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Be a part of an 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, email 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 "Scout Service Executives" work with our CCPs 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 about Council happenings.

DATES: First Thursday of every month (*Except most Districts take off every July for summer vacations and come together the third Thursday in August at the Scouting Expo*)

TIME: 7:00 - 8:15 pm

AUDIENCE: Open to all leaders and interested parents

LOCATIONS: 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:** LDS Church Meeting House, 10189 Military Dr. W, San Antonio, TX 78251
- **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

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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 are also offered.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MyCouncil/Join

THE SCOUTING PROGRAM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Scouting



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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.



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.



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.



VENTURING - Ages 14-20 (or 13 and completed eighth grade) Venturing is a program for young men and women. 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.



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, or arts. They 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, and character development. Leadership experience encourages the development of the whole person. Explorers have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment.

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 result in quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth and beyond.





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Michael de los Santos
Scout Executive, CEO
Editor in Chief

Hello fellow Scouters!

I recently attended a United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County meeting where there were other nonprofit organizations present. The topic of discussion was our future: specifically, OUR CHILDREN. The Chairman of the Board for United Way, Harvey Najim, asked us the following questions: What are we going to do to fight youth obesity? What are we going to do to fight diabetes in our youth? What are we going to do to stop abuse of our youth? What are we going to do to make a difference?

In listening to the discussion that ensued, I kept thinking about the fact that the Boy Scouts of America has a lot to offer the youth of our communities. Our programs work to engage youth in constructive activities, teach positive values, and help them develop new interests. I am a firm believer in our programs and think the world would be a different place if every child was involved in them and other similar programs.

Our youth are special. Overcoming negative outcomes will continue to be a never-ending battle if we do not come together and take action. There are thousands of kids in San Antonio who are available to join Scouting and it's our job to recruit them. The more children who are involved, the better—for them, for us, and for our country. Invite one of your child's friends to the next meeting. Talk with his or her parent(s). Share your favorite Scouting story with your co-workers. We can't be complacent.

The Alamo Area Council's Volunteer Board of Directors and I challenge each and every one of you to go out this year and double the size of your Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, or Post—because every child deserves Scouting! Together we can guide our children to an optimistic and bright future!

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QUICK FACTS

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 17,500 youth** and **5,895 volunteer adults** in South Texas. With Learning for Life, an in-school character education BSA subsidiary, the Council serves over 25,876 youth. 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 **Bexar, 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 (MSP)**
- **Bear Creek Scout Reservation (BCSR)**
- **Mays Family Scout Ranch (MFSR)**

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.

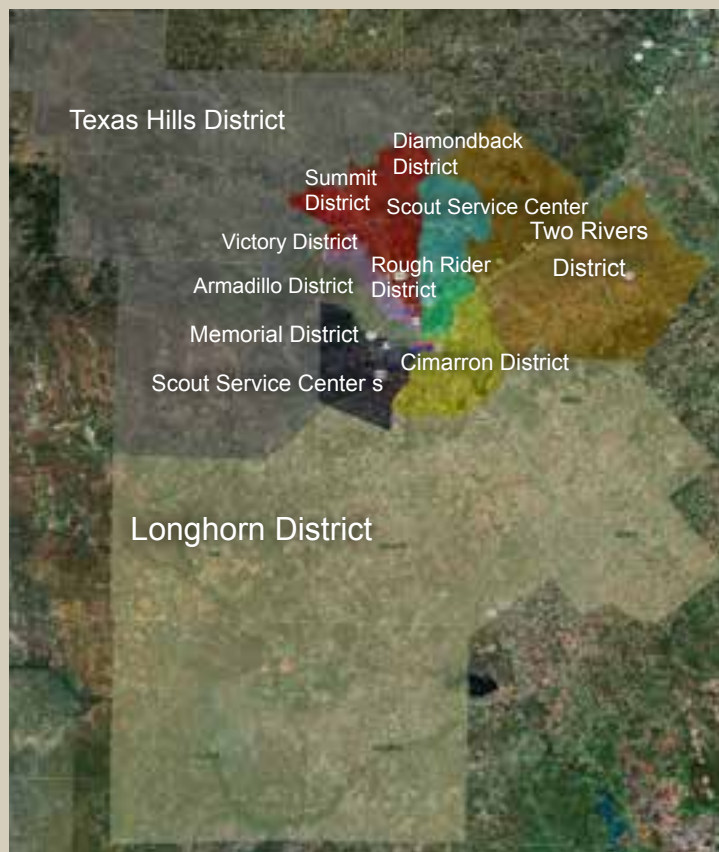
Each year, about 365 young men in the Council achieve Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. In order to achieve this prestigious award, the Scout must earn 21 merit badges, develop and lead a service project to better his community, and demonstrate leadership within his troop.

In 2016, the Council served 22,331 traditional and career Scouting members in 639 local units, including

Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, Venture Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Explorer Posts.

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 **29 full-time professional Scouters** and supported by **13 dedicated full and part-time support staff** members.

Annually, the Council operates on a **budget of about \$5.1 million**, which is funded through contributions from Scout families, community supporters, camping and activity fees, popcorn and camp card sales, special events, 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

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Aguila

SCOUTREACH

Scoutreach strives to bring Scouting's values-based programs to youth who otherwise might not be served, thus representing the Council's strong commitment to serve the community's minority populations with traditional Scouting programs by emphasizing values, leadership, and character building.

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 at-risk youth and families from our diverse local communities and to develop strong programs for these youth. Currently, the Council's Scoutreach program serves over 4,700 youth in about 60 non-traditional units.

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, which is 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. Each meeting ends with a fun physical activity that helps meet their physical education requirements.

PROJECT AGUILA

Project Aguila, named for the Boy Scouts highest rank, Eagle Scout, 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 focus is to provide Cub Scouting to boys in the first through the fifth grade or ages 7 to 10. The Council provides financial aid for staff, uniforms, camp dues, 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.

Currently, Project Aguila is offered in some schools in the Harlandale I.S.D., Southwest I.S.D., Northside I.S.D., & Edgewood I.S.D. There are 9 units, 145 youth and 49 adult volunteers in the program to date.

ACTIVITIES AND CIVIC SERVICE

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CommunityService

SCOUT NIGHT AT THE RODEO

Join us at one of the largest and most prestigious single events in the city of San Antonio; the Stock Show and Rodeo! Attractions include Carnival, Buckaroo Farms, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Live Band Performances, Texas Wildlife Expo, Animal Adventures, and many more! Tickets start at \$5 for kids ages 3-12 and \$10 for adults. Price of ticket include a commemorative Scout Patch (after completion of the Scavenger Hunt).

DATE: February 12, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: AT&T Center

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/SARODEO2017

SCOUTING FOR FOOD 2017

In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, in this council-wide service project, Scouts distribute bags in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Scouts return the following Saturday, to pick up and deliver donations to local food drop off points. Bags will be available for pick up on March 22 at Council Offices.

DATE: April 8, 2017

LOCATION: Alamo Area Council BSA

Service Center

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutingForFood2017

SCOUT NIGHT RAMPAGE

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 at the AT&T Center.

DATE: March 31 & April 1, 2017

TIME: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: AT&T Center

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SNRampage2017

BATTLE FOR TEXAS SCOUT NIGHT

All Scouts are invited to Journey Back in Time in this immersive adventure during the Battle for Texas Scout Night. Live 1836 reenactors also be taking Scouts through Texas Heritage training that supports many of the requirements for the Texas Badge.

DATE: May 13, 2017

TIME: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Battle for Texas inside shops at River Center

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org

BattleforTexasScoutNight2017

MISSIONS SCOUT NIGHT

Enjoy two opportunities for outdoor adventures with your San Antonio Mlssions baseball. After the game, cosider joining the campout on on or both nights.

DATES: June 10 - 11, 2017 & July 8 - 9, 2017

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:00 AM

LOCATION: Wolff Stadium

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SNMISSIONS2017

USS LEXINGTON SCOUT NIGHT 2017

All Scouts are invited to the USS Lexington Scout Night 2017 on August 12 - 13 in Corpus Christi, Texas, for a weekend of camping, learning, and fun. Only \$58 for early bird registration.

DATE: Saturday, August 12 - Sunday, August 13, 2017

TIME: 12:00PM - 9:30 AM

LOCATION:

USS Lexington Museum on the Bay
2914 North Shoreline Blvd

Corpus Christi, TX 78402

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/USSLexingtonScoutNight2017

COUNCIL CAMPS

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping



Bear Creek Scout Reservation (BCSR) is a ruggedly beautiful reservation of 1,000-acres in the Texas Hill Country. Scout's enjoy day excursions, weekend camping, and week long summer camp adventures. The reservation is home to Adventure Camp, Camp Akela and Boy Scout Summer Camp. The reservation is also available to rent.

Bear Creek Scout Reservation

125 Bear Creek Scout Road
Hunt, TX 78024

www.BearCreekScoutReservation.org



Mays Family Scout Ranch (MFSR) is a beautiful 75-acre ranch located on the Medina River, south of downtown San Antonio. It's a refreshing escape for Scout's seeking a balance of a memorable Scouting Adventure with the serenity of the great outdoors all within a short drive from home. Mays is also available to rent.

Mays Family Scout Ranch

3445 Fest Road
San Antonio, TX 78264

www.MaysFamilyScoutRanch.org

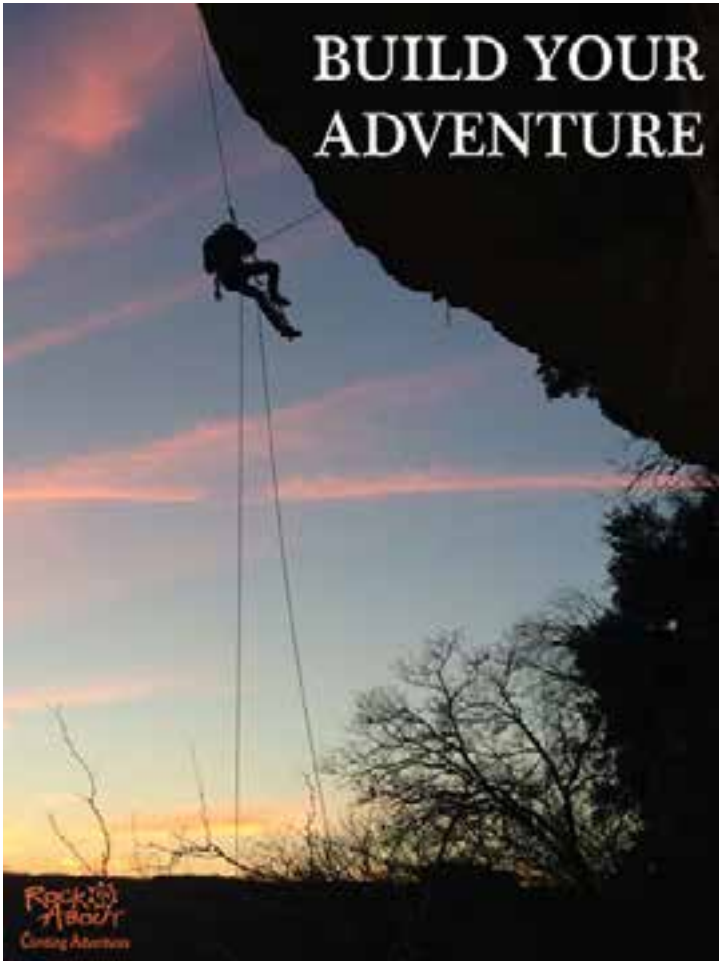


McGimsey Scout Park (MSP) is a 140-acre camp in North Central San Antonio. McGimsey hosts Cub Scout Day Camps, Cub-N-Ones, Tiger Cub Day Camp, and numerous youth and adult leader training courses. A full C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course with a Zip-line is located in the Park. McGimsey is available to rent.

McGimsey Scout Park

10810 Wedgewood
San Antonio, TX 78231

www.McGimseyScoutPark.org



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CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms



The Outdoor Adventure Center of the Alamo Area Council is committed to providing excellent outdoor programs for youth of all ages at our unique Council properties: [McGimsey Scout Park](#), [Bear Creek Scout Reservation](#) and the [Mays Family Scout Ranch](#). The Outdoor Adventure programs are structured for the following purposes: character development, achievement, leadership, service to others and appreciation of the outdoors.

Outdoor Adventures for Cub Scouts include Shooting Sports, Swimming, and Scout/Parent Campouts. Achievement/Advancement opportunities include the Texas Badge Workshops and Adventure Programs.

TEXAS BADGE WORKSHOP

Don't Mess With Texas! Earn the Cub Scout Texas Badge instead! Only Texas Scouts can earn this prestigious patch. PREREQUISITE: Visit a Texas Historical Place.

COST: \$5

DATES/TIMES:

- **SESSION 1:** February 11, 2017
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **SESSION 2:** February 11, 2017
12:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- **SESSION 1:** May 20, 2017
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms/TexasBadge

AIR-POWERED CUB-N-ONE

The Alamo Area Council provides this opportunity for Cub Scouts and a parent/guardian to have a campout experience at the Mays Family Scout Ranch. The MFSR features 84 tents on permanent platforms. (Please note: This weekend event does not include siblings.)

COST: Scout/Parent Team - \$85

DATES/TIMES:

9:00 AM, Saturday, March 25, 2017 -
11:00 AM, Sunday, March 26, 2017

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CUBNONE2017

CUB SCOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT NIGHT WITH THE BEXAR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Cub Scout Law Enforcement Night is sponsored by the Bexar County Sheriff's Department. Cub Scouts are invited to complete specified Rank Electives taught by the Bexar County Sheriff's Department. The event is limited to 45 Cub Scouts per rank.

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CSLEN-17Spring

CUB SCOUT SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to earn their Archery, BB, or Slingshot and Shooting Sports patch during each 90 minute session. There will be lots of range time, hands-on experience with the equipment, and a chance to learn about the history of the various disciplines.

COST: \$15 per session

DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2017

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CSShooting-Sports2017

CUB DISCOVERY CAMP

All Cub Scouts are invited to attend the annual Cub Discovery Camp at the Bear Creek Scout Reservation. This year's theme is Cub Scout Camping Skills. Bring your tent and camp in the Bear Creek valley while you learn and

practice important camping skills for Scouts and have FUN!

This event is for Scouts and a parent.

DATES/TIMES:

9:00 AM Saturday, May 6, 2017 -
10:00 AM Sunday, May 7, 2017

COST: Scout/Parent Team - Early \$75,
Regular - \$85

Additional Scout - \$35
Additional Parent - \$15

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CubDiscoveryCamp2017

MFSR CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Cub Scout Adventure Programs are a great opportunity for Cub Scouts to complete their requirements and experience the outdoor adventure of the Mays Family Scout Ranch. Each event is rank-specific.

COST: \$15 per activity

LOCATION: MFSR

EVENTS/DATES:

BACKYARD JUNGLE (TIGERS)

January 14, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

TIGER IN THE WILD (TIGERS)

February 11, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CALL OF THE WILD (WOLVES)

March 4, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PAWS ON THE PATH (WOLVES)

April 29, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

HOWLING AT THE MOON (WOLVES)

May 19-20, 2017, 6:00 PM - 10:00 AM

BALOO THE BUILDER (BEARS)

June 24, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BEAR CLAWS ADVENTURE (BEARS)

September 2, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MaysPrograms2017

ALL UNIT RECHARTERS MOVING TO DECEMBER

Find out more at www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Recharter

BOY SCOUT ADVENTURE

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/BoyScoutPrograms



Boy Scouts is for boys ages 11-17 years old, or who have completed the Arrow of Light or have completed the fifth grade. The Program helps develop character, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness qualities among youth, by focusing on Outdoor Adventures and fostering the desire and skill to help others.

Boy Scout opportunities include Merit Badge University, Open Climb, Bear Creek Adventure, and Bear Creek Summer Camp. Scouts have many leadership-building opportunities while earning Merit Badges.



MFSR MERIT BADGE COURSE

The Mays Family Scout Ranch offers courses on Saturdays for Boy Scouts to earn additional Merit Badges.

DATES:

Astronomy: January 28-29, 2017

Geocaching: February 25, 2017

Archery: March 11-12, 2017

Gardening: April 15, 2017

Forestry: May 27, 2017

Soil and Water Conservation:
September 16, 2017

Electricity: October 21, 2017

Model Design and Building:
December 9, 2017

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/2017MaysMeritBadgePrograms

MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS

This is the Council Wide Mountain Man Rendezvous for all Troops, Teams, and Crews. Event will include blacksmithing, arrow making, flint knapping, and tomahawk throwing.

DATE: Friday, February 17 -
Sunday, February 19, 2017

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/2017MountainManRendezvous

MERIT BADGE ACADEMY

The Alamo Area Council and St. Mary's University of San Antonio will offer a Merit Badge Academy. Programs included are for Scouts to earn Merit Badges on their path to Eagle. Courses focus on teams of no more than 12 Scouts per Counselor.

DATES: Saturday, March 11, 2017

LOCATION: St. Mary's University

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Merit-BadgeAcademySpring2017

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

A one-day event for Boy Scouts to earn up to four Merit Badges.

DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2017

TIMES: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Northwest Vista College
3535 North Ellison Drive
San Antonio, TX 78251
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MBU

OPEN CLIMB

One of the most exciting experiences a Boy Scout can have is a personal challenge of perseverance. Looking straight up a wall or rock...and before they know it they are at the top. Climbing is one of the most exhilarating

and rewarding opportunities Scouting has to offer.

DATES: Saturday, May 13, 2017

TIMES:

SESSION 1: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SESSION 2: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/Open-Climb2017

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www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Scoutbook



COUNCIL'S 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 (7) 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

Any refund may be donated to Friends of Scouting (FOS) with a written request stating the donation to Refunds@alamoAreaBSA.org
All Donations are tax deductible.



HIGH ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/HighAdventure



In addition to the Alamo Area Council's local camping facilities and outdoor programs, the Boy Scouts of America provides an invitation to challenge oneself at High Adventure Bases.

From the aquatic adventures of Florida Sea Base to the canoeing or winter camping challenge of Northern Tier, these experiences will shape you and teach you about yourself.

BEAR CREEK ADVENTURE



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 don't get to see. Your adventure starts on Friday night with a cracker barrel and fellowship and concludes on Sunday morning with a hike in from the outpost.

COST: \$15 per person (includes cracker barrel, Saturday night dessert, and a patch)

DATE: (SPRING) April 28 - April 30, 2017
(FALL) September 22 - September 24, 2017

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BCA2017

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

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 riding, training and service programs offer many ways to experience this legendary country. Alamo Area Council has requested treks for the summer of 2018.



COST: \$1,700 per person

DATE: June 12 - 24, 2018

LOCATION: Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Philmont2018

2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE



Every four years, Scouts from across the nation gather for the ultimate Scouting experience called the National Jamboree. Now held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, approximately 50,000 Scouts, Leaders, and Staff will gather for 10 days showcasing everything that is great about Scouting. Registration is open through April 1, 2017

COST: \$2,950 per person

DATE: July 19 - 28, 2017

LOCATION: Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/NationalJamboree2017

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VENTURING

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing



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.



VENTURING FORUM / VENTURING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (VOA)

Every last Thursday of the month, Venturing leaders and youth from the Council and the VOA meet to discuss upcoming activities, training, service projects, and outdoor adventure opportunities.

Upcoming events supported by the VOA:

- Venturing Forum (February 24, 2017)
- Venturing Forum (March 30, 2017)
- Venturing Forum (April 27, 2017)
- Scout Strong Patriot Run/Walk (May 20, 2017)
- Venturing Forum (May 25, 2017)
- Flags at Fort Sam 2017 (May 26, 2017)
- National Jamboree 2017 (Venture Scout) (July 16-18, 2017)
- Venturing Forum (August 31, 2017)

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/VenturingForumVenturingOfficerAssociationVOA

ORDER OF THE ARROW

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) is the steering committee of the Order of the Arrow program within the local council. To get work done, the lodge is organized into committees.

DATES/LOCATIONS:

- February 25, 2017, MSP
- March 19, 2017, BCSR
- April 9, 2017, MSP
- May 21, 2017, BCSR
- June 24, 2017, MSP
- July 22, 2017, MSP
- August 26, 2017, MSP

TIME: Varies

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OALEC2017

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship weekends allow for new and old members to gather and enjoy activities and games. The weekend is meant to provide an opportunity to bond in brotherhood.

DATE: March 17 - 19, 2017

LOCATION: BCSR

TIME: 5:00 PM - 11:00 AM

COST: \$15 Early Bird; \$20 Regular

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA/Events/OAFellowships2017

GATHERING & INDUCTION WEEKENDS

SPRING

DATE: April 7 - 9, 2017

LOCATION: MSP

SUMMER

DATE: May 19 - 21, 2017

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA/Events/OAInductions2017

FALL FELLOWSHIP AND VIGIL CALLOUT WEEKEND

DATE: October 20 - 22, 2017

LOCATION: BCSR

TIME: 6:00 PM - 11:00 AM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA/Events/OAFellowships2017

EVENTS SUPPORTED BY ORDER OF THE ARROW

- BEAR CREEK BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP 2018 UNIT APPRECIATION DINNER
AUGUST 3, 2017 BEFORE THE SCOUT EXPO



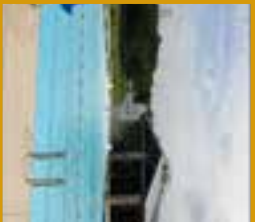
COUNCIL HAS NEW HOURS TO SERVE YOU BETTER

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 6 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
First Saturday of the Month 10 AM - 1 PM

FUN



- Reserve the Dining Hall for Unit ceremonies
- Go for a hike
- Hold a lock-in at the Sports Pavilion
- Conservation projects
- COPE and Climbing



All locations are open to all Scouts

- Primitive campsites for 10-15 tents
- 84 Tents with the choice of 2 or 3 bunks
- Geocaching/Waypoint Courses
- Wooded trails with river/creek views
- Historic Missions Trail (15 minute drive)
- Ranch-style Camping
- Orienteering Course (coming soon)
- Additional Hiking Trails nearby

ADVENTURE

TEAM BUILDING



RESERVE A CAMPING EVENT TODAY
CLICK TO VISIT:
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Rentals

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS WEEKEND?

Trail to Adventure



SERVICE

- COPE and Climbing
- Rent the 35x75' pool with an additional 20'x30' deep area
- Fish anywhere downstream from the boating area
- Go for a hike on rugged trails
- Camp out for the weekend



WATER SPORTS



FELLOWSHIP



UNIT EVENTS

SCOUT SKILLS



- Rent our Alamo-shaped pool
- Have a picnic near the pool, McGimsey House, or the lake
- Fish at the lake
- Reserve a teepee or campsite for the weekend

FAMILY CAMPING





BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMPS

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/BoyScoutPrograms

Since 1957, Bear Creek Scout Reservation has been a summer home to thousands of Scouts. Providing unforgettable camping memories, Bear Creek has afforded many boys their first opportunity to experience self-reliance in a beautiful natural setting in the Texas Hill Country.

Bear Creek Summer Camp offers two summer camp programs, the Ranger Program for first year campers and the Older Scout Program for experienced campers.

There are over 42 merit badges ranging from aquatics, ecology, field sports, handicrafts, and Scout skills for advancing Scouts to choose from.

The Older Scout Program offers challenging programs for older Scouts, which include COPE, mountain biking, rock climbing, Lifeguard BSA, waterslide, and canoeing along the Guadalupe River.

Leaders will also have the opportunity to get certified in Red Cross First Aid/CPR and Wilderness First Aid

The BMX track and 1400-foot tandem zip line were added for Boy Scout Summer Camp in 2015. Log rolling and Range upgrades were added in 2016.



2017 will feature cowboy action and a 100 foot long water slide. Dedicated, motivated and experienced staff members are the key to providing the kind of program you deserve. Our goal is to make your visit an educational and memorable experience your troop will never forget.

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP 2017

DATES:

- Session 1: June 11-17
- Session 2: June 18-24
- Session 3: June 26-July 1
- Session 4: July 3-8
- Session 5: July 9-15

LOCATION: BCSR

Friedrich (Dining Hall)

Rickenbacker (Patrol Cooking)

Other Activities:

- COPE
- Mountain Bike (Camp Bike); or bring your own
- Climbing
- Zip Line

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/BoyScoutSummerCamp

CALLING FOR SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Bear Creek Summer Camp

Each year, Alamo Area Council hires up to 50 young men and women to staff our premier summer camp at Bear Creek Scout Reservation.

- The preferred age is 16 by June 1, 2017
- Applicants 15 years of age must have completed a 2-week term as CIT

www.BearCreek.Kintera.org/staffap

Day Camp at McGimsey

The new leadership structure for McGimsey Day Camps will free parents to attend as observers and remove the 1:5 ratio of adult:scouts for attending.

www.McGimsey.kintera.org/DayCampStaff

*** Applicants must be a registered member of the Alamo Area Council or be willing to register***

SWIM CHECKS AND LESSONS

The swim classification of individuals participating in water activities is a key element of the BSA's Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. Swim classification tests (swim checks) should be renewed annually at the beginning of the outdoor season and are required for any Scout attending Boy Scout Camp. The Alamo Area Council offers swim lessons to Scouts (ages 6+) as well as swim checks.

Swim Lessons: June 5-9; Daily at 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM

COST: \$50/week; each 45-minute session is limited to 18 swimmers

Swim Checks:

COST: \$5/swimmer

Friday, May 3; 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 20; 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, June 3; 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Monday, June 12; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Monday, June 26; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Monday, July 10; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMPS

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DayCamp2017



Summer time and Cub Scouts; a great combination for outdoor adventure and fun.

The goal of Day Camp is for Scouts to have fun while learning more about Scouting. Scouts will explore the tenets of the Scout Oath and Law through the camp theme and activities.

Cub Scout Day/Twilight Camp is for Scouts entering 1st-5th grades for the 2017-2018 school year. Scouts learn new skills, play sports and games, make crafts, swim, visit BB and archery ranges, and make new friends. All Day Camp registrations are made online.



KNIGHT'S QUEST DAY CAMP 2017

DATES	TIMES	LOCATIONS
June 5 - 9	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	New Braunfels - Cypress Bend Park
June 5 - 9	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Kerrville - Schreiner University
June 12 - 17	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	McGimsey Scout Park
June 19 - 23	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Greater NW - TMI - The Episcopal School
June 19 - 23	2:30 PM - 9:00 PM	McGimsey Scout Park (Twilight)
June 26 - 30	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	McGimsey Scout Park
July 10 - 14	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	McGimsey Scout Park (LDS Week)
July 17 - 21	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Mays Family Scout Ranch
July 17 - 21	2:30 PM - 9:00 PM	McGimsey Scout Park (Twilight)

COST: Varies (See Website)

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/DayCamp2017

SWIM LESSONS AT DAY CAMP

Safety is a key element for all individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity, and swimming is no exception. Registered Day Camp attendees may choose to register for swim lessons offered immediately following Day Camps (but not Twilight Camps) at the McGimsey Scout Park. Each week's class is limited to 18 Scouts. Swim lessons may be added during Day Camp registration.

COST: \$50 (5 lessons)

TIME: 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

DATES: June 12 - 16
June 26 - 30
July 10 - 14

TIGER DAY CAMP 2017

Tigers and a parent will experience two days of Day Camp to introduce them to Scouting and the opportunities that await them. Scouts will enjoy time in the Alamo-shaped swimming pool, visit the BB and Archery Ranges, play games, make crafts, and have their Scouting questions answered.

DATES/TIMES: Saturday, July 8, 9:00 AM - Sunday, July 9, 2017, 3:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

COST: \$45

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TDC2017



CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

Bears and Wolves, as of June 1, 2017, are invited to the second annual Cub Scout Resident Camp at the Mays Family Scout Ranch. The camp will be staffed by members of the Bear Creek Boy Scout Summer Camp Staff, so be prepared to have lots of high energy fun.

DATES:

Session 1: Monday, July 24, 2017

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Session 2: Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Friday, July 28, 2017

TIME: 3:00 PM - 10:00 AM

LOCATION: MFSR

COST: Scout - \$130,
Parent - \$85,
Sibling - \$85

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/CSResidentCamp2017

WEBELOS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Webelos Outdoor Adventure Camp is a four day/three night resident camp open to current Webelos. We provide the program, the staff, the food, and tents. Bring your personal gear and be ready for fun. Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will participate in rank-specific activities.

Camping is by pack or individual with a parent; Packs must provide at least one leader per three Webelos.

2 SESSIONS

COST: Scout - \$180, Adult - \$90
Early Bird Cost

DATES: **Session 1:** July 16 - July 19
Session 2: July 19 - July 22

***Limited to 180 Webelos each session**

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/WOA2017



DISTRICT EVENTS

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts

DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

Districts hold reception ceremonies to honor the volunteers, Units, and Eagle Scouts. Special Awards are also presented. If your District event is not listed below, or to check for updates, contact your Scout Service Executive or visit your District's page.

ARMADILLO

DATE: February 11, 2017
TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
LOCATION:

Northwest Hills UMC
7575 Tezel Rd.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron/Events/CMDRD2017

CIMARRON

DATE: February 11, 2017
TIME: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
LOCATION:

Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal
5909 Walzem Rd.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron/Events/CMDRD2017

MEMORIAL

DATE: March 2, 2017
TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
LOCATION:

LDS Military Dr. Bldg
10819 West Military Dr.

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Longhorn/Events/2017MMDRD

TWO RIVERS

DATE: March 2, 2017
TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
LOCATION:

LDS Church

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TwoRivers/Events/TRDRD2017

PINEWOOD DERBY

Pinewood Derby will be open to all Cub Scouts in each unit's District. Top winners per rank will compete for the overall District champion.

ARMADILLO

DATE: March 17 & March 18, 2017
TIME: 6:00 PM & 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
LOCATION:

Crossroads Baptist Church
8300 Tezel Road

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo/Events/ARPWD2017

CIMARRON

DATE: February 11, 2017
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LOCATION:

South Park Mall
2310 SW Military Dr

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cimarron/Events/CMPWD2017

VICTORY

DATE: April 1, 2017
TIME: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION:

Wonderland of the Americas
4522 Fredericksburg Rd

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Victory/VictoryPinewoodDerby2017

2017 DISTRICT WORKSHOP TRAINING

TEXAS HILLS

DATE: February 4, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

LOCATION:

Bandera United Methodist Church
1103 Cedar St.

Bandera, TX 78003

ROUGH RIDER

DATE: February 16, 2017
TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION:

Northwood Presbyterian Church
518 Pike Rd.

VICTORY & SUMMIT

DATE: March 4, 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: LDS Church
7420 Huebner Rd.

LONGHORN

DATE: March 8, 2017
TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Floresville 1st Lutheran Church
1406 6th St.

ARMADILLO

DATE: March 11, 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
NW Hills United Methodist Church
7575 Tezel Rd.

CIMARRON

DATE: April 1, 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: LDS Church
8801 Midcrown Dr.

MEMORIAL

DATE: April 13, 2017
TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
LOCATION: LDS Church
10819 Military Dr.

YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/YouthProtectionTraining

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING FOR ADULTS

Youth Protection Training is offered online through the Boy Scouts of America National Website. The training site is interactive and you can go at your own pace. All registered adults must take Youth Protection Training and keep the training current within 2 years of completion. The training is approximately 30-40 minutes long. For more information, visit the website above and www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection.

Youth Protection Training - In Person

The State of Texas requires all adults attending day camps and resident camps / summer camps to take the Texas-approved BSA in-person YPT course. The in-person Texas-approved YPT Course is good for two years and meets all BSA YPT requirements. The BSA ONLINE COURSE MAY NOT be used for summer camps and day camps in the State of Texas. Note that this state requirement applies only to adults attending summer camps and day camps in the State of Texas and does NOT apply to unit weekend camping. Alamo Area Council camps requiring the in-person YPT course are: Bear Creek Summer Camp, Winter Camp, Webelos Outdoor Adventure Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, and Cub Scout Day Camp.

To find out if there are any upcoming trainings, visit the training page on the Council's website at www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/YouthProtectionTraining.

If you experience 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.



Adult 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 www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training or email the Council Training Team at Training@AlamoAreaBSA.org.

CUB SCOUT LEADERS

CUB SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC

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 or stay to complete YPT afterwards.

COST: \$5 online / \$7 walk-in

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

Leaders may attend any available training.

- Saturday, March 11, 2017
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Vincent de Paul
- Saturday, March 25, 2017
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Devine VFW Post 3966
- Saturday, April 15, 2017
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Hope Lutheran Church
- Saturday, June 3, 2017
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
First Lutheran Church

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Cub-Scout-Leader-Basic-Training

BASIC ADULT LEADER

OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO)

One-day training event that introduces Cub Scout Leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct Pack outdoor activities. Each Pack is required to have one BALOO trained adult in attendance at every Pack camping event.

COST: \$10

DATES:

- Saturday, February 25, 2017
- Saturday, April 15, 2017
- Saturday, August 19, 2017

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BALOO2017

BOY SCOUT, VENTURING & VARSITY LEADERS

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 or stay to

complete YPT afterwards.

Leaders may attend any available training.

COST: \$5 online / \$7 walk-in

BOY SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

- Saturday, March 11, 2017
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Vincent de Paul
- Saturday, March 25, 2017
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Devine VFW Post 3966
- Saturday, April 15, 2017
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Hope Lutheran Church
- Saturday, June 3, 2017
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
First Lutheran Church

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Boy-Scout-Leader-Specific-Training

VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

- Saturday, March 11, 2017
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St Vincent de Paul Parish, 4222 SW Loop 410

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing-Leader-Basic-Training

Varsity Leader Specific

DATE:

- Saturday, March 11, 2017

TIME: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

LOCATION:

St Vincent de Paul Parish,
4222 SW Loop 410

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

IOLS is the final course required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters of Boy Scout Troops as well as Varsity Coaches and Assistants.

COST: \$20

DATES: Friday - Saturday

- February 24 - 25, 2017
- April 14 - 15, 2017
- August 18 - 19, 2017

- November 17 -18, 2017

TIME:

Friday 5:00 PM - Saturday 6:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/IOLS2017

ALL SCOUT LEADERS

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 BSA-trained Climbing Instructor card. 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.

LOCATION: MSP

DATES:

- March 21, 2017, Classroom
- March 25-26, 2017, Tower
- April 7-9, 2017, Real Rock Training
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Events/ClimbingTng2017

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR ORIENTATION

Required to renew as a Merit Badge Counselor for 2017. Also recommended for all unit leadership and parents to better understand the Merit Badge Process and the function of the Merit Badge Counselor.

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

- February 7, 2017; 6:00 - 7:30PM, MSP
- March 23, 2017; 6:00 - 7:30PM,
Alamo Area Council BSA Service Center
- April 8, 2017; 11:00AM - 12:30PM
Alamo Area Council BSA Service Center
- May 16, 2017; 6:00 - 7:30PM, MSP
- June 6, 2017; 6:00 - 7:30PM, MSP
- July 13, 2017; 6:00 - 7:30PM
Alamo Area Council BSA Service Center
- August 15, 2017; 6:00 - 7:30PM, MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Units/Advancement/Counselors



SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training

TRAINER'S EDGE

Designed for Scout Leaders involved in training at the Pack, Troop, Crew, District, and Council levels. Emphasis is on how to be a more effective trainer by learning better presentation skills.

COST: \$5

DATE: Saturday, August 26, 2017

TIME: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TrainersEDGE2017

OUTDOOR ETHICS TRAINER COURSE 2017

This 16-hour, overnight training course is designed for adult and youth members of Scouting, 14 years of age and older, who value the land and want to teach others how to protect and preserve it.

Participants who successfully complete the course will be qualified to teach Outdoor Ethics skills to all levels of Scouting, and will receive an Outdoor Ethics Trainer certificate and patch.

COST: \$50

DATES:

- March 10 - 12, 2017
- April 21 - 23, 2017
- May 12 - 14, 2017
- August 25 - 27, 2017

TIME:

Friday 6:00 PM - Sunday 1:00 PM

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OE2017

POWDERHORN

Powderhorn is a high adventure skills resource course for Venture, Boy Scout, and Varsity Scout leaders. This course is designed to expose leaders to the activities and resources necessary to operate a successful high adventure program and educate about specific high-adventure skills, resources, and training methods for delivering those skills in an exciting, safe, and challenging way.

COST: \$270

DATES:

- September 29 - October 1, 2017
- October 13 - 15, 2017

(MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS)

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/PH2017

COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE 2017

The College of Commissioner Science is

open to all Scouters. This is supplemental leader training at its best, designed to provide program ideas, resources, and FUN for all Scouting volunteers. Leaders may return year after year and earn degrees in their chosen fields and keep current on all that Scouting has to offer the youth in our communities.

DATE: Saturday, February 25, 2017

TIMES: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: University United Methodist Church

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CollegeComSci2017

SCOUTS & SCOUT LEADERS

CPR / AED TRAINING

Taught by a certified American Red Cross instructor, this course helps participants recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac and breathing emergencies. This course is required to enter Wilderness & Remote First Aid training.

COST: \$65

DATES: • Monday, January 23, 2017

• Monday, February 6, 2017

• Monday, March 20, 2017

• Monday, April 17, 2017

• Monday, May 15, 2017

TIME: 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDWRFA-Training2017

WILDERNESS AND REMOTE FIRST AID TRAINING

The American Red Cross developed this 16 hour Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training to meet the needs of the Boy Scouts of America in situations where emergency response time is over 30 minutes. Those who successfully complete this course will receive the "Wilderness and First Aid" certificate which is valid for 2 years.

DATES:

• Friday, January 27, 2017, 5:30 PM - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 6:00 PM

• Friday, February 10, 2017, 5:30 PM - Saturday, February 11, 2017, 6:00 PM

• Friday, March 24, 2017, 5:30 PM - Saturday, March 25, 2017, 6:00 PM

• Friday, April 21, 2017, 5:30 PM - Saturday, April 22, 2017, 6:00 PM

• Friday, May 19 5:30 PM -

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 6:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRWRFA-Training2017

WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge is an incredible scouting experience for adult leaders offered twice a year by the Alamo Area Council. Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course providing in-depth training in leadership skills and group dynamics. This 3-part course teaches basic climbing, belaying, and rappelling. Must be 16 years or older.

COST: \$225

DATES:

• **SPRING COURSE 2017**

Friday - Sunday, March 3 - 5 &

Friday - Sunday, March 31 - April 2

(MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS)

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Advanced/WoodBadgepage

SCOUT YOUTH TRAINING

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

DATES:

Spring: March 12-17, 2017

Summer I: June 4-9, 2017

Summer II: June 11-16, 2017

TIMES:

Sunday, 12:00 PM - Friday 7:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Events/NYLT2017

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

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

DATE: April 1, 2017

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Service Center

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Events/DenChiefTraining2017

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Donate



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Friends of Scouting is the annual giving program that involves parents, volunteers, and alumni in the community to support the delivery of Council Services to each Scouting household. The campaign is also supported by individuals, businesses, and private foundations.

Your gift to Friends of Scouting is an investment in the future of young people; in the development of a strong, productive community, to build and strengthen character and lasting values.

A gift of \$250 provides support to deliver Council Services for one youth in the Scouting program for one year.

Your contribution ensures that the values that made this country great will continue

to influence the youth of today. For a donation of \$250 or more, you will receive a special edition Council Shoulder Patch featuring scenes of McGimsey Scout Park. There are additional special recognition gifts at the \$500 and \$1,000 levels.

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.

There are many options and opportunities to leave a lasting gift and legacy to ensure that Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council programs will continue to help mold young men and women for many years to come. Professional financial advisors are available through Boy Scouts of America to provide consultation and proposals that can be given to your current financial advisor, attorney, or CPA.

Gifts may be arranged through individual estate planning. For questions or assistance with your FOS gift, contact Courtney Bukowski at 210-296-7623. For questions or assistance with your Legacy gift, contact Ed Rogers at 210-296-7609. You can also email

FriendsofScouting@AlamoAreaBSA.org.

To sign up your Unit for a Friends of Scouting Presentation, visit: www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FamilyFOS

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UNIT MONEY EARNING PROJECTS

Support Scouts, Buy Camp Cards

2017 CAMP CARD SALE

SAVE THE DATES:

February 24 - May 5, 2017

Register online by February 23

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CampCards

The Camp Card is an award-winning money earning program that helps Scouts earn their way to camp or other outdoor adventures! The Alamo Area Council Camp Cards offer discounts at local businesses. 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.
- NO RISK SALE - Units DO NOT need to prepay for their first round of Camp Cards. However, in order to get a second or third round of cards, a payment MUST be made first.



Thank You Alamo Area Council Scouts, Parents, and Leaders for over \$1,570,000 in Popcorn Sales in 2016!

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- Nearly \$600,000 in Commissions to 201 Units
- Over \$1,100,000 to Support Scouting in the San Antonio and Surrounding Areas
- \$3,500 Total Selling Scouts including 179 that exceeded \$1,500 and 354 that exceeded \$1,000

2017 SALE DATES

- Monday - Wednesday, February 13 - 15: Council Staff to Popcorn Conference (products, prices, commissions, prize programs, sneak peek, etc. to be determined)
- Thursday, April 13: Sneak Peek & Date Night
- Monday, April 17: Popcorn Registration Begins
- August - September: Popcorn Trainings
- Thursday, August 17: Scouting Expo & Popcorn Training
- Monday, August 21: Show & Sell Orders Due
- Friday - Saturday, September 1-2: Show & Sell Order Pick-ups
- Friday-Saturday, October 27-28: Show & Sell Returns Due
- Monday, November 6: Take Orders Due
- Friday - Saturday, November 17 - 18: Take Order Pick-ups & Prize Form Due
- Friday-Saturday, December 1 - 2: Payments & Scholarship Forms Due, Prizes Available for Pick-up
- February 2018: Online Sales Commissions Paid to Units

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Popcorn



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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SCOUT STRONG PATRIOT RUN



The fourth annual Scout Strong Patriot Run and 1K Kids' Fun Run promotes a healthy, active lifestyle for the Scouts, families, and communities we serve. All proceeds from the Scout Strong Patriot Run will benefit the

programs of the Alamo Area Council. Check out the website for this Spring event to be held at McGimsey Scout Park.

DATE: Saturday, May 20, 2017

TIME: 7:30 AM

PLACE: MSP, 10810 Wedgewood, San Antonio, TX 78230

www.ScoutStrong.org

BOY SCOUT SHOOTOUT

The Boy Scout Shoot Out is a fun filled afternoon, sporting clay competition, held annually at the National Shooting Complex to benefit the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council. Teams of five compete at various stations, accommodating all skill levels, to shoot 100 targets. The National Shooting Complex is one of the premier shooting facilities in the world, spanning 671 acres of San Antonio countryside. A dinner banquet, an exciting live and silent auction, and an awards ceremony will follow the tournament play.

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2017

TIME: 1:30 PM Shooters Briefing

PLACE: National Shooting Complex, 5931 Roff Rd, 78253

www.BoyScoutShootout.org

SPECIAL EVENTS



BATTLE OF THE FLOWERS PARADE

The Alamo Area Council is supporting The Battle of Flowers Parade again this year with Scouts to hold and parade the "Texas Flag." Every April, downtown San Antonio becomes the site of a citywide celebration – the Battle of Flowers® Parade. Since 1891, the women volunteer members of the Battle of Flowers® Association have produced a parade to honor the fallen heroes of the Alamo and to commemorate the victory at the battle of San Jacinto.

Join us as we celebrate Texas history!

The Battle of Flowers appreciates that the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts help carry the big United States and Texas flag each year within the parade.

DATE: Friday, April 28, 2017

TIME: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Downtown San Antonio

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/2017FiestaBattleofFlowersParade



THE GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT

The Alamo Area Council has joined the Great American Campout, sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. It is an important part of the organization's, "Be Out There" campaign, which is dedicated to getting children outside so they can enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle.

Camping out is also a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about the wildlife that surrounds us every day.

Enjoy a family campout under the stars. Activities include: archery, fun camping games, and a Campfire program. Register today!

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, June 3 - 4, 2017

TIME: 12:00 PM - 10:00 AM

LOCATION: MFSR

COST: \$25 tent w/ cots provided or \$15 provide your own

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/GAC2017

2017 SCOUTING EXPO

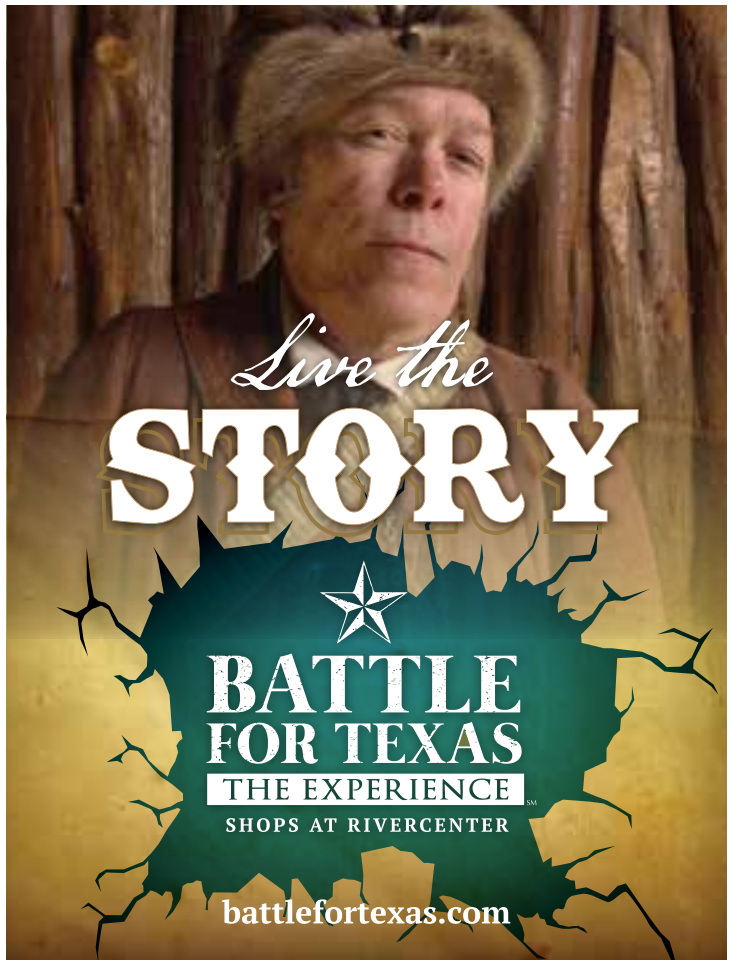
Come enjoy your Council Roundtable featuring Attractions & Actions from local vendors, door prizes. Council & District information will be available, with split sessions for adult leaders: Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting, training for popcorn, website training, Order of the Arrow Annual Lodge Meeting, Venturing displays, and the Musselman Scout Shop will be selling merchandise from 7:00PM - 9:00PM.

DATE: Thursday, August 3, 2017

TIME: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

LOCATION: AT&T Center Hall

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Alamo Area Council Service Center

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Info@AlamoAreaBSA.org

NEW HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
1st Saturday of Month: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Scoutreach Service Center

8503 S. Zarzamora St.
San Antonio, TX 78224
(210) 341-8611 Ext. 600 Phone
(210) 921-9304 Fax
Monday - Friday: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scouting is volunteer-run and funded. The Council is subdivided 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,

recognition, and special activities.

Unit Service – District Commissioner staff provides direct coaching 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 coordination, and to make specific assignments to committee members. Contact your District's Scout Service Executive to serve on your District Committee, or

Contact Your District Committee by Visiting Your District Page:

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Districts

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
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 Ext. 601
MusselmanScoutShop@Scouting.org

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutShop/Musselman

NEW HOURS:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Tues, Thurs: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Sat: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Scoutreach Scout Shop

8503 S. Zarzamora St.
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(210) 341-8611 Ext. 600

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 1:00 - 5:00 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 are available for purchase.

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

RESOURCES

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

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Resources

HAVE A SCOUT STORY TO SHARE?

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