

Iron Horse District Newsletter

January 14, 2010

Engineering a Brighter Future for Scouting in Our Community

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January 2010

- 14 - Round Table/OA Meeting
- 14 - January Recharter Turn In
- 15 - Due Date for January Recharterers
- 30 - Scouting for Food Bag/Flyer Distribution
- 30 - Iron Horse District Dinner

February 2010

- 4 - District Committee Meeting
- 6 - Scouting for Food Pick Up/Delivery
- 9 - Recharter Turn In
- 11 - Round Table/OA Meeting
- 11 - Recharter Turn In
- 13 - University of Scouting
- 15 - Due Date for February Recharterers
- 18 - Celebration at Minute Maid Park 100th Ann
- 19 - Quarterly Business Meeting
- 20 - Ten Commandments Hike

Iron Horse Eagles

- Joseph Thomas Ledwig - Troop 878
- Blake Anthony Silski - Troop 1961
- Chance W. Willis - Troop 331
- Samuel Webb Sexton - Troop 1659
- Daniel Alan Harr - Troop 331
- Jonathon R Wiederhold - Troop 355
- Dallin Rodriguez - Team 594
- Nathaniel "Nate" Lee Arnold - Troop 1659
- John O'Hearne - Troop 878
- David Cavazos - Troop 1988

Iron Horse District is 57 Units Strong!

And growing... We have increased our size by over 300 youth, and we're looking for support. How can you help? Become a unit commissioner, mentor new leaders, represent

Scouting at school open houses and PTO meetings. Get to know the principals and APs in the schools and find out how Scouts can perform service there.



ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA)
TROOP OA ELECTIONS...are over! And...Daisy did her Ordeal!!!

Chapter Meetings - These meetings are held for the benefit of the youth OA members. Meetings typically will briefly cover upcoming OA events and have a special guest or activity targeted towards making the meeting fun and interesting. Adult OA members are asked to check-in with the advisers so we can let you know what's coming up. Iron Horse Chapter meetings are held the second Thursday of every month 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the LDS Church on Hafer Road, just about a mile south of FM 1960. Same time and place as Round Table ... Leaders, please car pool with OA members from your unit.

TRAINING - Remember - all of our youth deserve to have trained leaders. There will be new opportunities to train in the spring. If you would like to have training at the unit level, please contact Steve Rollings for details.

The 1st Annual Iron Horse District Dinner The date is January 30, 2010, the location is Cypress Trails United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$18 each, tables of 8 are \$130. Come help us celebrate! See the website or Traci Talley for more details.

100th Anniversary of Scouting - there are five big events coming up to celebrate this historic occasion: **Scouting for Food** - January 30 and February 6; **Celebration at Minute Maid Park** - February 18; **Scout Fair** - April 24; **Summer Camps** at Council campgrounds; and **SHAC Jam!!!** - October 8. There will also be a traveling exhibit at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, housed in an 18-wheeler - many things to see and do. **Make plans now to attend each event, and get the five parts to the centennial patch. There will be activities for Scouts and Scouters of all ages and ranks at each of the planned events. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement...and the adventure of a lifetime!!! For more information, see Traci Talley or visit the SHAC website - www.samhoustonbsa.org.**

Friends of Scouting - the annual campaign is underway for 2010. There are a number of presentations planned already. If your unit has not scheduled a presentation, please see Patty Barnum to get on the calendar. And Patty is looking for presenters. If you are interested, willing and able, sign up with Patty to be a part of this year's team.

Health and Safety - are you First Aid and CPR trained? Would you like to be? Sandra Rawlins is recruiting Scouters to be a part of our Health and Safety team to assist with training, and to serve with the First Aid team at district events. To get signed up to train or be trained, or to serve during events and activities, see Sandra Rawlins.

Spring Recruiting - it's hard to believe it's just right around the corner, seems like we just finished Fall Recruitment...now is a good time to start thinking about creative and innovative ways to encourage new youth and adults to come and be a part of the excitement that IS Boy Scouts! See Amy Taylor for assistance in scheduling a spring rally.

Wood Badge - there are currently two spring courses accepting registrations. They are: **SR-1023** March 4-6 and March 25-27, 2010 (Thursday through Saturday); and **SR-1024** April 9-11 and April 30-May 2, 2010 (Friday through Sunday). And there is one fall course for 2010 - **SR-1069** October 29 - 31 and November 19-21 (Friday through Sunday). For more information or to get an application, go to the SHAC website - www.samhoustonbsa.org, or talk to any Scouter wearing beads.

University of Scouting - coming up on Saturday, February 13 at MacArthur High School. Don't miss it! There are some new courses this year. Check out the sessions list and get a registration form from the SHAC website - www.samhoustonbsa.org, click on TRAINING.

Commissioner Service - unit commissioners are a valuable resource and source of support to our units. The commissioner team is looking for some Scouters who would be interested in serving units in this capacity. If you would like to serve, or would just like to know more about commissioner service, please see Carla Burnett or one of the ADCs - Frank Stevens, Frank Pesce, Jerry Birkinshaw or June Stanton.

District Communications - having a good communications system is critical to getting information out in a timely manner. If you have not yet signed up on the email list, please visit the Iron Horse website - www.ironhorseshac.org - and register to receive district communications. We have a lot to share, and we don't want anyone to miss out!!!