

# THE SCOUTING TRAIL

A resource for parents, Scout leaders, district committee members and commissioners.



April 2019

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**Scout Fair** is an opportunity for units to have a booth to show off their skills and meet thousands of fellow Scouts and Scouters. Scouts will enjoy visiting hundreds of booths, sampling the amazing outdoor cooking, visiting the midway with over 50 experts representing merit badges, enjoying live entertainment on the Center Stage, watching demonstrations and interacting with our community partners. Don't let your unit miss out on the fun and excitement! **April 6.** [www.shac.org/scout-fair](http://www.shac.org/scout-fair). Registration for a booths at [www.shac.org/booth](http://www.shac.org/booth).

**Spring Recruiting.** Packs are encouraged to hold spring recruiting events. Invite newly recruited Scouts and kindergarteners to attend day camp and pack summer events. Sometimes we think we can only recruit in the fall, but spring is a great time to get new Scouts and their families involved early. [www.shac.org/membership](http://www.shac.org/membership)

**Silver Beaver Nominations.** The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition a Council can bestow on an adult volunteer leader. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a fellow Scouter for this award. Nomination forms are due **May 1.** [www.shac.org/silver-beaver](http://www.shac.org/silver-beaver)

**Scouting with Special Needs.** The Disabilities Awareness Committee recommends having conferences with new and returning families with Scouts with disabilities. This is a great time to privately learn a little bit more about each Scout and how Scouting can best help them. [www.shac.org/dac](http://www.shac.org/dac) and [www.shac.org/dac-ideas](http://www.shac.org/dac-ideas)

## New Scouts BSA Brand Guidance Training

As we welcome girls into the program, it is important that families understand the program or organization they are joining. To ensure that we promote our programs in a clear and Scout-like manner, resources have been developed to make sure our leaders are aware of the do's and don'ts in promoting BSA programs. [www.shac.org/branding](http://www.shac.org/branding)

**Eagle Wall at Cockrell Scout Center.** To help honor the accomplishments of the young men who earn the Eagle Scout rank annually, the council maintains a wall with the names of all Eagle Scouts in front of the Cockrell Service Center. The deadline to submit corrections is May 31, 2019. [www.shac.org/eagle-scout-wall](http://www.shac.org/eagle-scout-wall).

**April Checklist:**

- Attend Scout Fair
- Hold spring recruiting event
- Nominate a Scouter for the Silver Beaver award
- Attend roundtable
- Plan summer time events
- Packs: sign up for day camp and resident camp
- Troops: OA members attend Arrowman Bash
- Crews: Attend Venturing Forum

**The Scouting Trail** is a monthly newsletter produced by volunteers that conveniently summarizes upcoming council events. This newsletter is a great resource to share with leaders and parents. Copies distributed at roundtable and the Scout Shops are made possible through the generosity of Friends of Scouting donors. [www.shac.org/toolkit](http://www.shac.org/toolkit)



## April 2019

- 1 Scout Fair coupon book, 1% bonus deadline
- 6 Scout Fair
- 12-14 Powder Horn (weekend 1)
- 16 Venturing Forum
- 20 Wilderness First Aid Trng (1)
- 25 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 26-28 Arrowman Bash
- 26-28 OA Ordeal
- 26-28 Powder Horn (weekend 2)

## May 2019

- 1 Silver Beaver nominations due
- 2 or 9 Program Preview at roundtable
- 3-5 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 4 Wilderness First Aid Trng (2)
- 5 New Eagle Scout Reception
- 17-19 Cub Scout Adventure Camp

## June 2019

- varies Scouts BSA summer camp
- varies Cub Scout day camps
- 2-7 or National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- 9-14

## July 2019

- varies Cub Scout resident camp
- varies Scouts BSA summer camp
- 31 Fall recruiting chair, Train-the-Trainer

## August 2019

- Fall recruiting night trainings
- 1 Popcorn online sales begin
- 1 Popcorn show-n-sell orders due
- 10 Venturing Banquet
- 11 OA LEC and elections trng
- 11 OA Troop Rep. Summit
- 13 Popcorn Kickoff
- 15 Council Coordinated
- 17 Popcorn show-n-sell distribution / sales begin

## September 2019

- 1 Order of the Arrow elections begin
- 6-8 Sea Scouts Minto Rendezvous
- 13-15 Wood Badge 19-2A
- 20-22 OA Fall PowWow
- 28 Popcorn Blitz Day #1



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# Cub Scouts

**Day Camp** is a council camp run by districts for Cub Scouts entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and focuses on earning rank advancements, learning new skills, playing sports and games, crafts, BB guns, archery and making new friends. Customizable placemats are available to promote day camp. [www.shac.org/daycamp](http://www.shac.org/daycamp)



**Resident Camp** is a three-night summer camping program for Cubs entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Bovay Scout Ranch. Cub Scouts will enjoy BB guns, archery, sling shots, crafts, sports, games, campfire, and lots more. [www.shac.org/resident-camp](http://www.shac.org/resident-camp)



# Scouts BSA

**Eagle Scout Reception** recognizes the previous year's Eagle Scouts. The council continues its tradition of providing this reception free of charge for new Eagle Scouts and their guests. The evening is underwritten with generous sponsorships by many Eagle Scout alumni, charter members and patrons. **May 5.** [www.shac.org/nestr](http://www.shac.org/nestr)



**Summer Camp.** Troops are invited to spend their summer at the beautiful Lost Pines Scout Reservation on Lake Bastrop! They are offering six weeks of exciting camps. [www.shac.org/summer-camp](http://www.shac.org/summer-camp)

**Order of the Arrow. Arrowman Bash** is a weekend event that allows Order of the Arrow members to recommit themselves to the principles of our order, brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Saturday will focus on service to camp followed by an evening filled with food, fun, and fellowship (e.g., games, activities, competitions, pow wow). **April 26-28.** [www.oa.shac.org](http://www.oa.shac.org)



**NYLT** or National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action packed six-day council-level program designed to provide Scouts who are 14 years and older with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Courses are being held in **June 2-7 or June 9-14.** [www.shac.org/nylt](http://www.shac.org/nylt)



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- Invite your Scouting friends to 'Like' our page.
- Under the 'Liked' button on our page, select 'Post in News Feed' option.



## Training

**Wood Badge** is a six-day advanced leadership course for Scout leaders involved in all program levels to learn techniques to become better leaders. **Sept 13-15 and Oct 4-6.** [www.shac.org/wood-badge](http://www.shac.org/wood-badge)



**Training.** Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Every leader deserves to be trained. The council offers a variety of training courses for all levels of leaders in all Scouting program. Scouters can attend training in any district. [www.shac.org/training-schedule](http://www.shac.org/training-schedule)



## Adventures for Older Scouts

**Venturing Forums** are held three times a year, is a great resource and fun opportunity for crews and ships. **April 16.** [shac.org/venturing](http://shac.org/venturing).



**Sea Scouts:** Sea Scouts. Fleet meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month. [shac.org/sea-scouts](http://shac.org/sea-scouts)



**Exploring** is program that provides experiences to help youth mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. [exploring.shac.org](http://exploring.shac.org)

