

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

**2012  
Annual Recognition Reception**



**Chapelwood United Methodist Church**

**October 15, 2012**

# 2012 Annual Recognition Reception

Master of Ceremony .....	Giff Nielsen
Opening .....	Troop 469 and Crew 469
Tribute to Service .....	Congressman Ted Poe
Roll Call to Service .....	Frank Tsuru
Lifesaving Awards .....	The Honorable Edith Jones
Silver Beaver Awards Presentation .....	Roger Mosby Jerry Fochtman
Challenge to Service .....	Stan Stanley

Reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.





## 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.

The elite list of Distinguished Eagle Scouts named below 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  
Lawrence W. Kellner

Thomas A. Krouskop  
Jack L. Lander, Jr.  
James A. Lovell, Jr.  
William P. Lucas  
Douglas G. MacLean  
Carrington Mason  
Thomas Milton 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



## Heroism Award

The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader. The action taken need not involve attempts of rescue at risk to self but must put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals.

Upon nomination by the Sam Houston Area Council, the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America has authorized the presentation of the Heroism Award to the following:

Dylan Hope

Drake Lapaglia

Justin "Butch" Lappin



## 2012 Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor and upon the nomination of the Sam Houston Area Council presents the Silver Beaver Award to persons for their distinguished service to youth. The Sam Houston Area Council makes a limited number of nominations each year, according to the total number of units registered in the Council.

This award is bestowed for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered adult volunteers. The award may not be applied for personally, only those person who have been nominated by their Scouting peers are considered.

Upon nomination by 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:



## *Colleen Austin*

Colleen Austin has been an active Scouter in Skyline District for 9 years. She is currently a Crew Advisor, Assistant Scout Master, Venturing Roundtable Commissioner, District Committee member and Merit Badge Counselor. Colleen has previously served as District Vice Chair, Unit Commissioner, Webelos Den Leader, Cub Scout Assistant Den Leader and Tiger Cub Coach.

Colleen has earned the Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Cub Scout Pack Trainer Award and Boy Scout Leader's Training Award. She has been honored with the District Award of Merit. Colleen is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. She has staffed National Youth Leadership Training and the National Scout Jamboree.

Colleen is a volunteer for the Houston Livestock and Rodeo and an instructor for the National Rifle Association.



## *Jon Bennett*

Eagle Scout Jon Bennett of the Arrowmoon District has served Scouting for 20 years. He is a Scoutmaster and Chartered Organization Representative of a Ship. Jon has served as Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Troop Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, District Committee Member, Merit Badge Counselor, and District Advancement Chair.

Jon has received the District Award of Merit, Arrow of Light, Adult Religious Award, Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scoutmaster's Key, Boy Scout Leader's Training Award, and Unit Leader Award of Merit. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Jon is Wood Badge trained and has served on the staffs of both Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training.

Jon is an active Member of A&M United Methodist Church where he has served in various roles including Sunday School Teacher and leader for mission trips.



## *Forrest Bjerkaas*

Forrest Bjerkaas has served Scouting for 11 years in the Mustang and Texas Skies Districts. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Chartered Organization Representative, Merit Badge Counselor and Assistant Council Commissioner. He has served as an Assistant Den Leader, Cubmaster, Cub Scout Roundtable staff, Boy Scout Roundtable staff, Assistant District Commissioner and District

Commissioner.

Forrest has received the Scouter's Training Award, the Scouter's Key, the District Award of Merit, the Arrowhead Honor, the Robert T. Root Commissioner Award and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has the James E. West Fellowship Award.

Forrest serves as an Elder at Redeemer Community Church where he also teaches Sunday School and is a Community Group Leader. He is a volunteer with the Katy Independent School District in many areas including the Trouble Youth Program, Junior Achievement and Partners in Education Board.



## *Hazel Buck*

Hazel Buck of the Raven District has served Scouting for over 40 years. She is a Den Leader. She has served as a Charter Organization Representative, Pack Committee Member, Committee Chair, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Tiger Cub Coach, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Merit Badge Counselor, Cub Scout Roundtable Staff and on the District Committee.

Hazel has received the J.P. White District Lifetime Achievement Award and the Siempre Listo Award. She is a recipient of the God and Service Award. Hazel has trained at the Philmont Training Center and Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow.

Hazel is a member of Market Street Baptist Church where she has served as the Senior Activity Coordinator, Senior Program scheduler and Advisory Board Member and founded the Ladies Sunday School Program.



## *Carla Burnett*

Carla Burnett of the Iron Horse District has been an adult leader in Scouting for the past 15 years. She is the District Commissioner for Iron Horse District. She has served as Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Chartered Organization Representative, District Vice Chair, Assistant District Commissioner and District Committee Member.

Carla has completed Wood Badge Training and has staffed multiple Wood Badge Courses. She is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Carla has been recognized with the Unit Leader Award of Merit, the District Award of Merit, and the Methodist Cross and Flame.

Carla is a member of Cypress Trails United Methodist Church where she is active on many fronts, including leading UM Army Youth Mission trips.



## *Bill Carr*

Eagle Scout William (Bill) Carr has served Scouting for 14 years in the Mustang District. He is a Council Executive Board Member and serves on the Audit Committee. Bill is also a Council Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor. He has served as the Chairman of Scout Fair for three years and as Assistant Scout Fair Chair for one year prior.

Bill is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Bill is a member of Chapelwood United Methodist Church. Bill has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the United Guaranty Corporation, Chartis, SureTec, and SunAmerica.





## *Monica Cross*

Monica Cross of the Phoenix District has served Scouting for 13 years. She currently serves as Crew Advisor and District Committee Member. She has served as a Committee Member, Unit Commissioner and Merit Badge Counselor.

Monica has been awarded the Scouter Training award, Scouter's Key, Unit Leader Award of Merit, God and Country Award, Venturing Leadership Award and District Award of Merit. She is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow. Monica has completed Wood Badge Training, Powder Horn and attended training at the Philmont Training Center. Monica is active in Venturing and High Adventure trainings as both a trainer and Course Director for Kodiak.

Monica is a member of Christ Church Cathedral where she has served as a Sunday School teacher. She is a supporter of the Champions Roller World National Skate Team, and has been a mentor of high school students.



## *Dannie Davis*

Dannie Davis has served Scouting for 19 years in the Skyline and W.L. Davis Districts. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster. He has served as a Den Leader, Assistant Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Associate Crew Advisor, District Committee Member, Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser, and Council Committee member.

Dannie has received the District Award of Merit, Skyline District Family of the Year Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award and Scouter's Training Award. He is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow, and has completed Wood Badge Training.

Dannie has served as a Sunday School Assistant, Children's Assistant Puppeteer and Army Youth Group Leader at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, and has done various service projects with Men's Groups. He has served in various roles for the Woodland Heights Civic Club, school Band Booster, PTO and Little League.



## *Bernard Groce*

Eagle Scout Bernard Groce has been an adult leader in Scouting for the past 11 years. He is a Scoutmaster. He has served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Course Director for National Youth Leadership Training and staffed Wood Badge, Trainer's EDGE and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience course at Philmont.

Bernard has received the District Award of Merit. He is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow and has completed Wood Badge training. He has been recognized with the Bayshore District Family of the Year, Bayshore District Order of the Arrow Chapter Carol Edson Award, and the Catholic Scouting Committee Bronze Pelican and Scroll of Honor.

Bernard is a member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church and provides youth karate instruction.



## *Sam Grover*

Stephen "Sam" Grover has been an active Scouter for 29 years serving in the Arrowhead, Tomahawk and North Star Districts. He is a Troop Committee member, Council Committee Member and Chairman of the SHAC Ten Commandments Hike. Sam has served as District Chairman, Council Board Member, Unit Commissioner, Troop Committee Chair and Member, Merit Badge Counselor, Charter

Organization Representative, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant Varsity Coach and Crew Advisor.

Sam has received the District Award of Merit, Scouter's Training Award and Youth and Adult Religious Awards. He is Wood Badge trained and has served on Wood Badge staff.

Sam is an active member of the Richmond Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has served as a Bishop of the Mission Bend Ward, Stake Young Men's President in the Richmond Stake of the LDS Church and High Councilor.



## *Fabian Guerra*

Fabian Guerra has served Scouting for 21 years in the Rising Star and Copperhead Districts. He is currently a Merit Badge Counselor. He has previously served as a Tiger Cub Coach, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Chartered Organization Representative and Unit Commissioner.

Fabian earned the Arrow of Light Award, and is a recipient of the Den Leader award, Cub Scouter Award and District Award of Merit. He is an Ordeal member in the Order of the Arrow.

Fabian is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. He is a Fourth Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, and works with young adults to help them prepare for the sacrament of confirmation. He also volunteers with Special Olympics.



## *Cathey Harrison*

Cathey Harrison has been an active Scouter in Skyline District for 11 years. She currently serves as the District Commissioner Troop Committee member and Merit Badge Counselor. She has previously served as Assistant District Commissioner, Unit Commissioner, District Vice Chair, District Committee Member and Boy Scout Roundtable Staff, Webelos Den Leader, Den

Leader, and Tiger Cub Coach.

Cathey has received the Cub Scouter Award and Webelos Den Leader Award. She has been honored by the Skyline District with the District Award of Merit and Family of the Year. Cathey is Wood Badge trained and has staffed Wood Badge.

Cathey is an active member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. She is the Christian Education Director, Emeritus for the church's religious instruction of the youth and adults. Cathey also volunteers at the Heights Rotary Club and Opera in the Heights.



## *Jim Huguenard*

James “Jim” Huguenard has been involved in Golden Arrow District for over 13 years. He currently serves on the Council Executive Board and is a Charter Organization Representative, Troop Committee Member and District Vice Chair. Jim has served as Tiger Cub Coach, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Pack Committee Member, and Pack Committee Chair.

Jim is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Jim has completed Wood Badge training and has served as trainer for University of Scouting and Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow. He has been recognized with the Tiger Leader Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Unit Service Award, and District Service Award, Scouter's Key and District Award of Merit.

Jim is a member of Bethel Church and is a volunteer at Second Baptist School, where he has served as President of the Eagle Athletic Booster Club and the Parent Association Board.



## *Victor Koosh*

Eagle Scout Victor Koosh has served Scouting as an adult volunteer for 17 years. He is a Council Executive Board Member and serves as a Council Committee Member. Victor has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Associate Crew Advisor, District Committee and Associate Lodge Adviser for Colonneh Lodge.

Victor is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow and is a recipient of the Order of the Arrow Founder's Award. He earned the Arrow of Light and is a STET Award recipient and lifetime member of Alpha Phi Omega.

Victor is a member of Emerson UU Church where he is a Choir Member, and serves on the Stewardship Committee. He is on the board of Prepared 4 Life, where he works with Lemonade Day.



## *Louis Koronka*

Louis Koronka has served as a leader in Scouting for 15 years in the Arrowmoor District. Louis serves as an Advisor for both a Crew and Post chartered by the Brazos County Sheriff's Office. He has served as a Unit Commissioner and District Committee Member.

Louis has received the Arrow of Light Award, District Award of Merit Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Scouter's Training Award, Venturing Training Award, Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, Regional Venturing Leadership Award, Distinguished Commissioner Award, Arrowhead Honor Award, Commissioner Key and Explorer Advisor Key.

Louis is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a Master Mason. He works with the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR program in providing instruction to youth and adults. Louis conducts activities for youth in the community including fingerprinting, checking of child safety seats and NRA firearm instruction.



## *Melissa Locke*

Melissa Locke has served in Scouting for 19 years in Brahman District. She is currently a Committee Chair, Charter Organization Representative and Unit Commissioner. She has served as Tiger Cub Den Leader, Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Cub Scout Day Camp Staff and Archery and Horsemanship instructor at El Rancho Cima.

Melissa has completed Wood Badge training and served as an instructor at University of Scouting.

She is heavily involved in the East Bernard community and schools. She has been selected by the East Bernard Chamber of Commerce as the Citizen of the Year for her work with youth in Scouting, 4-H and school activities and was selected to serve as Grand Marshal of the Christmas Parade.



## *Mike McNally*

Mike McNally has been a Scouter in the David Crockett District for 11 years. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster, District Committee Member, Unit Commissioner, Merit Badge Counselor and Associate Chapter Adviser for the Order of the Arrow. He has served as a Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Cubmaster. He has trained at Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow, University

of Scouting and Wood Badge.

Mike has received the David Crockett District Award of Merit. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has completed Wood Badge Training.

Mike is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He has served as a volunteer firefighter with the Berlin, Mill Creek, Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department, and is currently serving as Fire Chief.



## *Cecil McConnell, Jr.*

Cecil McConnell Jr. has been an active Scouter in the Flaming Arrow and Raven Districts for over 15 years. He currently serves as the Committee Chairman and District Committee member. Cecil has served as a Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, and Unit Commissioner. He has served as a trainer at many District and Council events including University of

Scouting.

Cecil has received the District Award of Merit, Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Arrowhead Honor and the James E. West Society Fellowship Award. Cecil is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has completed Wood Badge Training.

Cecil is an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Post, District, State, and National levels, and was honored with the VFW's Community Organization Award. He is the Post Scouting Chairman, District Scouting Chairman, part of the State and National Scouting Team, and has served as coach for youth soccer and baseball.



## *Cathy McFarland*

Cathy McFarland has been active as an adult leader in Scouting for over 21 years in the former Tomahawk and now Thunder Wolf District. She is currently a District Committee Member and Troop Committee Member. She has served as District Vice Chair in both Tomahawk and Thunder Wolf Districts.

Cathy has been honored with the District Award of Merit and the District Family of the Year Award.

Cathy is a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church, where she has served as a Youth Group Chaperone and Deacon. She has served as President and as a volunteer for the Elkins High School Pro Grad organization. Cathy has volunteered with the school's Y.E.S. program at the local elementary, middle and high schools, Girl Scouts, and as Block Safety Mom and Team Mom for the swim team, soccer team and Little League team.



## *Gary Moore*

Gary Moore of the Brazos District has been a Scouting volunteer for 21 years. He currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster and District Committee Member. He has served as a Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor and Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner.

Gary has been honored with the District Award of Merit and Brazos District Gator Award. Gary has completed Wood Badge training, and has served on Wood Badge Staff. He has served as a trainer for Trainers EDGE.

Gary is a member of Triumph Christian Church in Rosenberg, where he served as a member of the setup team. He has been a board member of the Lamar Band Booster Club. Gary is a member of the Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist.



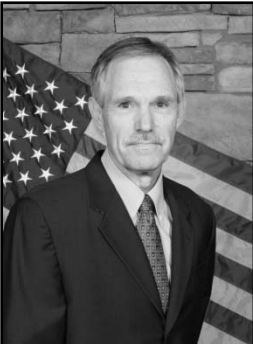
## *Zeb Nash*

Zebulun "Zeb" Nash has been active in Scouting for 15 years in the W. L. Davis District. He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor. He has served as Scoutmaster, Committee Member and Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser for W. L. Davis District. Zeb has served on the staffs of two National Jamborees, the 100 Anniversary World Jamboree, University of

Scouting and Wood Badge.

Zeb is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been recognized with the Scoutmaster's Key and is Wood Badge trained.

Zeb is active with the Missouri University S & T Board of Trustees and Alumni Association, having served as President of the Alumni Association. Zeb is responsible for the creation of two scholarships at the University. He served with the Family Service Center of Houston as a Director for 6 years. He has also served as a volunteer with the Peace Corps in Kenya, East Africa.



## *Mike Patrick*

Mike Patrick has been active in Scouting for the past 34 years. He is a Council Executive Board Member and Council Committee Member. He served in an advisory capacity with regard to property acquisition related to the Bovay Scout Ranch. Mike has served on many of the Councils' committees, most recently serving on the Properties Master Plan Committee.

Mike has served as a member of the Philmont Scout Ranch Executive Committee since 2008, and is currently a member of the Business and Finance Committee.

Mike is a member of the River Oaks Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon and member of the Finance Committee.





## *Cindy Scanland*

Cindy Scanland has served Scouting as an adult leader for 15 years, first in Polaris and now Phoenix District. She currently is the District Commissioner of the Phoenix District. Cindy has served as Tiger Cub Den Leader, Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader Committee Chair, Troop Committee Member, Crew Committee Chairman and Assistant District Commissioner.

Cindy is an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow. She has trained at University of Scouting and Philmont Training Center. Cindy has received the District Award of Merit, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Venturing Leadership Award, District Committee Key, Commissioner Key and Arrowhead Honor Award.

As a member of Kinsmen Lutheran Church, Cindy helped launched a new congregation, Celebration Church. She has served as a Sunday School Teacher and hospitality program leader. Cindy has volunteered in local schools in several areas including room mother, computer lab assistant, parent reader, event chaperone and orchestra board treasurer.



## *Chip Schneider*

Eagle Scout Chip Schneider is a member of the Board of Directors for the Sam Houston Area Council. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 641 at Chapelwood United Methodist Church. Chip has served on the Council's Board since 2007 and as its Treasurer since 2008.

As a young adult and then adult volunteer, Chip has represented the Council and South Central Region at many regional and national events, including serving as the National Vice President of Exploring. Chip joins his father and grandfather who are also past Silver Beaver recipients.

Chip and his family attend Memorial Drive United Methodist Church. He also serves as an Advisory Board Member for The Woods Project, and is a recent past member of the St. Pius X School Board.



## *Bob Shrewsberry*

Bob Shrewsberry has served Scouting as an adult volunteer for 17 years. He is currently a Committee Member and Campmaster at Camp Strake. Bob has served as a Troop Committee Chair, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, District Committee Member, Merit Badge Counselor and as Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster at several National Scout Jamborees.

Bob is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and is Wood Badge trained. He has received the District Award of Merit, Tall Timbers Pine Cone Award and the Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Cub Scouter and Scouter awards.

Bob is a member of The Woodlands United Methodist Church. He is a member of the National Rifle Association where he is an Instructor for youth shooting sports. Bob has served the South Montgomery County Fire Department as Executive Board Member and Firefighter.



## *Kevin Smith*

Donald “Kevin” Smith has been active as an adult leader in Scouting for over 14 years in the George Strake District. He currently is the Committee Chair, District Committee Member, Assistant District Commissioner, and Unit Commissioner. Kevin has served in various leadership roles at the pack, troop and crew levels, and as District Chair, District Vice Chair, Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Council Committee

Member, Winter Camp Director and Horseshoe Bend Summer Camp Director.

Kevin has been honored with the District Award of Merit and District Family of the Year Award. He has completed Wood Badge training.

Kevin volunteers in various roles for St. Paul Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, Project Grad, Robert Josey Scout Lodge Board of Directors, Girl Scouts, youth sports and a golf tournament for student scholarships.



## *Jennifer Spangle*

Jennifer has served Scouting for 10 years in the Mustang and Texas Skies Districts. She is currently a Council Committee Member, District Advancement Chairman, Troop committee member, and serves as the Coordinator for the Sam Houston Area Council's InSTEP Program.

She has previously served as a Tiger Cub Coach, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Unit Commissioner, Cub Scout Roundtable Staff and Cub Scout Day Camp Staff.

Jennifer has earned the Tiger Cub Leader award, Cub Scouter award, Scouter's Training award and District Award of Merit. She is Wood Badge trained and has served on Wood Badge staff.

Jennifer is a member of Epiphany Catholic Community where she is the craft coordinator. She is a Karate instructor with Sealy YMCA.



## *Derek Spier*

Derek Spier has been active in Scouting for 15 years. He currently serves as Scoutmaster, Council Committee Chair of COPE and El Rancho Cima Summer Camp Director. He has served as Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair, Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Cub Scout Roundtable Staff, and Boy Scout Roundtable Staff and National Youth Leadership Training Staff.

Derek has attended National Camping School, Philmont Training Center Conference, and Wood Badge. He is the recipient of the James E. West Fellowship Award, District Award of Merit, and Family of the Year Award. Derek is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

Derek serves as the Chair on the Katy First United Methodist Church Stewardship Committee. He worked with the Sharpstown Middle School Gang Task Force unit where he was able to help numerous individuals get out and stay out of gangs.



## *Julie Spier*

Julie Spier has been an adult leader in the Mustang and Texas Skies Districts for 15 years. She is a Unit Commissioner, Committee Chair and Webelos Den Leader. Julie has served as a Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair, Committee Member, Tiger Cub Coach, Den Leader, Merit Badge Counselor, and Council Member at Large. She has staffed multiple Wood Badge

courses and trained at the Philmont Scout Training Center.

Julie has been recognized with the District Award of Merit and Mustang Family of the Year Award.

Julie is an active member of First United Methodist Church of Katy. She has served as Treasurer of the Katy High School Band Booster organization. She is an UH College of Pharmacy alumni supporter where she assists in helping current and former students.



## *Karen Stancik*

Karen Stancik has served Scouting for 12 years as a leader in the Polaris and now Phoenix Districts. She is a Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner and District Committee Member. Karen has served as Cub Scout Den Leader, Cubmaster, Troop Committee Chairman, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, Philmont Trek Advisor, National Jamboree Second Assistant

Scoutmaster, Wood Badge staff and National Youth Leadership Training staff.

Karen received the District Award of Merit and earned the Scouter Training Award, and Scouter's Key. She is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Karen has completed Trainers EDGE and Wood Badge.

Karen is a member of Silver Springs Baptist Church and is active in vacation Bible School. She and her family grow fresh produce in their home garden for local food pantries. Karen helped her community after floods and served on the county committee to establish flood control policies.



## *Buddy Sullivan*

Buddy Sullivan has served Scouting for 15 years as an adult volunteer leader in Polaris and Phoenix Districts. He is a Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Unit Commissioner and District Committee Member. Buddy has served as a Cubmaster, Den Leader, Tiger Cub Coach, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant District Commissioner, and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Buddy has been awarded the Polaris District Whitney Award and District Award of Merit. He is Wood Badge trained and has earned the Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Training Award, Cubmaster Award, and Boy Scout Leader Training Award.

Buddy is a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church. He has served as a Girl Scout Leader and the Cypresswood Swim Team in various capacities. Buddy has chaperoned numerous youth trips to locations far and wide for his church, Strack Intermediate, Ulrich Intermediate and Klein Collins High School.



## *Luis Velazquez*

Luis Velazquez has been an adult leader in Scouting for the past 14 years in Golden Arrow District. He currently serves as a Unit Committee Member, Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Committee Chair.

Luis has completed Wood Badge Training, and staffed multiple Wood Badge courses, including serving as a Wood Badge Course Director. Luis is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has staffed at University of Scouting and Cub Scout Pow-Wow.

Luis is an active member of the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church community. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, he coordinated soccer and basketball tournaments, blood drives and improvement projects for the church and the community. Luis also serves local public schools and mentors high school youth.



## *Bill Weisemann*

Eagle Scout Bill Weisemann has been a Scouting volunteer in the Polaris and Orion Districts for over 15 years. He is a Unit Commissioner, Merit Badge Counselor, District Committee Member and Assistant Council Commissioner. Bill has served as Unit Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, District Vice Chair, and Assistant District Commissioner. Bill has served on staff for

many district and council events including Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow, University of Scouting, and Wood Badge.

Bill has been honored with the District Award of Merit. He has received the Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, the District Committee Key, and Commissioner Arrowhead. Bill is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has completed Wood Badge Training.

Bill is an active member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church community.



## *Aaron Williamson*

Eagle Scout Aaron Williamson of the George Strake District has been a Scouting volunteer for over 18 years. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Chartered Organization Representative, District Chairman and serves on the Council Board of Directors. Aaron previously served as a Scoutmaster, Committee Chair and Assistant Cubmaster in other Councils.

Aaron is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has completed training at Wood Badge and Philmont Training Center. He has received the Arrow of Light, District Award of Merit, Community Organization Award, Cub Scouter Training Award, Scouter's Training Award, James West Fellowship Award, William Boyce Award, Faith in God Award and On My Honor Award.

Aaron is a member of the Spring Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where he has served in the Bishopric. He serves as President of the Historic Montgomery Business Association and is on the board of Montgomery United. Aaron has worked on behalf of food drives, blood drives, toy drives, firefighter donations and kids' cancer camps.

# 2011 Highlights

## Sam Houston Area Council

### MEMBERSHIP

49,884	Registered Scouts in traditional programs
20,015	Registered volunteer adult leaders
1,759	Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Units (192 new units)
66.6%	Districts recognized for a <i>Journey to Excellence</i> Quality program
2,452	Explorers
7,647	Young Adults in Learning for Life
36%	"At-Risk" youth served by Scouting through Scoutreach

### CAMPING

80,371	Total number of days camped at the Council's five camps
36,254	Total nights camped by Scouts at the Council's five camps
7,577	Acres available for youth camping maintained and operated by the Council

### PROGRAM

170,497	Pounds of Food donated during Scouting for Food
35,101	Total advancements earned
40,139	Merit badges earned
3,285	Order of the Arrow, Colonneh Lodge members

### 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	Estimated dollar amount spent to support each youth involved in a program

### RECOGNITION

946	Eagle Scouts
30	Silver Beaver recipients
14	Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor recipients

**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, Reverent.



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