

District Advancement Committee Orientation



Sam Houston Area Council
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Welcome!

As the **district advancement chair** of your district you have a unique opportunity to help youth achieve!

You have accepted the responsibility to provide the climate for a good advancement program.



Council Support

To keep you informed and provide updates to national and council advancement policies and guidelines, the **council advancement committee** meets with district advancement chairs four times per year :

- Key Leader Conference in January
- Council Coordinated meetings in April, August, and October.



Communication & Training

The **Key Leader Conference** breakout for district advancement committee members is considered “basic training” for your position.

Council Coordinated breakouts provide updates on what’s new that is important for you to know in your district position.

This PowerPoint deck is provided to help orient you between those sessions.



District Operations

There are four basic functions of the district:

- Membership
- Fund development
- **Program** (which includes advancement)
- Unit service



Program Function

The program committees of Sam Houston Area Council include:

- Activities & Civic Service
- ***Advancement***
- Camping
- Training
- Conservation
- International
- Sea Scouts
- Venturing

Most of these committees include sub-committees, which may not exist at the district level.

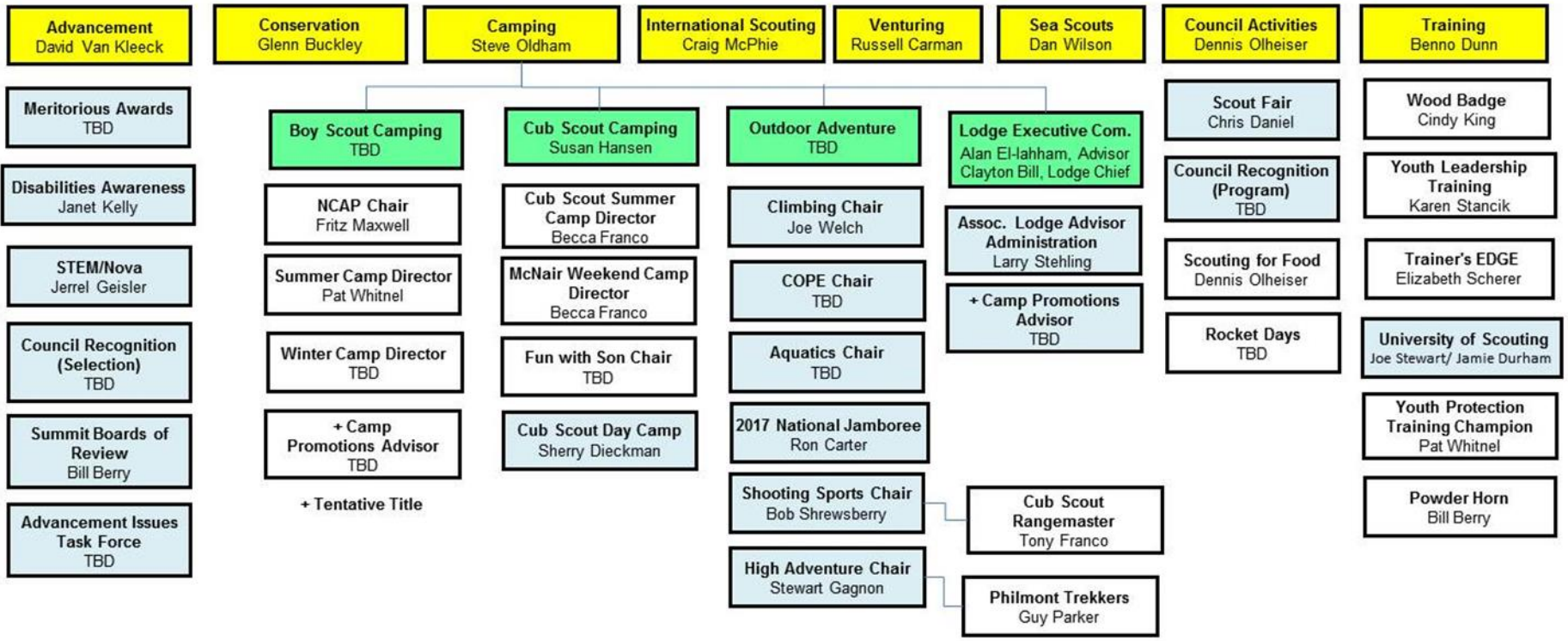


Sam Houston Area Council Program Committees

January 2017

- Standing Committee
- Support Committee
- Steering Committee
- Sub-Committee
- Individual/ No Committee

Vice Chair of Program
Diane Cannon



Purpose of Advancement

- Advancement is the process by which youth member progress from rank to rank in Scouting.
- Ranks are a means to an end.
- Advancement experiences should be designed to help Scouts have an exciting and meaningful experience



Purpose of Advancement

- Cub Scouting
- Boy Scouting
- Varsity Scouting
- Venturing
- Sea Scouting

Advancement is one of the **methods** of Scouting used to strengthen character, body, mind, and the qualities of participating citizenship.



Steps to Advancement

Cub Scouts

1. Preparation
2. Qualification
3. Recognition



Steps to Advancement

Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts,
Venturers, Sea Scouts

1. Learning
2. Testing
3. Reviewing
4. Recognition



Recognition

Recommend youth members or adult Scouters for special awards and recognition:

- District Award of Merit
- Silver Beaver Award
- Lifesaving & Meritorious awards
- Spirit of Eagle Award
- Distinguished Eagle Scout Award
- William T. Hornaday Award



District Advancement Chair

As District Advancement Chair, you are a member of your district committee. To stay updated on and to pass along information about current policies and guidelines, you should attend these meetings:

- Monthly district committee meetings
- Tri-annual council coordinated meetings
- Annual key leader's conference
- Monthly roundtable meetings



District Advancement Chair

As District Advancement Chair, your responsibilities include:

- Keep the district program chair regularly informed of progress towards goals.
- Promote advancement at roundtable, district functions, unit meetings, district/unit websites, district email blasts, etc.
- Support local and national Scouting policy.



District Advancement Chair

As District Advancement Chair, your responsibilities include:

- Interpret and implement the advancement policies of both the national council and of the local council advancement policies
- Provide year-round training opportunities for units in the area of advancement



District Advancement Chair

As District Advancement Chair, your responsibilities include:

- Maintain a district merit badge counselor list that is updated annually and available for Scouts and units.
- Make sure that merit badge counselors are registered and approved for each merit badge they wish to counsel.



District Advancement Chair

As district advancement chair, your responsibilities include:

- Ensure that there is a district representative on every Eagle Scout board of review (BOR).
- Review and approve Eagle Scout service projects in accordance with council and national guidelines.



District Advancement Chair

As district advancement chair, your responsibilities include:

- Promote to troops, teams, crews, and ships that they conduct regular ceremonies to insure proper recognition of their youth
- Encourage packs to present advancement on a monthly basis through meaningful ceremonies at pack meetings.



District Advancement Chair

As district advancement chair, your responsibilities include:

- Work with unit leaders to help them better understand advancement and implementation of advancement in their units.
- Investigate and recommend youth and adult members for lifesaving and other special awards and recognition.



District Advancement Chair

As district advancement chair, your responsibilities include:

- Achieve satisfactory results in the percent of Scouts by program advancing during the year; monitor rank advancement progress throughout the year, identify those units with little or no advancement reported and arrange special assistance for such units as needed.



District Advancement Chair

As district advancement chair, your responsibilities include:

- In consultation with the council advancement committee, and according to guidelines outlined in the *Guide to Advancement*, act on appeals from Eagle Scout candidates if their troop denies their application or turns them down at the board of review.



District Advancement Chair

As district advancement chair, your responsibilities include:

- Consider and act on appeals for any Scout advancement issue, whether brought on by a unit, Scout leader, youth, parent, or other concerned adult.



Job Descriptions

Your complete job description as outlined by Sam Houston Area Council is provided as a handout for this slide deck. A copy can also be downloaded from the council website: “District Committee Job Descriptions.”

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/district-operations>



Reporting to Your District

Although you will likely be keeping local district records on your own, the council will regularly provide you with reports from ScoutNet that you may help you prioritize tasks.

Be sure to share this info with the appropriate Scouters in your district who can use it to help make a difference!



Sample Report

Advancement Totals by Organizational Unit

Totals															
Row Labels	Units	Tiger MTD	Tiger YTD	Bobcat MTD	Bobcat YTD	Wolf MTD	Wolf YTD	Bear MTD	Bear YTD	Webelos MTD	Webelos YTD	Arrow of Light MTD	Arrow of Light YTD	All Ranks MTD	All Ranks YTD
Central	250	4	76	2	111	22	88	26	176	23	77	25	48	102	576
Aldine Pathfinder	60	0	23	1	10	9	41	7	96	5	23	7	23	29	216
Antares	43	0	19	0	35	0	9	0	49	0	24	0	3	0	139
Tatanka	64	0	28	0	52	0	12	0	8	0	11	0	2	0	113
WL Davis	83	4	6	1	14	13	26	19	23	18	19	18	20	73	108
East	95	33	241	7	122	57	245	54	280	64	245	2	212	217	1345
Flaming Arrow	36	7	117	0	16	7	86	23	98	25	89	2	103	64	509
Raven	16	7	15	1	18	8	20	5	21	0	14	0	1	21	89
San Jacinto	35	14	77	6	50	42	85	24	108	39	114	0	92	125	526
Skyline	8	5	32	0	38	0	54	2	53	0	28	0	16	7	221
Frontier	57	18	102	0	42	24	122	24	102	17	131	1	108	84	607
Arrowmoon	17	1	22	0	11	7	21	10	23	3	13	0	39	21	129
Brahman	10	0	44	0	8	4	44	0	36	0	40	0	35	4	207
David Crockett	16	12	18	0	14	9	18	13	20	14	25	1	13	49	108
George Strake	14	5	18	0	9	4	39	1	23	0	53	0	21	10	163
North	117	75	256	1	97	73	302	64	262	81	304	1	215	295	1436
Iron Horse	23	20	41	1	22	18	53	13	38	15	54	1	44	68	252
Orion	18	15	51	0	24	13	74	13	42	15	56	0	22	56	269
Phoenix	30	16	45	0	23	13	42	9	43	24	65	0	45	62	263
Soaring Eagle	19	4	12	0	2	12	29	5	18	5	14	0	2	26	77
Tall Timbers	27	20	107	0	26	17	104	24	121	22	115	0	102	83	575
South	85	138	229	27	123	125	291	158	252	107	247	3	226	558	1368
Aquila	17	33	38	9	27	21	64	29	42	15	50	3	60	110	281
Brazos	12	12	45	0	32	6	29	6	28	1	38	0	27	25	199
North Star	21	7	30	0	8	20	53	15	37	15	34	0	37	57	199
Thunder Wolf	19	47	58	3	23	42	57	78	79	37	62	0	49	207	328
Twin Bayou	16	39	58	15	33	36	88	30	66	39	63	0	53	159	361
West	104	100	370	6	218	112	426	105	354	78	345	1	197	402	1910
Big Cypress	20	1	80	0	40	10	78	11	60	11	54	0	11	33	323
Copperhead	20	8	23	0	30	14	51	13	26	11	44	0	13	46	187
Mustang	25	25	132	3	64	22	144	29	119	8	106	0	65	87	630
Texas Skies	39	66	135	3	84	66	153	52	149	48	141	1	108	236	770
Grand Total	708	368	1274	43	713	413	1474	431	1426	370	1349	33	1006	1658	7242



Sample Report

Advancement Totals by Organizational Unit

Totals															
Row Labels	Units	Tenderfoot		2nd Class		1st Class		Star		Life		Eagle		All	All
		MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	Ranks	Ranks
Central	241	1	22	0	17	1	13	2	11	1	10	0	8	5	81
Aldine Pathfinder	51	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	12
Antares	40	0	13	0	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	27
Tatanka	63	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	3	2	16
WL Davis	87	0	1	0	4	1	5	1	7	1	6	0	3	3	26
East	134	6	58	7	81	11	62	3	49	8	75	5	61	40	386
Flaming Arrow	44	2	13	2	35	6	30	2	18	1	23	0	18	13	137
Raven	29	0	8	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	8	1	10	1	40
San Jacinto	49	4	33	5	35	5	20	1	22	7	39	4	26	26	175
Skyline	12	0	4	0	8	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	7	0	34
Frontier	74	3	25	3	40	1	31	2	19	3	28	0	25	12	168
Arrowmoon	27	1	4	0	15	1	11	1	8	1	13	0	6	4	57
Brahman	12	0	4	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	6	0	21
David Crockett	17	0	3	0	3	0	8	0	7	1	5	0	3	1	29
George Strake	18	2	14	3	18	0	10	1	3	1	6	0	10	7	61
North	185	9	95	11	127	11	92	9	126	5	86	10	94	55	620
Iron Horse	36	1	18	0	28	0	7	1	15	0	8	1	6	3	82
Orion	29	0	14	0	11	1	15	1	23	0	15	4	18	6	96
Phoenix	44	6	27	3	35	3	22	1	25	1	20	2	23	16	152
Soaring Eagle	24	0	1	1	6	1	9	3	25	0	10	2	14	7	65
Tall Timbers	52	2	35	7	47	6	39	3	38	4	33	1	33	23	225
South	124	9	106	14	112	12	122	5	115	11	102	6	107	57	664
Aquila	27	0	12	4	15	5	17	2	14	0	8	0	16	11	82
Brazos	16	0	1	0	12	0	8	1	10	0	8	0	15	1	54
North Star	22	3	21	1	17	2	19	0	17	3	20	0	19	9	113
Thunder Wolf	32	5	35	7	36	4	30	0	31	6	27	6	30	28	189
Twin Bayou	27	1	37	2	32	1	48	2	43	2	39	0	27	8	226
West	125	22	136	12	151	10	124	10	130	12	121	4	82	70	744
Big Cypress	31	6	34	3	44	1	30	0	21	1	23	1	15	12	167
Copperhead	19	0	18	0	15	0	14	0	20	2	20	0	10	2	97
Mustang	23	11	32	3	27	3	30	5	36	6	34	2	28	30	187
Texas Skies	52	5	52	6	65	6	50	5	53	3	44	1	29	26	293
Grand Total	883	50	442	47	528	46	444	31	450	40	422	25	377	239	2663



Sample Report

Cub Scouts																
Division	District	Unit	Tiger MTD	Tiger YTD	Bobcat MTD	Bobcat YTD	Wolf MTD	Wolf YTD	Bear MTD	Bear YTD	Webelos MTD	Webelos YTD	Arrow of Light MTD	Arrow of Light YTD	All Ranks MTD	All Ranks YTD
West	Mustang	Pack 0035	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0609	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 0646	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Pack 1038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1078	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 0164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 0363	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1065	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1235	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Pack 1455	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Boy Scouts																
Division	District	Unit	Tenderfoot MTD	Tenderfoot YTD	2nd Class MTD	2nd Class YTD	1st Class MTD	1st Class YTD	Star MTD	Star YTD	Life MTD	Life YTD	Eagle MTD	Eagle YTD	All Ranks MTD	All Ranks YTD
West	Mustang	Crew 0599	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Crew 0641	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Troop 0825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Troop 1836	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Crew 0251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Crew 0993	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Mustang	Troop 0050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 0424	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 0584	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 1829	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 0826	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1078	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1829	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1829	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 0567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 1820	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Crew 1910	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1065	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Team 1820	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 0567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 0812	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 0898	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1455	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	Texas Skies	Troop 1919	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



National Support Literature

BSA provides a guidebook that will help prepare you for the tasks for which you will be responsible in your district:

Guide To Advancement

www.scouting.org/advancement



National Support Literature

BSA provides several newsletters to keep you up-to-date on changes and best practices in advancement:

—*Advancement News*

—*Abilities Digest*

www.scouting.org/advancement



Opportunities for Advancement Administrators

Philmont Training Center: Advancement Issues and Solutions

For those looking for a conference to enhance their advancement skills, there is still time to take advantage of a great opportunity for enhanced learning. The Advancement Issues and Solutions conference is scheduled from July 31-August 6 at the Philmont Training Center.

This conference will explore in depth the types of issues regularly brought before the National Advancement Program Team. Those who attend will have a better understanding of the effective use of the Guide to Advancement and be better prepared to handle issues that arise in their home council related to advancement.

To get more information about this final opportunity of the summer at PTC, and to sign up for the conference—visit www.philmontscoutcenter.org/PTC/Conferences/adv



In This Issue

- Opportunities for Advancement Administrators: Advancement Issues, Advancement Solutions, Advancement Solutions for Advancement
- On Increasing Advancement: What Can We Learn from the Guide to Advancement: The Advancement "Compass"?
- The Cub Scout Angle: Summer and Fall: Is it the Time to Retire? Use the "Compass"?

July-August 2016 Advancement News

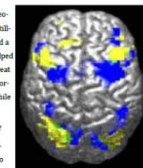
Enhancing Awareness

Serving ADHD Youth—Scouting Provides Structure and Focus

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America—to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law—has provided a structure, challenge, and an outdoor physical focus that have helped many boys succeed. For that reason, Scouting has long been a great program for youth who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and for many, their successes have not just been while they are Scouts, but have continued throughout their lives.

Why is Scouting a great program for youth who have ADHD?

Part of all Scouting is a well-thought-out, highly structured program that provides a step-by-step sequence of skills for Scouts to master. It promotes fun, friendship, and adventure. Scouting offers frequent positive recognition and develops social skills and leadership skills. Scouting employs a leadership and training model, EDGE—Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable—which, through systematic



In This Issue

- Enhancing Awareness: Scouting provides structure and focus for ADHD youth. Points to remember as candidates who have special needs, and how significant summer camp time approaches, adaptive communication devices for persons with hearing or speech disabilities.
- Noncompetitive Abilities: Jim Ahcano receives the 2016 Woods Service Award.
- Adapting Advancement: Changes to the Disabilities Awareness merit badge. Mentoring Eagle Scouts who have special needs, and how significant summer camp time approaches, adaptive communication devices for persons with hearing or speech disabilities.
- Professional Counselors: Make the Commitment to the 2016 Woods Service Award.
- Highlight: Linking Accessing Disabilities Awareness Materials

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