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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 second 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:** 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:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7420 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78240

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 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!

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, once said, "A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

The Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council (BSA) is pleased to provide this **Adventure Guide** to help plan your Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, and Post's Outdoor Adventures during the coming school year. I'd also like to share some important reminders and new information:

First, we need to encourage each other to *get trained today!* Our youth, male and female alike, need to experience 100% of Scouting. What makes this possible is having all registered adults in the BSA receive training for the position they hold within their respective unit. Your training can even be fun! Visit my.Scouting.org today!

Second, the Alamo Area Council has been chosen as one of only 24 Councils piloting the **new online membership registration system** to more efficiently sign up new youth and adult leaders.

Visit www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/onlineregistration

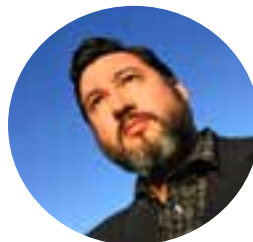
Finally, we are excited that over 2500 of our Scouting members are using www.Scoutbook.com! This **advancement tracking mobile web app in the cloud** helps capture Scouting experiences from Tiger to Eagle.

In addition to our standard communication platforms such as the Adventure Guide, social media sites, monthly e-newsletters, and Council website, the Alamo Area Council will begin utilizing **Scoutbook's Council Messaging Feature**. This allows us to reach all of our membership (volunteers and Scouts) securely with Youth Protection Training features built in!

As our youth are continuously challenged by the world around them, let us stand together as a positive force to point them in the right direction so they can experience all the opportunities that this world offers. Let's also remember to *never take the OUTING out of Scouting!*

Why does the Boy Scouts of America continue to exist after 106 years? Because we are a family. We are a life-changing movement. We are a way of life.

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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 18,000 youth** and **6,500 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.

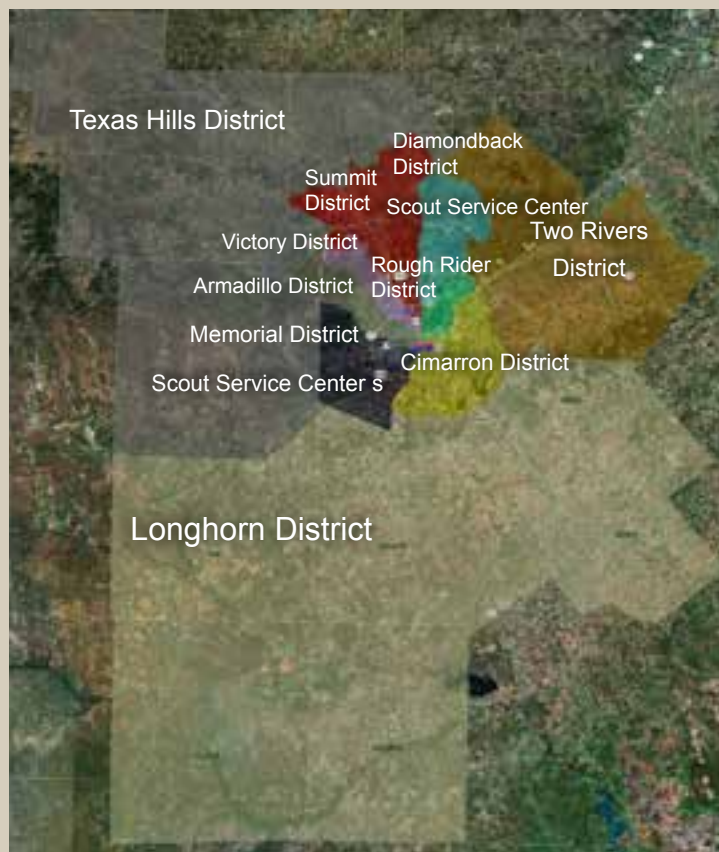
Each year, about 365 young men in the Council achieve Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. In order to achieve this prestigious award, the Scout must earn 21 merit badges, develop and lead a service project to better his community, and demonstrate leadership within his troop.

In 2015, the Council served 18,130 traditional and career Scouting members in 679 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 \$4.4 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 4,500 youth in about 65 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.

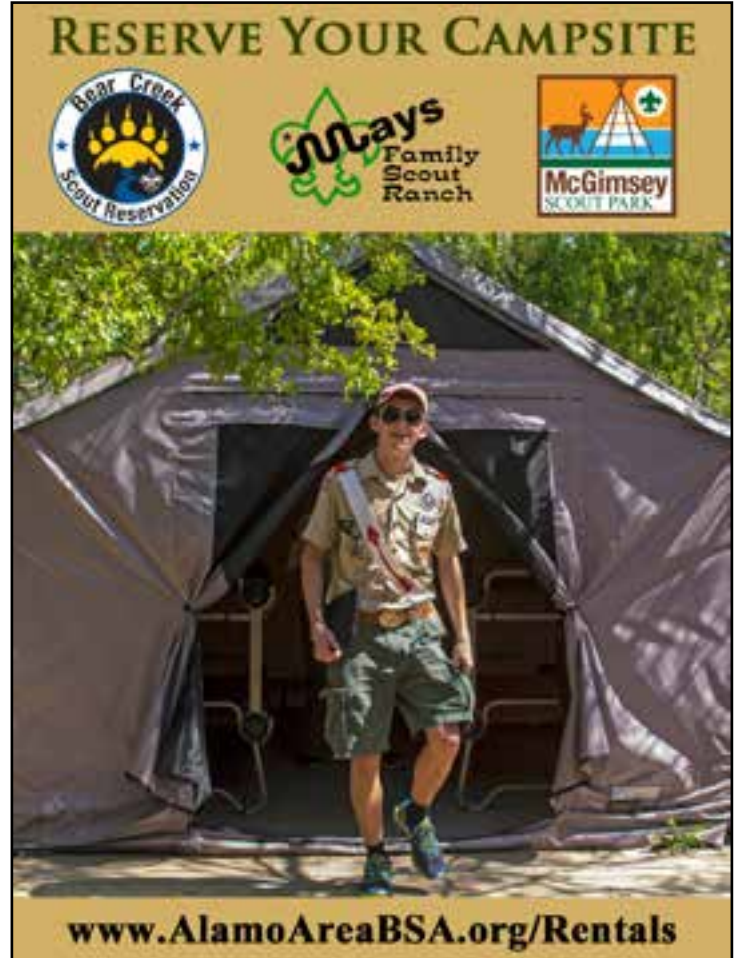
Currently, Project Aguila is offered in some schools in the Harlandale I.S.D., Southwest I.S.D., Northside I.S.D., & Edgewood I.S.D. There are 12 units, 259 youth and 54 adult volunteers in the program to date.






Online Registration

<http://www.Scouting.org/OnlineRegistration>

Beginning August 1st, the traditional paper registration method will not be the only way to join Scouting.



RESERVE YOUR CAMPSITE

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Rentals

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 Fun Days, 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 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 programs are structured for the purpose of developing character, achievement, leadership, service to others and appreciation of the outdoors.

Cub Scout Camping opportunities include Cub-N-Ones, Cub Discovery Camps, Scout Nights and Campouts, two sessions of Webelo Outdoor Adventure Camp, 10 sessions of Day Camp, and two sessions of a new Cub Scout Resident Camp.

Other Outdoor Adventures include Shooting Sports and New Cub Adventure Days. Start your adventure today, visit www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms to register.

NEW SCOUT ADVENTURE DAY

Newly registered Cub Scouts are invited to attend for their first outdoor adventure with archery, BB guns, water games, nature, crafts, and games.

DATES/LOCATIONS:

- Saturday, September 24, 2016; MSP
- Saturday, October 22, 2016; MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/NewCubScoutAdventureDay2016

FALL CUB-N-ONE

Cub Scouts will learn about the American Indian Heritage during the fall Cub-N-One. (Please note: This weekend event does not include siblings.)

DATES: Saturday-Sunday, October 8-9, 2016

TIMES: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CubNOne2016

WEB-O-REE

WEB-O-REE is an exciting opportunity for WEBELOS, their parents, and adult leaders to sample the experiences that lie ahead on the trail to Boy Scouting, including camping, cooking, Scout skills, Patrol method, games, events, and above all FUN.

DATE: Friday, October 28, 2016

LOCATIONS: MSP & MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/Web-O-Ree2016Mays

<http://www.alamoareabsa.org/Events/Web-O-Ree2016McGimsey>

SLEEPY HOLLOW SPOOK-O-REE

Bring your family and friends to this family-friendly Halloween Campout. Sleep in your tent and enjoy games, hayrides and other Halloween FUN. You have two sessions to choose from.

DATES/TIMES:

• SESSION 1

3:00 PM, Friday November 4 -
11:00 AM, November 5, 2016

• SESSION 2

3:00 PM, Saturday November 5 -
11:00 AM, Sunday, November 6, 2016

LOCATION: MSP

CUB SCOUT SHOOTING SPORTS

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to earn their Archery and/or BB Gun Belt Loop and Pin during an hour and a half session. You will have lots of shooting time, learn about parts of a BB Gun and Archery Bow, create your own range targets, and learn about the history of famous Archers and Air Rifle Enthusiasts.

COST: \$15

DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2016

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CSShooting-Sports2016

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

Saturday, January 21, 2017
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

• SESSION 2

Saturday, January 21, 2017
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms/TexasBadge

SPRING 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.)

DATES/TIMES:

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

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CubNOne2017

CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/CubScoutPrograms



MAYS 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 new Mays Family Scout Ranch.

COST: \$15 per activity

LOCATION: MFSR

EVENTS/DATES:

BALOO THE BUILDER September 10, 2016

INTO THE WOODS October 8, 2016

ART EXPLOSION December 10, 2016

BACKYARD JUNGLE January 14, 2017

TIGERS IN THE WILD February 11, 2017

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/2016MaysCubScoutAdventurePrograms

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

BOY SCOUT ADVENTURE

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/BoyScoutPrograms

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, October 29, 2016

TIMES:

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

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

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/OpenClimb2016

MAYS 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/2016MaysMeritBadgePrograms

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

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

DATE: Saturday, November 5, 2016

TIMES: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: St. Phillips College

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MBU

SHOOTING SPORTS UNIVERSITY

Shooting Sports University is an archery and shotgun Merit Badge weekend. This will allow boys to complete the Merit Badge or work on partials.

DATES/TIMES:

8:00 AM, Friday, January 13, 2017-

5:00 PM, Sunday, January 15, 2017

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SSU2017

WINTER MERIT BADGE EXTRAVAGANZA

A three day event hosted by the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council, for Boy Scouts in the 6th-12th Grade or ages 11-17 to earn up to six Merit Badges to help with their path to earn their Eagle Scout rank and serve our community. Winter camping available.

DATES: Monday, December 26 -

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

TIMES: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Daily

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/MBUWinter2016

WINTER CAMP

Scouts have the opportunity to earn Merit Badges to help with their path to earn their Eagle Scout rank and serve our community, plus Scouts can also camp out at Mays Family Ranch. Winter Camp includes Merit Badge Extravaganza with the opportunity to earn additional badges.

DATES:

Monday, December 26, 2016 -

Saturday, December 31, 2016

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/BSWinterCamp2016

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



VENTURING

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Venturing

VENTURING CUP CHALLENGE & OPEN HOUSE

All Council Venturing Crews and invited guests will compete in fun games of skill, adventure, and team building to win the Venturing Challenge Cup trophy.

COST: \$15 early bird; \$25 regular

DATE: Saturday, October 15, 2016

TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP



VENTURING FORUM / VENTURING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (VOA)

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

DATES:

- August 25, 2016
- September 29, 2016
- October 27, 2016
- November 17, 2016
- December 14, 2016
- January 26, 2017
- February 23, 2017

TIMES: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/VenturingForumVenturingOfficerAssociationVOA



SUMMER CAMP

SAVE THE DATES:

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2017

LOCATIONS/DATES:

- Kerrville: June 5-9
- New Braunfels: June 5-9
- McGimsey: June 12-16
- Boerne: June 19-23
- McGimsey Twilight: June 19-23
- McGimsey: June 26-30
- McGimsey LDS Week: July 10-14
- McGimsey Twilight: July 17-21
- Mays: July 17-21

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/Cub-ScoutPrograms

TIGER CUB DAY CAMP 2017

DATES: July 8-9

LOCATION: McGimsey Scout Park
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TCDC2017

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
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Camping/BoyScoutSummerCamp

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

DATES:

- Monday, July 24 - Wednesday, July 26, 2017
- Wednesday, July 26 - Friday, July 28, 2017

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Events/CS-ResidentCamp2017



WEBELOS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SESSION 1 & 2



COST: SCOUT - \$170, ADULT - \$85 **DATES:** SESSION 1: JULY 16 - JULY 19
SESSION 2: JULY 19 - JULY 22

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: September 16-18, 2016

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BCA2016

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 2017.



COST: \$1,600 per person

DATE: June 13-23, 2017

LOCATION: Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Philmont2017

Local Branded Items

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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.

COST: \$2,950 per person

DATE: July 19-28, 2017

LOCATION: Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/NationalJamboree2017



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
ALAMO AREA COUNCIL



ORDER OF THE ARROW

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA

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:

- August 27, 2016, MSP
- September 24, 2016, MSP
- October 23, 2016, BCSR
- November 26, 2016, MSP
- January 28, 2017, Northern Hills Church
- February 25, 2017, MSP

TIME: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OALEC2016

OA UNIT ELECTIONS

DATE: September 1 - November 30, 2016

LOCATION: Unit Meetings

FALL FELLOWSHIP

The OA will once again be hosting its Fall Fellowship Weekend with games, activities, training, fun, great food, and camping, but with a few surprises this year.

DATES/TIMES:

7:00 PM, Friday, October 21 -
10:00 AM, Sunday, October 23, 2016

LOCATION:

BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/OA

WINTER BANQUET

The Annual Winter Banquet is where the Order of the Arrow will recognize our 2016 accomplishments and look forward to the events of 2017.

DATE: Saturday, January 28, 2017

TIME: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Northern Hills church
<http://www.alamoareabsa.org/OA/OABanquet2017>

EVENTS SUPPORTED BY ORDER OF THE ARROW

- BEAR CREEK BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP
- 2017 UNIT APPRECIATION DINNER



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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: Saturday, February 11, 2017

TIME: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Silver Creek Lodge

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo/ARDRD2017

DIAMONDBACK

DATE: Friday, January 27, 2017

TIME: 7:15 - 8:30 PM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo/DBDRD2017

MEMORIAL

DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2017

TIMES: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: St. Vincent De Paul

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Memorial/MMDRD2017

SILVER BEAVER AWARD NOMINATION

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

Thursday, December 1, 2016

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/SilverBeaverAwardNomination



ROUGH RIDER

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2017

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: Northwood Presbyterian Church

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/RoughRider/Events/2017RRDRD

TEXAS HILLS

DATE: Thursday, January 5, 2017

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Bandera UMC

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHills/2017THAwardsRecognitionDinner

TWO RIVERS

DATE: Tuesday, January 17

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TwoRivers/TRDRD2017

VICTORY

DATE: Friday, January 27, 2017

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: LDS Church

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Victory/VCDRD2017

DISTRICT FREEZE-O-REE

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

ARMADILLO

COST: \$10 early, \$12 regular

DATES: February 20, 2017

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Armadillo/ARFreeze2017

TEXAS HILLS RENDEZVOUS

The Rendezvous is a time for Troops and Crews to show off what they have been doing over the last year. It is a time to make new connections, demonstrate skills, and enjoy the great outdoors. It's also a time to practice team building skills, participate in competitions in Scout Craft, and show off cooking skills.

COST: \$7

DATE: Friday, October 16, 2016

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: BCSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TexasHills/2016THRendezvous

SCOUT SERVICE EXECUTIVES

Armadillo - Rebecca Gonzalez

Cimarron - Jericho Talusan

Diamondback - Tanisha Jackson

Exploring - Karina Miller

Longhorn - Frances Henderson

Memorial - Terry Ellis

Mustang - Josh Ozuna

Rough Rider - Brianna Ibarra

Summit - Richard Abrams

Texas Hills - AJ Channing

Two Rivers - Leah Ortega

Victory - Pilar Colon





ACTIVITIES AND CIVIC SERVICE

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CommunityService



SCOUT NIGHTS WITH THE SAN ANTONIO STARS

Includes pictures with all 5 Spurs Championship Banners, photos in the Interview Room (take pictures where the Spurs do their post-game interviews), Meet and Greet, and a tour of the AT&T Center.

DATES: Friday, August 26, 2016

TIME: 5 - 9 PM

LOCATION: AT&T Center
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/StarsScoutNight2016

SCOUT NIGHT AT THE DOME - UTSA FOOTBALL

Join the adventure with your UTSA Football Roadrunners as they take on Southern Miss. The first 250 Scout youth registered will receive a limited edition patch.

COST: \$20 per ticket

DATE: Saturday, October 8, 2016

TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Alamodome
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BoyScoutNightattheDome-2016UTSAFootball

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING RETREAT

The 2016 Catholic Scout Retreat is an event staged by the Archdiocese of San Antonio Office of Youth Ministry's Catholic Committee On Scouting. An informational brochure will be available regarding programs, activities, and registration in mid-summer.

DATE: Saturday, October 1, 2016

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: MFSR

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, this council-wide service project collects food donations for families in need.

DATE: Spring 2017

SCOUT NIGHT WITH SAFC 2016

Join the pre-game fun on Saturday, August 20 in the Fan Fiesta then get autographs and photos in the post-game Meet and Greet. There will also be many evening activities and of course the option to camp out!

DATE: August 20 - 21, 2016

September 17, 2016

TIME: 5:30 PM - 8:00 AM

LOCATION: STAR Soccer Complex
www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutNights

Ready for the Next Adventure?

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Lake



TWO TINY WOODEN BEADS

Two tiny wooden beads on a leather thong. It doesn't sound like an outstanding badge and mark of distinction but it is known and respected as such around the globe. It is symbolic of the efforts and interest of one man who launched the greatest movement for boys the world has ever known. It is the mark of people who have demonstrated that they are people of character and who are devoted to a cause. People who strive for perfection well knowing that even the best is not enough. People that hold the welfare of others before self: Scouters who live up to all that name implies. Awarded to a Scouter on the basis of what he or she thinks and is more than on what he or she knows. They must demonstrate that they have 'know-how' too. Good intentions count for little until, by the application of ability and determination, they produce results that count. Striving for perfection in themselves that they might train others better.

To this end exists the Wood Badge. It is doubtful that the thought ever entered the mind of Robert Baden-Powell, that his efforts on Brownsea Island would grow to influence the youth of the world and that, in the days ahead, thousands upon thousands of people would carry his efforts forward to an ever increasing number of boys.

Who knows but that this effort, this crusade, may flourish to the end that two tiny beads on a leather thong may yet become the symbol of a succeeding effort to bring about a world brotherhood of man under a Fatherhood of God. To that end may the Wood Badge serve and her men and women never falter or fail.

Two tiny wooden beads on a leather thong. They could symbolize the hope of the world – It's Your Move.

Source: Scouting Magazine (Britain) December 1987

Ask anyone who wears beads what this experience means to them. Alamo Area Council offers the Wood Badge course two times a year.

FALL COURSE: October 21 - 23, November 11 - 13, 2016.

SPRING COURSE: March 3 - 5, March 31 - April 2, 2017.

You are invited.

Got Beads?

Pat Wofford

Course Director, S3-583-16-2

EAGLE SCOUTS

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 2015, **351** Boys Scouts in the Alamo Area Council achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout, contributing **60,560** service hours with a value equaling **\$1,397,119.20 (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 provides information for those who have earned the rank of Eagle and want to remain connected to Scouting. Visit their website at www.NESA.org.

For more information and to find answers about the process and steps to achieve the rank of Eagle, visit our website at www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/EagleScouts or email 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.



* Estimate only based on value of volunteer time in State of Texas set at \$23.07 per hour as reported in "Independent Sectors Value of Volunteer time" (2015) www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time.



SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training

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 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 or stay to complete YPT afterwards.

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

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

Leaders may attend any available training.

- Saturday, September 10, 2016
Hope Lutheran Church
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, September 17, 2016
University United Methodist Church
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Saturday, October 15, 2016
Hope Lutheran Church
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, October 22, 2016
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-SA TX East Stake-Windcrest
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Saturday, November 5, 2016
Tree of Life Church
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Saturday, November 12, 2016
Hope Lutheran Church
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, December 10, 2016
Alamo Area Council Scoutreach Service Center
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Sunday, February 12, 2017
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-SA TX East Stake-Windcrest
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Saturday, February 11, 2016
Hope Lutheran Church
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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, August 27, 2016
- Saturday, November 19, 2016
- Saturday, February 25, 2017

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/BALOO2016

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, September 10, 2016
Hope Lutheran Church
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, September 17, 2016
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
University United Methodist Church
- Saturday, September 24, 2016
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tree of Life Church
- Saturday, October 15, 2016
Hope Lutheran Church
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, October 22, 2016

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-SA TX East Stake-Windcrest

- Saturday, November 5, 2016

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tree of Life Church

- Saturday, November 12, 2016

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Alamo Area Council Scoutreach Service Center

- Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Alamo Area Council Scoutreach Service Center

- Saturday, January 28, 2017

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-SA TX East Stake-Windcrest

- Saturday, February 11, 2017

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Hope Lutheran Church

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

VENTURING LEADER TRAINING

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

- Saturday, September 17, 2016
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
University United Methodist
- 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

VARSIITY LEADER SPECIFIC

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

- Saturday, November 5, 2016, MBU
- Saturday, March 11, 2017, 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: \$15

DATES:

- Friday - Saturday, August 19 - 20
- Friday - Saturday, November 18 - 19
- Friday - Saturday, February 24 - 25

TIME:

Friday 5:00 PM - Saturday 6:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/IOLS2016

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:

- September 6, 2016, Classroom Training
 - September 10 - 11, 2016, Tower Training
 - September 30 - October 2, 2016, Real Rock Training
- <http://www.alamoareabsa.org/Training/Events/ClimbingTng2016>

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/LOCATIONS:

- Thursday, September 1, 2016, Rough Rider Roundtable
- Saturday, September 17, 2016, University United Methodist Church
- Thursday, October 6, 2016, Armadillo Roundtable
- Saturday, November 5, 2016, St. Phillips College

TRAINERS 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 27, 2016

TIME: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/TrainersEDGE2016

OUTDOOR ETHICS TRAINER COURSE 2016

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 receive an Outdoor Ethics Trainer certificate (formerly known as Leave No Trace), a trainer pin and will be qualified to teach Outdoor Ethics skills to all levels of Scouting

COST: \$45

DATES:

- Friday - Sunday, September 9 - 11
- Friday - Sunday, December 16 - 18

TIME:

Friday 6:00 PM - Sunday 1:00 PM

LOCATION: MFSR

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/2016LNT-OE

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 23 - 25, 2016
- October 7 - 9, 2016

LOCATION: BCSR

<http://www.alamoareabsa.org/Events/PH2016>

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

SCOUTS & SCOUT LEADERS

CPR / AED / FIRST AID TRAINING

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

COST: \$65

DATES:

- Monday, September 26, 2016
- Monday, November 14, 2016
- Monday, January 23, 2017
- Monday, February 6, 2017
- Monday, March 20, 2017

TIME: 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRAEDWRFATraining2016





SCOUTING UNIVERSITY

REMEMBER, OUR YOUTH DESERVE TRAINED LEADERS

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, September 30, 2016 5:30 PM - Saturday, October 1, 2016 6:00 PM
- Friday, November 14, 2016 5:30 PM - Saturday, November 15, 2016 6:00 PM
- 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

LOCATION: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/CPRWRFATraining2016



WOOD BADGE

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: \$200

DATES:

• **FALL COURSE 2016**
 Friday - Sunday, October 21 - 23 &
 Friday - Sunday, November 11-13
(MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS)

• **SPRING COURSE 2017**
 Friday - Sunday, March 3 - 5 &
 Friday - Sunday, March 31 - April 2
(MUST ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS)

LOCATION: MSP

<http://www.alamoareabsa.org/Training/Advanced/WoodBadgepage>



SCOUT YOUTH TRAINING

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

This is training for Den Chiefs; Pack, District, and Council Trainers; Den Leaders and 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: \$12 per Youth
\$3 per Adult

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2016

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: University United Methodist Church

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Events/DenChiefTraining2016

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

This course is a one-week experience provided by volunteer Scouts and Scouters to prepare Boy Scouts and Venturing youth leaders with effective Unit leadership skills.

DATES:
Spring: March 12-17, 2017

TIMES:
Sunday, 7:00 AM - Friday 7:00 PM

Location: MSP

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Training/Events/NYLT2017

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/MBC



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, signed Adult Application, AND current Youth Protection Training Certificate 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

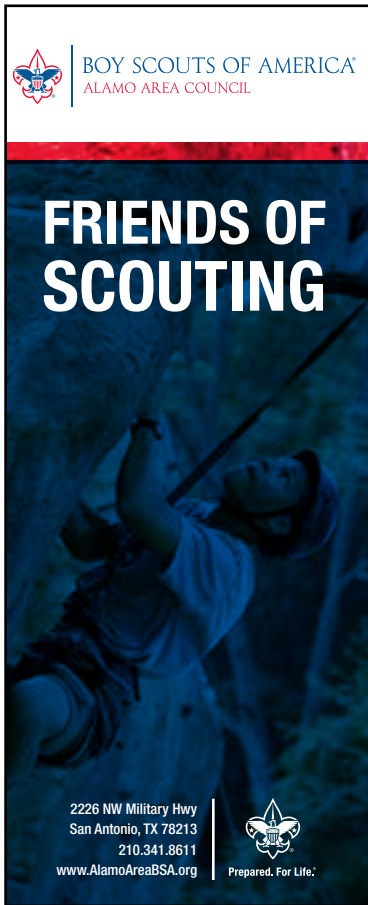
those choosing to only register as a Merit Badge Counselor.

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 Musselman Scout Shop.

District Advancement Chairmen can provide lists of available counselors within the District.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Donate



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 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 of 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. There are 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.

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.



2016 POPCORN FACT SHEET

Any registered youth is eligible to sell popcorn . . . Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers. If your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post chooses not to sell, you still can in order to “earn your own way” and even some great prizes.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

1. Check with your Unit Leaders to find out if they are organizing the sale. If so, they will provide you all the information you need. If not, continue on to step 2.
2. Talk with the Leaders and other parents in your Unit and see if you can organize the sale. Sometimes Units don't participate because they just don't know how to get started or don't have a dedicated parent to make it all happen. YOU can be that parent!!! Whether it's for the entire Unit, a Den, or Patrol, YOU can make a difference!!! Remember, your Scouts and Unit can earn up to 40% commission and great prizes. To get started, visit www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Popcorn to register for the sale and attend a training session to get all the information you need.
3. If your Scout is the only one interested in selling from your Unit, you can still register online, attend training, and take orders which will be available for pickup in November.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL POPCORN@ALAMOAREABSA.ORG



Key Dates

UNIT REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Popcorn

August 11

Popcorn Training @ Council Wide Expo

Additional Trainings Listed Online

August 29

Show & Sell Orders Due

September 9

Council Wide Popcorn Kick Off Carnival @ McGimsey Scout Park

September 9 & 10

Popcorn Sale Begins Show & Sell Order Pickups

October 29, 31, November 1

Show & Sell Returns Due *Full Cases ONLY & May Not Exceed 15% of Total Show & Sell Order*

November 1

Show & Sell/Deliver, Take Order, and Online Sale Ends

November 7

Take Orders Due

November 18 & 19

Take Order Pickups Patch, Gift Card, & Bonus Prize Orders Due

December 9

Popcorn Payments Due *Units Keep Commission Earned College Scholarship Forms Due*

January 13

Online Sales Commissions Available for Pickup or Unit Account Deposit

Is the SKY your Unit's limit or are you ready to go **BEYOND THE STARS?**

Popcorn Funds **STELLAR** Scouting Adventures!

Commission Structure

Show & Sell/Deliver and Take Order Sales Commissions

25% Base Commission + 5% Cash Option (In Lieu of Council Gift Card Prizes)

30% Unit Commission

Bonus Commission

+ 5% -- Attend Popcorn Sales Training
+ 3% -- NO Show & Sell Returns
+ 2% -- Exceed Unit's 2015 Sales (New Units Exceed \$350 Average per Scout)

30% UNIT COMMISSION + 10% BONUS COMMISSION = 40% TOTAL COMMISSION

Online Sales Commission

Units receive 35% Commission *Bonus Commission Not Applicable*

Trail to \$2 Million

HELP ACHIEVE OUR COUNCIL GOAL OF REACHING \$2 MILLION!!! EXTRA INCENTIVE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Alamo Area Council's Goal \$2 Million

FUNDRAISING



Support Scouts, Buy Camp Cards

2017 CAMP CARD SALE

SAVE THE DATES:

February 24 - May 19, 2017

Register online by January 30

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.



SPECIAL EVENTS

BOY SCOUT GOLF CLASSIC

The Boy Scout Golf Classic is a fun-filled afternoon of friendly golf competition held annually at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort to benefit the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council. Cram Roofing also sponsors a one-of-a-kind fundraiser, the "Cram Roofing Ball Drop" during the event; where four lucky winners could take home up to \$4,000 in prizes. A reception, raffle, and an awards dinner immediately follow tournament play.

DATE: Monday, October 3, 2016

TIME: 12:30 PM Shotgun Start

PLACE: Hyatt Hill Country Resort and Spa

www.BoyScoutGolfClassic.org

SCOUTING HIGH 5 CLUB

The Scouting High 5 Club (formerly the Golden Eagle Society) was created to thank supporters who gave us a hand each year. We invite all our \$500+ donors to a reception to thank them for their support. Each year we will host this reception to thank our donors and we hope to grow this club and add more events to express our gratitude to our most significant donors.

DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2016

TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

PLACE: Ken Batchelor Cadillac

www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/ScoutingHigh5

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 26, 2017

TIME: 1:30 PM Shooters Briefing

PLACE: National Shooting Complex, 5931 Roff Rd, 78253

www.BoyScoutShootout.org

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.

www.ScoutStrong.org

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www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Staff

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www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/Contact

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SERVICE CENTERS

Alamo Area Council Service Center

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San Antonio, TX 78213
(210) 341-8611 Phone
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Info@AlamoAreaBSA.org
Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:30 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

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.
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(210) 341-8611 Ext. 600

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 1:00 - 6:00 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?

Enews@AlamoAreaBSA.org

Scout Yard and service project signs and Eagle scout light box available for check out at front desk.

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