

Spring/Summer 2015 Issue

# Adventure Guide

Roadman to Scouting Information and Resources

SAVE through August 2015



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## JOIN SCOUTING

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 events and resources available that support a Unified Focus on Youth. Connect with us today! Visit [www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Join](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Join), email [Join@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:Join@AlamoAreaBSA.org), or call 210-341-8611.

## 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 twelve 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) such as 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 the second Thursday in August at the Council Wide Roundtable*)

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

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

**Locations:** [www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts)

- **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, TX 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, 5084 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

## COUNCIL WIDE ROUNDTABLE

Local Vendors, Popcorn training, Leader training. Register online to win fabulous door prizes.

**Cost:** Free

**Audience:** Everyone

**Date:** August 13, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Location:** AT&T Center

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CouncilRoundtable2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CouncilRoundtable2015)

## 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 at MyCouncil will also allow you to register for Council and District events.

FREE Unit pages and additional resources also offered

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MyCouncil/Join](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MyCouncil/Join)



# THE SCOUTING PROGRAM

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Scouting](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Scouting)



## Prepared. For Life.®

**IT'S MORE THAN OUR THEME,** it's a promise and a way of life. Being prepared means having the ability to deal with the many tough challenges life presents—that's what Scouting is all about. Through its time-tested program, Scouting provides young people with opportunities to mentor to their peers, build character, and enrich their faith. These activities build stronger family bonds and help youth reach their full potential by instilling values that last a lifetime. One of the strengths of the

Scouting program is the unique relationship between religious and community organizations, parents, and leaders. Working together, we are able to focus the necessary resources and leadership on the single task of serving youth. The result is children, families, and communities that are stronger and better prepared for the future.

### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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 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.



### 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.



### 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.





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*Scout Executive, CEO*  
**Editor in Chief**

Dear Alamo Area Council  
Volunteers, Parents and Scouts of  
all ages,

Thank you for a wonderful Scouting year in 2014. The Alamo Area Council is celebrating 14 consecutive years of youth membership growth.

Help us continue to deliver the great Scouting experience to more youth and families. Reach out to your neighbors, whether they live just down the street or across town.

Everyone deserves to experience Scouting in their life. Scouting is more than just camping and the outdoors; Scouting is a tool to help us mold our children into mature, independent young adults.

Scouting has a place in my heart and I strongly believe that there is nothing out there that can do what Scouting does for families and communities. The true spirit and foundation that Lord Baden Powell laid out 105 years ago is still alive and well, today. The fire still shines true and bright and it is our responsibility to Keep the Campfire Alive within the hearts of our Scouts. As adults we must put aside the "noise" of our busy lives and focus on our children and their innocence. Let us allow them the opportunity to be kids through the unique, true, and time-tested Scouting platform.

Together we can assure that our Scouts will enjoy the Adventures that lie ahead of them.

So as we begin the new trail ahead of us with one Oath and Law for all Scouts, keep your head up and wear your uniform with pride, for we are the Boy Scouts of America! One Oath, One Law, One Movement!

### Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

### Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,  
courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,  
brave, clean, and reverent.

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# QUICK FACTS



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Council](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Council)

**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 **Bezar, 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**

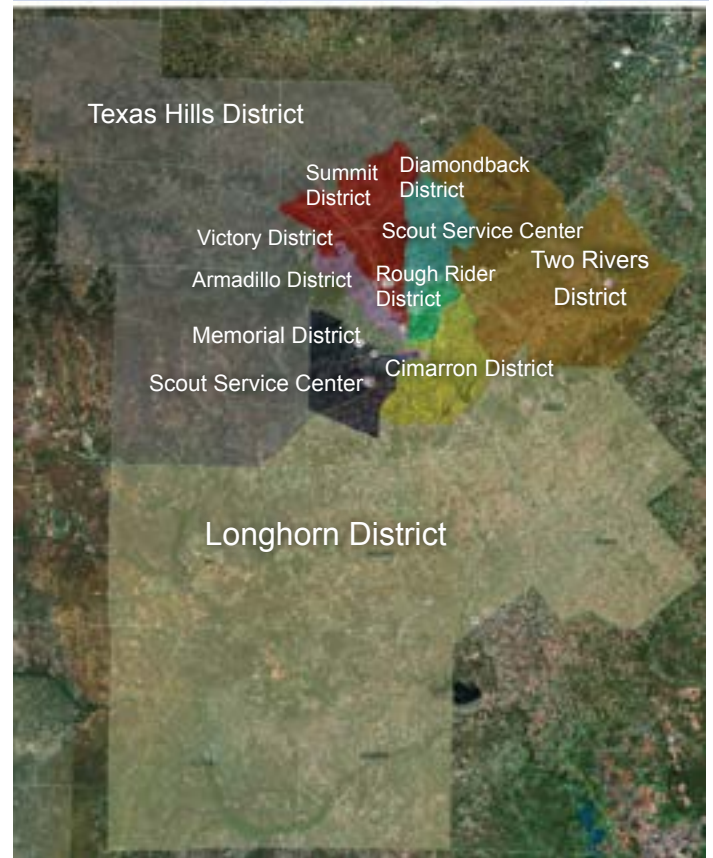
The Council operates **2 service centers** with Scout Shops:

- **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 **27 full-time professional Scouters** and supported by **14 dedicated full and part-time support staff** members.

Annually, the council operates on a **budget of about \$4.5 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**





# OUTREACH

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Mustang](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Mustang)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Aguila](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Aguila)

## 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

at-risk 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 youth and families from our diverse local communities and to develop strong programs for these youth. Currently, the council's Scoutreach program serves 4,500 youth in about 70 Cub Scout Packs.

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.

Most units participate in clean-up activities, food drives, and other giving back adventures that benefit other organizations that serve their community.



## 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.



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ALAMO AREA COUNCIL

**Embrace your Super Scout Spirit in the New Year!**

To support placing hope within the heart of a child, log on today to make your gift.

[AlamoAreaBSA.org/SupportScouting](http://AlamoAreaBSA.org/SupportScouting)

# LOCAL CAMPS

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping)



## MCGIMSEY SCOUT PARK

McGimsey is a 140-acre Scout Park in North Central San Antonio. The area plays host to Cub Scout Day Camps, Cub 'N Ones, New Scout Adventure Days, Order of the Arrow events, and more. A climbing tower and full C.O.P.E. course are located in the park. The site is also used for training programs for all levels of the Scouting program

### McGimsey Scout Park

10810 Wedgewood  
San Antonio, TX 78231  
[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/McGimsey](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/McGimsey)



## BEAR CREEK SCOUT RESERVATION

On this ruggedly beautiful reservation of 1000 acres in the Texas Hill Country, youth, families, and adult volunteers of all ages enjoy day excursions, weekends camping, and week long summer camp adventures. The reservation hosts Adventure Camp, Camp Akela, and Boy Scout Summer Camp.

### Bear Creek Scout Reservation

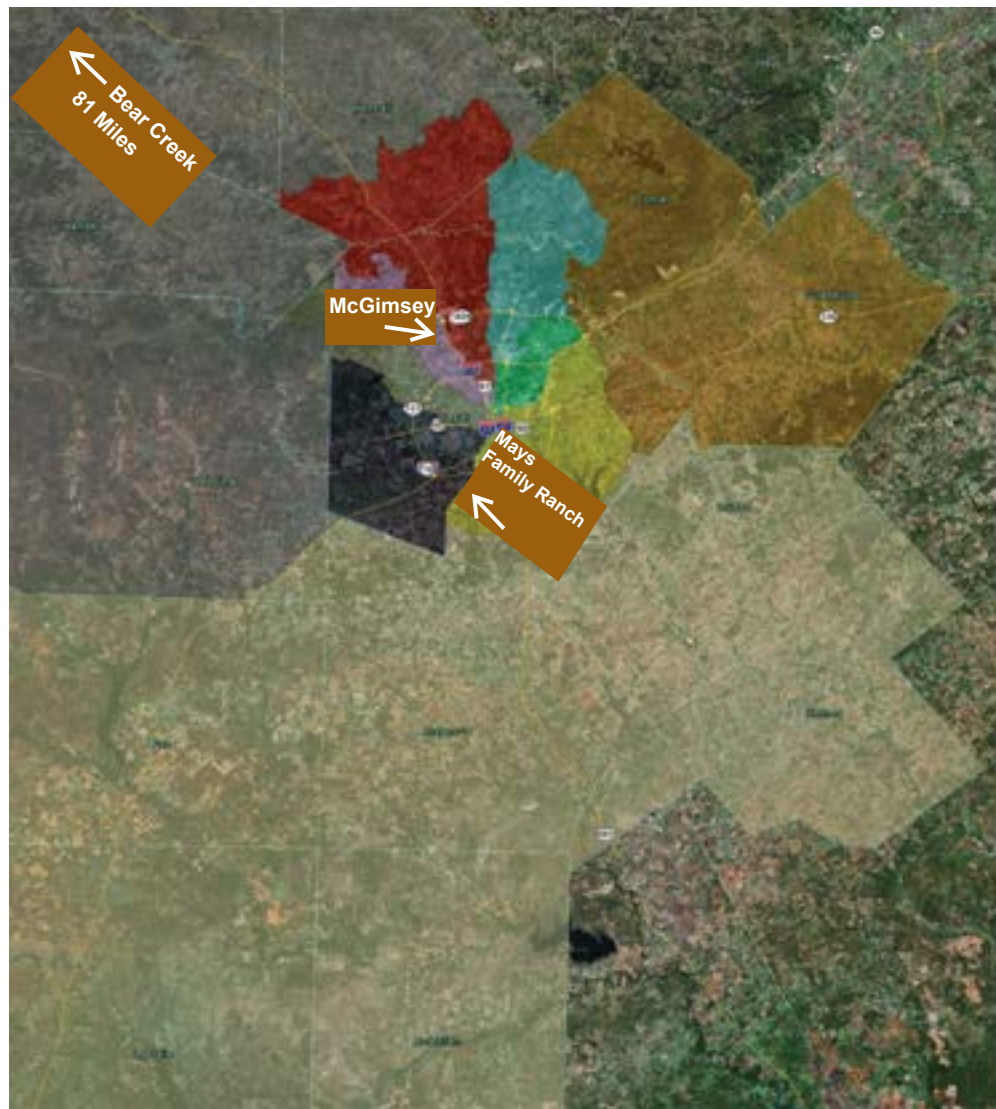
125 Bear Creek Scout Rd.  
Hunt, TX 78024  
[www.BearCreekScoutReservation.org](http://www.BearCreekScoutReservation.org)

## MAYS FAMILY SCOUT RANCH

Mays is a beautiful 75 acre ranch on the Medina River south of downtown San Antonio.

### Mays Family Scout Ranch

3445 Fest Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78264  
[www.MaysFamilyScoutRanch.org](http://www.MaysFamilyScoutRanch.org)



### Camping and Outdoor Adventures

have been at the heart of Scouting for more than 105 years. Since May 1912, the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council has been committed to providing excellent outdoor adventures for youth of all ages at our unique council properties.

**All properties are available for Unit camping and activities by reservation by visiting:**

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Rentals](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Rentals)



# HIGH ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/HighAdventure](http://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.

## 2015 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will attract Scouts from all over the world.

**Cost:** \$5,750, which includes round-trip airfare, a tour of Japan, and lodging.

**Date:** July 28 to August 8, 2015

**Location:** Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/23rdWorldScoutJamboree](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/23rdWorldScoutJamboree)

## 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

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:



starting now. If you are interested in attending the 2017 National Jamboree as a leader, visit:

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Jamboree](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Jamboree)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Jamboree](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Jamboree)

## BEAR CREEK ADVENTURE CAMP

The Bear Creek Adventure (BCA) is a weekend at Bear Creek Scout Reservation in preparation for a Philmont Experience, but it is not limited to Philmont-bound participants. Any Scout, Venturer, or adult leader is invited to attend this backpacking experience through parts of Bear Creek that most do not get to see.

**Cost:** \$10

**Dates/Times:**

- April 24-26, 2015, 6:00 pm - 11:00 am
- September 25-27, 2015, 6:00 pm - 11:00 am

**Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/BearCreekAdventureCamp2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/BearCreekAdventureCamp2015)



## PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

The Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, training, and service programs offer many ways to experience this legendary country. Alamo Area Council has contingents for the summer of 2015. Transportation on a bus is provided.

**Cost:** \$1500

**Date:** June 10, 2015

**Location:** New Mexico

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/PhilmontSummer15Trek](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/PhilmontSummer15Trek)

## 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 online:  
[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/PaymentPolicy](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/PaymentPolicy)



# CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms)

## CUB 'N ONE/ BELTLOOPAPALOOZA

Are you in the Loop? This Cub 'N One will be specifically designed for Cub Scouts to earn belt loops.



**Cost:** Early Bird \$65  
Parent/Cub Team, \$35  
Additional Cub, \$10 Additional Parent;  
Regular \$75 Parent/Cub Team

**Date:** March 28-29, 2015

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/  
BeltLoopapaloozaCubNOne2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BeltLoopapaloozaCubNOne2015)

## SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Belt Loop for Archery and BB Guns and work on/or complete their Pin. The Belt Loop will be earned on Saturday and the Pin on Sunday. Homework is posted on the registration link for those interested in earning the Pins. Online Registrations Only; No Walk-ins, due to the high demand of this activity.

**Cost:** \$10 Saturday / \$10 per activity  
Sunday

**Date:** April 11-12, 2015

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/  
CubScoutShootingSports15](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CubScoutShootingSports15)

## CUB DISCOVERY CAMP

Why sit and play video games when you can come join the action in a live video game?!! Be the hero of Zelda using a bow and arrow. Build your own Mario Kart. Catch the big bass in fishing. Make your own Minecraft keychain. Be an NBA Star!

**Cost:** Early Bird \$65 Parent/Cub  
Team, Regular \$75.

**Date:** May 2-3, 2015

**Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reserva-  
tion

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/  
CubDiscovery2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CubDiscovery2015)

## DAY CAMP

Day Camp is a five-day program for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webe-los. Day Camp does not include any overnight activities. This summer, Alamo Area Council is offering 10 different Space Camps in 5 different locations. Each Camp will offer a fun and rewarding program with activities to make your Scout's summer memo- rable.

**Cost:** Early Bird \$90, Regular \$100

### Dates/Locations:

- June 8-12, 2015, at Cypress Bend Park, New Braunfels
- June 8-12, 2015, Schreiner Univer- sity, Kerrville
- June 15-19, 2015, McGimsey Scout Park
- June 15-19, 2015, Mays Family Scout Ranch
- June 22-26, 2015, Cave with No Name, Boerne
- June 22-26, 2015, TWILIGHT CAMP, McGimsey Scout Park
- July 6-10, 2015, McGimsey Scout Park
- July 13-17, 2015, TWILIGHT CAMP, McGimsey Scout Park
- July 20-24, 2015, McGimsey Scout Park
- July 27-31, 2015, Mays Family Scout Ranch

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/  
DayCamp2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DayCamp2015)

## DC STAR GAZING

Each Wednesday night of Twilight Day Camp Week, Council offers an opportunity to come out and do some star gazing. Star parties will have a cracker barrel and a visit with the San Antonio Astronomical Society. This event is open to anyone who wants to come out and see what's out there!

**Cost:** \$5

**Date:** June 24, 2015

July 15, 2015

**Time:** 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/  
DayCamp2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DayCamp2015)

## TIGER CUB DAY CAMP

Tiger Cub Day Camp is for all Tiger Cubs (going into the 1st grade in fall 2015) and their adult partner to come and enjoy two days of camp made especially for Tigers! Tigers will partici- pate in the following activities: Archery, BB Guns, Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Games and Nature Activities.

**Cost:** Early Bird \$35, Regular \$45

**Date:** July 11-12, 2015

**Times:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/  
TigerCubDayCamp2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TigerCubDayCamp2015)

## SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EVENTS



### NEW SCOUT ADVENTURE DAY

#### Dates:

September 19,  
2015

#### Location:

McGimsey  
Scout Park

### NEW SCOUT ADVENTURE DAY

#### Dates:

September 26,  
2015

#### Location:

Mays Family  
Scout Ranch

### WEB-O-REE

#### Dates:

October 16, 2015

#### Location:

McGimsey  
Scout Park and Mays  
Family Scout Ranch

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# CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms)

## CAMP AKELA

Camp Akela is a three day and night resident camp for Webelos. It is open to current Webelos and Bears about to enter Webelos. Scouts and their leaders will camp in tents provided by the camp and eat all meals in our recently remodeled and expanded dining hall. We are currently working a new program to correspond with the roll out of the new cub scout program in June, 2015. More details to come...

**Cost:** Early Bird: \$150, Regular: \$170

**Date:** Session 1 - July 19, 2015

Session 2 - July 22, 2015

**Location:** Bear Creek Scout

Reservation

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampAkela2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampAkela2015)

## SWIM CHECKS

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season and are required for any Scout attending a BSA Scout Camp.

**Cost:** \$4

**Dates/Times:**

- May 8, 2015, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- May 30, 2015, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- June 6, 2015, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- June 15, 2015, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- July 6, 2015, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- July 20, 2015, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SwimEvents2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SwimEvents2015)

## SWIM LESSONS

The new American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program provides instruction to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop their swimming and water safety skills. The objective is to not only teach people how to swim, but to be safe in, on, and around the water.

**Cost:** \$50

**Dates/Times:** June 8-12, 2015

- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
- 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park Pool

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SwimEvents2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SwimEvents2015)



# BOY SCOUT ADVENTURE

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/BoyScoutPrograms](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/BoyScoutPrograms)

## WILDERNESS SURVIVAL MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

Hosted by Troop 23, come earn the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. This overnight event will put you through the paces to earn one of Scouting's most popular Merit Badges all in the comfort and convenience of McGimsey Scout Park.

**Cost:** \$10

**Dates:** February 20-22, 2015

**Times:** 6:00 pm - 12:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider/RRWildernessSurvivalWorkshop2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider/RRWildernessSurvivalWorkshop2015)

## OPEN CLIMB

Boy Scouts and Venturers experience the sport of climbing and rappelling. Fun for beginners and challenging enough for experienced climbers.

**Cost:** \$5 per session

**Date:** May 2, 2015

**Times:** Session 1 - 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Session 2 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OpenClimb2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OpenClimb2015)

## MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

A one day event for Boy Scouts in the 6th-12th grades or ages 11-17 to earn up to four merit badges to help with their path to earn the Eagle Scout rank and serve our community. Merit Badge University (MBU) is a bi-annual event hosted by the Alamo Area Council.

**Cost:** \$20

**Date:** May 9, 2015

**Time:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Northwest Vista College

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MBUSpring2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MBUSpring2015)

## BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp 2015 is sure to create a whole new level of excitement as the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council celebrates 50 years of camping at Bear Creek. A BMX track and a 1400 foot tandem zip line are scheduled to be added to heighten this summer's high adventure experience! Dedicated, motivated, and experienced staff members are the key to providing the kind of educational and memorable program experience our Scouts deserve and won't soon forget.

**Cost:** Varies (see website)

**Dates:**

- June 14-20, 2015
- June 21-27, 2015
- June 29 - July 4, 2015
- July 5-11, 2015
- July 12-18, 2015

**Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BearCreekSummer2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BearCreekSummer2015)





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## ADVENTURE GUIDE SPONSORS

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- Full Page Ad (image area 7.5 x 10) - \$1,000
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Submit ad by email in the following format/programs: High Resolution PDF, Microsoft Word, Publisher, Powerpoint, Adobe InDesign, or .jpeg or .tif files (for pictures).



# VENTURING/EXPLORING ADVENTURE

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy)

## Real-World Career Experiences **Exploring**



### EXPLORING PROGRAM

Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the 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.

**Phone:** 210-341-8611 x. 170

**National:** [www.LearningForLife.org](http://www.LearningForLife.org)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy)

### FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CAREER EXPLORING

Fire and Emergency Services Career Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of fire service. The program provides experience firsthand of what it is like to be a volunteer or full-time Fire Fighter and Emergency Service provider through firefighting training & ride-alongs during actual fire calls.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER EXPLORING

Supported by the National Sheriffs' Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Career Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement.

### 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.



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing)

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

#### DISTRICT EXPLORING RECOGNITION DINNER

Each year Districts hold a reception and recognition ceremony to honor the Volunteers and Units. The Alamo Area Council invites you to an evening of fellowship and recognition at the Inaugural Exploring Recognition Dinner! Awards to be presented are: William H Spurgeon Award, Exploring Leadership Award, Charter Sponsor Award, and the Journey to Excellence Post Award.

**Galaxy District:**

**Cost:** \$15

**Date:** February 26, 2015

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** IBC, 8650 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, TX 78240

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/GalaxyDRD2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/GalaxyDRD2015)

### ALAMO AREA FIRE EXPLORING COMPETITION

Alamo Area Fire Exploring Competition brings together area Fire Explorers for an opportunity to develop leadership and interpersonal growth in a fun, competitive environment. Events include bunker gear drill, firefighter obstacle course, three/four person races, and bucket brigade.

**Requirements:** Competition registration is limited to the first 30 Explorers and will be taken online only at [www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy). Must be a registered Explorer in any Council.

**Cost:** \$15

**Date:** May 2015

**Time:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Helotes Fire Department

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/FireExploringCompetition2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/FireExploringCompetition2015)

### ALAMO LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TRAINING (ALERT)

This week long camp offers unique training opportunities, practice drills, and advancement ribbons. Activities include safety certifications, search and rescue scenarios, active shooter drills, as well as First Aid/CPR/AED and leadership training. Swimming and a run through the C.O.P.E. course will round out the activities. ALERT promotes the ideals and principals of the law enforcement profession.

**Requirements:** Registration is limited to the first 30 Explorers and will be taken online only at [www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Exploring](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Exploring). Must be a registered Explorer in any Council.

**Cost:** \$35

**Dates:** July 27-31, 2015

**Time:** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/LawEnforcementAcademy2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/LawEnforcementAcademy2015)



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA)

## SPRING GATHERING

The Spring Gathering is the first opportunity for Candidates elected in the fall of 2014 to become members of the Order of the Arrow and for Ordeal Members with at least 10 months service to seal their membership in the Brotherhood.

**Dates:** March 27-29, 2015

**Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASpringOrdeal2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASpringOrdeal2015)

## SPRING FELLOWSHIP

The 2015 Spring Fellowship will include our special 100th anniversary event where we will invite Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and former Scouts and Arrowmen to come out and help us celebrate 100 years of service. We will hold a special opening for all OA members on Friday night by our award winning dancers and drummers. Following the public 100th anniversary event Saturday morning, we will have an afternoon of fellowship and games followed by a unique campfire celebration.

**Dates:** April 17-19, 2015

**Times:** 7:00 pm - 10:00 am

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASpringFellowship2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASpringFellowship2015)

## OA 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1915 the first members were inducted into the Order of the Arrow. 100 years later, with over 300 Lodges and over 180,000 members, Aina Topa Hutsi is joining in the 100th anniversary celebrations by hosting a special event to include a ceremony, games and activities, native American crafts, prizes, and of course lots of food and fun.

**Date:** April 18, 2015

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA100thAnniversary](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA100thAnniversary)

## OA SUPPORT OF BEAR CREEK ADVENTURE CAMP

Bear Creek Adventure (BCA) Camp is an opportunity for Scouts to train for Philmont by backpacking at Bear Creek. ATH provides support to BCA by teaching skills such as backpacking equipment, wilderness first aid, backpack cooking, orienteering, and setting up the Philmont campsite. We also host a cracker barrel, help cook cobbler for all participants, and run games on Saturday night.

**Dates:** Spring - April 24-26, 2015

Fall - September 25-27, 2015

**Cost:** Free for OA members

**Times:** 7:00 pm - 10:00 am

**Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OABCA2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OABCA2015)

## SUMMER GATHERING

The Summer Gathering is the second and last opportunity for OA Candidates elected this past fall to be inducted as members of the OA. Members with at least 10 months of service can test for Brotherhood. Fellowship for all. As always we are looking for members to come out and help with service projects, help in the kitchen, and be elangomats and ceremonialists.

**Dates:** June 5-7, 2015

**Times:** 7:00 pm - 10:00 am

**Location:** Bear Creek

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASummerOrdeal2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASummerOrdeal2015)

## OA SECTION CONCLAVE

The 2015 Section Conclave will again be held at Texas State University in San Marcos. This is the premier OA event where all 9 lodges in our Section meet for a weekend of fellowship, competition, and training. ATH will be looking to five-peat by winning the Spirit Award again. We are hoping to take 150 OA members to this fun event.

**Dates:** July 17-19, 2015

**Times:** 7:00 pm - 10:00 am

**Location:** Texas State University

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASectionConclave2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OASectionConclave2015)

## NOAC 2015

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow and is Scouting's second-largest national event. Over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and fun! The NOAC 2015 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

**Date:** August 3, 2015

**Location:** Michigan State University

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/2015NOAC](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/2015NOAC)

## KEEP THE CAMPFIRE ALIVE





# ACTIVITIES AND CIVIC SERVICE

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CommunityService](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CommunityService)

## SCOUT NIGHT: SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW AND RODEO

Come on out for a special time at the San Antonio Rodeo. There will be a scavenger hunt in the morning, animals, and many more educational and fun activities! Only registration necessary is to show up on the day and report to Area 3 to register.

**Cost:** \$10 Adult / \$5 Youth (Grounds Admission) \$12 / \$27 (Rodeo)

**Date:** February 15, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Location:** AT&T Center

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SARodeoNight2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SARodeoNight2015)

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, this Council Wide service project begins February 21, 2015 as Scouts pick up the bags to distribute. The drive takes place over 2 weekends

**Cost:** Free

**Dates:** February 21 (bag drop off)

February 28, 2015 (bag pickup)

**Times:** Varies

**Location:** Varies

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutingforFood2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutingforFood2015)



## RAMPAGE SCOUT NIGHT

The Alamo Area Council and the San Antonio Rampage would like to introduce "Scout Night on the Ice". Scout Night will consist of various activities throughout the evening at the AT&T Center and a chance to camp in a tent on the ice.

**Cost:** \$18 or \$25 per person

**Dates:** March 21-22, 2015

**Times:** 7:00 pm - 7:00 am

**Location:** AT&T Center

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNightontheIce2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNightontheIce2015)



## FLAGS AT FORT SAM

Bring your Scouts out to participate in this annual patriotic event honoring our American heroes. Scouts and other youth serving organizations will join together in placing flags throughout the cemetery. Registration required online and all must attend opening ceremony to learn proper flag placement procedures.

**Cost:** Free

**Dates:** May 22, 2015

**Times:** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Location:** Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FlagsatFortSamHouston2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FlagsatFortSamHouston2015)



## SCOUT NIGHT AT THE MISSIONS

Join us for a great night of baseball and Scouting Adventure! Pregame Scout festivities begin at 6:45, with Game time at 7. Post game campout will be on the field following the game.

**Cost:** TBD

**Dates/Times:**

• May 23-24, 2015, 6:00 pm - 8:00 am

• June 13-14, 2015, 6:00 pm - 8:00 am

**Location:** Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SAMissions2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SAMissions2015)

## SCOUT STRONG PATRIOT RUN

The annual Flag Day 5k Race and 1k Kids' Fun Run honoring our Armed Forces and the Scout Strong initiative to promote a healthy, active lifestyle for the Scouts, families, and communities we serve.

**Cost:** \$25 Early, \$30 Regular, \$35 Walkin

**Date:** June 13, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 am - 10:00 am

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutStrongPatriotRun](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutStrongPatriotRun)

## FORD CANOE CHALLENGE

It is the only time anyone ever gets to canoe the beautiful River Walk! Run by the Paseo del Rio Association in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council and sponsored by Ford Motor Company.

**Cost:** TBD

**Date:** August 1, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 am - 11:00 am

**Location:** Gompers Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FordCanoeChallenge2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FordCanoeChallenge2015)

## USS LEXINGTON SCOUT NIGHT

The annual Flag Day 5k Race and 1k Kids' Fun Run honoring our Armed Forces has been held for 14 years. Now in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council.

**Cost:** \$53

**Date:** August 7-9th, 2015

**Time:** 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Location:** USS Lexington, 2914 North Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/USSLexington2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/USSLexington2015)

# DISTRICT EVENTS

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts)



## DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

Each year, usually held in January or February, Districts hold a reception and recognition ceremony to honor the volunteers, Units, and Eagle Scouts. Special awards like the Silver Beaver and Lifesaving awards are presented. If your District event is not listed below or to check for updates, contact your District Executive or visit your District's page:

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts)

## Summit

**Cost:** \$15 (\$20 walkin) or free for Eagle or Arrow of Light recipients with a paid guest

**Date:** February 25, 2015

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** University UMC  
5084 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX 78249

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Summit2015DRD](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Summit2015DRD)

## Longhorn

**Cost:** \$10

**Date:** April 2, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** TBD, Floresville, Texas

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn2015DRD](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn2015DRD)

## FREEZE-O-REE/CAMP-O-REE

Each year Districts hold weekend camping adventures where Troops can fellowship and test each others' Scouting skills.

### Texas Hills

**Cost:** \$5

**Dates:** February 20-22, 2015

**Times:** 6:00 pm - 9:00 am

**Location:** Castroville Regional Park,  
816 Alsace Street, Castroville, TX 78009

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHillsWinter2015Camp-O-Ree](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHillsWinter2015Camp-O-Ree)

## PINEWOOD DERBY

### Armadillo

**Cost:** \$3

**Date:** March 21, 2015

**Times:** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Raul B Fernandez Elementary,  
6845 Ridgebrook St, San Antonio, Texas 78250

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ArmadilloPWD2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ArmadilloPWD2015)

## Rough Rider

**Cost:** \$3

**Date:** March 28, 2015

**Times:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
16245 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, TX 78247

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RRPinewoodDerby](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RRPinewoodDerby)

### Texas Hills

**Cost:** \$3

**Date:** April 11, 2015

**Times:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Kroc Center, 201 Holdsworth Drive,  
Kerrville, TX 78028

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/THPinewoodDerby](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/THPinewoodDerby)

### Cimarron

**Cost:** \$3

**Date:** April 18, 2015

**Times:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Location:** South Park Mall

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CimarronPinewoodDerby](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CimarronPinewoodDerby)



## YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Youth-Protection-Training](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Youth-Protection-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 complete information visit the website above and [www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection](http://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](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training).

**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](mailto:MyScouting@Scouting.org)**



# SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

## FOR CUB SCOUT LEADERS

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training)

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](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training) or email Training team at [Training@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto: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 YPT afterwards to receive their 'Trained' patch.

**Cost:** \$5 online / \$7 walk-in

**Dates/Times/Locations:** Leaders may attend any available training.

- February 7, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, LDS Church, 8801 Midcrown Dr., 78239
- February 28, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, LDS Church, 636 Oak Haven, Pleasanton, 78064
- March 7, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Room 7A/7B, 4222 SW Loop 410, 78227
- May 16, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., 78228
- May 16, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Windcrest LDS, 8801 Midcrown Dr., 78239
- May 16, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Bandera UMC, 1103 Cedar St., Bandera, 78003
- May 30, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Windcrest LDS, 8801 Midcrown Dr., 78239
- May 30, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Woodlawn Baptist, 15315 Huebner Rd., 78248
- June 9, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Alamo Area Council Service Center, LG Conference Room
- August 29, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm McGimsey Scout Park OA Building

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cub-Scout-Leader-Basic-Training](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cub-Scout-Leader-Basic-Training)

### DAY CAMP STAFF TRAINING

This is required training for all volunteers who would like to assist as Staff at Day Camp. There are three sessions being offered and you must attend two out of the three in order to be placed on Staff. Each Staff volunteer will be allowed one child to attend Day Camp free during the week or weeks that they are on Staff. You must volunteer for the entire week to receive the free child. This training is not required or intended for Den Walkers.

**Cost:** Free

**Dates:** March 28, May 1, May 30, 2015

**Times:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Alamo Area Council Service Center, LG Conference Room

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DayCampStaffTraining2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DayCampStaffTraining2015)

### 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. Each Cub Scout Pack is required to have one BALOO trained adult in attendance at every Pack camping event.

**Cost:** \$10

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park (if not stated below)

**Dates/Times:**

- February 7, 2015, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, First UMC, 321 Thompson Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028
- February 21, 2015, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- April 18, 2015, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- August 22, 2015, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BALOO2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BALOO2015)

### ALL SCOUT LEADERS

#### COUNCIL WIDE LEADER TRAINING

This training encompasses all the different Leader Specific Trainings for Packs, Troops, and Crews, including Charter Organization Representatives.

**Cost:** \$5

**Date:** September 19, 2015

**Time:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Cub Scout LS Training will release at 12:00 pm)

**Location:** University UMC, 5084 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX 78249

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cub-Scout-Leader-Basic-Training](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cub-Scout-Leader-Basic-Training)

#### UNIT COMMISSIONER TRAINING

Unit Commissioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this course, which covers rechartering, helping units succeed, JTE, and much more.

**Cost:** Free

**Date:** May 16, 2015

**Time:** 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** Alamo Area Council Service Center, LG Conference Room

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/UnitCommissionerTraining](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/UnitCommissionerTraining)

#### TRAINERS EDGE

All Scout Leaders involved in training at the Pack, Troop, Crew, District, and Council levels should JOIN THIS EVENT. Emphasis is on how to be a more effective trainer by learning better presentation.

**Cost:** \$5

**Dates/Times:**

- February 7, 2015, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
- August 15, 2015, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TrainersEdge2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TrainersEdge2015)



# SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

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- March 7, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Room 7A/7B, 4222 SW Loop 410, 78227
- May 16, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd., 78228
- May 16, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Windcrest LDS, 8801 Midcrown Dr., 78239
- May 16, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Bandera UMC, 1103 Cedar St., Bandera, 78003
- May 30, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Windcrest LDS, 8801 Midcrown Dr., 78239
- May 30, 2015, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Woodlawn Baptist, 15315 Huebner Rd., 78248
- August 29, 2015, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, McGimsey Scout Park, OA Building

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Boy-Scout-Leader-Specific-Training](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Boy-Scout-Leader-Specific-Training)

### VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Venturing Advisors, Assistant Advisors, and Crew Committee Members are all required to complete Venturing Leader Specific Training to be considered a trained leader. This course is not currently available online. Face to Face Youth Protection Training will be offered at the end of each training for those that require it.

**Cost:** \$5

**Date:** May 30, 2015

**Times:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing-Leader-Basic-Training](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing-Leader-Basic-Training)

### INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is the final course required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters of Boy Scout Troops and Advisors and Assistant Advisors of Venturing Crews with an outdoor focus to earn their "Trained" status. This course is an outdoor training experience designed to teach the skills it takes to be a First Class Scout and is put on by the Council and District training teams.

**Cost:** \$15

**Dates/Times/Locations:**

- February 20-21, 2015, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, McGimsey Scout Park
- April 17-18, 2015, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, McGimsey Scout Park
- August 21-22, 2015, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, McGimsey Scout Park

[AlamoAreaBSA.org/IOLS2015](http://AlamoAreaBSA.org/IOLS2015)

### YOUTH / SCOUT TRAINING

#### DEN CHIEF TRAINING

This is a training for Den Chiefs; Pack, District, and Council Trainers; Den Leaders, Cubmasters; and Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches, and Venturing Crew Advisors. This training teaches the Den Chief to effectively assist the Den Leader with planning and conducting Den Meetings. Adult leaders are encouraged to attend the training to understand the role of this position.

**Cost:** Youth - \$12; Adult - \$3

**Date:** May 2, 2015

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Alamo Area Service Center

This course is also offered at the Council Wide Training on September 19th, 2015.

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DenChiefTraining2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DenChiefTraining2015)

#### NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

This 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.

**Cost:** \$240

**Date:** June 7-13, 2015

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/NYLT15](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/NYLT15)





# SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

REMEMBER OUR YOUTH DESERVE TRAINED LEADERS

## COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE

Supplemental leader training is designed to provide program ideas, resources and FUN for all Scouting volunteers.

**Cost:** \$15

**Date:** February 21, 2015

**Times:** 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Castle Hills Baptist Church

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CollegeComSci2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CollegeComSci2015)

## FUNDAMENTALS OF TRAINING

Introduces experienced Scouters and Scouts to the skills needed to provide effective training. The Fundamentals of Training is Part 1 of the Train the Trainer series designed to help Scouters present effective training. The course will also help those who might conduct training for other organizations to learn the BSA's training techniques. And, it will help freshen up the skills of current BSA trainers.

**Cost:** \$5

**Dates/Locations:**

• February 28, 2015, Alamo Area Service Center, LG Conference Room

• September 26, 2015, McGimsey Scout Park

**Times:** 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FundamentalsofTraining2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FundamentalsofTraining2015)

## WOODBADGE SPRING

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier leadership training course designed for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders as well as Council and District leaders and Scouting professionals.

**Cost:** Participant - \$180 (\$90 Down Payment); Staff - \$90 (\$20 Down Payment)

**Dates:**

March 20-22 and April 10-12, 2015, McGimsey Scout Park

June 22-27, 2015, Mays Family Scout Ranch \*\*SPANISH\*\* - Bi-lingual

**Times:** 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Woodbadge2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Woodbadge2015)

## SCOUTS AND LEADERS

### CPR/AED

The American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED program helps participants recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. Learn skills that participants need to know to give immediate care.

**Cost:** \$55

**Dates/Times:**

• February 23, 2015, 5:30 - 10:00 pm

• March 16, 2015, 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

• April 13, 2015, 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDWRFATraining2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDWRFATraining2015)

### FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Become an instructor. Instructors who complete an online bridge training may also teach Wilderness and Remote First Aid. New instructors may gain valuable teaching experience through co-teaching Council classes with more experienced instructors. \*Prerequisites: must be certified in Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid and be 16 years old.

**Cost:** \$120

**Dates:** April 10, 2015, 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - AND - April 11, 2015, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (both sessions required)

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ARCInstructorTraining2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ARCInstructorTraining2015)

### CPR/AED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RESCUER

This training will meet the requirements for American Red Cross First Aid and American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, a requirement for all BSA Lifeguards. Must be 15 years or older.

**Cost:** \$90

**Date:** May 2, 2015

**Times:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDforProfessionalRescuer2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDforProfessionalRescuer2015)

## WILDERNESS AND REMOTE FIRST AID

The American Red Cross developed the 16 hr Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training to meet the needs of the BSA in situations where emergency response is over 30 minutes. Those who successfully complete this course will receive the ARC "Wilderness and First Aid" certificate which is valid for 2 years. \*\*Prerequisite: Current Adult CPR/AED. Must be 16+ yrs old.

**Cost:** \$125

**Dates/Times:**

• February 27-28, 2015, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

• March 20-21, 2015, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

• April 17-18, 2015, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDWRFATraining2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDWRFATraining2015)

## CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

This 3-part course teaches basic climbing, belaying, and rappelling. Successful completion and demonstration of the skills presented in all three sessions qualifies participants for the BSA-trained Climbing Instructor card. This card allows the person to assist/lead Unit-level climbing and rappelling sessions or to assist District or Council-level climbing and rappelling activities under the supervision of a BSA-trained Climbing Director. Must be 16 years or older.

**Cost:** \$75

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park and Bear Creek Scout Reservation

**Dates:**

• March 17, 21-22 and April 10-12, 2015

• September 22, 26-27 and October 9-11, 2015

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ClimbingInstructorTraining2015](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ClimbingInstructorTraining2015)



# MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MeritBadges](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MeritBadges)



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 well as having the ability to work with Scout-age boys.

Applicants must submit a Merit Badge Counselor Application AND signed Adult Application to the Council Service Center. A new Adult Application is required for all Merit Badge Counselor Applications being submitted, however, 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.  
**Merit Badge Counselors must be Youth Protection Trained**

# EAGLE SCOUTS



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/EagleScouts](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/EagleScouts)



## BOY SCOUTING'S HIGHEST RANK

The fact that a young man is an Eagle Scout has always carried special significance, not only in Scouting, but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and military and community service. In 2014, 340 Boys Scouts in the Alamo Area Council achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout, contributing 56,829 service hours with a value equaling \$1,329,814 (million) invested into our local economy and community.\*

The award is a performance-based achievement with standards 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 two million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912.

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) provides information for those who have earned the rank of Eagle and want to remain connected to Scouting. NESA also provides information for college scholarships. Visit their website at [www.NESA.org](http://www.NESA.org).



For more information about Eagle Scouts and to find answers about the process and steps to achieve the rank of Eagle, visit our website at [www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/EagleScouts](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/EagleScouts) or email [EagleScouts@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:EagleScouts@AlamoAreaBSA.org). Candidates needing to schedule Eagle project proposals and Final Eagle Scout Boards of Review should visit their District's Webpage or contact their District Executive.



# 2015 FALL POPCORN SALE



## 2015 SALE DATES

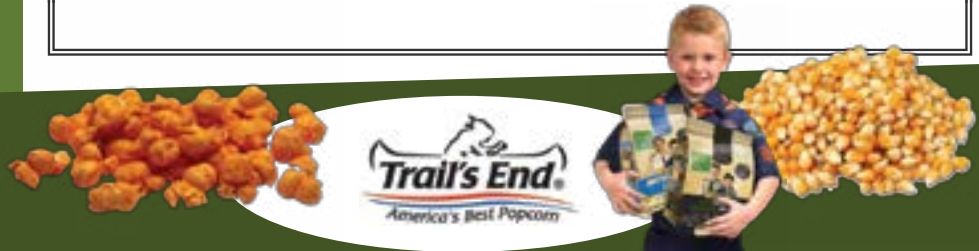
- Jun - Registration Begins
- Aug 13 - Popcorn Training @ Council Wide Roundtable
- Aug 17 - Unit Registrations Due
- Aug 31 - Show & Sell Orders Due
- Aug 31 - Bass Pro Lottery Signup Deadline
- Sept 10 & 11 - S&S Pickup
- Sept 11 - Kick Off Carnival
- Sept 19 - Sales Blitz Day
- Oct 10 - Sales Blitz Day
- Nov 2 & 3 - S&S Popcorn Return
- Nov 9 - Take Orders Due
- Nov 18 & 19 - Take Order Pickup
- Dec 11 - Popcorn Payments Due & Deadline to Order Prizes



*Thank you and congratulations to the 224 Units and over 3,500 Scouts that sold popcorn in 2014. Your dedication to selling over \$1.62 million and earning nearly \$600,000 in commissions has made a tremendous impact on Scouting in the Alamo Area Council!*

*Be sure to SAVE THESE DATES as we prepare for another great sale this fall.*

**[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Popcorn](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Popcorn)**



## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Donate](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Donate)

### 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.

A gift of \$200 provides support to deliver Council services for one youth in the Scouting program for one year, but any amount is appreciated.

Donate today to Friends of Scouting online with your credit card or electronic check by visiting: [www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Donate](http://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

**Consider Leaving A Legacy Through Planned Giving**---Your Legacy Gift will be protected and help ensure the future of Scouting in our area for generations of youth to follow.

For questions or assistance with your gift, contact the Alamo Area Council at [FriendsOfScouting@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:FriendsOfScouting@AlamoAreaBSA.org) or the Director of Development, Ed Rogers, CFRE at 210-341-8611 Ext. 144 or 210-296-7609 cell.



The mission of the **Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council** is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

If you support those values we invite you to join the cause. Your investment to the Friends of Scouting Annual Campaign makes that possible. Log on today to make your gift.

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SupportScouting](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SupportScouting)



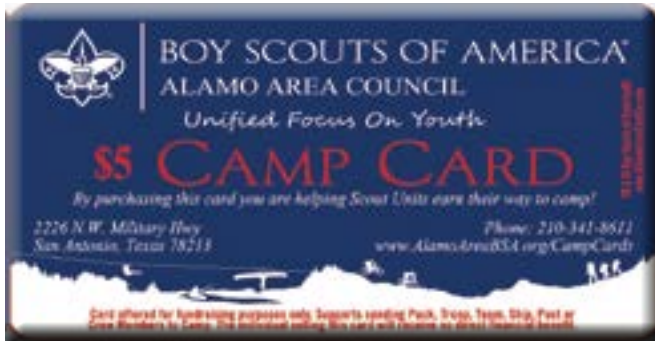
# FUNDRAISING

SPRING / SUMMER 2015



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampCards](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampCards)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SpecialEvents](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SpecialEvents)



## 2015 CAMP CARD SALE

**Sale Dates:** February 27 - May 8, 2015

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampCards](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampCards)

[CampCards@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:CampCards@AlamoAreaBSA.org)

The Camp Card is an award-winning fundraising program that helps Scouts earn their way to camp or other outdoor adventures! The Alamo Area Council Camp Cards offer discounts at several local businesses. Our 2015 Camp Card Vendor Sponsors are as follows:

**Corner Store**, free 20oz Dr. Pepper with the purchase of any size coffee, fountain drink, or iced (valid only until 6/30/15)

**Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas**, get \$10 off \$20 worth of food and beverages (one-time use)

**Burger King**, 50-cent ice cream cone; no other purchase required

**Carl's Jr.**, buy a thick burger combo and get a western burger free

**Express Lube**, \$8 off oil change

**Lenny's Sub Shop**, buy any regular size sub, regular size drink, and chips to receive a 5" sub FREE

**Pizza Hut**, free order of breadsticks with the purchase of a large pizza at regular menu price

**Popeye's**, buy a 3-piece combo and get a 2-piece dinner free

- Camp Cards sell for \$5.00 each, with 50% going to the unit and 50% going to the Council.
- Units are encouraged to use these funds to ensure that every Scout can attend summer camp; the Council's portion covers the cost of production, securing sponsors, promotional materials, and supports camping and other operations for Scouting year-round.
- Units can participate in the Camp Card program RISK FREE - unsold cards can be returned to the Council by the May end date with no penalty.

### PICK UP DATES:

**Friday, February 27**  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Saturday, February 28**  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Monday, March 2**  
By appointment

## 2015 SCOUT STRONG PATRIOT RUN

**Cost:** \$25 registration; \$30 late; \$35 walk in

**Date:** Saturday, June 13, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 am - 10:00 am

**Location:** McGimsey Scout Park

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutStrongPatriotRun](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutStrongPatriotRun)

The Alamo Area Council's Scout Strong Patriot Run was created to honor our nation's military on Flag Day weekend and promote a healthy, active lifestyle for the Scouts, families, and communities we serve.

Please join us as a...

- **PARTICIPANT** – Our second annual 5k run/walk needs YOU in order to be a success. Invite your Scouts, friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to join you in supporting Scouting and promoting personal fitness.
- **COMMITTEE MEMBER** – Do you enjoy running, walking or volunteering? Would you like to help us put together a successful event? No experience necessary, just a willing heart! Email [ScoutStrongPatriotRun@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:ScoutStrongPatriotRun@AlamoAreaBSA.org) for details on our next committee meeting.



## 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, visit [www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SpecialEvents](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SpecialEvents) or email [SpecialEvents@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@AlamoAreaBSA.org).



# RESOURCES / MARKETING

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Resources](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Resources)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Marketing](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Marketing)

## RESOURCES

From Internet links, forms, and applications, to program and training materials, look to this section for your Scouting needs.

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Resources](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Resources)



## ALAMO AREA COUNCIL HISTORICAL TOURS

### Schedule your free tour!

Sign up for a free mini tour of the Alamo Area Council Museum. Email [Info@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:Info@AlamoAreaBSA.org).

## FACILITY RENTALS / EQUIPMENT

Rent our campsites, canoes/kayaks, and facilities at our newly launched online Facility Rental Webpage.

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Rentals](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Rentals)

## MEETING ROOMS

The Council Service Centers offer several meeting spaces equipped with audio/visual equipment for your use.

- Large Conference Room (up to 50 or rent half for 15-30)
- Staff Resource Room (6-10)
- ScoutReach Service Center (up 50)

[Rentals@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto: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/Marketing](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Marketing)  
[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/PressRoom](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/PressRoom)  
[PR@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:PR@AlamoAreaBSA.org)

## HAVE A SCOUT STORY TO SHARE?

[Enews@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:Enews@AlamoAreaBSA.org)

## 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](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Units/Websites)  
[Webmaster@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:Webmaster@AlamoAreaBSA.org)  
[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Webmasters](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Webmasters)

## FEEDBACK TO SHARE?

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Feedback](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Feedback)

## SCOUT STUDIO 7 COMING SOON

The Council Marketing Team will be looking to launch a Communications Exploring Post in the Fall of 2015 to help manage the new Scout Studio 7 newsroom. Interested young men and women 14 - 20 years of age should learn more by visiting:

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Marketing/ScoutStudio7](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Marketing/ScoutStudio7)



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



## SCOUT YARD AND SERVICE PROJECT SIGNS

If your unit is interested in getting the word out to more youth or tell your neighbors about your unit's good turn to help community, the Council office can help.

Materials available include flyers, neighborhood yard signs, service project in progress signs, stickers, and more. If you are interested in using these resources, contact your District Executive for more details.

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts)

## EAGLE SCOUT LIGHT BOX



Also available for checkout at the front office.

# CONTACT US



[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Contact](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Contact)

coordination and to make specific assignments to committee members. Contact your District Executive to serve on your District Committee, or

## Contact Your District Committee:

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Diamondback/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Diamondback/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Galaxy/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Memorial/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Memorial/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Mustang/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Mustang/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Summit/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Summit/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHills/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHills/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TwoRivers/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TwoRivers/Committee)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Victory/Committee](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Victory/Committee)

## COMMISSIONER STAFF

**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.

### Contact Your Commissioners:

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Commissioners](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Commissioners)

[Commissioners@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:Commissioners@AlamoAreaBSA.org)

## SCOUT SHOPS

Purchase Uniforms, Insignia, Handbooks, Literature, Trophies & Awards, Camping Equipment, Crafts, Gift Certificates, and more.

### Musselman Scout Shop

2226 NW Military Hwy  
San Antonio, TX 78213  
210-341-8611 Option 6 or Ext. 134  
[MusselmanScoutShop@Scouting.org](mailto:MusselmanScoutShop@Scouting.org)

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutShop/Musselman](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutShop/Musselman)

### Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Tues, Thurs: 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

Sat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

### Scoutreach Scout Shop

8503 S. Zarzamora St.  
San Antonio, TX 78224  
(210) 341-8611 Ext. 146 or 113

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

Hours: Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm (Closed for lunch 1- 2 pm)

Service Centers and Shops are closed major holidays and holiday weekends.

## TRADING POSTS

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. Various Council and Camp branded products will be offered seasonally online at the following site, but sorry no plastic chickens or popcorn sold here.

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Store](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Store)



## SERVICE CENTERS

### Alamo Area Council Service Center

2226 NW Military Hwy  
San Antonio, TX 78213  
(210) 341-8611 Phone  
(210) 341-7641 Fax  
[Info@AlamoAreaBSA.org](mailto:Info@AlamoAreaBSA.org)

### Scoutreach Service Center

8503 S. Zarzamora St.  
San Antonio, TX 78224  
(210) 341-8611 Ext. 113 Phone  
(210) 921-9304 Fax

The Council Service Centers are open from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday.

## DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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

**Membership** – Strives for growth by creating new Scouting Units and recruiting youth to join existing Units.

**Finance** – Supports District's share of funds to the Council operating budget.

**Program** – Supports Scouting Units with camp promotion, community service, training, youth advancement and recognition, and special activities.

**Unit Service** – District Commissioner staff provides direct coaching and by District volunteers for Unit leaders to help ensure the success of every Scouting Unit.

Meeting monthly, the District Committee's purpose is to build momentum, provide group continuity, ensure good

# COUNCIL STAFF

[www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Council/Leadership/Council-Staff](http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Council/Leadership/Council-Staff)

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Field Director	John Echevarria	210-216-1763 x123	john.echevarria@scouting.org
Field Director	Mike Dunnell	210-341-8611 x132	mike.dunnell@scouting.org

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVES / DIRECTORS

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Cimarron District Executive	Pilar Colon	210-341-8611 x130	pilar.colon@scouting.org
Diamondback District Director	Terry Ellis	210-341-8611 x133	terry.ellis@scouting.org
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