



North Shore District Newsletter

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Scouting Calendar

Given changing guidance on social distancing measures, all events are tentative pending health and safety recommendations.

Council virtual scouting camps:

[Cub Scout Camp-in-a-box](#)

[Techlab STEAM Camp](#)

[Lost Pines Virtual Merit Badge Program](#)

More council [#ScoutingAtHome activities](#)

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 9 District Committee Meeting
District OA and Roundtable

August

Council camps remain closed for August

- 6 District Committee Meeting
- 7-8,15 [Shotgun training](#)
- 10 Scout shop resumes normal hours
- 13 District OA and Roundtable
- 14-16 [Mega Training Weekend](#)
- 15 [Climbing recertification](#)
- 22 OA Lodge Leadership

September

- Sep Sell Popcorn!
- Sep 5-7 Scout shop & office closed
- Sep 7 Labor Day
- Sep 11-13 Powder Horn weekend 1
- Sep 25-27 Powder Horn weekend 2
- Sep 25-27 STEM Adventure Weekend

Oct-Nov

- Oct 2-4 OA Fall Assembly
- Oct 9-11 Wood Badge weekend 1
- Oct 16-18 Fall Camporee
- Oct 24 Cub Scout Spook-o-ree
- Oct 31 Council Volunteer Awards
- Nov 7-8 Wood Badge weekend 2

BSA information regarding COVID-19

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

Council updates

<https://www.bsacac.org/activities/coronavirus/>

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Letter from the District Chair



Dear North Shore District,

I hope this message finds you well during these incredibly difficult times. The tragic murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and others, have us all examining ourselves and our priorities. In a recent post on ScoutingWire, BSA's National Executive Committee reiterated that, "There is no place for racism – not in Scouting and not in our communities. Racism will not be tolerated." In addition they have committed to do the following:

- Introduce a new Eagle-required Diversity and Inclusion Merit Badge
- Review every element of our programs to ensure diversity and inclusion are engrained at every level of scouting
- Require diversity and inclusion training for all BSA employees and volunteers
- Conducting a review of property names, events and insignia, to ensure that symbols of oppression are not in use today or in the future

These are the first steps that BSA is taking and we should expect more from our organization in the future.

Further the National Executive Committee stated, "As a movement, we are committed to working together with our employees, volunteers, youth members, and communities so we can all become a better version of ourselves and continue to prepare young people to become the leaders of character our communities and our country need to heal and grow."

Personally I applaud the BSA for taking this stand and encourage all scouts and scouters to embrace these policy changes as they are rolled out to us.

Yours in Scouting

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Popcorn Season is Coming Soon!

Please join us on the Google Group for Popcorn!
Email NorthShorePopcornCAC@Gmail.com to be added.
Attend the next District Meeting and learn more information!
Make sure to [register](#) your unit for the sale online!



Important Updates:

- The Reward system is changing to Points based - 2 points for every online order, 1.5 for credit card orders and 1 for every order in cash
- Parents will be able to deposit money through the Trails End app
- Unbelievable Butter will be very limited and available online
- The District is planning on offering Store Fronts. Units and Scouts will have the option to determine participation in Store Fronts

Come to the District Roundtable and learn more!

Letter from the District Commissioner

QUESTION: What is the deal with these emails from BSA that say: "Take Action on Leads in Invitation Manager" or Take Action on Applications in Application Manager."



ANSWER: READ BELOW!

Information About Online Registration for Unit Leaders

The Boy Scouts of America offers an online application process for youth and adults that can be completed from start to finish without a single piece of paper changing hands. This allows prospective members and leaders to register and pay in a way that's convenient for them, and it creates a more efficient and user-friendly registration experience for units, districts, and councils.

Use these resources to help you manage online registration for your [unit](#).

If you need assistance or have additional questions about the online registration tools, please contact the Member Care Contact Center at myscouting@Scouting.org or 972-580-2489.

Unit Guidebook

In addition to the video tutorials found [here](#) in Scouting resources, the comprehensive [Online Registration Unit Guidebook](#) provides directions on how to set up and use the online registration system.

Units

[Volunteer Roles](#)

[Getting Started](#)

[Invitation Manager](#)

[Application Manager](#)

[Notifications and Reports](#)

If you have any questions seek out your Unit Commissioner or myself. Keep on Scouting!

Craig Nesbitt
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Cub Scout Day Camps

Cub Day Camps will take place as a series of three virtual camp sessions, each with on-demand video instruction available to best fit your family's schedule. Activities will encourage your Scout to get instructions, and then leave their screen and build, make, and explore. The sessions' themes are "Great Outdoor Adventure," "Weird Science," and "Under the Stars." Each comes with a box of materials that can be shipped directly to your home. You can sign up for one or all these sessions by [visiting the Day Camp page on the council website](#).



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

- **North Shore District Roundtable - Adults**



ROUNDTABLE

See You Second Thursday Every Month
SYSTEM

	Cub Scout Leaders	Cub Scout Committee	Scouts BSA
Thursday, July 11, 2020	Give us your feedback, suggestions, and thoughts about topics. What do you want us to cover at the upcoming Roundtables?		
	Yoyo Adventures These make a great summertime pack event! BSA has published preview yoyo adventures in cooperation with Duncan Yoyo for Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and AOL. Get the "skinny" on these fun adventures and tips from a Pack that has done them under the current conditions.	POPCORN! Updates in the Trails End popcorn fundraiser including new prize program using tiers, a redesigned app, and ways to take your program online. Dates will be discussed as well.	The Patrol Keeping mentorship and scout passion alive in scouting through revitalizing the Patrol method and the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Join us July 9th at 7:00 PM for the North Shore District Roundtable filled with camaraderie and awesome information!

Fill out your Cub Scout summertime program with some yoyo fun or get to the heart of the "patrol method" and learn about the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster position for your Troop. Do you fund your unit program with Trail's End popcorn? Do you want to? You can. Find out about the changes in the program aimed at a continued successful popcorn fundraiser during the pandemic.

Who: Roundtable is for ALL Cub Scout and Scouts BSA volunteers

What: North Shore District Roundtable

When: Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: <https://Dell.zoom.us/j/93211390121?pwd=L0YxVINPTEd3bmZkVVdTRVRJbWhCUT09>

Meeting ID: 9311390121 Password: CACNSDRT

- **NYLT - 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. Summer 2020 courses have been cancelled. Next Courses are Winter: December 27-Jan 1, Spring Break 2021 and Summer 2021 (two weeks in June).



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

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](#).



- **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.](#)



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.



• Eagle Project Opportunities

Interested in doing an Eagle project at Jones Brothers Park in Jonestown, Texas? Here some potential project areas:

- Beautification of our Canyonland Trail
- Weed barrier and ground cover (decomposed granite)
- Remove non-native plants
- Add distance markers
- Extension of the Trail up to Shady Park
- Flag retirement area at Jonestown Veterans Memorial Park

Or visit the Jonestown parks and let us know what you have in mind.



Please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Carol Gyergyo if interested.

cgyergyo@jonestown.org

(512) 267-3243 option #4

<https://www.jonestown.org/parksrec>

2020 National Membership Fee Increase

The volunteer members of the national Executive Board of the BSA have voted to increase the annual national membership fee for youth and adult members and the annual unit charter fee. They have also added a new member fee that is paid only once, upon joining Scouting for the first time. Both these changes start with our upcoming fall recruiting season. For existing members, the first time this change will affect you will be at recharter in December.

Here are the new national fee amounts:

- \$66 for youth in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting
- \$42 for youth in Exploring
- \$42 for adult members in all programs
- \$75 for a unit charter fee

For complete details, see the [Council information page](#).

\$66 /YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20.
\$42 /YR	 Participants age 10 - 20.
\$42 /YR	 All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position.)

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 2020	ONE-TIME \$25 TO JOIN	Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating) New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.
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Order of the Arrow North Shore Chapter



Brotherhood Hike

Our ceremonies North Shore OA held a unique Brotherhood Hike at Austin Baptist Church on Saturday June 13th, in which 14 Ordeal members were able to earn the Brotherhood honor. With a slightly modified ceremony to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony team and Nemat were able to offer a Brotherhood opportunity to the entire Lodge. We hosted members from several other chapters including Bee Cave, Colorado River, and Chisholm Trail. We were excited to accept some of the first youth female scouts into the OA Brotherhood. Congratulations to all who achieved this honor! Pictures follow: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Mf3w9GoYjbNgqvtK8>

Dues, Dues, Dues

Our North Shore District paid membership has dropped in half due to the cancellation of events where we would normally collect dues. Please help support the opportunities for future events and retain your membership by calling the council and paying dues over the phone. They will also offer you an opportunity to send your dues by check (made out to Capitol Area Council) mailed to:

BSA Tonkawa 99 Lodge
12500 North IH 35
Austin, Texas 78753

If you have any questions about your dues status, feel free to reach out to our chapter advisor, David Nelson, at nelsods@gmail.com.

Chapter Elections

Our chapter elections are expected to be scheduled for the August or September meeting. For any members, please consider an office to serve the district. Available positions will be Chapter Chief, Vice Chief of Programs, Vice Chief of Ceremonies, Vice Chief of Elections, and Scribe.

Next Ordeal Opportunity: October 2-4, 2020.

As currently scheduled, the next ordeal opportunity will be at the Fall Assembly in October. Let's hope it happens!

Upcoming Schedule

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug 13, 7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Virtual or Good News United Methodist Church
Sep 10, 7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Virtual or Good News United Methodist Church
Oct 2-4	Fall Assembly + LEC	LPSR
Oct 8, 7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Virtual or Good News United Methodist Church
Nov 7	Lodge Leadership	Fickett
Nov 12, 7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church
Nov 14	One Day of Service	TBD
Dec 10, 7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church
Dec 12-13	Winter Vigil	LPSR

OA Elections

To schedule an election, click on "Election Request" at <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore>. Please specify whether the unit is meeting in person or virtually.

Join the North Shore OA Group Chat

Most North Shore OA communications are handled by chat on *group.me*. You may request to join the chat group by requesting it here: https://groupme.com/join_group/27939390/v77ECm

North Shore Eagle Scouts

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



July 1, 2020 - Grant Gisel - Troop 271



June 17, 2020 - Ryan Poulsen - Troop 271



June 30, 2020 - Jake Bowman - Troop 201



"Cubmasters, den leaders, Scoutmasters created this experience that transformed these young lives into what we see today."

Mike Surbaugh, former BSA Chief Scout Executive, Eagle Scout



The North Shore District is proud to introduce our newest Eagle Scouts! We have had a banner month since our last newsletter for Scouts BSA in our district with 6 new Eagles! This is a loud and resounding response to the adversity and obstacles presented by the world COVID-19 pandemic! There is no better answer than this.

Troop 271 welcomed two new Eagle Scouts - Grant Gisel on July 1st and Ryan Poulsen on June 17th.

Troop 201 welcomed one new Eagle Scout - Jake Bowman on June 30th.

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Troop 258 welcomed its newest Eagle Scout - Noah Bjordal on June 23rd.

Troop 234 also welcomed two new Eagles - Eric Ballard and Abhishek Rao, both on June 25th.





June 23, 2020 - Noah Bjordal - Troop 258



June 25, 2020 - Abhishek Rao - Troop 234



June 25, 2020 - Eric Ballard - Troop 234

“Becoming an Eagle Scout is just about the only thing you can put on your resume at age fifty that you did at age fourteen -- and it still impresses.”

Randy Pausch - Author and Professor, Carnegie Mellon University



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. 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 at steph@fasterlaster.com



Dutch Oven Recipes for July 2020

Inspired by our June Roundtable, we hope you enjoy these yummy recipes. Dutch oven cooking is great for campouts but is just as fun, delicious, and engaging in your own backyard!

From our District Chairman, Kevin Clark:

Dutch Oven Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Ingredients:

1 stick Butter, Brown Sugar, 1 can Pineapple Rings, 1 Maraschino cherry, Yellow or white Cake Mix, Lemon Lime Soda

Line a 12 inch Dutch Oven with Heavy-duty foil all the way up the sides. Melt one stick (yes one whole stick) of butter in the bottom of the oven. Sprinkle generously with brown sugar. Place canned pineapple rings in one layer over the butter and brown sugar. Put one Maraschino cherry in the center of each ring. Mix one box of yellow or white cake mix with enough lemon-lime soda to make a not-too-thick batter. Pour batter over pineapple and cherries, bake for 25-40 minutes depending on coals and weather. Nine coals should be in a ring pattern just under the edge of the Dutch Oven, not directly under the oven. Cover the top of the oven with 15 coals. Check after 25 minutes to make sure you don't burn the cake. If the cake smells done, it probably is. If the cake smells burned, it is. Cake should be nicely browned.

Allow to cool for a few minutes. Remove the entire cake with the foil from the Dutch Oven when done. Place on a large cutting board. Place another cutting board on top. Flip the entire thing over and remove the foil. Enjoy.



From Michael Dial, source: Fresh Off the Grid

Five Can Chili

For a milder chili, just use the adobo sauce that chipotles come in. Add additional peppers as desired - scrape out the ribs & seeds before adding. Makes 4 servings. Prep Time: 10 minutes, Cook Time: 25 minutes, Total Time: 35 minutes

Ingredients

1 medium onion, chopped, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 14 oz can black beans, drained, 14 oz can red kidney beans, drained, 14 oz can diced tomatoes, with their juices, 1 can chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, seeds removed, 12 oz can beer, preferably lager, 2 teaspoons sea salt, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, 1 teaspoon cumin

Begin by prepping the chipotles. Most of the heat in the peppers are housed in the seeds and ribs, so we strongly recommend scraping out all of the seeds before adding the peppers to the chili, especially if using the entire can. Using a fork, remove the desired number of peppers from the can. Reserve the adobo sauce. Slice them open, and then using the back of your knife, scrape out and discard the seeds & ribs. Roughly chop the peppers and set them aside.

In a large dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onions and saute until they begin to soften and turn translucent. Add the drained kidney and black beans, tomatoes and their juices, chopped chipotles and the adobo sauce, beer, salt and spices. Stir to combine.

Cook the chili until thickened to your liking, about 20 minutes was perfect for us. Serve immediately with your choice of toppings (cheese, avocado, green onions, etc) and cornbread on the side!

Equipment: Dutch oven, Sharp knife, Cutting board, Can opener, Wooden Spoon, Measuring spoons, Bowls and utensils

Photos #NSDBSA #NorthShoreScouts

Scouting continues! Please post and share all your activities and send them to the newsletter.



With coronavirus canceling all of our activities and plans for camping on the beach, Crew 271 decided to have a “Staycation Adventure week.” We visited the Austin aquarium, water skiing on Lake Travis, Austin Ninja warrior training center in Cedar Park, canoeing at Jones Brothers Park, and on Tuesday evening some of the crew rode their bikes out at the Circuit of the Americas track. In July, we are planning to go on a Segway tour at the Capital. When COVID shut our plans down, we decided to come up with a new plan and still have fun. Check out Crew 271 for fun!

The North Shore District congratulates our own Kristi Palm, District Popcorn Kernel and Webelos Den Leader for Pack 170, for earning the Presidential Volunteer Service Award at the highest possible level... gold, volunteering more than 600 hours in a single year. For those that know Kristi, this only verifies what we already know, that she is a champion of Scouting and champion for our kids. Thank you, Kristi, for all you do!



In these trying times, it is important to provide a degree of normalcy and familiarity in our Scouting programs. Pack 170 did just that with their “by appointment” family bridging ceremonies, maintaining safe social-distancing throughout. Congratulations to all of our North Shore District Cub Scouts on taking their next step along the Scouting Trail and starting a new and exciting year at the next level of Scouting!



Scouts, leaders, friends and members of Troop 158 would like to recognize the years of faithful leadership of Mr. Brian Matt, who stepped down as Scoutmaster in June. He was presented with a Certificate of Service which was then signed by all members of the troop. Mr. Matt is taking his next step in his scouting leadership career as a Wood Badge scribe and as a National Jamboree scoutmaster. On behalf of Troop 158, thank you, Mr. Matt, for your mentorship, your scout spirit, and friendship.

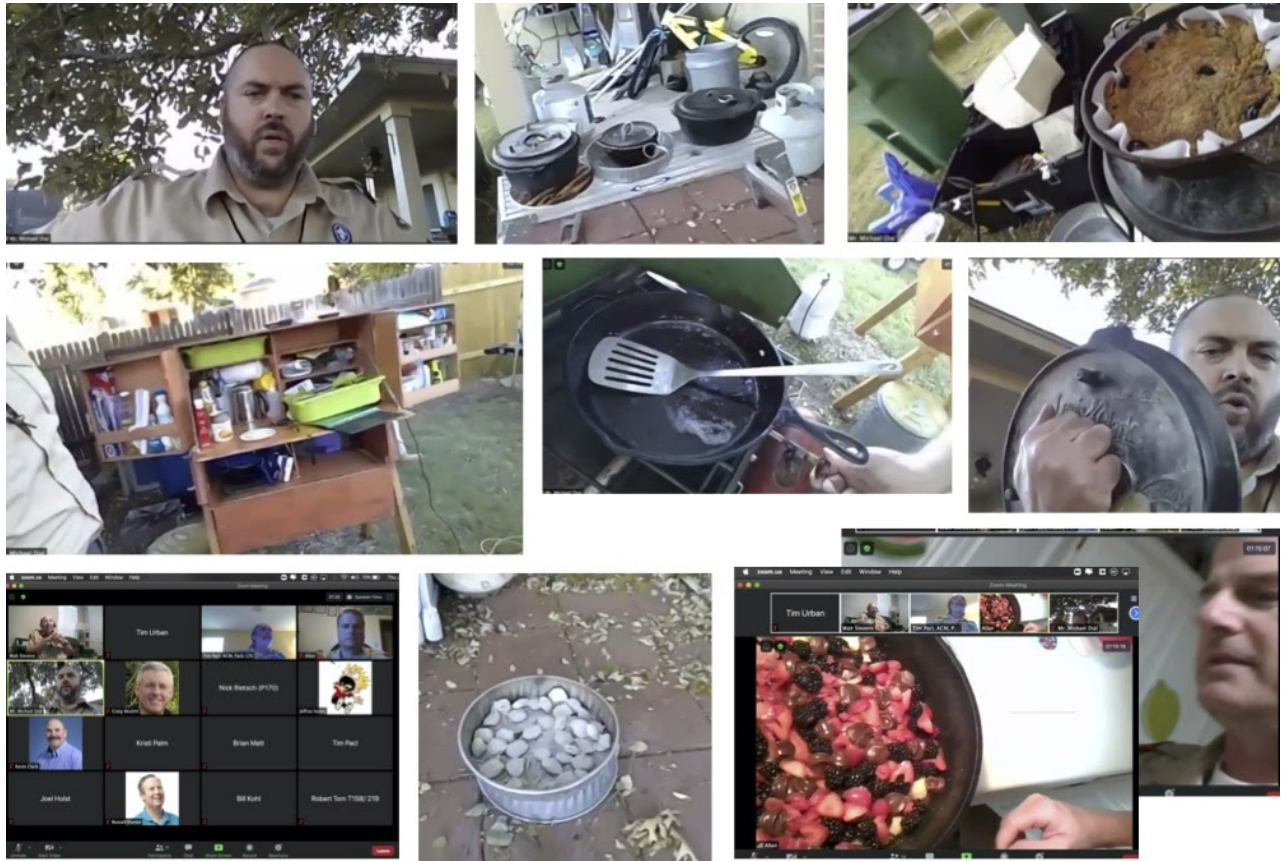
Troop 234 scouts worked all day June 27 at their chartered organization Austin Vineyard Church including mulching the playground, weeding, and power washing.



Logan H of Troop 158 led scouts from the four X58 units over several days to fence in two new covered play areas for dogs to meet their potential new families at Texas Humane Heroes in Leander. Contact them for more Eagle project ideas.



North Shore's June Roundtable included an awesome cooking demonstration by cast-iron chef Michael Dial. He talked about cooking with and care of Dutch ovens and other cooking gear. Zoomers were encouraged to compete with their own at-home dishes. Congratulations to Alan Pape for his winning berry cobbler.



Putting the Outing in Scouting: Linked troops 258 & 358 met in person for the first time since March with socially-distanced patrol meetings. Scouts who were unable to attend in person were Zoomed to each patrol's activities. Great to see everyone again, even if we couldn't see all those smiles behind their masks!

