



## January 2020 Newsletter

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### 2020 District Committee Members



At the business meeting in 2019, we elected our new district officers:

**Committee Chair:** Robert Saldibar  
**Vice Chair-Finance:** Rich Jenkins  
**Vice Chair-Communications:** Tre Cowan  
**Vice Chair-Membership:** Jennifer Pittman  
**Vice Chair-Programs:** Bill Conrad  
**Vice Chair-Training:** Brian McLaury  
**District Commissioner:** Sandra Conrad

A big shout-out to our outgoing committee members for their superb support, and thank you to the new incoming (as well as all of the additional committee members and Unit commissioners) that help make us such a great district!

### We also have a New Scout Executive!

Bill Kohl has received a promotion to Field Director for the CAC Northern Service Area, and we thank him for the superb support he provided the district during his tenure.

Please help me welcome Zack Breeding to the Capitol Area Council. An Eagle Scout, Zack started with BSA on January 2016 in the Calcasieu Council in Lake Charles, Louisiana as the District Executive for the Thunderbird District serving Beauregard and Vernon Parishes. He has grown membership, started new units and developed a District Committee to serve the surrounding communities. The Thunderbird District's Journey to Excellence score increased to Silver in 2018 and Gold in 2019.



Zack gave leadership to the Council as Resident Camp Director, Staff Advisor to the Camping and Training Council Committees, Section Staff Advisor for the Order of the Arrow, National Camp School Faculty and was a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

Please help me welcome Zack to the Chisholm Trail family!

### Come meet our new District Leadership at January Roundtable!

Our new Executive and Committee Chair will be at the January District Roundtable on Thursday, January 9. Rob and Zack will share their thoughts about the district, and would appreciate yours as well.

District Roundtables are held on the second Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at:  
**Great Oaks Elementary School**



## District Top Cub/Scout/Venturer 2019

Nominations are being accepted for the 2019 CT District Top Cub Scout, Top Scout, and Top Venturer. These top youth will represent Chisholm Trail at the Capitol Area Council Report to State on Saturday morning, February 1, 2020, and will be recognized during the Chisholm Trail District Awards reception to be held in March.

Applications are being accepted **through January 15th**; please download and fill out the below form, and email to [Robert Saldibar](#).

[Top Cub](#)  
[Top Scout](#)  
[Top Venturer](#)

## Report to State Parade Feb. 1, 2020!



Come join Scouts from across the 18 councils in Texas as we demonstrate Scout spirit at the 71st Annual Report to State Parade! After the parade up Congress Avenue, participate in the Scout Spirit Rally on the south steps of the Capitol and let everyone know you're proud to be a Scout!

[Registration Link](#)

**February 1, 2020**

Line up on the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge  
between 7:30 - 8:30 am.  
Parade steps off at 9:00 am.

## District Award of Merit Nominations



Chisholm Trail District is very appreciative of the support provided by the Scouters that support the District and its units.

The District Award of Merit is awarded to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the District level. If you are interested in nominating someone, please [download the form](#) and [submit to the District committee chair](#) for consideration.

Nominations are due by February 28, and will be presented at the District banquet.

## Save the date for Camporee!

Save the date! The Chisholm Trail Camporee, hosted by Troop 27 will be held **April 24th - 26th**, at Camp Tahuaya.

More information coming soon, so attend Roundtable to be on the front edge of the event news!



## Scout Sunday February 8th



The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

Scout Jumuah (Muslim Faith) is February 7th,  
Scout Sabbath (Jewish) is February 7th & 8th, and  
Scout Sunday (Christian) is February 8th.

We encourage all Scouts and Scouters to wear their uniforms to their house of faith this weekend.



## District Awards Banquet

Join us for our 2020 District Banquet, recognizing our top Scouts, Leaders, and Units for 2019! This year's event will be on Sunday, March 29th; more details coming soon.

Please remember to nominate individuals (top Cub/Scout/Venturer, District Award of Merit) for recognition using the forms in other sections of the newsletter.

# Training

**Because every Scout deserves a trained leader.**



**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING  
CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL**

Come for just the morning or all day, to focus on serious topics or just to have fun learning new skills! The University of Scouting offers more than 100 classes in 5 different "colleges," with dozens of new classes each year. Sign up for anything that interests you, from Weird Science to Dutch Oven Cooking to Skits & Songs, and more! You will find training on topics not covered anywhere else at any other event in our council.

[Registration Link](#)

## Activity Instructor Training

Are your Scouts ready for some exciting activities? Is your adult leadership trained to provide them? Check out some upcoming opportunities:

[NRA Rifle Instructor Course](#) (1/17-18, continuing 1/24-25)

This 25 hour course completes all requirements to become an NRA Rifle Instructor. The training includes both classroom and range

time. Students will complete a basic instructor training (BIT), basics of rifle shooting and rifle instructor training. Students must complete all sections to become certified.

**NOTE:** This course is not for Cub Scout leaders who want to be certified as Cub BB gun range masters.



### Troop OA Elections

All Troops are encouraged to hold their OA elections prior to Camporee to offer the opportunity for Call-out during the campfire. Please request an OA team to assist with the elections by [filling out this form](#).

### LPSR Tree Planting day

The seedlings to help renew LPSR will be arriving later this month! While the main workday is scheduled for February 29, there will be an earlier opportunity to begin planting: on January 18 at the Council Conservation workday, seedling planting will begin. If you are interested in more information, reach out to the [Lodge Officers](#)

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