



North Shore District Newsletter

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Scouting Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Scout Shop & Office closed
- 2 District Committee Meeting (GNUMC)
- 2-5 [Winter Camp](#) Week 2 (Lost Pines)
- 9 District OA and Roundtable (GNUMC)
- 10 [Venturing Rock Gym Lock-In](#)
- 17-18 [NRA Training Part 1 \(Fickett\)](#)
- 18 District Award Banquet - submit your Northern Star nominations by 1/9
- 20 MLK Day - Scout Shop & Office closed
- 24-25 [NRA Training Part 2 \(Lost Pines\)](#)
- 25 [University of Scouting](#) (ACC Eastview)
- 30 District Commissioner Meeting (HCBC)

February

- 1 Report to State Parade
- 2 Scout Sunday
- 6 District committee meeting (GNUMC)
- 8 Scout Sabbath
- 11 [iFly Nova for Cubs](#) (Up and Away)
- 13 [iFly Nova for Scouts](#) (Up and Away)
- 13 District OA and Roundtable (GNUMC)
- 17 Presidents' Day - Scout Shop & Office closed
- 22 Council Eagle Reception (Fickett)
- 27 District Commissioner Meeting (HCBC)
- 29 [NRA Range Safety Officer Training](#)

March

- 5 District Committee Meeting (GNUMC)
- 12 District OA and Roundtable (GNUMC)
- 16-21 NYLT Spring Break (Green Dickson)
- 21 [STEMboree](#) (all ages)
- 26 District Commissioner Meeting (HCBC)

April

- 1 District Committee Meeting
- 4-5 Spring Camporee
- 9 District OA and Roundtable
- 10-12 Easter Weekend - Scout Shop & Office closed
- 17-19 [Spring Hornaday Weekend](#)
- 25 Venturing Shoot N Splash N Geocache
- 30 District Commissioner Meeting (HCBC)

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Training - For up-to-date opportunities, visit the [North Shore District webpage training link](#)

- **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

	Cub Scout Leaders	Cub Scout Committee	Scouts BSA
Thursday, January 9th, 2020	<p>Camping with Cub Scouts How to take Scouts and their families camping. What is needed? How do I plan for this outing? Discuss best practices and favorite spots.</p>	<p>Journey to Excellence What does it take to get gold? Overview of the requirements. How to use this tool for budget planning, creating a calendar, service projects, division of duties, etc.</p>	<p>It is all about summer camp! Lets talk the selection and planning for attending a summer camp. How does the entire troop engage in planning for summer camp.</p>
Thursday, February 13th, 2020	<p>Building Den & Pack Ceremonies What makes a great and memorable ceremony? Join us as we discuss how to build your own or utilize the MANY different ceremonies available to create lasting impressions on your young Scouts.</p>	<p>Ask the Experts Join us for this very special evening with our panel of experts tackle all your many questions about successfully running a Cub Scout unit.</p>	<p>How can we bring REI class to our troops?</p>
Thursday, March 12th, 2020	<p>Group Meeting Sparklers Do you want to give your den and pack meetings more pizzazz? Join us to learn some of the best <i>Run On's</i>, <i>Songs</i>, <i>Skits</i>, and <i>Cheers</i> that will have your Scouts busting at the seams with excitement for Scouting!</p>	<p>Summertime Pack Award How to create events for your Pack that will keep your unit active and engaged throughout the summer.</p>	<p>Does Leadership Training lead to improve Troop Engagement? Lets talk about different types of training a unit leader can take to support their units.</p>

Training - Continued -



- **NLYT - Youth**

See the [council website](#) to learn more about National Youth Leadership Training at Green Dickson. Upcoming courses: Spring break - March 16-21, Summer 1 - June 8-13, Summer 2 - June 15-20, 2020. Spring break course registration is open now.

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

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. 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.



Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow chapter had a couple of activities in November with assistance to Scout-O-Rama and the National Day of Service on November 16. We have several events coming in the next few months.



To contact the North Shore OA for ceremony requests or elections, please visit our website at <http://oa.nsdbsa.org/>. Remember: we meet the second Thursday of every month, typically at Good News UMC (same time and place as Roundtable).

Tonkawa Lodge Banquet, January 11, 2020 @ 4:00-8:00 pm. Our annual banquet is a time of celebration and awards. <https://events.tonkawa99.org/banquet/>

Report to State, February 1, 2020

Join the OA Service Crew to help with the annual Report to State parade on Congress Avenue.

Ceremony Workshop, February 7, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - February 9, 2020 @ 10:00 am, Lost Pines Scout Reservation. Our annual ceremony training event. New participants will leave with their own ceremony regalia.

Sign Up for the Newsletter

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

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.



• 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

We need your help to keep maintain and continue conservation projects on “This Old Camp”! 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.

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. 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.

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

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Click a date to sign up: [January 18, 2020](#) [February 8, 2020](#) [March 7, 2020](#)

North Shore Eagle Scouts

This is the list of Eagles from our district since the last newsletter. Congratulations to all!



12/3/2019 - Riley Corder - Troop 201



12/19/2019 - Asher Lee - Troop 185



12/10/2019 - Nathan Dow - Troop 201



12/17/2019 - Garrett Hayden - Troop 185



District Advancement - Eagle Boards of Review Need You!

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.

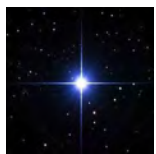
The District needs volunteers from EVERY unit to help deliver a meaningful experience to each of these Scouts. If we have enough volunteers, then each of us would only be asked to sit on a couple Eagle Board of Reviews per year.

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



District Banquet - Saturday, January 18, 2020

Food, Fun, and Fellowship! A celebration for and by all North Shore scouters, recognizing unit (Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship), district, and individual excellence in service to scouting. Location tbd.



Northern Star Award

Unit nominations are sought for the Northern Star Award. The Northern Star Award recognizes those who have served young people and the Scouting movement. It honors an exceptional leader or "star" in each Scouting unit in North Shore District as well as outstanding district volunteers. For many recipients, this award is the first that they receive for their service. Each recipient is given a unique certificate placed over a beautiful astrophotograph.

Please send your nominations to commissioner@nsdbsa.org by January 9, 2020. Each unit may nominate one registered adult leader from their unit per calendar year. Please submit a nomination form found on the [North Shore website award page](#). Award recipients will be recognized at the district award banquet on January 18, 2020.

District Resources Webpage

Please visit and contribute to the North Shore District resource page found at <http://nsdbsa.org/resources/>. We hope to greatly expand this archive. Send any document that you have created and wish to share. Wood Badgers, let's see those ticket items!





Note from the Key 3 - Letter from the District Chair

A New Year, A New Decade, A New Beginning

Last month I reflected on the great things that happened in 2019 and today I look forward to 2020.

One of the biggest concerns I have for our district is making sure our programs meet the needs of our scouts.

At the District Level our jobs are to support the units by providing Unit Commissioners, hold needed leader training/Round Tables, assist with issues that come up, guide the annual recharter process & Join Scouting Nights, fundraise with Popcorn and Friends of Scouting, and sponsor four main events during the year:

- District Recognition Evening - January 18, 2020 - Location tbd
- Spring Camporee - April 3-5, 2020 - Location tbd
- Cub Day Camp - June 22-26, 2020 - Wilco SW Regional Park
- Fall Camporee/Webelos Woods - October 16-18, 2020 - Location tbd

In 2020 we look forward to doing all of this and more. Our current District Committee is in need. We have several vacant positions and need your help to keep these programs working.

Like my Mom always said, "Many hands make light work." What is involved in working with the District? Not that much. We hold a monthly District Committee Meeting the 1st Thursday of the Month at Good News United Methodist Church (Wesley Center building) at 7pm-8pm. Our next meeting will be January 2, 2020. This meeting is open to everyone. We discuss the needs of the various committees and plan for the coming months. Committee chairs report on their stewardship and as a committee we work together to solve issues.

Come see what we do and maybe you will find a need that you can fill.

May 2020 be filled with great activities for our scouts and please, reach out if you need anything.

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Call for Newsletter Input

Please send photos of your next unit event! We want to highlight every unit whatever you are doing: campout reports, recipes, derbies, service projects, trainings, important dates, and any other unit highlight you wish to share.

Deadline is the 25th of each month for inclusion in the next month's edition.

Email to communications@northshoredistrict.org.



Photos - #NSDBSA #NorthShoreScouts #OutsideInNorthShore

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Order of the Arrow – December 12, 2019
Main Event Christmas event



Crew 158 at Shafer Bend Recreation Area (LCRA)



Troops 258 & 358 at a Bamboo Farm near Buckholts, TX

