Leading youth to lifelong values, service and achievement
Dear Friends of Scouting

We are excited to share our activities and successes in 2011 for the Sam Houston Area Council. In spite of a challenging economic environment, we are financially strong and have continued to grow in membership, program impact and fundraising. We set aggressive goals and have achieved nearly all of them.

We are committed to having our membership and leadership reflect the diversity of our community. As a result of our faith-based initiative and multicultural marketing efforts, we welcomed 5,000 new Scouts from African American, Asian and Hispanic households. Traditional Scouting membership for the programs of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing grew 2.7% over last year. In these programs, we served 49,884 youth among 16 counties in southeast Texas. Exploring, a career-focused program sponsored by industry partners served 2,452 co-ed youth in the areas of law enforcement, aviation, law, science and more. We are especially grateful for the participation of Sheriff Adrian Garcia who led the start up of five posts in law enforcement.

The Scouting program is designed to offer educational opportunities and teaches youth to be strong in character, to have self-confidence and to grow in their leadership abilities. Along with service projects and citizenship activities, we prepare Scouts for a productive life as adults. Advancement is an important measure of this progress. We are pleased to report that two thirds of our Cub Scouts earned at least one rank this year as did 53% of our Boy Scouts. When measured by the national organization’s Journey to Excellence standards, the Council received the Gold Level status due to our achievements in membership growth, finance, community service and in training our 20,000 volunteer leaders.

This year, we continued camp facility upgrades at El Rancho Cima. The new Hamman High Adventure Base hosts a Rough Riders program introduced for Scouts ages 14 and up, which includes a sky bridge to a 2,000 foot zip line. The Walter Scout Camp at Horseshoe Bend unveiled the new Carole and Jim Locke Equestrian Center and new staff facilities. In 2011, our five camps served over 36,000 campers.

With the generous support of over $7 million from the community, the Sam Houston Area Council is financially sound. Our Friends of Scouting campaign, which accounts for 25% of all operating funds, grew 8% reaching $3 million. The permanently restricted endowment received over 1 million in gifts due to the matching gift program from The Cockrell Foundation.

We are proud to report the vitality of the Scouting program at the Sam Houston Area Council. Through strong support from volunteers, parents and donors every day, the power of Scouting continues to shape the lives in our community.

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Scouting Makes a Difference Every Day

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## 2011 Council Highlights

### Youth Served & Volunteers
- **49,884** Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Venturers
- **2,452** Explorers
- **7,647** Learning for Life
- **20,015** Volunteer Adult Leaders
- **1,759** Cub Scout, Boy Scout & Venturing Units
- **66.6%** Districts were recognized for a Journey to Excellence Quality Program
- **36%** Of youth served considered “At-Risk”

### At Our Camps
- **36,254** Campers
- **80,371** Days Camped
- **7,577** Acres - maintained & operated by Council

### Finance
- **$12,408,299** Operating expense
- **2.9%** Excess revenue over operating expense
- **$71,700,057** Total assets
- **$1,233,710** New gifts for permanently restricted endowment
- **$205** Amount spent to support each youth participant

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**Impact**

In 2011, the Scouts in the Sam Houston Area Council contributed an estimated 800,000 hours in Community Service projects. They collected 170,497 pounds of food for donation. 52.6% of Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts earned at least one rank. 66.4% of Cub Scouts earned at least one rank. A total of 40,139 Merit Badges were earned by Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts with 946 attaining the Eagle Scout rank.
The hallmark of the Boy Scouts of America is the Eagle Scout Award. The trail to the Eagle includes five ranks offering valuable life skills including: planning and achieving goals, exploring new areas of knowledge, mastering new skills and using those skills to teach and help others.

Each Scout advances and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. As each achievement is recognized, the Boy Scout develops a sense of confidence and self-reliance.

The Trail to Eagle
Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle

In 2010, 946 Eagle Scouts achieved the Eagle rank. The first four ranks focus on learning new skills, teamwork and self reliance. To advance through Star, Life and Eagle, the Scout must develop leadership skills, serve in a position of responsibility and perform community service.

The Annual Eagle Class Recognition

Members of the 2010 Eagle Class, named in honor of Marvin Kiel, gathered on Saturday, April 30th, at The Berry Center, for the annual Eagle Class Recognition hosted by the Eagle Scout Association of Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC).

Exemplifying outstanding community service, Eagle Scout John-Russell Thornburg received the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. The Eagle Scout rank was awarded to 946 Scouts as of December 31, 2010.

2011 Outstanding Eagles

Seven Eagles were recognized with the new National Outstanding Eagle Award (NOESA) for their outstanding achievement at the local, state or regional level. Receiving the prestigious recognition are as pictured above from left to right: Dr. Robert H. Christopher Jr., dentist, Judge Donald A. Smyth, Harris County Criminal Court at Law Number 13, Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, president, Aiken Health Resources; David A. Van Kleeck, regional manager of Ethylene Oxide and Derivatives, Shell Global Solutions; A.T. Blackshear, Jr., partner, Fulbright & Jaworski; Stan C. Stanley, president, Stanley Signature Products, Inc and L. E. Simmons president, SCF Partners (not pictured).
Community Service

An estimated 4.2 hours in community service was provided by individual Scouts and Explorers in 2011. As a whole, our 946 Eagle Scouts accounted for 142,000 hours of volunteer service. Their projects are as varied as the Scouts themselves...

Tyler Schild developed a school yard habitat for Holleman Elementary School in Waller, TX that upgraded the school grounds and provided an environment for learning science and observing nature.

Daniel Crespo helped the Hill of Rest Community Cemetery in Baytown, TX with signage posts, stump removal, refurbishing a tool shed and designing a rock garden for the entrance.

Nathan England constructed a gazebo for Bridgewood Farms in Spring, TX that serves clients with mental disabilities.

James Harle created a reading stable for the library of the Stan Stanley Elementary School in Katy, TX.

Tyler Nobel conducted a Rock Stock Concert whereby canned foods were collected to stock the Hope Village Home & School in Clear Lake, TX.

Scouting for Food

In late January, through a partnership with the Souper Bowl of Caring, Scouts served the door-to-door role for this community-wide effort to fight hunger collecting 170,497 pounds of food.

Scouts and leaders in the Sam Houston Area Council served an estimated 800,000 hours on projects benefitting their local communities.
On December 31, 2011, the Sam Houston Area Council had 60,510 youth in the programs of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Exploring and Learning for Life programs. An initiative focused on faith-based organizations resulted in 192 new units. While there are many youth organizations, including sports, service clubs, fitness and educational programs that help young people, Scouting goes above and beyond by allowing youth to try new things, employing a learn-by-doing approach, requiring service to others, building self-confidence, leadership, and reinforcing ethical standards.

**Cub Scouts**—for boys in grade one through five: Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of boys and their families through fun and challenging activities promoting education, character development and physical fitness. Members meet weekly in small groups called dens. Once a month, all the dens meet together as a pack. Cub Scouts work on award requirements at meetings and with their families. Many Cub packs schedule camping trips or attend summer resident camp at the Bovay Scout Ranch or at Camp Strake. During summer, individual Cubs or Cub dens can also attend one of Council’s many district day camps.

**Boy Scouts**—boys ages 11-17: Boy Scouting is an exciting leadership and character development program for young men. With the support of adult leaders, youth learn self-confidence and develop personal values guided by the ideals found in the Scout Oath and Law. The merit badge program allows exposure to new things and extended learning outside of school. Members usually meet once a week as an entire troop, and then have a group activity once a month – typically a weekend campout. Scout troops are encouraged to attend a week of summer and winter camp each where they will work on merit badges and enjoy other activities. Boy Scouts also organize and take part in community service projects, benefitting neighborhoods, schools, churches and more.
Venturers and Sea Scouts (young men and women ages 14 to 20): The Venturing program is a co-ed program for young men and women. Through this youth-led program, members enjoy wilderness survival camping, emergency preparedness, high adventure camping, search and rescue training and more. They work in groups to learn teamwork, leadership, respect and responsibility. Typically a Venture crew or Sea Scout ship will meet at least once a month, then have some kind of monthly event or trip. Sea Scouting, a division of Venturing, is organized to promote better citizenship and to improve members’ boating skills and knowledge through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, and service experiences.

Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who are ages 14 – 20. Exploring units, called “posts”, usually have a focus on a single career field, such as law enforcement and may be sponsored by a government or business entity. This program, which gives youth a practical learning outlet, aligns Scouting closely with the business community in law enforcement, medical, fire, engineering, aviation, science, law, government and public service.

Learning for Life meets the growing demand for character education programs in schools. The program helps our youth develop social and life skills and helps them formulate positive personal values. It prepares them to make ethical decisions that will help them achieve their full potential. Learning for Life also enhances teacher capacity and increases youth learning with a fun and relevant curriculum. Youth build a greater understanding real-world situations and how to negotiate them. Champions is a program of Learning for Life for youth with special needs.

Outreach Initiatives

Scoutreach
Scoutreach gives special leadership and emphasis to economically challenged youth via non-traditional methods. Scoutreach is BSA’s commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background. Through caring, well-trained, paid leadership and with neighborhood partners who will provide a safe, regular meeting place, Scoutreach delivers a Scouting program to our most needy youth in Houston’s inner-city neighborhoods and encourages parental involvement.

2,139 Venturers in 225 units

2,452 Explorers in 69 Posts,
+ 70.3% in participation vs a year ago

8,174 youth in 43 programs

In 2011, we recruited 5,000 new Scouts drawing from African American, Asian and Hispanic communities.

SHAC Youth Served

- Cub Scouts .......... 31,498
- Boy Scouts .......... 16,247
- Venturing .......... 2,139
- Exploring .......... 2,452
- School-based Learning for Life .... 8,174

Total .......... 60,510

8,190 Scouts in 409 units,
+ 6.2% in members vs a year ago
The Sam Houston Area Council owns and operates five camps in Texas. Throughout the year on weekends, Boy Scouts and Venturers can camp at El Rancho Cima, Camp Brosig, Hamman Scout Camp, and Camp Strake. Cub Scouts attend weekend camp at Bovay Scout Ranch or Janis and George Fleming Cub World at Camp Strake. Council summer camp programs are held each year at El Rancho Cima and Bovay Scout Ranch.

Camps

El Rancho CIMA
2,680 acres and home to 3 camps:

- Cockrell River Camp
  - 14 campsites
  - Canoes
  - State-of-the-art .22 rifle range
  - Five-stand shot gun range
  - Archery ranges
  - 40 ft. climbing tower
  - Six program pavilions
  - Open-air dining hall

- Walter Scout Camp at Horseshoe Bend
  - Carole & Jim Locke Equestrian Center
  - Horses and trail riding
  - New shaded swimming pool
  - 12 campsites
  - Shooting ranges
  - Showers and restrooms
  - Open-air dining hall

- Hamman High Adventure Base
  - New black powder shooting area
  - 2,000 ft zip line
  - Dug-out sleep area

Bovay Scout Ranch
1,498 acres for Cub Scouts

- Water Park
- Sailing, canoeing, rafting & paddle boats
- Air-conditioned dining hall
- Indian Village

Hamman Scout Camp
Primitive Camp with 965 acres

- 20 campsites
- Covered pavilion
- Meeting room
- Kitchen facility

Camp Brosig
92-acre property for weekend camping

- Covered pavilions
- Program building
- Sports field
- Fishing
- Stockade & Fort
- Covered Tee Pees

Grand Lake
- 21 campsites
- Shooting Sports Range
- Canoeing
- COPE Course

The Conference Center
- Furnished center
- Modern kitchen/dining room
- Four dorms
- Seven cabins
Camp Highlights

El Rancho Cima

El Rancho Cima is located on the Devil’s Backbone in the Texas Hill Country near Wimberley, TX. It is the home for three very unique camps for Boy Scouts and Venturers: Cockrell River Camp, Walter Scout Camp at Horseshoe Bend and a new Hamman High Adventure Base at Ironwheel Mesa.

An investment of $650,000 was deployed this year. We introduced the new Rough Riders high adventure program for Scouts ages 14+ which includes a sky bridge to a 2000 ft Zip Line, a dug-out sleeping area with hammocks, and a new dining pavilion. The Walter Scout Camp at Horseshoe Bend unveiled the new Carole and Jim Locke Equestrian Center, a new trading post, the Carmen and Beto Santos Cantina, a cooling shade for the swimming pool and new staff facilities.

The Rough Riders program gave Scouts opportunities to saddle and bridle horses for an overnight trek, enjoy black powder shooting and rock cliff rappelling in the outback of El Rancho Cima. Other camp programs include the Native American Village, Cowboy Camp, horseback riding, kayaking courses, archery, rifles and a 6-stage shotgun shooting range in the Walter Shooting Sports Complex. In addition, 11 new merit badges were added to the curriculum offerings at each camp.

6,980 Campers
+ 1.5% increase vs the prior year

Bovay Scout Ranch

Cub Scouts head to the Bovay Scout Ranch, located three miles south of Navasota, for Resident Camp each summer or for weekend camp-outs. The camp includes the McNair Cub Adventure Camp and the Duke Energy Camporee Area. The 1,498 acres are a natural paradise for plants and wildlife with several lakes teeming with a variety of fish. Nature study, bugs, animal tracks, and conservation are vital elements of the camp program. George Lake offers paddle boating, sailing, canoeing, and rafting. The Water Park is the center of the swimming and fun activities. Scouts also enjoy field sports, BMX, archery, and rifles.

11,362 Campers
+ 2% from a year ago

Camp Strake

As a year round camp that serves as a backdrop for training programs, conference facilities, Camp Stake is also home to the annual Boy Scout Winter Camp. The camp offers more than 60 different merit badges, many of them Eagle-required, a Trail to First Class program and many different evening activities for all attendees to enjoy.

14,787 Campers

District Day Camp

Twilight and Day Camps are held in various districts in June for Cub Scouts. The camps depend heavily on parents and leader volunteers to spearhead the programming.

4,407 Campers
**Community Support**

**Distinguished Family Award Dinner**
Our Distinguished Family Award Dinner on April 14 at the Hilton Americas’ Ballroom honored the Tellepsen Family legacy. Chaired by Mark A. Wallace, President and CEO of Texas Children’s Hospital, we reached an aggressive revenue goal of $1 million dollars and netted $926,960.

**Sporting Clays**
The 15th Annual Sporting Clays event, sponsored by Hess, was held April 28th at the Rio Brazos Hunting Preserve in Simonton, TX. This record setting event with silent and live auction netted $200,000.

**Corporate Dodgeball Challenge**
Sponsored by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, the Corporate Dodgeball Challenge, held on June 18th, introduced an exciting new team building event to the Council, netting $72,000.

**John B. Turner Memorial Golf Tournament**
The 35th Annual John B. Turner Memorial Golf Tournament was held September 19th at the Clubs of Kingwood in Kingwood, TX. The 2011 event played host to 45 teams filled with Houston’s top executives, Council board members and Scouting supporters, netting over $110,000.

**Friends of Scouting**
The Friends of Scouting Campaign, “Defining Character, Refining Lives,” generated 8% over year ago for a total of $3,392,100.

**Product Sales**
From February through mid April, Scouts sold 130,000 Scout Fair Coupon Packs. Carrying discounts from Kroger and other local retail, food and entertainment partners, this effort contributed $1,329,499 in gross sales. In October and November, Scouts took on Project Popcorn selling $3,096,465 million dollars in gross sales. Units receive 33% of these funds for programming.

**United Way**
The Sam Houston Area Council receives over $1,600,000 from United Way from several counties. In 2011, Montgomery County approved $61,000 in new funding for Scouting.

With the generosity of $7,477,517 from the community, the Sam Houston Area Council is financially sound.

*Includes Matagorda United Way and other direct designations from donors*
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Operating Results

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Special Events-Net 1,368,204
United Ways 1,645,433
Other Support 1,356,807
Program Related Revenue 2,408,007
Product Sales-Net of Cost of Goods Sold 1,626,125
Investment and Other Income 1,275,384
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Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America & Subsidiary

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Cash 4,175,588
Accounts Receivable 523,770
Promises to Give (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Promises to Give) 1,065,187
Investments 1,634,411
Land, Buildings, and Equipment, Net 34,649,479
Total Assets 5,995,336

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Liabilities:
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses 1,561,634
Custodial Accounts 726,402
Deferred Revenue 156,551
Total Liabilities 2,444,587

Net Assets:
Unrestricted Net Assets 2,244,681
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 1,306,068
Permanently Restricted Net Assets -
Total Net Assets 3,550,749

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The Endowment assists the Council’s long-term financial requirements in order to deliver a quality Scouting program today and support future growth. The Endowment is managed by the Council’s Investment Committee in accordance with the approved Investment Fund Spending Policy.

The Cockrell Foundation Matching Gift Program
We were fortunate to be the recipient of the Cockrell Foundation Matching Gift program that matched permanently restricted gifts to endowment from $500 to $25,000. We received $1,163,116 from 196 gifts including the Cockrell Match.

Harry E. Bovay, Jr.
We mark this year with the passing of long-time supporter and Scouter, Harry E. Bovay, Jr.

For 84 years Mr. Bovay was involved in Scouting and assisted the Council in a multitude of ways, including the development of the Bovay Scout Ranch.

We are very honored to announce that Mr. Bovay, through his foundation, has arranged to continue supporting Scouting through an Endowed Fund Agreement beginning 2012.
Recognition for our Volunteers

The Sam Houston Area Council is a volunteer-driven organization. Through the support of over 20,000 volunteers, we impact the lives of youth in the community we serve. Each year we honor several of our registered adult volunteers with the Silver Beaver Award for their distinguished service to youth.

Upon nomination of the Sam Houston Area Council and the BSA National Court of Honor, the following Scouters were recipients of the Silver Beaver Award in 2011:

- Roxanna Allen, Cypress
- Wayne Blackmon, Houston
- Gregory Carr, Houston
- Andy Chapman, Houston
- Erich Wolz, III, Houston
- Mark Davidson, Bellaire
- Calvin Dunn, Houston
- Joan Englander, Houston
- John Crafton, Houston
- Monica Farina, Hockley
- Bruce Handley, Houston
- Heather Harden, The Woodlands
- Gary Hinners, Houston
- Walter Hyde, Houston
- Dr. Elwyn Lee, Houston
- Jayne Leuterman, Houston
- James Lindner, College Station
- Steve Martinez, Richmond
- Jana Mayfield, Baytown
- Roberta McPhie, The Woodlands
- James Nicholson, Houston
- Joseph Okopinski, Magnolia
- Martin Pham, Houston
- Steve Martinez, Richmond
- Bryan Talley, Houston
- Traci Talley, Houston
- Todd Taylor, Katy
- Matt Thuesen, Bellaire
- Randle Thomas, Houston
- Maggie Thuesen, Bellaire
- Randy Thomas, Houston
- David Van Kleeck, Sugar Land
- Erich Woz, III, Houston

Not pictured: Paul May, Cypress

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