

**Soaring Eagle District
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road
Oct. 7, 2014**

Attending were Neal Farmer, Steve Ware, Bob Steubing, Bob Dunn, Bobby Hale, Ajey Chandra, Robert Ausmus, Tony Hensdill, Vickie Oehring, Becca Franco, Mike Walker, Mike Kapser, Bob Hohne, Kelly Kenney, Bob Weenig, Steve Hargis, Vickie Oehring and Klaus Oehring.

Opening: American Pledge of Allegiance and Scout law by Steve Ware.

Prayer by: Steve Ware.

FINANCE

On-line popcorn sales have begun. Erick Craig is the popcorn kernel. Our goal is to sell \$105,418, after selling about \$96,000 last year. Eighteen units have signed up to sell popcorn, which is 89 percent of our participation goal set by the Council.

We plan on having a fourth Patron's Dinner this February or March. The idea is to invite area businesses to buy tables, which will allow us to raise less money from families in the District. Klaus Oehring is working on this project and could use some volunteers.

A speaker has been asked to headline the event, but there has not yet been confirmation. The goal is to sell 8-10 tables at \$2,000 each to area businesses, and sell seats to Scouters who want to attend the dinner near cost. We are hoping to have the event again at Gyrodata, off of U.S. 290 near Cy-Fair High School. We also will recognize a Business Partner of the Year for Soaring Eagle District at the gala.

Klaus is looking for volunteers to host and sponsor a table for the Patron's Dinner.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership vice chairman Griff Danheim is working to get **adult volunteers** to assist with recruiting on the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing levels. Please let him know if you can serve on a membership committee.

We currently have 1,463 youths in the District; this time last year when we had 1,329. We have 71 units, which is down from 72 last year at this time. We have put the paperwork in place for a new Pack 396 at Hairgrove Elementary School, which would give us 72 units. Kids who join Scouting by Oct. 31 will receive a Whirly-Wheeler, which shoots into the air and has colorful lights.

The best way to recruit for Scouts is to replace yourself each year with a friend, relative or neighbor.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 9, at the LDS Chapel at 10055 West Road and Wheatland. They will go directly to the gym to be trained in how to fill out a re-charter. We had 38 defective re-charters last year, which was among the worst in the Council. Our hope is to not receive that same distinction this year. Re-charters are due in December.

The Boy Scout Roundtable and Cub Scout Roundtable also will meet at 7 p.m. Cubs will go over re-chartering – please send two people from your unit to that retraining. The Boy Scouts will have Greg Leub talk about what Life Scouts can do to receive the Eagle rank.

Please enter your commissioner visits on the UVTS section of scouting.org.

Commissioners must be trained, or they will be removed as a commissioner by year's end. They will not be removed from Boy Scouts. Check with Vickie Oehring at vickieoehring@yahoo.com for more information.

Commissioners are asked to check with their units to make sure that the units have started recording Journey to Excellence points now, rather than waiting until November.

We still have nine units that do not have a commissioner. Commissioners visited 55 units in September, which represented 19 different units. Earlier in the year, only nine units had been visited.

PROGRAMS

TRAINING

Scoutmaster Specific Training (part 1) was held Sept. 17, at Outback Grill. But the **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills** and **Scoutmaster Specific Training (part 2 and 3)** was postponed due to inclement weather.

The current plan is to have the IOLS and SST training on Nov. 7-8-9. To register or for questions, please contact Bob Steubing at bsteubing@comcast.net.

Bob will propose to the trainers in Copperhead District and Big Cypress District the idea of combining the training of the individual districts into one big training event. The idea is that more people will want to attend and the training will be more fun.

Tiger Day on Oct. 4 was a roaring success for those who attended. Tiger Stuff will be on sale at Roundtable on Oct. 9 at discounted pricing from Scout Shop. This is a way to get Tiger-specific items under what they cost at the Scout Shop.

Please contact Bob Steubing at bsteubing@comcast.net if your troop wants to go to the **Webelos to Scout Expo** in Oct. 24-25-26 at Bovay Scout Ranch. Cost is

\$22 per Webelos and \$2 for other members of the troop. Registration materials are on the District website at www.soaringeagledistrict.org.

At this point, we need more Webelos II Scouts to attend. Two twos have sent paperwork that they will attend, and four more troops have indicated that they will attend. Even if a Webelos II Scouts knows what troop he wants to go into next year, this is a required event for Webelos for the Arrow of Light award and it has way cool things that happen including the Transition Ceremony where each Webelos receives ceremonial feather for their Arrow Of Light Display Arrow.

The **Fun With Son** program for Cubs and an adult will be Fri.-Sat., Oct. 18-19, at Bovay Scout Ranch and Camp Strake. Adults from Soaring Eagle District will run the booths for leatherwork; beading; and mask-making and cape-making at Camp Strake. We need volunteers to assist with those three seminars. Contact Steve Ware to volunteer at steven.ware@dnow.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boy Scouts require that the **district have an election** each November for its leadership. Steve Hargis has agreed to serve as the election coordinator. He will contact people who want to be on the Soaring Eagle District committee. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Steve at shargis@gmail.com. District elections will be at the District Committee Meeting at 7 p.m., Tues., Nov. 4, at the LDS Chapel, 1055 West Road, which is an event that Steve will coordinate. People can still be on the Soaring Eagle District Committee after that, but Nov. 4 is the formal election that is required by Nationals.

Cub Scout Pow Wow is Sat., Nov. 8, at Aldine Davis High School, 12525 Ella Blvd., Houston, Texas 77067. There are classes for Scouters and Scouts at this extravaganza, which is well worth attending.

WEBSITE – The new Soaring Eagle District website is up and running. Go to www.soaringeagledistrict.net. Judy Lizarraga is the **website coordinator**.

A **Classroom Youth Protection Training** program will be held on Nov. 13, at the Roundtable at the LDS Chapel, 10055 West Road. Some Scout leaders may need the training for re-chartering, which is due in December.

Pushmobile is scheduled for the morning of Nov. 22. Tammy Keoning will be in charge, and will have information out to Cub leaders in the future.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS – Emblems coordinator Judy Lizarraga has put a link to all the religious emblems on the District website at www.soaringeagledistrict.org. Judy is putting together an e-mail list of emblem coordinators to coordinate news of that program's interest. You can e-mail Judy at judy@jdmitt.com.

Please send all updates for the website to the vice chair of your area. Those vice chairs are -- **Programs:** Becca Franco at francob@sbcglobal.net; **Finance:** Klaus Oehring at klausoe@gmail.com; and **Membership** to Griff Danheim at griff.danheim@sbcglobal.net.

FACEBOOK – The district has a **Facebook page, called “Soaring Eagle District.”** On Facebook, go to that site and ask to be friends, and you will be friended. Immediate information can be found on the Facebook page. Hundreds of pictures of recent events around the district are being posted on the page.

FIRST AID MEET – The **District First Aid Meet** will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Sat., Nov. 22, at Fairbanks United Methodist Church. The District First Aid Meet will determine the two Boy Scout patrols that are sent to the Council First Aid Meet, which is 8 a.m. to noon on Sat., Feb. 14. Please let Mike Walker know if you will participate so we can plan for the event. Contact Mike at mikekim001@aol.com. We will need to poll the troops to see if they would like to participate.

The Council Conservation Committee said that there are more than 200 projects that can be used for Eagle Scout projects. For more information, contact Griff Danheim at griff.danheim@sbcglobal.net. As per Council rules, all Eagle Scout projects must be cleared with SED’s Greg Lueb. Greg’s e-mail is gregwl@sbcglobal.net.

The SHAC **Day of Service** is Nov. 15, which is for a patch in the star that goes on the Scout uniform. The theme is working on the land. Bane Park has projects that need to be done, as well as others parks in the area. Contact information for the SHAC Day of Service will be placed on the District website at www.soaringeagledistrict.org.

Commissioner College is 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 6, at the Cockrell Center. This is where commissioners can received training.

Scouting For Food is in January, and we need to get a District chair for that event. Putting hangers with instructions on how to donate to the food bank on doors in the area is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 24, and the date to go around and pick up the bags of food requested from the door hangers is Sat., Jan. 31.

The **Order of the Arrow** for the District started elections on Sept. 1, which will conclude on Nov. 19. This is where people in Boy Scout Troops who have attained at least the rank of First Class can be voted into OA, which is Scout’s honor camping unit. The District also is assisting the Copperhead District with their OA elections.

MINUTES – We also are looking for a new person to attend SED Committee Meetings each month to be **scribe** and take the minutes. We will double the current scribe's pay.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE – Tony Hensdill wanted each unit to push membership, and pointed out that new recruits receive a gift if they join before Oct. 31.

This Soaring Eagle District Committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month, except for July. The only district event in July is the annual picnic. Please let me know of any changes, additions or corrections to these minutes, no matter how small or trivial. We also are looking for a new scribe to take these minutes for the district.

Sincerely,

- Neal Farmer
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