

The Scouting Trail



June/July 2017

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

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Cub Scout Fall Recruiting

will focus on recruiting new families to the fun and adventures of Cub Scouting. Begin your recruiting plans now to ensure that your pack has a great recruiting campaign! Then, attend one of the fall recruiting training events scheduled in your district in August. The council will provide support materials to your pack for fall recruiting. shac.org/pack-recruitment-resources



Rocket Days. Boys who join Cub Scouts in 2017 will receive a rocket patch and a rocket that they can design, build, and launch at a fall rocket day event. Packs will be asked to sponsor an activity (e.g., event or activity similar to a Scout Fair booth) at their district rocket day event. Contact your district activities for more information. shac.org/rocket-days



Council Coordinated is a meeting for district leaders to receive updates from the council at the Cockrell Scout Center on **August 17**. shac.org/council-coordinated



Section Conclave is an event for Order of the Arrow members where nine lodges get together for fellowship, competitions, over the top activities, ceremony competitions, awesome shows, and more at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. **June 30 – July 2**. sr2-3s.org



Venturing Banquet is the annual awards banquet where the Venturing leadership and their advisers will be presented with recognition for their work. The new Venturing Officer Association leadership will be announced. **August 12**. venturing.shac.org/banquet



Trainer's EDGE is a course for trainers and provides an opportunity for practice and evaluation. **August 12**. shac.org/trainers-edge

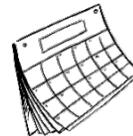


Decommissioning Celebration

is an opportunity to see El Rancho Cima one last time. Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend a special fun-filled day of hiking to Sentinel Peak, swimming, shooting, BBQ dinner and a final closing campfire. **July 15**. www.shac.org/cima



Annual Planning - A common element of strong units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar, trained leaders and the right leaders. shac.org/program-guide
shac.org/leader-resources



OA Troop/Team Rep Summit

is a training for OA troop/team representatives and their adviser. The summit focuses on building leadership skills, providing service to the unit. **August 13**. shac.org/oa



Popcorn Sales. Selling popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting using Trail's End gourmet popcorn. Materials are provided to units at the popcorn kickoff on **August 15**. shac.org/popcorn



Fun with Son

gives newly registered Cub Scouts and their families an opportunity to experience an overnight campout and exciting activities such as BB guns, crafts, archery and more! Fun With Son will be held at Bovay Scout Ranch on **October 20-22**. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Please sign up to volunteer. shac.org/fun-with-son



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June 2017

- 3 Dodgeball Tournament
- 30-2 Order of the Arrow Section Conclave, San Antonio
- Cub Scout Day Camps
- Boy Scout Summer Camp
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

July 2017

- 15 El Rancho Cima Decommissioning
- 19-23 National Scout Jamboree, West Virginia
- Cub Scout Resident Camp
- Boy Scout Summer Camp

August 2017

- Fall recruiting night trainings
- 1 Popcorn online sales begin
- 1 Popcorn show-n-sell orders due
- 12 Venturing Banquet
- 12 Trainer's EDGE
- 13 OA LEC and elections trng
- 13 OA Troop Rep. Summit
- 15 Popcorn kickoff
- 17 Council Coordinated
- 19 Popcorn show-n-sell distribution / sales begin
- 26 District committee workshop

September 2017

- 1 Order of the Arrow elections begin
- 8-10 Wood Badge 17-2A
- 8-10 Sea Scouts Minto Rendezvous
- 14-16 Wood Badge 17-3A
- 23 University of Scouting
- 27 Women for Scouting Luncheon
- 27 Golf Classic
- 29-30 Order of the Arrow Ordeal
- 30 Popcorn Blitz Day #1
- 30 Day of Service
- 30 Shooting Merit Badge Fulfillment Day

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Day Camp is a council camp run by districts for Cub Scouts entering 1st – 5th grade and focuses on earning rank advancements, learning new skills, playing sports and games, marking crafts, shooting BB guns and archery and making new friends. www.shac.org/daycamp.



Boy Scout Summer Camp is an opportunity for Boy Scouts to earn merit badges, learn and practice their Scouting skills, follow the patrol method and have fun swimming, climbing, shooting and enjoying the Texas Hill Country. www.shac.org/summer-camp



Resident Camp is a three-night summer camping program for Cubs entering 1st – 5th grade at Bovay Scout Ranch. Cub Scouts will enjoy shooting BB guns and archery, riding BMX bikes, swimming, canoeing, learning about STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), exploring nature, stargazing, fishing and more. www.shac.org/bovay



Rough Riders is a high adventure summer camp experience. Older Scouts, Venturers and adults will experience zip lining, a horseback trek, rock climbing, rappelling and more. www.shac.org/rough-riders



Super Troop is an opportunity for Boy Scouts to attend an extra week of camp or to attend camp individually if he can't attend camp with his unit. www.shac.org/super-troop



JR Wrangler is a week-long opportunity for a Scout to work alongside the summer camp equestrian staff and work toward the completion of the Animal Science, Horsemanship and Veterinary Medicine Merit Badges.



National Summertime Pack Award: - School breaks afford Cub Scout packs a perfect opportunity for special activities. These may be geared to a traditional summer break—or to shorter breaks afforded by a year-round school calendar—or to home-schooled Cub Scouts. The National Summertime Pack Award recognizes packs that provide a year-round program. Each pack that plans and conducts three pack activities—one each during the summer months (or school vacations for a year-round school calendar) qualifies for the National Summertime Pack Award. Requirements can be found at www.scouting.org.



Webelos-to-Scout Transition Plan - One of the goals of the Webelos program is to prepare boys for their transition into Boy Scouts. Packs and troops should work together to insure that every Webelos Scout has the opportunity to join a troop. Troops can provide opportunities for Webelos Scouts and their parents to become familiar with their program through special open houses or outdoor activities. Webelos dens may also have opportunity to observe troops in action at Webelos Woods, or other district events. The cooperative effort of troop and pack gives Webelos Scouts and their families an awareness of the troop program, troop leadership, and advancement – as well as an appreciation for troop organization and relationships.



While Webelos dens will visit troops as a group, the selection of a troop by individual boys is up to the Webelos Scout and his family. Every troop has a different “personality” and is different in the type of activities scheduled. Families must choose the troop that best meets the needs of their son.

The Scouting Trail is a monthly newsletter produced by volunteers that conveniently summarizes upcoming events. The 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. shac.org/toolkit



Summer Checklist:

- Attend roundtable
- Sign up for popcorn
- Packs: Attend day camp and resident camp
- Plan fall recruiting.
- Packs: Hold 3 summertime activities
- Troops: Attend long-term camp
- Crews: Attend super activity
- Chins: Attend long cruise

Leader Training Awards and keys are designed to recognize Scouters for tenure, training and performance in their leadership roles. shac.org/adult-awards

Awards and Insignia Guide - The *BSA Awards and Insignia Guide* is the official guide on where to place awards and patches on uniforms and is available at www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/InsigniaGuide.aspx shac.org/advancement-awards

