



# North Shore District Newsletter

## September 2019

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### Scouting Calendar

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#### December

- 27-31 [Winter Camp](#) Week 1 @ Lost Pines
- Jan 2-5 [Winter Camp](#) Week 2 @ Lost Pines

### Popcorn Dates

- Sep 14 Show & Deliver begins
- Sep 21 Show & Sell begins
- Oct 27 Show & Sell/Deliver, Take Order ends
- Nov 1 Take Orders due
- Nov 15 Take Order distribution

### STEM Events

- Sep 20-22 [STEM Adventure Weekend](#)
- Oct 18-20 [Hornaday Weekend](#)
- Nov 23 [Hour of Code](#) at ACCelerator Lab
- Dec 3 [iFly Nova for Cubs](#) (Up and Away)
- Dec 5 [iFly Nova for Scouts](#) (Up and Away)
- Dec 27-31 [Cub Scout Techlab Winter Camp](#)
- Feb 11 [iFly Nova for Cubs](#) (Up and Away)
- Feb 13 [iFly Nova for Scouts](#) (Up and Away)
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**Training** For up-to-date opportunities, see the [District Webpage Training link](#)

- **NLYT - Youth**

See the [council website](#) to learn more about National Youth Leadership Training at Green Dickson.



- **Wood Badge - Adults**

[Sign up here](#). Only a dozen spots left!

Want to have the most Scouting fun ever? Wood Badge - or NYLT for adults - is the premiere Scouter training program. This fall's course will provide an amazing two weekends of hands-on training October 11-13 and November 1-3 at Lost Pines. This 2019 course will be extra-exceptional because North Shore scouters make up nearly half of the staff! You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity for skills, fun, self-improvement, networking, and camaraderie.

- **Roundtable - Adults**

Join us for this month's North Shore District Roundtable. Gather critical scouting information and participate in the fun and entertaining **Cub** or **Scouts BSA** sessions.

**When:** Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Good News Methodist Church, 1610 E. New Hope Drive, Leander, TX 78641

**Cub Scout Topic: Mock Pack Meeting** – Join us as we take you through the wild ride of hosting a fun, interactive and entertaining pack meeting. We will highlight all the many resources available to your Cub Scout pack leadership in order to host a monthly event that's

sure to keep the scouts excited about progressing through the advancement trail.

- **More Training Opportunities - Adults**

[BALOO](#) (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) for Cub Leaders will be offered in Austin at BCD Mega Training. Cost is \$20. Registration link and course information are [here](#).

BALOO is an overnight course designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout and Webelos outdoor program. At least one Cub Scout Leader on any Cub overnight must be BALOO trained. BSA's Cub Scout and Webelos camping policies will be taught along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience.



## **Cub Leader Expo: Passport to Adventure, Saturday September 7 @ Fickett**

Capitol Area Council is hosting the *Cub Leader Expo: Passport to Adventure* on Saturday, September 7 at the Fickett Center from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The purpose of the event is for Cub Scout leaders to learn more about resources available to them from their District, Council, and the Community. Registration is now live at <https://www.bsacac.org/training/cub-scout-leader-expo/>. There is no cost to leaders, but they would appreciate leaders registering to assist in ordering enough breakfast tacos. Yes, tacos!

## Service

- **Project Ideas**

Our district chair for service projects is Nathan Hayden [nathanhayden@gmail.com](mailto:nathanhayden@gmail.com). He has dozens of project opportunities for all levels. Contact him to find your next pack, troop, crew, ship, or Eagle project.

- **Vet Fest 2019**

November 2, from 10am - 1pm, we need volunteers to come and help set up for this year's Vet Fest. Afterwards, we will need additional help with traffic control. Also, from 5-6pm, we need volunteers to come and help with cleanup and takedown. Vet Fest is a free event for Veterans dedicated to all veterans from all branches. This will be a huge event, and as always, volunteers are the secret to success. Sign up for [Setup/Traffic Control](#) or [Takedown](#).

- **Formula 1 service opportunity**

Dates are Friday 11/1 through Sunday 11/3. We will especially need help on 11/2 and 11/3 (although we could use help on 11/1 as well prior to the concert). We are looking for scouts who would feel comfortable around large crowds. They will help guide visitors around the track and generally be good Scouts BSA ambassadors. More details to come as we get additional volunteers and details from COTA (Circuit of the Americas). Contact <[brian.hankey@gmail.com](mailto:brian.hankey@gmail.com)> for more information.



**Recharter** time is approaching. Are you ready? What do you need to do?

1. Make sure your unit has a Unit Recharter Leader.
2. Make sure your unit turns in all applications for New Members as soon as possible.
3. Make sure your unit makes October 1<sup>st</sup> the deadline for getting current members to commit to Rechartering.
4. Have your Roster complete with New and Current members by October 11<sup>th</sup>.
5. Now your Unit Recharter Leader is ready to Recharter.



The key to a successful Recharter is getting the Roster accurate as soon as possible. If you have questions, reach out to your Unit Commissioner or myself. We will have help sessions throughout the process.

Thank you making our program work for our youth.

Craig Nesbitt, District Commissioner  
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## Call for Newsletter Input

Please send in text and photos of units events and highlights, campout reports, recipes, derbies, service projects, Wood Badge ticket items, important dates, and any other activities you wish to share. Deadline is the end of the month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Email to [communications@northshoredistrict.org](mailto:communications@northshoredistrict.org).



## Order of the Arrow

For members of the OA, if you are interested in planning fun events, come to the monthly OA chapter meetings on the second Thursday of every month, 7 PM at Good News UMC (the same place as Roundtable).



As we have transitioned into the new school year, our Order of the Arrow chapter leadership has also changed. We welcome the new leadership and offer thanks for the leaders who have recently moved on.

- Chapter Chief: Elijah Roberts
- Vice Chief of Programs: Thomas Wilson
- Vice Chief of Ceremonies: Shaun Fullerton
- Vice Chief of Communications: Areg Vartanian
- Vice Chief of Elections: Joseph Urban



The fall brings a number of activities for the OA chapter. Our chapter will begin the planning for spring Camporee, specifically the schedule and the activities throughout the weekend. We will also prepare to assist with the Webelos Woods event in November.

A couple of us recently attended the Lodge Leadership Development seminar on 8/24, in which we learned of the OA's plans for the next year. Tonkawa's emphasis this next year will be on driving involvement and improving communication through modern technology. Work is still to be done on an easier means of transacting dues payments.

Our September chapter meeting will be focused on regalia making. This will provide OA members with basic tools to prepare Native American costumes that can be used in OA ceremonies and fellowship gatherings.

### **National Leadership Seminar, September 27-29, 2019 (Sam Houston Area Council Office)**

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.

### **Tonkawa Fall Assembly, October 4-6, 2019, Lost Pines Scout Reservation**

Our fall assembly is coming up. We invite all of our OA scouts and scouters to participate. As a reminder, ordeal candidates have one year from the date of the election to complete the ordeal, which is required to become an OA member. Ordeal members who are eligible for brotherhood (having served as an OA troop member for at least six months) will be able to complete their Brotherhood induction at the assembly. Brotherhood members are invited to participate as Elongomats.

### **National Order of the Arrow Conference, August 3 – August 8, 2020, Michigan State University**

Save the date for the upcoming conference. More information to come.

**Communications** - If you are part of the North Shore OA, we communicate in multiple channels, but for youth, it's primarily a *groupme* text method. Please contact our Vice Chief of Communications to be included in the group.

**Elections** - For Scoutmasters, to request an OA election, please sign up here: <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore>  
Next month we will elaborate on the role of the Scoutmaster in the OA election.

## News from the Key 3

Summer is over (but you can't tell from the heat), our scouts are back in school, and it is time for our recruiting efforts, popcorn sales, and looking forward to cooler weather.

Join Scouting Nights (JSNs) are in full swing and a pack near you is recruiting new youth to join us all. Before long our girls and boys will be doing their best to raise funds for the coming year through selling Popcorn at a store front near you.

Our WEBELOS Woods event is going to be a bit different this year (see article on page 7) and we encourage all our Troops, Crews, and Ship to make this an event to remember. Let's show these younger scouts how much fun scouting is.

The North Shore District's leadership is not a closed club. We encourage and welcome participation from all. Drop me an email if you are interested in attending the District Committee Meeting and of course we will see you at Roundtable.

Have a great month.

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## North Shore Eagle Scouts

This is the list of Eagles from our district since the last newsletter. Congratulations to all! Future editions will post monthly updates. Please send photos to [communications@northshoredistrict.org](mailto:communications@northshoredistrict.org)



8/1/19 - Adam Mitchell - Troop 981

8/12/19 - Cameron McNeill - Troop 234

8/20/19 - Jack Arends - Troop 201

8/25/19 - Jacob Hardin - Troop 150





# Venturing is Happening



## ONE OF THE BIGGEST RECRUITING EVENTS OF THE YEAR!

- WHO:** Your Crew, Post, Ship, any prospective Scouts and all your friends!
- WHAT:** Outdoor fun for your crew... and a great recruiting tool – bring all prospective members.
- WHEN:** Camp Friday and/or Saturday Night! Registration will officially start on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 8:00AM.
- Events run 9:00AM to 4:30PM on Saturday.
  - There is a late-night movie in the pool for those camping Saturday night!
- WHERE:** Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop, Texas.  
Campsites are available Friday and Saturday Nights.
- EVENTS:**
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| ❖ Pistol Shooting          | ❖ Rifle Shooting        |
| ❖ Climbing                 | ❖ Shotgun Shooting      |
| ❖ Tomahawk Throwing        | ❖ Black-powder Shooting |
| ❖ Stand-up Paddle boarding | ❖ Archery               |
| ❖ Swimming Pool Log Roll   | ❖ <b>Adult Training</b> |
| ❖ Dive-in Movie!           |                         |
- HOW TO REGISTER:** Complete online registration at: <https://bsacac.doubleknot.com/event/venturing-is-happening/2556378>
- COST (cash or check only):** \$25 per person for Early-bird Registration (before 9/1/19)  
\$30 per person after 9/1/19  
\$20 per Prospective Scouts (must bring copy of membership form)  
No charge for nonparticipating adults. Units must bring their own food.
- CONTACT:** Steve Yeatman at [syeatman@austin.rr.com](mailto:syeatman@austin.rr.com)  
Staci Kilpatrick at [stacikilpatrick30@gmail.com](mailto:stacikilpatrick30@gmail.com)

- WHAT TO BRING:**
- ❖ Completed BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A & B) with participant and parent signature. Don't forget your Swim Check form for 2019!
  - ❖ Climbing, Shooting Release forms with parent's signatures
  - ❖ Units must have adult leadership onsite while at Lost Pines.
  - ❖ Adults must bring proof of their current Youth Protection Training certification.
  - ❖ Water Bottle / Towel / Personal Hygiene stuff
  - ❖ Units must bring their own food for the weekend
  - ❖ Shoes (completely closed). No Crocs or Hiking Sandals!
  - ❖ Shorts or Pants (Swimsuits are not allowed on the Climbing Tower)
  - ❖ Swimsuit (no cut-offs and females must have a one-piece or no bare midriff)

Registration link: <https://bsacac.doubleknot.com/event/venturing-is-happening/2556378>

## Webelos Woods/Webelos Day Event

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9 AM - 12 PM

### Brushy Creek Lake Park

Due to issues in acquiring a place to hold the Fall Camporee/Webelos Woods, we will not be having a traditional campout this year.

Instead, we are going to have a day event on Saturday, November 9th. This event will be a recruiting event, not only for Webelos but also for Troops, Crews and the Ship. This will be a great way for each unit to show what they have to offer all prospective Scouts.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan the event. We are planning to have a patch to commemorate the event. This Scouting event will count for the Webelos Arrow of Light requirement to attend a Scouts BSA event.

We currently have 2 of the largest pavilions reserved at Brushy Creek Lake Park. The basic plan would be for each Unit to come up with a "Demonstration Area" similar to what we have done at previous Webelos Woods. The Units would set up early on Saturday morning from 7 am – 9 am. The event would start at 9 am and last until 12 pm. We would breakdown and clean up with the goal to be completed by 1 pm. Part of the day would be taking part in a conservation/service project for the park.

The District Committee doesn't like to cancel anything. This is always the last resort. In looking ahead for 2020 we are currently trying to secure a location for the Spring Camporee. The OA is already starting to plan that event

We always welcome additional help. Come to Round table – 2nd Thursday of the month. Come to the District Committee meeting – 1st Thursday of the month.

Please contact your district Key 3 to volunteer or with any questions.

