018 and continue to prepare and complete unit recharterers, a few training reminders:

1- **Current Youth Protection Training** is required for everyone who is registered in your unit. This training can be taken online at my.scouting.org. If you have taken it, but your unit leaders can't see it in their records, make sure that the BSA ID# that you are registered under in Sam Houston Area Council is in your profile for my.scouting.org. (You can add or update your BSA ID# by logging into my.scouting.org and then in the left menu go to "Legacy Web Tools" then "Manage Member ID".)

2- **The top leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, crew Advisor, Skipper) of each unit** is required to be trained in order to recharter. This includes position-specific training, any outdoor required training, and online Hazardous Weather training (if you completed top leader training after April 2018).

3. **University of Scouting** is coming in March. If you have a suggestion for a course, please email me by Wednesday, November 14.

Encourage adults in your unit to be trained and know how to deliver the program to the youth. We love to have trained leaders in Flaming Arrow District.

There is **one last opportunity for top leaders to receive training - Saturday, December 8th** is Top Leader Training Day at the council office. Registration is not up for that event yet, so watch our Facebook group and page.

If you have completed your basic training and want to know what's next? It time to sign up for **Wood Badge**. Wood Badge is leadership training that everyone needs to experience. More information can be found at <http://samhoustonbsa.org/wood-badge>.

Keep enjoying the adventure of Scouting!
-Alice

Excerpts and thoughts from the Oct. 11
Bryan Wendell Commentary
To view the entire article:
"Scouting Wire"
<newsletter@email.scoutingwire.org>

8 OVERLOOKED WORDS

"When Scouts earn merit badges, **they get more than a small patch** for their merit badge sash. They get hands-on experience in future career paths, college majors and hobbies. They become better-rounded individuals who, like a skilled *Jeopardy!* player, seem to know something about everything.

...when I flipped open a merit badge pamphlet recently and saw eight words on the first page. The words were added to pamphlets around 2013, but I hadn't noticed them before. The eight words are: **"Enhancing our youths' competitive edge through merit badges."**

The implication is that when young people earn a merit badge — they become more competitive in life. That makes them more likely to earn scholarships, land a fulfilling job, or enroll in a good college or trade school.

'Competitive edge' ... the decision-maker at a job, college, vocational school or scholarship committee might understand that this person has become a mini-expert in dozens of distinctive fields. They'll see this person's appeal goes beyond book smarts to encompass sports, crafts, science, trades and business. All other things equal, merit badges might be the edge a young person needs to get wherever they want to go.

Likes ... and dislikes, too We often hear stories about young people who were driven toward a particular career because of a merit badge.

But the opposite can be true, too. Sometimes when young people earn a merit badge, **they learn what doesn't interest them**. Realizing you have no chemistry with Chemistry is only a \$5 lesson in the form of a merit badge pamphlet ... rather than a \$12,000 lesson for a semester at college..."



Lion Buddies:
Benjamin Thompson, Rigby Overstreet
Pack 1775, Chartered by Thin Blue Line
Foundation, Law Enforcement Motorcycle
Club

CUB CORNER by Jared Jensen

As the end of the year draws close, I am reminded of the many holidays of different sorts that we celebrate over the next two months. Many of these holidays focus on divinity, gratitude, and new beginnings—holidays like Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year and Three Kings celebrations just to name a few.

This time of year it is difficult to keep Cub Scouts focused on a program that competes with family events and time off from school. For some units, this will be your biggest challenge to running an active program throughout the year. Here are a few ideas to get you through. Think about which one might be best for your unit.

Focus on Family If you know you can't compete with the religious celebrations, family events, and travel plans, this is a great time to give each family an assigned Cub Scout Adventure to work on at home. Each rank series has one adventure focused on Duty to God and another for Duty to Country. Pick one of these that goes well with

the spirit of the season and assign it to the families to finish on their own time.

Serve as a Unit This time of year provides several opportunities to serve together as a den or pack. Pick a cause or a holiday that is special to your group and get the Scouts together to do what we do best: serve. Whether it's writing letters to troops for Veterans Day, collecting food for Thanksgiving, or helping out with Toys for Tots before Christmas, a special service project can help bring your Scouts together at this special time of year.

Observe the Season Many units are chartered by religious organizations, most of which will have at least one major holiday over the next two months. A joint activity between the pack and your chartered organization is a great way to keep Scouts involved with the unit program and maintain connections. Think about opportunities where the Scouts can show value to the charter organization—like setting up chairs ahead of time or cleaning up after the event. This helps families participate in Scouting and their religious organization at the same time.

These are just a few ideas on how to balance Scouting with the season that is fast approaching. Remember that the spirit of Scouting and of the holiday season are the same in many respects—gratitude, patriotism, and reverence.



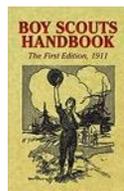
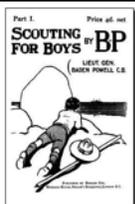
PACK 1292 OF FLAMING ARROW HOSTS JOTA EVENT AT SHAC HQ's



Pack 1292 successfully hosted the 2018 JOTA event from a mobile station in the SHAC HQ's parking lot. With the assistance of independent Ham Operators, we contacted 11 stations in 9 states across the US. This served as the Proof of Concept of our Eagle Emergency Radio Network, that we could indeed affect emergency communications from a field position to support our communities during disaster events. The fact that we accomplished our goal during inclement weather conditions only highlighted our achievement.

Our next step is to conduct a training class to get Scouts and Scout Leaders licensed as Ham operators before securing Ham equipment.

Interested parties should contact Patrick Snyder at patrick Snyder1@yahoo.com, or 281-216-3406.



It's good to get back to the basics

PACK 1727 KNOWS HOW TO HAVE FUN!



TIGER CUBS -PROUD OF THEIR DEN FLAG



WEBELOS LEARN KNIFE SAFETY



November Calendar

Winter Camp Registration is open



9-11 Webelos Coyote Xtreme



Fun-filled weekend - emphasizes outdoor skills and basics of Boy Scouting.

**15 Celebrating Cultures
6-8pm**

Proceeds support Southeast Texas Scouting.
1500 Hermann Dr., Houston, TX 77004 For tickets or more information:
<http://flaming-arrow.shac.org/>

17 Popcorn Distribution



19 Order of the Arrow Elections end



27 Council Recognition Reception

This is a celebration of Silver Beaver recipients and others...light refreshments



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

December Calendar

**1 College of Commissioner Science
8-4pm Cockrell Scout Center**



Just for Commissioners? NO...open to any adult leader interested in the numerous resources available in Scouting.

6 FAD Committee/Commissioners meeting: 20200 Eastway Village Dr, Humble



**8 Top Leader Training Day
Cockrell Scout Center**



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

13 Recharter turn-in at RT



26-31 NYLT at Bovay Scout Ranch

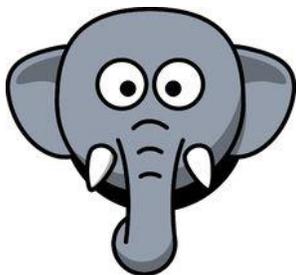
26-31 Boy Scout Winter Camp at Bovay

26-31 Kodiak Challenge for Venturers & Sea Scouts

FUTURE HAPPENINGS . . .

From our Boy Scout Round Table
Commissioner, Gene Hamilton

Be prepared for the annual Boy Scout breakout
festivities at the **December Roundtable** !



We'll be having our traditional **white elephant exchange** (some will be provided if you happen to forget, so we don't leave anyone out), along with enjoying whatever yummy food items you'd like to share.

A great time is always had by all

--Gene

From the Recognition Dinner Chair,
Ron Sunker

SAVE the DATE

Friday January 25th at 7PM
Online registration will open soon

Flaming Arrow District Adult Recognition Dinner
Now is the time of year to consider which adults
in your Scouting life needs a special thank you.
The district is ready to help you recognize those
special people.

See page 7 for a breakdown of the awards

AND SOME FROM THE RECENT PAST

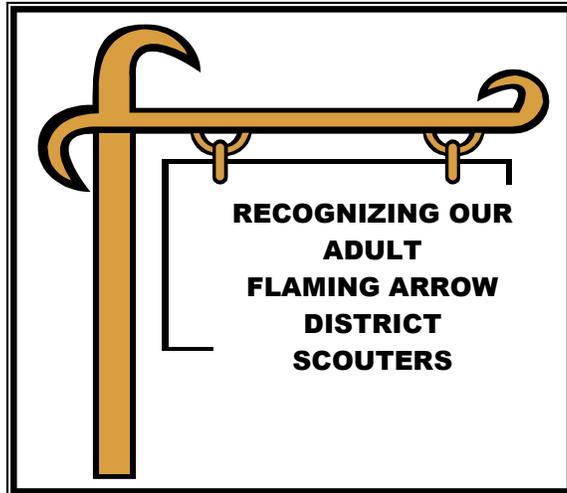


Service Project for Troop 1011



(above & below) Many newly trained BALOO
leaders, thanks to Alice Hamilton's training team





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

QUESTIONS & RETURN FORMS TO: Ron Sunker or email to ron@tlcsys.com



Thomas Franklin, COO, SHAC (one-time FAD District Executive) and Tom Varnell, SHAC CEO and Scout Executive, congratulate Brigitte Therivel, Flaming Arrow District committee member, at the September SHAC reception for Brigitte's International Bronze Wolf Award.

POPCORN UPDATE

Totals for Online Sales as of November 1, 2018

WAY TO GO, SCOUTS!

1	Pack 912	Flaming Arrow	\$2,830
2	Pack 1727	Flaming Arrow	\$2,010
3	Pack 39	Flaming Arrow	\$1,300
4	Pack 3664	Flaming Arrow	\$1,245
5	Troop 727	Flaming Arrow	\$1000
6	Pack 888	Flaming Arrow	\$820
7	Pack 610	Flaming Arrow	\$785
8	Pack 1610	Flaming Arrow	\$747
9	Pack 3017	Flaming Arrow	\$705
10	Pack 1775	Flaming Arrow	\$645