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ORION DISTRICT
 Sam Houston Area Council
NEWSLETTER
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RECHARTER

Recharter 2017 is complete.

Please note that there are some units whose Recharter has been identified as being **DEFECTIVE**. These units will be contacted. Corrections need to be done promptly.

Heads up for 2018 Recharter:

- Be sure ALL YPT is current and appropriate for the unit type.
- Top Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor) is trained
- Applications are signed and complete. Don't forget the Disclosure Page on Adult Applications
- JTE Form

“Scouting with the Stars”

**Orion District Volunteer Recognition Dinner
 January 27, 2018**

**The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
 715 Carrell St., Tomball, TX 77375**

5:45 Social 6:30 Dinner 7:00 Speaker and Awards Ceremony

District Dinner is an opportunity for a night of fellowship and great food as we acknowledge and thank our adult volunteers for the hard work and dedication that made this year incredibly successful. Orion District's outstanding leaders at the unit and district levels will also be recognized. All volunteers in Orion District are invited.

Registration

The registration fee is \$18 per person. Tickets can only be purchased online with credit card, electronic check or PayPal. Food is ordered on January 21, 2018. Late registration is \$25 and begins January 22, 2018; food is not guaranteed for late registration. There is no onsite registration. Council refund policy. To register, go to www.orion.shac.org.

**Merit Badge University
 February 17, 2018**

**Lone Star College
 30555 Tomball Pkwy
 Tomball, TX 77375**

Merit Badge University is a Boy Scout advancement opportunity open to any registered Boy Scout. A Scout has the opportunity to work on requirements for several merit badges. These are not give-away merit badges, and this is not a merit badge factory. Each Scout is expected to fulfill all the requirements by reading the merit badge book ahead of time, attending classes and doing prerequisites. Scouts are expected to participate fully during the class in order to receive full credit for the requirements completed. Registration in January.

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LOOKING AHEAD

January

- 4 FOS dates due from units
- 4 Roundtable
- 4 OA Chapter meeting
- 11 District Committee Meeting & District Commissioner's Meeting
- 13 Key Leaders' Conference (SHAC)
- 25 Scout Fair Kickoff Meeting 7:00 PM
- 27 Scouting for Food (hanger dist.)
- 27 District Volunteer Recognition Dinner

February

- 1 Roundable
- 1 Spring Recruiting Training
- 1 OA Chapter Meeting
- 3 Scouting for Food pick-up (SHAC)
- 8 BSA's birthday
- 8 District Committee Meeting & District Commissioner's Meeting
- 10/11 Scout Sabbath/Sunday
- 17 Merit Badge University
- 17 Spring Training
- 23 Baden Powell Fellowship Dinner
- 23-25 Venturing Challenge (SHAC)

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FINANCE

2018 Friends Of Scouting...IT'S ON!!

Happy New Year Orion District!

FOS is ramping up and we have presentations starting in just a couple weeks.

If you have not sent your presentation dates to Heard or myself I need it ASAP. Also please send me a point of contact for your units. This person should not be a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, or Committee Chair (you already have enough to do). A responsible adult that will support and help deliver the FOS message to your unit is what we are looking for.

Start taking to your units now. Friends of Scouting helps our Council, our District, our Units, and our Scouts. It costs about \$250 to support a Scout for one year. Please consider that in your budget for the year. Your gift can also be broken up over the entire year to minimize the financial impact. As always, thank you for your support and time.

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Scout Fair 2018

Please sign up to sell Scout Fair Coupon Books. We are almost halfway to our District goal.
<https://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/form/takesurvey.aspx?surveyID=59578&OrgKey=2509>

The Sign ups for Scout Fair Booths will be starting soon. Make sure to plan to run a booth to take advantage of the extra commission.

Our District Kickoff will be January 25 at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Contact Karoline Willis at karolynwillis@yahoo.com for any questions.

PROGRAM

Advancement

Advancement and Recognition

The Advancement of the Scout, whether he be a Tiger or a Life Scout completing his journey on the path towards the rank of Eagle depends on the support, dedication, and guidance of each of you. Thank you for all that you do; Scouting is a year round activity. Plan your Unit's (Pack, Troop, Crew) accordingly.

Merit Badge Counselors

The position of **Merit Badge Counselor** is a **District Position**, whether you choose to work only with your home unit or all units. **ALL MBC** must be registered with the District/ Council. Current YPT (Y01) certification is required, along with a completed Adult Leader Application, and a Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet..

A current list of Merit Badge Counselors (Jan18) for your unit is in your mail box. If you need a list for the entire Orion District, it will be provided upon request to your Unit Advancement

Coordinator. Please provide the name and email address of your Unit Advancement Coordinator

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS, SCOUTS, PARENTS:

Merit Badges are a learning experience. Scouts **MUST** do exactly as stated in the merit badge handbook (Demonstrate, show, tell, etc.).

ADVANCEMENT REPORTING:

It is important that **ALL** units report advancement. Regardless if you are a Pack, Troop, or Crew. Do this in a **timely** manner (monthly). A print out from the on-line report is required to receive the appropriate recognitions for ALL rank advancements and merit badges.

Attention Scouts, Leaders, and Parents or Guardians:

The Eagle Scout Service Project Fillable PDF 2015 Version is available at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/resources.aspx>

Please **use** this **workbook** when planning and submitting your project to District for approval. Be sure that you have provided **ALL** information (Names, addresses, BSA ID numbers and signatures). **Submit your project in a notebook, be neat and organized. ALL Eagle Service Projects require the official Project Workbook (512-927).**

Consider and recognize the significance and importance of the **Eagle Leadership and Service Project**. It **more** than just a Service Project. It requires Planning, Leadership, and Execution. You must use the current Project Workbook (**See above**).

Read it carefully.

Troop Advancement Chairman, Life to Eagle

Coordinators - When requesting an Eagle Board of Review (EBOR) District Representative please contact the District EBOR Coordinator at doko1251@comcast.net

Please do this after you have received Council approval and **two weeks** before the EBOR.

If you desire a specific District Representative, please advise the District Coordinator with the name of the person. The District Coordinator will verify that persons availability.

Venturing:

For a full link to information on the Venturing program go to: <http://www.scouting.org/venturing>

Cub Scouting:

Plan for and receive the Summer Time Pack Activity Award Stay on top of the latest changes to Cub Scouting. Visit: www.scouting.org/programupdates

Committee Chairman ALL Units (Pack, Troop, Crew) Please provide the name and email address of your Advancement Chairman/Coordinator and please send to: doko1251@comcast.net

Advancement Committee Chairman: Joe Okopinski – 281-356-2628; doko1251@comcast.net

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Orion District New Eagle Scouts



Colby Inman (T1907)
Avery Austin (T469)

Eagle Scouts 2017

Eagles: 60
Service Hours: 13,055

January 27, 2018 (hanger drop off)
February 3, 2018 (food pick up)



Scouting for Food is a council-wide service project to care for people in our local communities who are hungry and those in need. In partnership with the Houston Food Bank and "Souper Bowl of Caring," the project begins Saturday, January 28, 2018, as Scouts distribute door hangers in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Scouts return the following Saturday, February 3, 2018, to pick up and deliver donations to their local food banks and pantries.

A Cub Scout and a Boy Scout promises "to help other people at all times." There is no better way to show our Scouting spirit than by participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive! Now is the time to show our community the Scouting values of being loyal, helpful, kind and cheerful.

Scouts will help make a difference to fight hunger. Scouting for Food is the leading service program for Boy Scouts of America and is a part of the national BSA program - Good Turn for America.

Orion units, please check in with David Dunbar for territories, and make sure that your unit is registered at [http://](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/scouting-for-)

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Campfire Corner

With Summer Camps coming up in 5 short months, units should be scheduling their adventures now. Keep in mind, we do not have a SHAC run camp this summer so prepare a little extra time for making plans. Be aware that outside council camps may be offering in Council fees to SHAC units so make sure you ask when making arrangements. Also, January and February are the times to get into the Lottery for High Adventure Camps in 2019 so gauge your unit interest and sign up for those lotteries if your scouts want to go.

Order of the Arrow

The annual Orion District Dinner scheduled for Saturday night, January 27th, will be a big coming out night for the Orion OA Chapter. New chapter officers, awards of distinction within the Chapter and Lodge, and new positions of increased authority and responsibility for Chapter Arrowmen up into the Lodge will be announced.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

Patrick Martin

BSA SAFETY MOMENT - FIRST-AID KITS

SUMMARY

All Scouts and Scout leaders—as representatives of an organization whose motto is “Be Prepared”—should be sure they are always ready with an appropriate first-aid kit when it’s needed. Your kit may be simple, or more complex if you are trained to use it properly. But the kit must always be on hand and stocked with every essential item.

GENERAL INFORMATION

First-aid kits should be present wherever you might need them. That likely includes having a kit in your car, your home, your meeting location, and with your outdoor equipment for the next hike or camping trip. Since a first-aid kit is one of the essential items for Scout hiking, keeping one with your daypack is an easy way to assure you are prepared on the trail.

The contents of the kit can be as varied as the potential needs and the number of participants present, but it must always be stocked and ready for use. You should also regularly check for and replace expired items and those that need to be restocked after a trip. Have a kit that is suited to the number of participants and the length of time you’ll need it. A kit for a day hike will probably be different from the kit you would carry on a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch or a multiday boat trip at the Florida Sea Base or Northern Tier. If you’re a medical professional or trained in Wilderness First Aid, the kit may be expanded because of your knowledge and ability to safely use the items.

Not sure about what to buy and where to get it? A number of professionally prepared first-aid kits are available from ScoutStuff.org and your local Scout shop, major outdoor retailers, and the American Red Cross. Specifications are often provided as to locations where the kit might be appropriate and other considerations.

You may want to add items based on known or anticipated needs. For example, a shakedown hike with many pairs of new boots being broken in would warrant additional moleskin. Even if you want to assemble your own kit, you can use the resource list below to identify contents that are recommended.

RESOURCES

- > *Boy Scout Handbook* (13th edition), No. 34554
- > *Guide to Safe Scouting*—www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf
- > *Fieldbook* (5th edition), No. 34006
- > *First Aid* merit badge pamphlet, No. 35897
- > *Wilderness First Aid: What Is It and Why Should You Care?*—www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/Training/wilderness_fa.aspx
- > American Red Cross—www.redcross.org