

# North Shore District Newsletter

## November 2019

Volume 5 Issue 7

### Scouting Calendar

#### November

- 7 District committee meeting
- 8-10 Hornaday advisor training (p. 3)
- 9 **Scout-O-Rama**  
(formerly Webelos Woods) (p. 7)
- 9 [Tiger Cub Adventure Day](#)
- 14 District OA and Roundtable (p. 2)
- 16 Order of the Arrow [One Day of Service](#)
- 23 Hour of Code STEM event (p. 13)
- 28-30 Scout office & shop closed

#### December

- 5 District committee meeting
- 7 Austin Spurs Scout Night (p. 11)
- 12 District OA and Roundtable
- 27-31 [Winter Camp](#) Week 1 @ Lost Pines
- 27-Jan 1 NYLT @ Green Dickson

#### January

- 2 District committee meeting
- 2-5 [Winter Camp](#) Week 2 @ Lost Pines
- 9 District OA and Roundtable
- 25 University of Scouting

#### February

- 1 Report to State Parade
- 2 Scout Sunday
- 6 District committee meeting
- 8 Scout Sabbath
- 13 District OA and Roundtable
- 22 Council Eagle Reception

### Popcorn Dates

- Nov 1 Take Orders due
- Nov 15 Take Order distribution

### STEM Events

#### 2019

- 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](#) (all ages)
- Apr 17-19 [Hornaday](#) spring weekend

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## Note from the Key 3

### WHAT'S IN A HASHTAG?

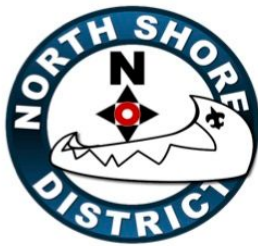
We would like to promote the North Shore District and hope that the following request will grow into something useful.

Please use the following Hashtags on your FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, Linked-In, and other social media posts as appropriate: #NSDBSA #NorthShoreBSA #NorthShoreCUBS #OutsideInNorthShore

Our goal is that by using these hashtags we can promote the district, its activities, and the great things going on in the North Shore District. If you have other creative hashtags you think we should be using then let us know and we'll add them to the list.

KFC  
Kevin F. Clark  
District Chair - North Shore District BSA  
Cell 512-771-5845

## 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, November 14, 2019	<p><b>Special Pack Events: Derbies &amp; Regattas</b> 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><b>Modernizing Your Unit</b> 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><b>It's all about the Money</b> Let's talk about budgets, troop finances, treasurers, managing funds, and fundraising.</p>
Thursday, December 12, 2019	<p><b>Arrow of Light Crossover</b> 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><b>Blue &amp; Gold Ceremony</b> 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><b>Committee Members &amp; Scoutmasters: the unit leadership yin &amp; yang</b> Let's talk about their roles and how they support each other.</p>

## More Training

[Shotgun Instructor - November 2, 16](#)

[Climbing Instructor \(Natural Areas\) - November 20, 23, December 7-8](#)

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. The winter course is full. Spring break course registration opens soon.



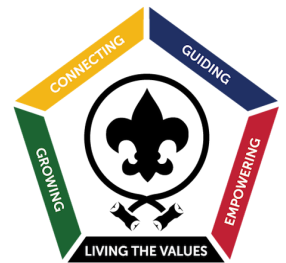
- **Powder Horn - Adults and older Youth Leaders**

You missed it! Join us next year on September 11-13 & 25-27, 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? Ask anyone with beads about it! Wood Badge is the premiere Scouter training program. You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity for skills, fun, self-improvement, networking, and camaraderie, October 9-11 & November 7-8, 2020 (dates to be confirmed).



- **Hornaday Advisor Training - Adults**

This 16-hour [training](#) is conducted by BSA National Hornaday Committee members/approved trainers and is designed to help Council volunteers successfully lead/assist youth in earning the prestigious Hornaday Awards and to best promote and run Hornaday and Conservation Programs within their respective Councils.



When: November 8-10, 2019, Cost: \$75, Location: Lost Pines Scout Reservation, Class Size: 24

Who should attend: Any Adult Leader, including Unit, District and Council Level Volunteers or Scouter Parents. This class is open to adults only.

What does the cost cover?: Books and other class supplies, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, Breakfast on Sunday and snacks, and lodging in the LPSR Cabins (3-4 people per cabin)

What to bring?: Note taking supplies, Class B for class time and Class A for meals, reusable mug or water bottle and a completed part AB medical Form, hiking shoes (there are field instruction as part of the course), clothes (be prepared for any type of weather) and toiletries (Showers available in Lindsay Lodge).

Registration ends: 11/5/2019 11:55pm

If you have questions, please contact Jessica Snider at [<jessica.snider@scouting.org>](mailto:jessica.snider@scouting.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).



### News from Fall Assembly

- 10 North Shore scouts and scouters completed their Ordeal.
- 3 North Shore scouts and scouters completed their Brotherhood walk.
- Elijah Roberts, North Shore Chapter Chief, was inducted into Vigil, the highest level within the Order of the Arrow, in recognition of the service he has provided to both the district and the Tonkawa lodge.



### 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 group text method. Please contact our Vice Chief of Communications, Areg Vartanian, to be included in the group. For contact information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore/contact>.

### Elections

For Scoutmasters, to request an OA election, please sign up here:

<https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore/electionceremony-request>.

## 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.

- 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>





## Service at Camps

Units visiting any facility, whether it be a BSA camp, state, county or other public park, are highly encouraged to do a service project during their outing and to record your efforts for JTE. Contact the camp ahead of time to maximize your impact.

## Council Conservation Corps

Lost Pines Service Project - "THIS OLD CAMP"

Since the first wilderness summer camp held in 1968 with patrol/troop cooking, the Lost Pines Scout Ranch (LPSR) in Bastrop has seen thousands upon thousands of scouts come through its gateways.

We need your help to keep maintain and continue conservation projects on "This Old Camp"! We have several one-day weekend service and conservation projects planned. Projects include, but are not limited to, washing and painting buildings, erosion control, tree planting, invasive species control, building and installing signage, installing flagpoles in campsites, repairing tent platforms, repairing woodpecker damage. The list is endless and will include projects on the Cub Scout side at Camp Tom Wooten.

Sign up your unit on the DoubleKnot registration system. One adult will serve as the contact person for the unit. This person will give an estimate of the number of participants from their unit. There is no fee to register for this event.

These service projects are not available for Cub Scouts and special camping arrangements are not available at LPSR for these service projects. (Sign up for campsites as normal if you wish to stay overnight.) This event is for Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and adult volunteers. Bring your own lunch, snacks, water bottle, gloves, and clothing appropriate for work and the weather. LPSR has plenty of tools and supplies for the projects, but you are welcome to bring your own tools too.

Arrive at LPSR parking lot @8:15am on the day of your service project. Service will begin at about 8:30am after a brief orientation and will typically end around noon.

THANK YOU for signing up for some CHEERFUL SERVICE and for helping maintain and improve THIS OLD CAMP.

CONTACT EMAIL: [rick.denison@scouting.org](mailto:rick.denison@scouting.org)

Click a date to sign up:

[November 2, 2019](#)

[December 7, 2019](#)

[January 18, 2020](#)

[February 8, 2020](#)

[March 7, 2020](#)

## 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](mailto:communications@northshoredistrict.org).



10/6/2019 - John Lunceford - Troop 200



10/20/2019 - Zachary Mortenson - Troop 217



10/8/2019 - David Anderson - Troop 217



10/21/2019 - Griffin King - Troop 234



10/8/2019 - Jonathan Lor - Troop 201



10/9/2019 - Ben Reeve - Troop 185





# North Shore District Scout-O-Rama

**Saturday, November 9**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

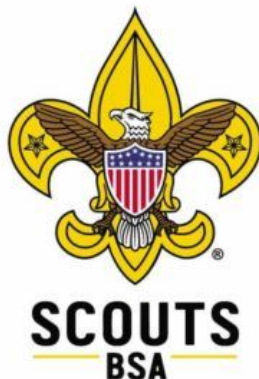
**Brushy Creek Lake Park**

**Open to anyone interested in joining a  
Troop, Crew, or Ship.**

**[Sign up here on Doubleknot.](#)**

**Cost is \$5 and you get a patch.**

North Shore district Troops, Crews, and the Ship will be there to show prospective members what makes each of these units unique. Webelos and older scouts are encouraged to attend. This event is open to everyone interested in joining one of the units. Also, our Order of the Arrow Chapter will be hosting a service project that all can participate in.



## 2019 Holiday Eagle Processing - a message from Ms. Smeaton at the Scout Office

No verification appointments will be available the week of Thanksgiving. The last day to have a verification appointment is December 12<sup>th</sup>. After the 12<sup>th</sup>, Debbie Motal will be verifying and processing Eagle applications, in my absence, by drop off or mail only. Please allow 5 working days for processing.

To ensure a Scout's credentials arrive before Christmas, it is recommended that they have a board of review and submit their application for final processing by Friday, November 15th.

As always, a Scout is considered a part of the 2019 Eagle Scout class as long as he has his board of review on or before December 31st and submits his application for final processing to the Fickett Center by Friday, January 10, 2020. Scouts that submit their 2019 applications after that date will be represented in the Eagle Plaza as Class of 2020.



## 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](mailto:steph@fasterlaster.com)

## National Membership Dues Increase

The national BSA board has approved an increase in annual membership dues for the coming year.

The reasons behind the increase are detailed at this council webpage:

<https://www.bsacac.org/resources/2019-membership-fee-increase/>

In short, it is "...to offset a significant increase in the cost of liability insurance necessary to cover all official Scouting activities ... A third-party company is going to provide this new coverage, replacing Scouting's previous practice of self-insuring its members and chartering organizations." The page also notes: "...compared to the cost of select sports, high school band, and many other activities, Scouting remains a value for youth."





## Recharter

With the announcement from National of the fee increase (click [HERE](#) if you missed it), we now know what the fees will be for recharter.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> the online rechartering process will be updated to reflect the fee change and allow Units to complete the process. Many of our units in North Shore have not yet started the process.

All steps, except the last one can be completed right now. The last step may be completed after November 1. To review a PDF about the updated process, click [HERE](#).

On November 14 at Roundtable, we would like all units to bring:

1. Printed "Unit Charter Renewal Report Package" – after submitting online to Council
2. A signed copy of the "[ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES & BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION](#)". You will need a form from every registered Adult.
3. Funds to pay for all the fees as set out on rechartering form.
4. Any additional Youth or Adult applications. The Adult applications will need to include printed proof of YPT.

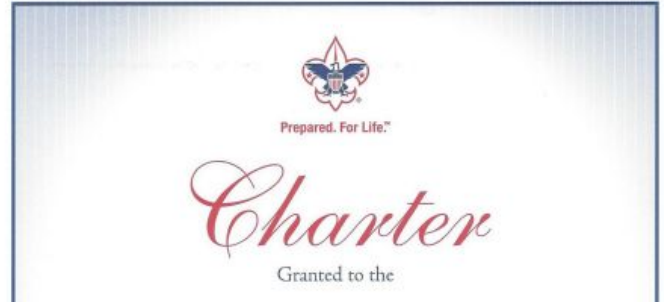
**North Shore Roundtable – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. November 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm.  
Good News United Methodist Church - 1610 E New Hope Dr, Leander, TX 78641**

We would like to review your entire recharter package before it gets submitted to the office. Please let your Unit Commissioner or myself know if you will not be able to bring your completed forms to Roundtable. We will need to make plans for an additional time to meet and go over your forms.

Thank you,

Craig Nesbitt

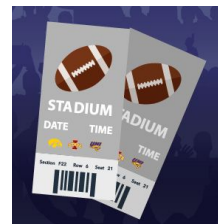
District Commissioner - North Shore District  
[commissioner@northshoredistrict.org](mailto:commissioner@northshoredistrict.org)



## Scout Discount Tickets

### Texas Longhorns football vs. Kansas State

- Saturday, November 9
- DKR Texas Memorial Stadium
- All ticket buyers receive a new 2019 Texas Football Scout patch
- Cub Scouts can get a pre-game basketball facility tour of the Erwin Center and Cooley Pavilion (starts four hours before football game kickoff). After the conclusion of the tour, Scouts will be able to shoot baskets during an open gym period at Cooley.
- The first 100 Scouts aged 7-12 will participate in "Hook Em's Herd" (running across football field prior to kick off)
- The unit with the largest number of Scouts in attendance will get an on-field post-game photo
- [Visit this page](#) to purchase tickets



**COLLECT YOUR SCOUT PATCH**



BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA  
CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL

# **Austin Spurs Scout Night**

**TICKET PRICES START AT \$14**

(Food and Drink Included)

**FIRST 2 PACKS TO SIGN-UP  
WILL JOIN US FOR A FAN EXPERIENCE**

(Fan Tunnel and Courtside Experience)

**ANYONE WHO SIGNS-UP BEFORE **OCT. 25TH**  
WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN 1 OF 3 PRIZES  
IN A SPURS RAFFLE**

Courtside Seat Upgrade

Team Signed Ball

Austin Spurs Prize Pack

**DECEMBER 7TH, 2019 7PM TIP-OFF**

**CONTACT SCOTT HAMMEL FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Call or text: (512) 795-4649 Email: [shammel@attcenter.com](mailto:shammel@attcenter.com)

## JTE - Journey to Excellence

You think you're making all the right moves for your Cub Scouts, Scouts, or Venturers, but do you really know?

With the BSA's Journey to Excellence scorecards in hand, you can answer that question with a satisfying "Yes!".

Journey to Excellence, often shortened to JTE, is a self-evaluation tool that lets unit leaders see, quantitatively, how well their unit is meeting the goals of Scouting. Think of it as a progress report. You can check in regularly to make sure you're delivering the best possible program for our Scouts. The process is simple, and the benefits are tangible.



### Why is JTE worth your time?

JTE scorecards offer these benefits:

- A framework for planning the year with standards based on what successful units do to continually improve.
- A method for evaluating your unit in tangible ways (number of campouts, number of youth advancing, etc.)
- Guidance in areas where you might do better and early warning of potential problems.
- Specific guidelines and standards of what is considered good performance.
- Recognition for good Scouting: bronze, silver or gold.
- Benchmarking to get ideas and tips from other good units.

### What do I do?

Download the JTE scorecard for your unit. At the beginning of each calendar year, print out the latest JTE scorecard from [this website](#).

- Ask your Unit Committee members to fill in the sections corresponding to their function in the unit: finance, membership, program, leadership. This is where tracking workbooks, [available here](#), come in handy. The JTE scorecards work best when several Scouters participate in tracking.
- Review your progress. At the end of the year and at regular intervals throughout the year, monitor your progress as you go for gold in JTE. See where you aren't maximizing your JTE points and find specific improvements. Appoint a volunteer to hold the unit accountable for those changes.
- Complete your scorecard and turn it in. On December 31 of each year, JTE scorecards are due to your unit commissioner and district executive.
- Units that plan ahead aren't surprised by their score; they're expecting it. Like a marathon runner checking his or her watch after each mile, a unit should check its scorecard regularly to aim for gold.

### Don't forget to record service hours!

To reach JTE "Gold" status, Packs and Ships must report four service projects each year and Troops and Crews must report six service projects each year. Here's what to do if you've never reported service hours information before:

- Contact our council registrar at (512) 617-8618 or [marisol.gonzales@scouting.org](mailto:marisol.gonzales@scouting.org) and ask for your Unit ID number and Local Unit number.
- Go to the website <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>
- Enter your Unit ID number and contact information then click "Register"
- Once you've registered, or if you've previously registered and have logged in, follow these steps:
- Enter project information under one of these four areas: Food, Shelter, Healthy Living, Other
- Click "Submit"
- Repeat the previous step for as many service projects as you have to report
- You should see a screen confirming your data has been received and recorded

## Photos

2019 Cub Spook-o-Ree at Smilin V

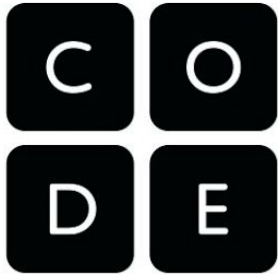


Pack 202 Annual Halloween Party



Reese James (Pack 202) is presented the national Alvarez Supernova Award

**Call for Newsletter Input** Please send photos of your next unit event! We want to highlight every unit: campout reports, recipes, derbies, service projects, Wood Badge ticket items, important dates, and any other event you wish to share. Deadline is the 25th of each month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Email to [communications@northshoredistrict.org](mailto:communications@northshoredistrict.org).



# Hour of Code | November 23, 2019

ACC Highlands Campus - 6101 Highland Campus Dr. | Austin, Texas | 78752

Two ways to participate: take part in our Saturday event at ACC's ACCelerator lab - or - conduct an activity at your unit meeting!

\$5 registration fee | Open to all Scouting programs | Each youth participant gets a patch



## WHY

Tomorrow's leaders must understand the logic and processes used to program computers and other smart devices. Even if someone will not become a programmer, the majority of future careers will involve digital skills in some parts of the job.

## WHAT

Game-based learning introduces Scouts and Explorers to the basic building blocks of coding. Then, youth are challenged to think of an idea for an app that helps solve a sustainability problem.

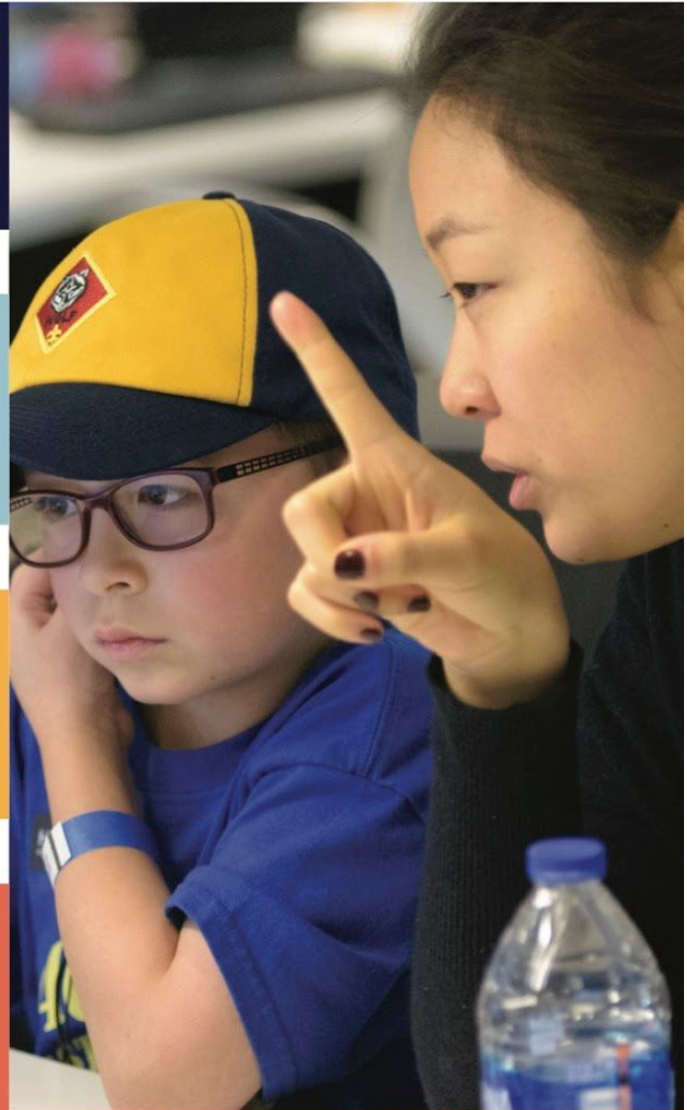
## WHEN

Attend Hour of Code event on November 23 at ACC's Highland Campus from 10:00am-12:30pm (volunteer lunch from 1pm-2pm)

- OR -

Use Code.org materials as part of your unit's meeting during the week of December 9-15

Register at:  
[bit.ly/cachourofcode](http://bit.ly/cachourofcode)



Questions? Contact Jessica Snider at 512.632.9395 or [jessica.snider@scouting.org](mailto:jessica.snider@scouting.org).