

**Sam Houston Area Council
Boy Scouts of America**

**2014
Recognition Reception**



Chapelwood United Methodist Church

October 28, 2014

Sam Houston Area Council Recognition Reception

Master of Ceremony Bill Balleza

Opening Troop 641

Following a Legacy and Leaving a Legacy Steve D. Strake, Sr
Managing Partner
Salient Partners, L.P.

Roll Call to Service Rodney Eads, Chairman of the Board
Sam Houston Area Council

Lifesaving Awards A. Tomas Garcia, M.D.
Lifesaving Awards Committee Member

Silver Beaver Awards Presentation Edward A. Grun
Vice Chair of Program

Jerry Fochtman
Council Advancement and
Recognition Chair

Challenge to Service Brian Foster
Council Commissioner

Reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

BSA Mission Statement: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Sam Houston Area Council’s Mission Statement: “Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service and Achievement.”

Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.



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2013 Highlights

Sam Houston Area Council

MEMBERSHIP

47,735	Registered Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers
8,846	Youth participants in the curriculum/school based (including special needs) Learning for Life programs
19,503	Registered volunteer adult leaders
1,450	Youth participants in the Exploring program
1,714	Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing units
59	Exploring posts
36%	"At-risk" youth served by Scouting through Scoutreach

CAMPING

99,687	Total number of days camped at the council's five camps
7,410	Acres available for youth camping maintained and operated by the council

PROGRAM

20,592	Cub Scout ranks earned
8,624	Boy Scout ranks earned
1,097	Boy Scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout
31	Silver Beaver recipients
25	Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor recipients
215,460	Pounds of food donated during Scouting for Food
800,000	Estimated community service hours

FINANCE

\$13,649,553	Operating expense
3.2%	Excess revenue over operating expense
\$2,669,614	New gifts for permanently restricted endowment
\$235	Estimated dollar amount spent to support each youth involved in a program

RECOGNITION

Sam Houston Area Council achieved the Silver Level status in the national Journey to Excellence program



Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

The National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America established the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1969. Since its inception, this prestigious award has been presented approximately 1500 times nationally.

The Sam Houston Area Council's Distinguished Eagle Scout Award recipients are equally representative of the character and successful lifetime achievement and service necessary to be recognized for this honor.

Distinguished Eagle Scouts from the Sam Houston Area Council exemplify the Eagle Scout Challenge as an example of their lifetime achievement.

Honorable Lloyd N. Bentsen, Jr.
 Nelson R. Block
 Gerald P. Carr
 M.L." Sonny" Carter
 George M. Fleming
 Michael E. Fossum
 Orville D. Gaither, Sr.
 Dr. Robert M. Gates
 Carlos R. Hamilton, Jr., M.D.
 Major General Hugh W. Hardy, USMC
 Robert R. Herring
 William G. Higgs
 Honorable David Hittner
 Harold S. Hook
 Charles J. Jacobus, Sr
 Lawrence W. Kellner

Thomas A. Krouskop
 Jack L. Lander, Jr.
 James A. Lovell, Jr.
 William P. Lucas
 Douglas G. MacLean
 Carrington Mason
 Thomas M. Orth
 Robert W. Scott
 Bobby S. Shackouls
 Howard T. Tellepsen, Jr.
 C. Travis Traylor, Jr.
 John B. Walker
 David M. Weekley
 Honorable Louie Welch
 John V. Wheat

Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards

Upon nomination by the Sam Houston Area Council, the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America has authorized the presentation of Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards to the following:

Honor Medal

The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self.

Isaac Warshaw



Silver Antelope

The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters of exceptional character in their region to recognize their distinguished service to youth.

Jack Metcalfe



2014 Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor and upon the recommendation of the Sam Houston Area Council, presents the Silver Beaver Award to registered Scouters of exceptional character for their distinguished service within a council.

Anyone may nominate any deserving registered Scouter to the Sam Houston Area Council. The council selects from these nominations, and presents a limited number of awards each year, based on the total number of units registered in the council.

Based on the recommendation of the Sam Houston Area Council, the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America has authorized the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award to the following Scouters:



Jeff Allen, Jr.

Jeff is an Eagle Scout who has been an active adult leader for over 45 years in Mustang District. Jeff is currently an assistant Scoutmaster. Previous positions include den leader, Webelos leader, Scoutmaster, troop committee chair, troop committee member,

Explorer post advisor, crew associate advisor and merit badge counselor.

He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. He has been recognized with the District Award of Merit and the Adult Religious Service Award.



Donna Bernelle

Donna has served Scouting for over 28 years in Eagle Trail District and Raven District. She currently serves as an assistant Scoutmaster, district program chair, district popcorn kernel and district Scout Fair chair. Past leadership positions include Cubmaster,

pack committee chair, troop committee chair, crew committee chair, assistant district commissioner, Roundtable commissioner, district committee vice chair, and trainer at University of Scouting and Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow.

She is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Donna has attended Wood Badge, the Philmont Training Center and National Day Camp School. She has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Unit Leader Award of Merit, Commissioner Award of Excellence, Raven District J.P. White Award, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, District Committee Key and the James E. West Award.

Outside of Scouting, Donna is involved with the Parent Teacher Organization, Girl Scouts, youth sports, and Vacation Bible School.



Rhonda Bill

Rhonda Bill has been a Scouter in Phoenix district for nine years. She serves as a chapter adviser, crew committee chair, assistant Scoutmaster and district event chair. Past leadership positions include Roundtable staff, day camp staff, Webelos

Woods staff, Order of the Arrow event staff and Trading Post adviser, Venturing Summit staff, Pow Wow staff, and NYLT course director.

Rhonda is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and has received the District Award of Merit.

Rhonda serves in various roles for the Daughters of the American Revolution, church, Future Farmers of America, Air Force Junior ROTC booster president, and marching band.



Henry Bunting

Over the past 42 years, Henry has been a Scouting volunteer in Mustang District and several other councils. He is currently a unit commissioner and troop committee member. Henry has served as district committee member, assistant Scoutmaster,

assistant district commissioner, Order of the Arrow chapter adviser and district training team member.

Henry has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, James E. West Fellowship Award, Commissioner's Arrowhead, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, Scouter's Training Award, and Master of Commissioner Science. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained.

Henry also volunteers with Forty Plus of Houston, United Way, Junior Achievement, and Alpha Phi Omega – National Service Fraternity.



Douglas Caesar

Douglas has served Scouting for 15 years as an adult volunteer leader in Copperhead District. He currently serves as a unit commissioner, pack committee chair and district committee member. Previous leadership positions include Cubmaster,

assistant Scoutmaster, unit commissioner, Roundtable commissioner and district training committee member.

Douglas is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. He has been honored with the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, District Committee Key, James E. West Fellowship Award and Master of Commissioner Science.

Douglas volunteers with the Alpha Phi Omega and serves as an advisor for several educational and advisory committees.



David Capehart

David has been active in Scouting for over 24 years in Aldine Pathfinder District. He is a chartered organization representative and district committee member. David has previously served in various roles including Cubmaster, pack and troop committee chair,

Scoutmaster, pack and troop committee member, Varsity adult leader, crew advisor, district commissioner, Boy Scout Roundtable commissioner and district camp-o-ree chair.

David is a recipient of the LDS - On My Honor Award, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award and the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award. David is Wood Badge trained and has a Master of Commissioner Science.

Davis serves in various roles in his church and the United Way.



Pauline Curnutt

Pauline has been involved in Mustang District for over 17 years. She currently serves as a troop committee member, Order of the Arrow associate chapter adviser and council international committee member. She has served as the troop advancement

chair, pack committee member, Cub Scout Roundtable staffer and district activities chair.

Pauline is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. She has attended Powder Horn and Wood Badge. She has been recognized with the Scroll of Honor, Bronze Pelican, District Award of Merit and district Family of the Year.

Pauline has volunteered with the Parent Teacher Association and various youth sports leagues.



Mark Danheim

Mark has been an active adult leader for over 15 years, first in Rising Star District and now in Soaring Eagle District, where he is currently an assistant district commissioner. Previous leadership positions include crew advisor, assistant Scoutmaster, district

finance chair, district activities chair, district commissioner, and shooting sports instructor.

Mark has been honored with the Scouter's Training Award, Commissioner Award of Excellence, Commissioner Key, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, and the District Award of Merit.

He is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow. He has completed Powder Horn and Wood Badge. Mark volunteers as a swimming referee.



Vince Donart

Eagle Scout Vince has served Scouting as an adult leader for over nine years, first in Tomahawk District and now in Thunder Wolf District. He is currently the district chair and troop committee chair. Vince has served as Tiger Cub den leader, Cub Scout den

leader, Webelos den leader, pack committee chair, troop committee chair, assistant Scoutmaster, Winter Camp staffer, district training team member and assistant Scoutmaster for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

Vince has received the Cub Scouter's Award, Scouter's Training Award, and District Committee Key. He is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow and attended training at Philmont Training Center.

Vince has been a regular volunteer at schools in a variety of capacities.



Jamie Durham

Jamie has been a volunteer in Phoenix District for 12 years. She serves as the district training chair and district activities chair. Previous positions include Cubmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, troop committee member, Cub Scout Roundtable

commissioner, Wood Badge staff, day camp staffer, Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow trainer and University of Scouting trainer.

Jamie is Wood Badge trained. She has been honored with the District Award of Merit, district Spark Plug award, and Rising Phoenix District award, and earned the District Committee Key.

She is involved in a variety of youth sports programs, school band, church, food donations programs and the Adopt a Child program.



Kelly Faga

Kelly has been an adult leader in Scouting for the past 10 years in Big Cypress District. She serves as the district program chair. Past leadership positions include district activities chair, district program chair, training team member, unit commissioner, pack

committee member and troop committee member.

Kelly has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Big Cypress District Tree of Life award and district Foundation award.

Kelly is an active member of her church. She volunteers with the Girl Scouts, Parent Teacher Organization and high school tennis team.



Adrian Garcia

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia has been a member of the Sam Houston Area Council Board of Directors since 2011. Sheriff Garcia also served as the first chairman of the SHAC Hispanic Initiative Committee. In 2011, he agreed to organize law enforcement Explorer posts with the Harris County

Sheriff's Office. Currently, the sheriff's department has eight posts and serve 271 youth throughout Harris County.

Sheriff Garcia grew up instilled with the firm values taught by his mother Maria and late father Ignacio. Mirroring the values of Scouting, those values were to work hard, work honestly, public service and helping others. It was through these guiding principles that Sheriff Garcia chose public service as a profession and became a law enforcement officer. As a peace officer, Sheriff Garcia has seen first-hand the devastating effects that crime and violence have in the communities. He has worked to strengthen the relationship between residents and law enforcement.



Henry Garcia

Henry, of Antares District, has been a Scouting volunteer for 15 years. He is an assistant Scoutmaster and Order of the Arrow associate chapter adviser. Henry has served as a den leader, assistant Cubmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, troop committee member and Order of the Arrow chapter adviser.

He is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. Henry has been recognized with the Cub Scouter Award, the Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit, Scroll of Honor Certificate and the Bronze Pelican Emblem.

Henry is an active member of his church and Knights of Columbus Council. He served on the school board of a private school, assists with Little League and volunteers as a mentor for students with learning disabilities.



Melanie Garrett

Melanie has been a Scout leader in David Crockett District for nine years. She is currently the district program chair, troop committee member and unit commissioner. Melanie has previously served as a pack committee chair, pack treasurer and Cub

Scout Roundtable commissioner, district trainer, University of Scouting trainer and Wood Badge staffer.

Melanie has been honored with the District Award of Merit, Committee Member of the Year Award, Scout Family of the Year Award, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, and the Commissioner Key.

She volunteers in various roles in her church, school, Little League, Girls Scouts and Relay for Life.



David Gibson

David has been in Scouting for 13 years in Phoenix District. He serves as a troop committee member, crew committee member and district finance chair. Past leadership positions include Cubmaster, troop committee member, crew committee member, crew associate advisor, district activities chair, district vice chair, district program chair, district finance chair, district membership committee member and district training team member. He has led three high adventure treks: Philmont, Northern Tier and Seabase, and has earned the Triple Crown Award.

David has been honored with the District Award of Merit, district Spark Plug award, Boy Scouter Award, and Cubmaster Award.

He has served as a church ministry volunteer, YMCA Fundraising Committee member and Rotary Club member.



Chyrl Goetzman

Chyrl has served as a leader in Scouting for 15 years in David Crockett District. She is currently the district membership chair, unit commissioner and crew committee member. Chyrl has previously served as a crew associate advisor, activities committee chair, day camp staff, training team, troop committee member, University of Scouting trainer, and Fun with Son staffer.

She has attended training at Philmont Training Center and Wood Badge. Chyrl has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, district Extra Miler, district Scout Family, Commissioner Key, and Commissioner Arrowhead Honor Award.

Chyrl volunteers with the Carriage Association.



Roy Green

Roy has served Scouting for 23 years in Raven District and Three Rivers Council. He is a crew and ship committee member, Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow chapter associate adviser and district committee chair. Roy has previously served as a

Cubmaster, assistant district commissioner, Roundtable staffer and unit commissioner.

Roy is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. He has been awarded the Adult Religious Service Award, Commissioner Award of Excellence, Commissioner's Arrowhead, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, District Award of Merit and Unit Leader Award of Merit.

Roy is an active member of his church. He has coached youth sports, and served as a volunteer firefighter and Girl Scout leader.



Gilbert Guerrero

Gilbert has been a registered adult in Scouting for 18 years in Skyline District. He currently serves as Scoutmaster. Past leadership positions include den leader, pack committee member, Cubmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, unit commissioner and Friends

of Scouting Family Chair.

Gilbert has received the Adult Religious Service Award, Cubmaster Award, District Award of Merit, Tiger and Webelos Den Leader Awards, and the Unit Leader Award of Merit. Gilbert is an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow.

Gilbert is a dedicated member of his church, and has served as school board president, and coached various youth sports teams.



Alice Hamilton

Alice, of Flaming Arrow District, has been a Scouting volunteer for over eight years. She is currently a Cubmaster, troop committee member, district training chair and unit commissioner. Alice has previously served as a pack committee member,

Varsity Scout leader, Twilight Camp staffer, Activity Day chair, Recognition Dinner chair, Cub Leader Pow Wow chair, council Cub Scouting Committee member, University of Scouting staffer, Wood Badge staffer and council InSTEP committee member.

Alice has received the Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scouter's Training Award, and the LDS Adult Religious Award.

Alice is very involved in a variety of roles with her church.



Richard Harrison

Richard has served Scouting for 17 years as an adult volunteer leader in Brazos District and Tomahawk District. He serves as a crew advisor, unit commissioner and troop committee member. Past leadership positions include pack committee member,

assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, crew advisor, district committee member, day camp staff, University of Scouting trainer, Council First Aid Meet staffer, and Wood Badge staffer.

He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Richard has been awarded the Brazos District Family of the Year Award, district Gator Award and the Scoutmaster's Key.

Richard has served in various roles in his church, Fort Bend County Medical Corp, Citizens Emergency Response Team, Habitat for Humanity, and Special Olympics.



Kim Icenhower

Kim has been an active Scouter in Thunder Wolf District for 21 years. She currently serves as the district vice chair. Kim has previously served as pack committee chair, and den leader, troop committee chair, unit commissioner, district committee member, district training team member, Cub Leader Pow Wow trainer and University of Scouting and NYLT registration staff.

She has attended Philmont Training Center and Wood Badge. Kim has been honored with the District Award of Merit and district Family of the Year.

Kim is a strong community volunteer working with the Parent Teacher Association, Future Farmers of America, church, Fort Bend Cares, Girl Scouts and Fort Bend Buyers Group.



David Jackson

David has been an adult leader in Scouting for the past 13 years in W.L. Davis District. He is an assistant Scoutmaster and charter organization representative. David has served as committee chair, Tiger Cub den leader, merit badge counselor, Webelos leader, district finance chair, Twilight Camp host, University of Scouting staffer and Pinewood Derby host for various packs.

David is Wood Badge trained. During his tenure in Scouting, he has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Scouter's Training Award for Boy Scouting and the W.L. Davis District Outstanding Service Award.

David volunteers at his church, the Houston Food Bank and the Houston Independent School District Dropout Prevention Program and performs community service projects with his fraternity.



Kevin Meier

Kevin is an Eagle Scout and has served Scouting for 35 years in Soaring Eagle District and former Rising Star district. He currently serves as a district committee member. Kevin has previously served as Webelos leader, pack committee member, pack committee chair, chartered organization representative, assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, troop committee member, troop committee chair, merit badge counselor, district committee vice chair, and district committee chair.

He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, the LDS Adult Religious Service Award, Scoutmaster's Key, Scouter's Key, and Webelos Den Leader Award. He is Wood Badge trained and has served on Wood Badge staff.

Kevin is very active in his church and serves in a variety of roles.



Deborah McKinney

Deborah has been a volunteer in Golden Arrow District and W.L. Davis District for over 17 years. She is a troop committee chair and district finance committee chair. Deborah has served as committee member, twilight camp chair, district Scout Fair chair and University of Scouting trainer.

Deborah has been honored with the District Award of Merit and Scouters' Training Award, and is Wood Badge trained.

Deborah volunteers at her church, with the Girls Scouts and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.



Robert Mendoza

Robert has been an active adult leader in Eagle Trail District for 21 years. He is currently the district commissioner. Robert has previously served as pack committee chair, Scoutmaster, chartered organization representative, unit commissioner, district advancement chair, district training committee member and district membership committee member.

Robert has received the District Award of Merit, Unit Leader Award of Merit and the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award. Robert is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned a Doctorate of Commissioner Science.

He volunteers with the Columbian Squires, Girl Scouts, a variety of youth sports teams, and a mentoring program.



Art Mowad

Art, of Tall Timbers District, has served Scouting for 23 years. He serves as a chartered organization representative and assistant district commissioner. Past leadership positions include Cubmaster, pack committee chair, assistant

Scoutmaster, troop committee member and chair, crew committee member and chair, ship committee member and chair, unit commissioner and Wood Badge staffer.

He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Commissioner Award of Excellence, Commissioner Key and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award.

Art serves as an American Red Cross instructor and canoe instructor for various organizations.



Jeffrey Neuman

Jeffrey, of Tall Timbers District, has been a Scouting volunteer for over 16 years. He serves as the troop committee chair, district advancement chair and council conservation committee member. Past leadership positions include Webelos leader, Scoutmaster, day camp staffer, Winter Camp staffer and University of Scouting trainer.

He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. He has received the Den Leader Training Award and Webelos Den Leader Award.

Outside of Scouting, Jeffrey volunteers with an amateur radio club.



Carl Privette

Carl has served Scouting as an adult leader for 32 years in Raven District. He is currently a district committee member, troop committee member and pack committee member. Carl has previously served as Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, pack

committee member, Scoutmaster, troop committee member, chartered organization representative, crew committee member, unit commissioner, district training committee member, day camp staffer, Fun with Son staffer, and SHAC Corps volunteer.

He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Carl has received the District Award of Merit, Methodist Flamed Cross Award, Commissioner Key, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, Scouter's Key, and William D. Boyce Unit Organizer Award.

Carl is a blood drive volunteer, liaison for the Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition, and serves the neighborhood elderly.



Stephen Randolph

Stephen has been active in Scouting for over 14 years in Orion District. He currently serves as a unit commissioner, assistant district commissioner, and the district training chair. Past leadership positions include Cubmaster, pack committee chair, Scoutmaster, troop committee chair, Roundtable commissioner, district training chair, district committee member at large, University of Scouting staff, SHAC Jam staff, and day camp staff.

Stephen has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, God and Service Award, district Family of the Year, Cubmaster Award, and Cub Scouter Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Stephen has served on his church board, school band, Junior Achievement, and coaching youth sports.



Amy Taylor

Over the past 16 years, Amy has been a Scouting volunteer in Polaris District, Phoenix District and Iron Horse District. She is a mate, district committee member and unit commissioner. She has staffed multiple events including day camp, Cub

Scout Leader Pow Wow, Venturing Summit, and has served on the district membership committee, and as course director for National Youth Leadership Training.

Amy has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, various district awards and the Boy Scout Training Award.

She has volunteered at the Barbara Bush Friends of the Library, church, 4-H club, Parent Teacher Association and Citizens Emergency Response Team.