TEXT TO JOIN

Help parents find your pack. Promote text to join during fall recruiting. When a parent texts Cub Scout to 31996, they are sent to shac.org/join. Packs are listed by school district with links to register and join online.

SHAC PROMOTE SCOUTING DECORATING CONTEST

We want to reach out to each potential Cub Scout and their family with a personal invitation to join a pack within our council, where they will learn positive values, new skills and have fun with friends. Get creative and promote Scouting and your pack could win a family camping weekend at Bovay Scout Ranch.

Official Rules:

- Decorate with the colors blue and gold/yellow
- Include the words “Join Cub Scouts” or “Join Cub Scouting.”
- Include “Text ‘Cub Scout’ to 31996” and go to shac.org/join for more information.
- Consider decorating homes, vehicles, yards, community centers, HOA buildings or businesses.
- Post on personal Facebook pages and tag the council (@shac.bsa).
- Most importantly, have fun, be creative, and get the entire pack involved.
- Submit entries by 10/15/2020 to tami.kinn@scouting.org.

The top pack from each district will win a free weekend of family camping during the spring of 2021 at Bovay Scout Ranch. During family camping, the pack leadership plans the camping program and food. When a Scout joins Cub Scouting, they join an organization that values the fun and excitement of experiencing the outdoors. Each Cub Scout pack is encouraged to provide its youth members with enriching, positive outdoor activities. Family camping can be an exciting addition to your pack’s program. For more information about recruiting, visit shac.org/recruiting.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING: NOV. 9-14

University of Scouting is a training event for leaders of all program levels, district and council leaders and parents. Participants can take virtual training and/or in-person classes at the new Camp Strake.

WINTER CAMP

December 26-31, 2020

Camp Strake

Hines Lake Rd, Coldspring, TX 77331;

Latitude and Longitude: 30.617127, -95.247358

Winter camp is a wonderful opportunity for troops to camp and Scouts to earn merit badges. Merit badge classes are taught by Scouters with real-life experiences in the field. Winter camp will be held at the new Camp Strake (see address above). In addition to first class emphasis, over 60 merit badge classes are offered, including many merit badges that are not normally offered at summer camp. Parents of campers should contact their troop leaders with questions about winter camp. Many of the adult leaders attending winter camp are quite experienced and can answer questions.

CALENDAR

- Fun With Family: Oct. 10
- Council Coordinated: Oct. 15
- Merit Badge Days: Oct 17, Nov 21
- Popcorn Orders due: Oct. 30
- University of Scouting: Nov. 9-12 (Virtual)
- University of Scouting: Nov. 14 (in person)

UNIT STRONG

Strong units are coming up with creative ways to engage their youth through the pandemic. They are finding safe ways to get together virtually, outdoors with social distancing, or even indoors when space allows. They are making sure to meet specific preventative guidance from the State of Texas and the Center for Disease Control and upon consultation with and approval from their chartered organization.

Have a great idea, pressing concern, success story? Email squareknotnotes@yahoo.com. We serve "you"!

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