



North Shore District Newsletter

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Scouting Calendar

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- 5 District Committee Meeting (GNUMC)
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- 7 [BALOO Training - Sacred Springs](#)
- 12 District OA and Roundtable (GNUMC)
- 16-21 NYLT Spring Break (Green Dickson)
- 21 [STEMboree](#) (all ages) (Fickett)
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April

- 1 District Committee Meeting (GNUMC)
- 3-5 **Spring Camporee (Leander VFW)**
- 4 [Climbing Level II Cert. part 3 of 3](#)
- 9 District OA and Roundtable (GNUMC)
- 10-12 Easter Weekend - Scout Shop & Office closed
- 17-19 [Spring Hornaday Weekend](#) (Lost Pines)
- 22 [COPE Training part 1 of 2](#)
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- 25 Venturing Shoot N Splash N Geocache
- 30 District Commissioner Meeting

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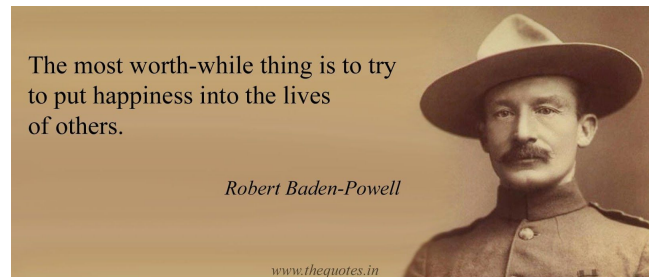
- 1 [Shotgun Training part 1 of 3](#)
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- 7 District Committee Meeting (GNUMC)
- 9 [Shotgun Training part 3 of 3](#)
- 14 District OA and Roundtable (GNUMC)
- 15-17 Mega Training Weekend
- 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend - Scout Shop & Office closed

June

- 8-13 [NYLT Week 1](#) (Green Dickson)
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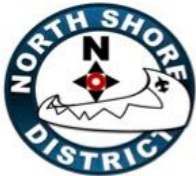
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Training - For up-to-date opportunities, visit the [North Shore District webpage training link](#)

● **Roundtable - Adults**



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, March 12, 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, Songs, Skits, and 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>
Thursday, April 9, 2020	<p>Staging a Bicycle Rodeo Yeeeeeee Haw! Well mount up, pardners, for an exciting and educational pack or den activity that teaches Scouts the importance of safety and control when riding a bike, but does it in a fun way. A bicycle rodeo can be a great addition to your summertime pack program. Setup a slalom course. How about a sprint where the slowest rider wins? Can you do a bicycle repair relay race? Yep, you sure can. Join us to learn more.</p>	<p>Recruiting – How to host to host an impactful Join Scouting Night Learn how you can share the Scouting program with your community through a meaningful event that will encourage new youth to join your pack. We will share the best tricks of the trade on encouraging those parents to fill out leadership applications and volunteer to help your unit.</p>	<p>Roundtable PLC Just as our youth plan and prepare for their own Scouting adventure in their unit, we as adult leaders have the opportunity to do the same. Join us as we decide on the topics your adult leaders would find the most meaningful at upcoming North Shore District Roundtables.</p>
Thursday, May 14, 2020	<p>STEM Nova Awards Learn all about the Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) Nova awards - requirements for youth, for counsleors and mentors, and the many opportunites available at Council events for ALL youth programs.</p>	<p>Annual Pack Planning Conference This annual requirement is one of the most important responsibilities of the Pack Committee Chairman and can be the most overwhelming. Join us as we learn how to prepare for this meeting and engage your pack leadership in the process to have a successful scouting year.</p>	<p>Venturing Program If you're looking for a way to keep your older scouts engaged in the Scouting program, then a Venturing Crew might just be the exciting opportunity you've been looking for. Join as we learn more about the Venturing program and how to incorporate it into what is being offered at your unit.</p>
Thursday, June 11, 2020	<p>Summertime Event: This fun Roundtable will be an evening of camaraderie, food, games, and PRIZES! Bring your ingredients to compete in the North Shore District Dutch Oven Cook Off and you could walk away with the coveted Golden Spoon! Wear your uniform to earn BSA Bucks for a chance to win some really cool prizes! You don't want to miss this one!!!</p>		

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

Learn all about advanced skills and activities for older youth. Join us 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. See the [Texas Powder Horn brochure](#) and the council page [here](#).



Training continued



- **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.

- **NLYT - Youth**

National Youth Leadership Training. Requires scout to be first class, at least 13 years old, have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), and have a recommendation from their Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor/Skipper. See the [council website](#) to learn more about CAC NYLT held 4 times per year at Green Dickson. Upcoming courses for 2020: Summer 1: June 8-13, Summer 2: June 15-20, Winter: December 27-Jan 1. The spring break course is full.



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.



- **Good Turn for Good News United Methodist Church** 1610 E. New Hope, Leander

All scouts and adults are invited to help with landscaping clean-up for GNUMC on Saturday, March 7, from 9 AM to Noon. GNUMC hosts North Shore district committee meetings, roundtable, and Order of the Arrow meetings. Please contact Dan Fiero with any questions at <dan.fiero@sbcglobal.net>.

Call for Newsletter Input

Please submit a report 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.



Order of the Arrow North Shore Chapter

Report to State

North Shore had a great showing at Report to State, with a broad representation across the units, including several packs, Scouts BSA units, a crew, and the ship. Two of our chapter members participated as emcees for some of the events: Elijah Roberts as emcee at the state delegate breakfast, and Mason Nelson as parade emcee.



Unit Elections

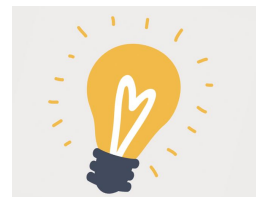
- Elections are in full swing. In February, the OA performed five elections and expects to cover several more.
- Need an OA election? Click on election request at <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore>.
- Note that scoutmasters have ultimate authority on eligibility to be voted in. We ask that all unit leaders consider the extent of both ordeal participation and engagement in the OA post ordeal as a qualifier for candidates.

OA Member Reminders

- Membership: Remember to retain your membership in the OA, dues must be paid annually. We had 144 members in 2019 in North Shore. As of 2/24, we have only 49 who are registered. That means that 95 members have not yet paid their dues. Please contact the Fickett Center to become current.
- Camporee Staffing: The chapter officers are seeking assistance for help with camporee setup and administration. Please attend the next meeting on March 12 at Good News United Methodist Church @ 7 pm to sign up. Staff members will receive very cool t-shirts!
- Communication: Our chapter communicates primarily by group.me text. To request to be added, go to the <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore> site.
- Officer Elections: We will be conducting chapter officer elections in the May meeting. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please communicate your interest to our chapter chief, Elijah Roberts.

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!



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.



North Shore Eagle Scouts

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



2/12/20 - Landen Kerns - Troop 271



2/18/20 - Aidan Taylor- Troop 150



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 50 Eagle Scouts from North Shore and we have many 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





Iron Scout Camporee - April 3-5, 2020

We have created a Leader's Guide for Camporee that will be kept up to date as details change. Please see that here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fbWErWOLwNBAQAF-J-eLOun96vunXRin/view>

Registration links (in Doubleknot) have been sent to the unit leaders. Please contact your unit leader for registration details. <https://bsacac.doubleknot.com/event/2020-north-shore-camporee/2646939>

The event is scheduled for April 3-5 at the VFW Post 10427 in Leander. Your North Shore Order of the Arrow chapter is planning a fun time, including sports, games, competitions, and other scouting fun. If you've been there before, you know that camporee is an annual event, hosted by the OA, inviting all North Shore District troops, crews, and ships to camp together. Each unit is asked to sponsor a station on the rotation during the troop/crew/ship competitions.

We will camp at the VFW Post 10427, 8760 Ranch Rd 2243, Leander, TX 78641. While there will be water and portable potties, there is limited shade, so bring your tarp or dining fly setup if you have one. There will be no electricity or wi-fi, so please plan accordingly.

Friday

16:00-18:00 OA setup
18:00-21:00 Check-in s
21:00-22:00 Cracker-barrel
21:00 SPL meeting
22:30 Lights Out

Saturday

07:00
08:00 flags and Brotherhood prep
08:30 event setup
9:00 start events
12:00 lunch
13:00 return to events
15:00 sports
17:00 dinner
19:30 flags-----campfire, OA callout
21:00 fellowship
21:30 Brotherhood walk

Sunday

07:30 wake-up and quick breakfast
08:30 flags, chapel, awards/patches
09:30 teardown
11:00 last departure



For more information and contact information for organizers, check out the North Shore OA website at <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore>.



North Shore Cub Day Camp (Twilight Camp)



DATES: Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26, 2020

TIME: Every day starts at 4:00PM, finishes at 8:00PM

LOCATION: SW Williamson County Regional Park (3005 CO Rd 175, Leander)

Questions? Contact northshoredaycamp@outlook.com

VOLUNTEERS

- This camp is run by all volunteers, and we need people to help! Please register as a volunteer, so we can have a great camp! We welcome volunteers of all ages! In March, we will be emailing open volunteer openings. We can't have camp unless all the positions are filled, please plan to attend at least one day if not every day! Camp is fun for all!
- 5-day volunteers will receive a free t-shirt which must be worn each day. Volunteers who work 1 to 4 days must buy a t-shirt when they register.
- Please join our Facebook page for more info. We will be posting reminders, weather related info, and more!

TIGERS 2020-2021 are welcome, but will need a parent/guardian with them all day, each day at camp. Please plan accordingly.

TOT LOT KIDS (Participating Non-Scout Siblings ages 3-6) will be in our Tot Lot, will have snacks, crafts, splash-pad, and a t-shirt included. This is for children of volunteers on the days they are working ONLY.

PACK FOR CAMP

Wear camp shirt each day, quick dry shorts or swim trunks, socks, sneakers, bring a small hand towel, sunscreen, bug spray, camp chair, dinner/snack with ice pack, and money for the trading post (optional).

COST

\$100.00 per Cub Scout

\$100.00 per Participating Non-Scout Sibling (ages 6-11)

\$20.00 per Participating Non-Scout Sibling (ages 3-5)

EARLY DISCOUNT

Before 3/29/2019 a discount of \$25.00 will apply to all Cub Scout Registrants.

Before 2/29/2020 a discount of \$25.00 will apply to all Participating Non-Scout Siblings (ages 6-11) Registrants.

LATE FEE

After 5/1/2020 a fee of \$25.00 will apply to all Cub Scout Registrants.

After 5/1/2020 a fee of \$25.00 will apply to all Participating Non Scout Sibling (ages 6-11) Registrants.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER is 5/31/2020

FULL LIST OF CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL DAY & TWILIGHT CAMPS

<https://www.bsacac.org/activities/cub-scout-activities/cub-scout-day-camp/2020-cub-scout-day-camp/>

Austin Spurs: Go Texas Night!

You're invited to: **Go Texas Night!**



Tickets for Austin Spurs vs. Suns

Friday, March 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM CST

2100 Avenue of the Stars, Cedar Park, TX

Purchase Deadline: March 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM CST

[Get Tickets](#)

Get your LaMarcus Aldridge bobble-head (while they last) and tickets to the March 6th game with this link!

<https://groupmatics.events/event/GoTexasNight>

Guide to Safe Scouting Reminder

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct, Scouting activities [*including public sporting events - ed.*] are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana.

Reference: [Scouter Code of Conduct](#)

Photos #NSDBSA #NorthShoreScouts #OutsideInNorthShore



Participate in a Parade or Pinewood Derby? Please post and share all your great unit activities, and send them to the newsletter. We want to highlight activities from every North Shore unit.

February Roundtable

(l-r) Roundtable Commissioners Jeffrey Hynes and Bianca Beadles are presented the District Award of Merit by District Chair Kevin Clark and District Commissioner Craig Nesbitt

Kevin says farewell to District Executive Ward Hoffman who has left BSA. Good luck, Ward!

Capitol Area Council Eagle Reception, February 22, 2020



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**Congratulations North Shore
with 50 Eagles in 2019!**

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Troop 234 Helps Its New Charter's Mission to Serve the Community

After moving to a new charter organization, Austin Vineyard Church, Scouts BSA Troop 234 jumped at the opportunity during February to help the church expand its community gardens. Led by its senior pastor, Ben Koch, Austin Vineyard Church provides a food pantry the fourth weekend of each month under its Compassion Ministries program. Not only does the church take in food donations from the community, but it also has an ever-expanding set of gardens and fruit trees in order to enhance its food offerings. These efforts enable the church to serve hundreds of families each month. When troop 234 volunteered to help on a service day, February 8th, the church had plenty of work for the Scout families to do, including planting a new set of fruit trees and clearing new beds for the vegetable gardens. They also cleared brush and removed a couple of inconvenient trees. On the next day, at the worship service, Pastor Ben introduced the troop to the congregation, and the congregants welcomed the scouts with appreciation for the recent work.



Report to State Parade, February 1, 2020





Upcoming STEM Events



for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts and Sea Scouts



see bsastemnova.org for more info



STEMboree

March 21, 2020 Frank Fickett Center

Elementary and middle age youth can meet Scientist, Engineers, and Mathematicians to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and complete NOVA Awards Classes. We will have awards completions, presentations, drones, coding, rocks, animals and much more.

Spring Hornaday Awards Weekend

April 18-20, 2020 Lost Pines Scout Reservation

Scouts BSA, Ventures and Sea Scouts can earn up to four Natural Science Merit Badges at this campout event. Classes taught by professionals in each field.



Techlab:Oceans STEAM Camp

June 15-17, June 22-26, July 13-17, July 20-24, 2020 Anderson High School

All Elementary and middle age youth can join us to explore STEAM in a deep ocean sea base. Scouts can earn Adventures, Merit Badges and NOVA Awards in Environmental Science, Robotics, Programming, Communication, Photography and more at this Nationally recognized camp.



STEM Adventure Weekend

September 25-27, 2020 Lost Pines Scout Reservation

Scouts BSA, Ventures and Sea Scouts can earn up to three STEM Merit Badges and one NOVA Award at this campout event. Classes taught by professionals in each field.



Fall Hornaday Awards Weekend

Oct 16-18, 2020 Lost Pines Scout Reservation

Scouts BSA, Ventures and Sea Scouts can earn up to four Natural Science Merit Badges at this campout event. Classes taught by professionals in each field.



CAC BSA Hour of Code

November 14, 2020 ACCelerator Lab, ACC Highland Campus

All Scouts can come to learn or practice coding skills at this Hour of Code annual event.



Techlab:Arctic STEAM Winter Camp

December 27-31, 2020 Tom Wooten Camp at LPSR

Cub Scouts and Webelos can earn Adventures and NOVA Awards at Capitol Area Council's award winning STEAM Camp.

