

North Shore District Newsletter

October 2019

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Scouting Calendar

October

- 10 District committee meeting 6pm
10 District OA and Roundtable 7pm
11-13 [Wood Badge](#) Weekend 1
18-20 [Hornaday](#) Weekend
19 NRA [Range Safety Officer](#) training
26-27 Cub Scout Spook-o-ree (p. 7)

November

- 1-3 [Wood Badge](#) Weekend 2
7 District committee meeting
9 **Scout-O-Rama** (formerly Webelos Woods) (p. 8)
9 [Tiger Cub Adventure Day](#)
11-13 Service opportunity at F1 (p. 4)
14 District OA and Roundtable
16 OA One Day of Service & LPSR tree planting

December

- 5 District committee meeting
12 District OA and Roundtable
27-31 [Winter Camp](#) Week 1 @ Lost Pines
27-Jan 1 NYLT @ Green Dickson

January

- 2-5 [Winter Camp](#) Week 2 @ Lost Pines
25 University of Scouting

February

- 1 Report to State Parade

Popcorn Dates

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

STEM Events

2019

- 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 [Techlab Winter Camp](#)

2020

- Feb 11 [iFly Nova for Cubs](#) (Up and Away)
Feb 13 [iFly Nova for Scouts](#) (Up and Away)
Mar 21 [STEMboree](#)

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Training - Roundtable



See You Second Thursday Every Month
SYSTEM

- Who:** You! Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA Leaders!
What: Supplemental training for BSA adult volunteers.
When: Meets monthly from 7:00 – 8:30 PM on the second Thursday of the month, year-round.
Where: Good News United Methodist Church, 1610 E. New Hope Dr. Leander, TX 78641
Why: For your Scouts! For your unit! For you!

Upcoming Roundtable Topics

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Thursday, October 10, 2019	<p>Scout Service Is your pack or troop looking to help someone? Everyone who has taken the Scout Oath has promised to "help other people at all times," but sometimes it can be a challenge to know where to start. Our council has partnered with JustServe.org to help Scouts and Scout units find service project ideas in their communities. Join us to learn more about this very helpful tool and see how you can your Scouts into action.</p>	<p>Recharter Join us for a discussion on this very important annual requirement. The recharter process doesn't have to be a difficult one. We will discuss everything you need to know about the process and review the tools that will help make your life easier.</p>	<p>Scoutbook As a leader, what does Scoutbook provide our unit? What are the advantages of using this tool instead of what we are currently using?</p>
Thursday, November 14, 2019	<p>Special Pack Events: Derbies & Regattas Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Cubmobiles, and Space Derby... these special events provide your unit with a wonderful learning experience centered on teamwork, ingenuity and sportsmanship – all for the thrill of the race and a lifetime of great memories to share with fellow racers young and old.</p>	<p>Modernizing Your Unit We will take a deep look into Scoutbook, BSA's online unit management tool that helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail. We will also discuss the many other ways to utilize today's technology like Facebook, Twitter, etc. to advertise and communicate with the public.</p>	<p>It's all about the Money Let's talk about budgets, troop finances, treasurers, managing funds, and fundraising.</p>
Thursday, December 12, 2019	<p>Arrow of Light Crossover Creating an extra special event for our Scouts who earn their Arrow of Light rank and hopefully crossover to a Scouts BSA troop can be a daunting task. Join us for an informative session on how to create a ceremony that will be remembered for years to come. We will discuss how you can work with the troops in your area to be sure everything is seamless and your Scouts are excited for their future Scouting adventure.</p>	<p>Blue & Gold Ceremony What goes into planning this important annual event for your Pack? What logistics should you consider? What does the actual program for that event consist of? We will answer these questions and MANY more to be sure you effectively pull off a WOW event for your unit!</p>	<p>Committee Members & Scoutmasters: the unit leadership yin & yang Let's talk about their roles and how they support each other.</p>

More 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. Winter dates: December 27, 2019 - January 1, 2020



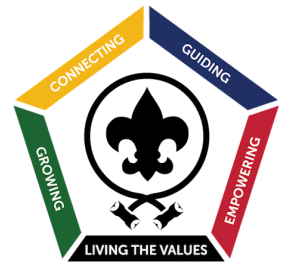
- **Powder Horn - Adults and older Youth Leaders**

You missed it! Join us next year in September 2020. You “learn by doing” with expert consultants who demonstrate the skills and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained. You get to try the activities yourself so you know how much fun your unit will be able to have. A staff of experienced Scouters and experts from all over Texas will guide you through the adventure! Then we help you bring ideas back to your unit with resources and an online community of knowledgeable Scouters to offer advice and answer questions. See the [Texas Powder Horn brochure](#) and the council page [here](#).



- **Wood Badge - Adults**

Want to have the most Scouting fun ever? Wood Badge - or NYLT for adults - is the premiere Scouter training program. You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity for skills, fun, self-improvement, networking, and camaraderie spent over two long weekends in October and November - 2020 dates to be confirmed. Ask anyone with beads about it.



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).



**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>

Service Project Ideas

Our district chair for service projects is Nathan Hayden <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.



Come to the Service presentation at Roundtable this month: Thursday 10/10 @ 7pm at Good News United Methodist Church

- October 4-5 (Friday/Saturday) 6-10pm - Leander Bluegrass Festival, Leander Public Art Commission (Mason Homestead)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/b2ff60d5-403f-4b55-a12c-1d477553a41f>
- October 12 (Saturday) 1-3:30pm - Cedar Bark Festival, Cedar Park Parks & Rec (Veteran's Memorial Park)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/705e6354-621e-444f-b68a-1cdd70e65f8a>
- October 19 (Saturday) 9-10am - Heroes Night Out Trail Clean Up (Heroes Night Out Veteran's Resource Center)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/115279f5-a4b3-4db6-b`019-ce4a3c8913b4>
- October 26 (Saturday) 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM - Fable Fest, Cedar Park Public Library (Elizabeth Milburn Park)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/6d99965d-43ce-43f1-a63d-1bb20a13ff72>
- October 26 (Saturday) 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM - Barktoberfest, Central Texas SPCA (Old Settler's Park)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/eaf508b2-0320-4640-b2af-4bf00b2fd531>
- November 2 (Saturday) 10am - noon - Vet Fest, OP Veteran (Old Settler's Park)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/f8cadff1-75e7-40ff-b876-b428b02dd409>
- November 2 (Saturday) 5-6pm - Vet Fest, OP Veteran (Old Settler's Park)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/ae26a965-0003-44b5-a500-4cd0a9e0ec43>
- December 6 (Friday) 6:30-9pm - Cedar Park Santa's Workshop, Cedar Park Parks & Rec (Heritage Park)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/9487f26b-879a-4638-8b32-cc481a618931>
- December 7 (Saturday) 6-9pm - Leander Old Town Christmas Festival/Parade (Old Town Leander)
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/b1572d35-fbc9-4016-8671-d7b67a336310>
<https://www.justserve.org/projects/0e7837aa-72c8-4094-9ada-cbe31ba141c7>

● 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> for more information



Note from the Key 3

Hello North Shore –

Fall has arrived but not the cooler weather.

Many of our Join Scouting Nights have been successful!

Recharter – every Key 3 received a letter from Council discussing the issues with the recharter process. National is looking at the possibility of increasing dues. We will know more on October 23rd. National is also requiring that all registered adults, new and existing, complete a new background check authorization. These will be turned in with the Recharter packet. We will have a link on the District Website for the new form.

Instead of a Webelos Woods this fall we have scheduled a “Scout-O-Rama.” The date is Saturday, November 9th. You can find more details in the newsletter.

If you are interested in being of service to others and becoming a part of the District Leadership, give Ward, Kevin or myself a call. We are always looking for more friends to share this journey.

Thank you for all you do for our Scouts - Craig Nesbitt, District Commissioner

A Request from District Advancement

Do you know one of the greatest experiences we have as Adults in Scouting? It is sitting on a scout’s Board of Review. We get to sit down with a youth and talk to them about their experiences, achievements and goals. This happens at the Unit level as the youth advances in rank. For the Eagle Board of Review, the Scout is required to meet with a group of Adults from the Scout’s unit and at least one from the District. This is where you come in. You don’t even have to be a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster: *“they must have an understanding of the rank and the purpose and importance of the review”* (from the Guide to Advancement). Last year we had 51 Eagle Scouts from North Shore and we’ve already had 33 this year with more scheduled in the near future.

The District needs volunteers from EVERY unit to help deliver a meaningful experience to each of these Scouts. If we have enough volunteers, then each of us would only be asked to sit on a couple Eagle Board of Reviews per year.

If you are interested, please email our Advancement Chair: Stephanie Laster - steph@fasterlaster.com

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.

Sign Up for the Newsletter

Get the North Shore District monthly newsletter and more information from Council in your inbox every month. Sign up at the link [here](#) or use the QR Code.



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



9/10/19 - Forrest Norrod - Troop 201



9/11/19 - Spencer Thompson - Troop 158



9/22/19 - Justin Roberts - Troop 2008



9/22/19 - Nico DeLeon - Troop 150



9/24/19 - Ryan Kutz - Troop 201

2019 CUB SCOUT AND FAMILY FUN

ACTIVITIES PUT ON BY CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL CAMPING STAFF

SPOOK-O-REE



Cub Adventure Day - October 26 - 27

Smilin V Scout Ranch in Liberty Hill

\$20 per youth/\$5 adult (children under 5 free)

Saturday October 26

1-5pm **Carnival type activities for the entire family***

5-6pm Dinner provided by your family or Pack and change into your costume

6-7pm **Halloween Cartoons** at the pavilion by the staff while families/packs decorate their campsite.

7-8 pm **Tent-Or-Treating****

8-9pm **More Halloween cartoons/Stargazing and not so Scary Haunted Trail Hike**

10pm Lights out and time to go to sleep in your tent with your family

(optional***) Sunday October 27

7-9am Breakfast with your family or Pack

9am Scouts Own Service

11am Everyone enjoys their drive home

* Calling All BEARS: Earn your Grin and Bear It Elective Loop by hosting a fun carnival booth!

Email <teresa.northcutt@scouting.org> for more info.

** If your pack/ family wants to enjoy the evening fun you must bring candy for the Tent or Treat and decorate your camping area. Otherwise just come for the fun afternoon activities from 1-5pm.

*** Please indicate at time of registration if you will be staying for the evening or just the afternoon. Register at

http://bsacac.org/activities/for_cub_scouts. Registration for this event OPENS August 31st.

North Shore District Scout-O-Rama

Saturday, November 9

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

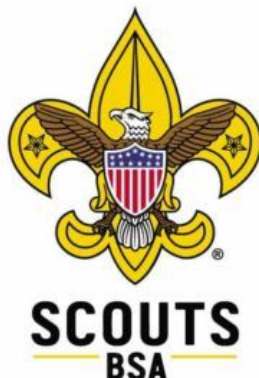
Brushy Creek Lake Park



Troops, Crews and Ship will be there to show prospective members what makes each of these units unique. This event is open to everyone interested in joining one of the units.

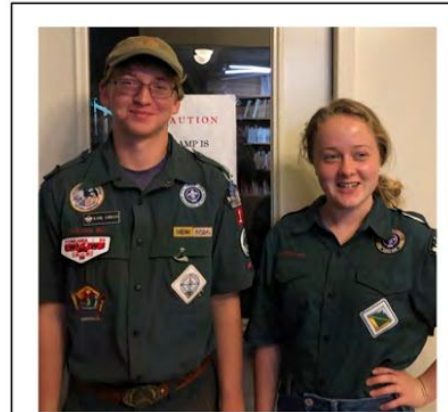
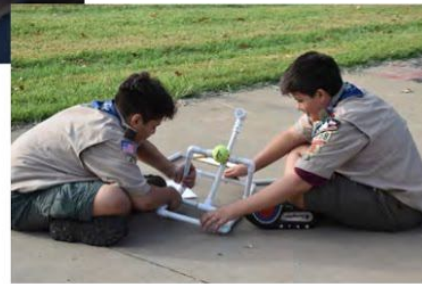
More detailed information will be sent to each of the units. Our Order of the Arrow Chapter will be hosting a service project that all can participate in.

Question or Suggestions? Come to October Roundtable



Photos

Nearly 300 people attended STEM Adventure Weekend this year, with about 50 from North Shore. Don't miss 2020!



Discovery Award recipients
from Crew 158
Karl Urban and Amanda Yates



Cubs had a BLAST at the district Rocket Day in
Georgetown on September 29



Recharter

Recharter Training at October Roundtable

What is “recharter”?

What happens during recharter? Basically, you’re telling BSA:

- Who is “in” for next year? (existing youth and adults, plus new members)
- Who is “out” for next year? (existing members who are dropping out of the program)

“Please bring your Unit’s Roster for 2020.” What does that mean? It means you have already determined which current members are staying with the Unit for 2020. This includes Webelos and Adults in Cub Scout Packs that will be crossing over (and therefore transferring) to Scouts BSA Troops in early in 2020. This should also include all the Youth and Adult applications that were received during your Fall JSN or any other new applications. You should always submit any application to the Scout office as soon as possible. This will minimize the amount of paper you will be required to submit with your Recharter. Remember all Adult applications will require proof of Youth Protection Training (YPT).

To prepare for Recharter you should check your Roster against what the Council has registered for your unit. You can get this roster by asking any of the KEY 3 for your Unit to download the roster from my.scouting.org.

Rectifying the difference between these two rosters is what Recharter is about.

To accomplish this, the annual charter renewal process is essentially four steps:

1. Gather necessary information on youth and adult members
2. Gather membership applications (youth and adults) and verification of Youth Protection Training (adults only)
3. Enter the information through the BSA’s Internet Charter Renewal website
4. Print your charter renewal documents from Internet Charter Renewal, review those documents with your Unit Commissioner, and then submit the “Unit Charter Renewal Report Package” to our Council office.
5. This year the National Council is requiring that each registered adult, new or existing, must complete a new background check authorization form. See link below to download the form and turn in all the signed forms with your Recharter packet.

[Background Check Authorization](#)

Your unit should also complete the application for the Journey To Excellence Award.