

FLAMING ARROW DISTRICT

October, 2018 Edition

Flaming Arrow District KEY Leadership

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**NOVEMBER ROUND TABLE LOCATION
CHANGE - see page 6**

TRAINING NEWS from Alice Hamilton, District Training Chair

Thank you to all the trainers and participants that helped with and attended our Flaming Arrow District Training day at the end of September. Everyone made a difference.



Our next big training even isn't too far away - it's council's **University of Scouting** on Saturday, October 13th. Check out the catalog and register as soon as possible at www.samhoustonbsa.org/university-of-scouting.

Cub Scout leaders - **BALOO** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation - required for Webelos dens and pack to go camping) will be offered on **Saturday, October 20th** in our district from 8:00am to 8:30pm. Cost is \$15. Space is limited, so register as soon as you can at:

<http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/flaming-arrow-district-training-baloo-fall-2018/2418122>

As we prepare for the upcoming unit recharter season, remember -

1) Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required for ALL adults. This online training can be found at my.scouting.org in the BSA Learn Center.
2) Top leaders (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, and Skippers) need to be "trained" in order for their unit to recharter. If they are new to the position (or new to being trained) since April 2018, they also need to take online **Hazardous Weather Training** (SC_800). Hazardous Weather Training can be found in the BSA Learn Center under "Expanded Learning" and then under "Program Safety". Most of the top leader required training courses can be found online as part of the BSA Learn Center. The only one not available online for Scoutmasters is **IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)**. Currently there are four courses for IOLS (in October and November) listed on the council training schedule - www.samhoustonbsa.org/training-schedule.

Always remember that every youth deserves a trained leader!

If you have any training questions, please contact me at mrsgene@gmail.com.

Popcorn Time is Here!



Popcorn sales are still ongoing and will be wrapping up at the end of the month. The leading Flaming Arrow Pack in ONLINE sales as of September 30, 2018 is Pack 912. The leading Flaming Arrow troop in ONLINE sales as of September 30, 2018 is Troop 727. **Way to go Pack 912 and Troop 727!**

Popcorn Blitz Days: You can enter the Blitz Day drawings at:

<https://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/form/ta/kesurvey.aspx?surveyid=63982&orgkey=2509>

In addition to the prizes on the prize form, here are samples of what every Scout can earn:

Sales Level	Reward
\$1,000	Movie Experience
\$1,500	\$50 Amazon eGift Card + Movie + Soccer Game
\$2,500	\$150 Amazon eGift Card + Movie + Soccer Game

Prizes go all the way to:

\$20,000	\$2,000 Amazon eGift Card + Movie + Soccer Game
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October 13th – 40 order taking total items

October 27th – 60 order taking total items

Unit Popcorn Pick-Up Date: November 17th

Popcorn Kernels: Unit orders are due on Nov. 1

For information on popcorn sales, please contact one of our District Popcorn Kernels:

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October thought from
Ed Tucker, District Commissioner

**A fisherman does not bait his hook with
food he likes. He uses food the fish likes.
So with boys.**

Baden Powell

Fall Camping with the Flaming Arrow District David "Good Scout" Godell

Woo Hoo! It is now time for us to go camping! The heat is subsiding, we no longer sweat all day long, and cobbler after campfire sounds yummy.

Lisa Lion and her cousin **Walter Webelos** are looking forward to camping with their pack this month. Lisa Lion is all excited about her first camping trip as a Cub Scout. According to her dad, **Larry Lion the Den Leader**, Walter Webelos is fielding a ton of questions from Lisa Lion and her den mates. With the help of their Den Chief, **Sammy Star**, Lisa Lion and her den mates will be more than prepared to show up **Wanda Wolf** and her twin brother **Willy Wolf** in the two Wolf Dens!

When not helping with the Lions, Sammy Star is busy helping his **patrol, the Slithering Sloths**, get ready for the October campout. Sammy Star and the Slithering Sloths have been camping all year long, only taking a break in August when they "camped" on the USS Lexington. The Slithering Sloths are looking forward to teaming up with the **new patrol, the Daring Dangerous Dragons**, for the annual flour bomb campout. They are teaming up against the older **Knucklehead Knights** and the patrol between them and the Daring Dangerous Dragons, the **Prowling Panthers**. The flour bomb campout will be another epic outing!

Since both the Pack and the Troop are camping during the third weekend of October, they will both be taking time out of their schedules to participate in the **Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)**. JOTA is an international gathering of Scouts via amateur radio. The troop's radio club, KW8BSA, is excited about seeing how far they can reach this year after speaking with New York state, Ontario, Montana, and Vancouver in 2017. They suggest checking out K2BSA for more information –

<https://k2bsa.net/2018/04/usa-jamboree-on-the-air-2018-patch/>.



The Cub Corner



Jared Jensen
Cub Scout Round Table Commissioner

October finally brings cool weather to Sam Houston Area Council—and that means camping! Whether you camp close at Lake Houston Wilderness Park or venture farther afield, the best time to camp around our part of Texas starts in October. With the start of this prime camping season, I want to remind you of some of the important considerations for camping with Cub Scouts.



First, have a plan. Although the BSA no longer uses the tour permit method for tracking major activities like camping trips, it is still a good idea to use some of the same **safety planning steps** for your campout. Make sure you have **responsible adults** in the right number to help wrangle those wild Cub Scouts. Be sure that everyone on the campout knows how to **communicate** with the leaders in charge—whether it's phone, radio, or semaphore. Leave someone behind (think a committee member or someone from the charter organization) that can be a point of contact in the event of an emergency. And last of all, be sure everyone has the **right gear** including food and water. A good plan keeps everyone safe and ready for adventure.

Second, get trained. At a minimum, one adult leader must have completed **BALOO** training. This **training will be conducted** by our district for the first time in several years on October 20th (see Alice Hamilton's "Training" column on page 1 and contact her if you have questions about any training opportunity. Remember that Hazardous Weather Training is also required for all direct contact leaders (den leaders, Cubmasters, and their assistants. This weather training includes some topics that may be new to you and some that are not, but all are important to know. Last, make sure that you have a good collection of leaders with training in first aid, CPR, and specialty topics as needed for your activity.



Finally, focus on fun! I guarantee one thing for every campout with Cub Scouts: Something will happen that wasn't in your plan. Whether it's forgotten gear, not enough food, or unexpected wildlife visiting your campsite at two in the morning there is something out there that no one anticipated—but that's okay! Camping is about getting the Cub Scouts out in nature, having fun, and enjoying the company of their friends. So don't worry if your perfect campfire program gets rained out or the Tiger den would rather play tag than go hiking like you planned—it's all part of the fun of Scouting. Roll with the punches and remember the main goal for the campout—having fun. **I promise that if you have a plan, get trained, and focus on fun that your Pack camping activity will be one of the best you've ever had.** So, get out there and enjoy the wonderful weather as temperatures and humidity drop to more tolerable levels. I look forward to hearing your stories.

If you have questions or need to reach me:

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What is ScoutsFirst?

ScoutsFirst offers Help with Questions, Concerns and Reporting and makes it easier for volunteers and families to address dangerous situations. If a leader or parent has a question about a situation or something they've seen or if they want to report a possible incident, they can contact the Helpline. In cases of abuse, they should also notify the local authorities. Through the ScoutsFirst Helpline, BSA offers assistance with counseling to any youth member, former youth member, or the family of any youth member who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting. To reach the ScoutsFirst Helpline, call (844) 726-8871 or email scouts1st@scouting.org.



It's that time of year! Time for Internet **Recharter Training!** We will be offering the training at both October and November Roundtables. **Be sure someone from your unit attends. This is how you receive your rechartering code.**

If you cannot make the training in October or November, you will need to schedule a meeting with your unit commissioner to be trained one-on-one and receive your code.

See you at Roundtable!

Connie Oubre
Flaming Arrow District
Asst. Dist. Commissioner

Rocket Day for New Scouts

Saturday, November 3rd, 2:00 – 4:00pm
May Community Center, 2100 Wolf Road
Huffman, TX 77336



ONE FAMILY'S SCOUTING TALE



Our family started in scouts with my grandfather who earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Both he and my grandmother were District Commissioners. Both earned their Silver Beaver and Distinguished Commissioner Awards. My mother was a District Commissioner and all four of my uncles earned the rank of Eagle and one remains the Scoutmaster of the South Cina Maine troop. His sons are Eagle Scouts. My son, Craig, started as a Wolf Scout, earned his Arrow of Light, and is now a Tenderfoot Scout, Patrol Leader, and his sister's Webelos Den Chief. Maebeth is now an Arrow of Light and will be the first girl able to earn her Eagle in our long history of a Scouting family.

Jenn Parks
Pack 1292. Chartered by Foster Elementary

from Brian Lamison, FAD OA Advisor

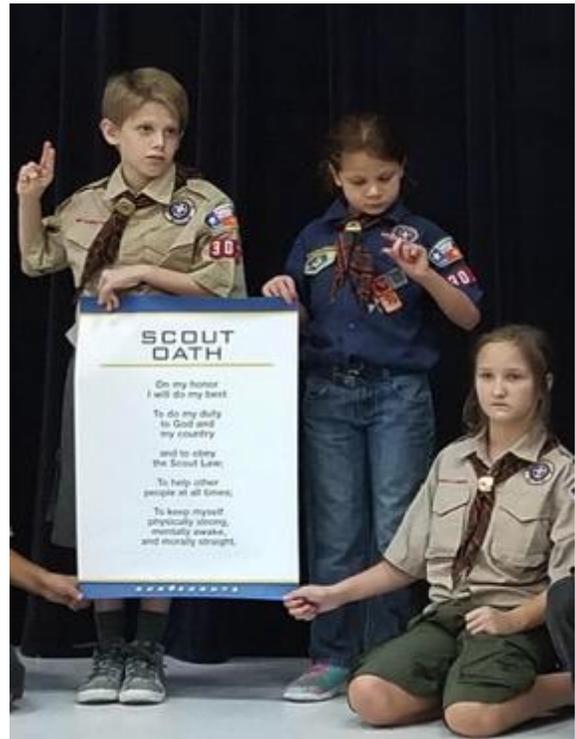
The **September Fall Pow Wow** theme for 2018 was “Colonneh Games”. This was an excellent event put on by the Lodge. We had well over 200 in attendance on Saturday. On Saturday morning the lodge pulled resources and worked on and completed 5 service projects for Camp Bovay. **Flaming Arrow Chapter was well represented this year. We had delegates from Troop(s) 8, 9, 56, and Troop 1011.** If I missed one I apologize. I especially would like to thank Troop 9 they had 9 youth in attendance this year and several that completed their Brotherhood.

OA Elections are a 1/3 of the way complete and I have not had a lot of contact this year. I am free to attend or will make sure that an election team is present if your troop is interested. Remember that I will **need a copy of all forms via email or hard copies to turn in to the council office on December 8th.** Having this form will expedite the process and ensure that all candidate members are processed correctly.

Next I would like to share some data with you. The **Lodge and Chapter attendance is down** over the past 8 years. There are reasons for this, but one positive note is the number of youth entering the OA is fairly flat. Attendance is declining in adult participation. I love to see new youth being accepted into the order, but **without Adult support it is difficult for the youth members to get the support they need for travel and overall guidance.**

Finally, I am asking if any of your troops have a candidate they would like to offer up for Chapter youth positions. Our current Chief from troop 56 has done a wonderful job as well as some of the regular attendees, but **I need a strong youth leader to keep the momentum going.** I have reached out to a few of the routine attendees, but have not had any strong commitments at present.

In closing I would again like to thank all of you for your support of the Flaming Arrow OA chapter and I appreciate all that you do for Scouting,



Calendar	
<u>October FAD and SHAC</u>	
Winter NYLT Registration is Open	
1	Order of the Arrow elections begin
4	Commissioners & District Committee meeting
11	Roundtable/Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting/ RECHARTER TRAINING
13	University of Scouting
13, 27	Popcorn Blitz
17	Popcorn distribution
19-21	Fun with Family
28	Cub Scout Adventure Camp Spook-o-ree
<u>November FAD and SHAC</u>	
1	Commissioners & District Committee meeting
3	Cub Rocket Day
11	NEW LOCATION: Roundtable/OA Chapter meeting/ Recharter training
17	Popcorn distribution/payments due
18	Council Coordinated
19	OA elections end
19-21	Fun with Family campout for new Scouts
27	Council Recognition Reception

NOVEMBER ROUND TABLE RETURNS to ATASCOCITA

Realignment of local LDS wards has made it necessary for Flaming Arrow District to return to our meeting place at the Atascocita LDS building.

2nd Thursday, November 8

Address: 19618 Atasca Oaks Dr

Lions, Tigers & Girls – Oh My!

Flaming Arrow is off to a great start with Fall Recruitment! This September has undoubtedly been much more successful than last year! We aren't all in clean up mode! There is something to be very thankful for!

Lions have entered Flaming Arrow in BIG numbers! Don't be surprised as you see them around the district. They are excited and ready to ROAR! We will have definitive numbers in November, but preliminary numbers show they will be a great addition to our units! We have 22 registered girls so far within 9 packs. Webelos head up the biggest portion of girls with Lions being next.

Second Night Sign-Ups at pack meetings are still ongoing and we are looking forward to more new Scout families being added in October! Don't forget to turn in all of your applications to Candace for processing. If you have turned in new adult applications, those adults cannot be registered without their YPT certificate. If they aren't registered, that will affect your 2 deep leadership policy, not to mention make your Recharter process more complicated than it has to be. Get those certificates to Candace please!

Keep up your efforts and post your meetings/outings. We LOVE to see Flaming Arrow Scouting in action!

BSA - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

announced a new agreement to make **Sea Scouts the official youth program of the Auxiliary, the uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard.**

The new agreement, which is an enhancement of the longtime friendship between these two organizations, will benefit both parties. [Sea Scouts](#) will get access to state-of-the-art Coast Guard training, Auxiliary vessels and a broader pool of adult leaders. [The Auxiliary](#) will extend its message about safe boating and maritime careers to more young people.

For Sea Scouts, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will lower its entry age from 17 to 14.

"The BSA is proud to continue our partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as we continually strive to improve leadership development, real-life skill-building and unique STEM training through the Sea Scout program," said Mike Surbaugh, BSA Chief Scout Executive. This new partnership will begin in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and portions of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania before a nationwide rollout.

How Sea Scouts benefit

- Access to training at Auxiliary or Coast Guard facilities, including advanced training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM
- Free safety checks on Sea Scouts vessels
- An invitation to Auxiliary unit meetings as guests of the Auxiliary
- Access to Auxiliary flotillas as chartered organizations
- A broader pool of adult leaders with seamanship skills and training
- Access to vessels for training

For more information

check out seascout.org. Questions about the Coast Guard Auxiliary's support of Sea Scouting should be directed to Bruce Johnson at bruce.johnson@cgauxnet.us

An excerpt from Bryan Wendell's blog:
Bryan on Scouting September 11, 2018



