FUN WITH FAMILY

Saturday, October 10, 2020 All Day
Bovay Scout Ranch
3450 County Rd 317, Navasota, TX 77868

Fun with Family is traditionally an overnight campout for newly registered Cub Scouts and their families. Cub Scouts can participate in BB guns, archery, sling shots, crafts, sports, campfire and more. For 2020, Fun with Family will be a one-day event.

RANK ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

The following questions regarding advancement have arisen as we deal with closures, cancellations, or other issues caused by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Q: May parents sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements? Yes. During this pandemic period, parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family may sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements.

Q: Will there be any changes to the Swimming requirements for Second and First class? Swimming remains a major health and safety concern and cannot be abandoned by Scouts BSA. With that in mind, the Swimming rank requirements for Second Class (5b) and First Class (6a) may be deferred until each Scout's next rank, as necessary (through Life, but not Eagle).

Q: Will there be any changes for Scouts who cannot complete the camping merit badge? COVID-19 has resulted in Scouts being unable to complete the Eagle-required Camping merit badge, specifically requirement 9b. Although this requirement adds "Scout fun" to a camping experience, it will be temporarily suspended as a requirement to earn this badge. All other Camping merit badge requirements must still be completed to earn this badge. Upon direction from the National Council, requirement 9b will be reinstated with 30 days’ notice to our Scouting community through national channels.

Please follow this link to the Guide to Advancement (GTA), which remains the primary source for information related to Scouts BSA advancement. It is referenced throughout the answers provided from the National Council.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION RECEPTION

November 17, 2020, 7:30 pm
Chapelwood United Methodist Church
11140 Greenbay St., Houston TX 77024

The Council Recognition Reception is held annually to honor the recipients of the Silver Beaver Award and Heroism Awards. Join your fellow Scouters in recognizing the recipients of the Silver Beaver Award, the William H. Spurgeon III Award and Lifesaving and Meritorious Awards.

SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest form of recognition that a local council can bestow on a volunteer. In 1931, BSA President Mortimer L. Schiff recommended to the national board that an award be devised for recognition of distinguished service to youth in the area of a local council, and the concept of the Silver Beaver Award recognition was established. The Sam Houston Area Council has participated in this recognition program since its inception, presenting Silver Beaver Awards in 1931 to W. A. Childress and to E. A. Hudson. Beginning with those first two awards, more than 1,500 adult leaders in our council have been recognized in this manner. Congratulations to the 2020 Silver Beaver Recipients. The awards will be presented at the Council Recognition Reception on November 17, 2020.

Pablo Canovas                          Bill Caudill
David Crawfoot                          David Godell
Judy Lizarraga                           Sandra Luckett
Jennifer Mikes                           Timothy Perkins
David Proctor                             Kevin Renfro
Valerie Richardson                     L.E. Simmons
LeRoy (Pete) Sprunger              Martin Stakes
Douglas Strain                           Suzanne Weaver
Chip Whitley                              Aurelia Zapata

CALENDAR

Cockrell Scout Center - open for drop off 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Mon-Fri
Scout Shops - limited retail traffic
Council/District meetings - virtual meetings through September 30
Merit Badge Days: Sept. 12, 26, Oct 17, Nov 21
Fun With Family: Oct. 10

UNIT STRONG

Strong Units are creative in finding ways to continue to provide programming, recruit and retain members, encourage advancement, and support fundraising opportunities. Are you sharing your unit’s creativity with other units? Together, we are stronger!

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