

George Strake District

Sam Houston Area Council-Boy Scouts of America
October, 2018



George Strake District Monthly Meetings

District Committee Meeting

1st Wednesday each Month 7pm
N Montgomery Community Ctr.
600 Gerald, Willis TX

Roundtable

2nd Thursday each month 7pm
N Montgomery Community Ctr.
600 Gerald, Willis TX

O/A Chapter Meeting

2nd Thursday of each month 7pm
N Montgomery Community Ctr.
600 Gerald, Willis TX

All leaders are invited and
encouraged to attend these
monthly meetings

No meetings in July

WINTER CAMP
BOYAY SCOUT CAMP

DECEMBER 26-31, 2018

INFORMATION & REGISTER
[WWW.SAMHOUSTONBSA.ORG/
WINTER-CAMP](http://WWW.SAMHOUSTONBSA.ORG/WINTER-CAMP)

GEORGE STRAKE DISTRICT
AWARDS BANQUET

JANUARY 26, 2019
TROOP 491 SCOUT HUT

INFORMATION AT
[HTTP://GEORGE-
STRAKE.SHAC.ORG/AWARDS
-BANQUET](http://GEORGE-STRAKE.SHAC.ORG/AWARDS-BANQUET)

Questions About Family Scouting

After the historic 2017 decision to offer our iconic programs to both to boys and girls in 2018, many people have had questions about what that means and how to introduce those expanded program offerings in their communities.

The three key places where you can find answers to your questions about Family Scouting, including Cub Scouts and the Scouts BSA program, are as follows:

www.scouting.org/familyscouting
The Marketing and Membership Hub
E-mail - family.scouting@scouting.org e-mail

Family Scouting website

The first and best place to get answers to your questions about Family Scouting is www.scouting.org/familyscouting. The site features details and updates, an FAQ that addresses several key items, an infographic that explains unit structure, links to key marketing resources, videos, and more. It's a one-stop shop that is updated regularly. That means it has the most recent information available. While it's impossible to anticipate every question, more questions and answers are added to the FAQ regularly as more information becomes available.

Marketing and Membership Hub

There are many people already participating in the Early Adopter program as well as others seeking resources they can use to promote the expanded program offerings in their communities. A full suite of resources is rolling out now, and there are new items added frequently. Many are available now for download in the Brand Center of the Marketing and Membership Hub.

All Other Questions

If you've searched through the FAQ and other information on the Family Scouting website looking for answers to your questions about girls in the Boy Scouts of America but you can't seem to find what you need, there is a dedicated e-mail address where you can send questions. Please reach out to family.scouting@scouting.org.

As you hear from others who also have questions, please help spread the word on the best sources for the most up-to-date answers.

Popcorn

The 2018 Popcorn Sale is underway! Scouts have the opportunity pay their own way through the 2018-2019 Scouting year and earn great prizes by selling delicious gourmet popcorn. We are very excited to partner with Trail's End Popcorn. Trail's End provides three great ways to sell popcorn; traditional take-order, store front, and through an online sales platform that looks and feels like a GoFundMe page.

Register for sales: <https://scouting.trails-end.com/tools/recruit/signup>

Register for online sales: <https://www.trails-end.com/Home/Register>

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Find us on the web at
<http://samhoustonbsa.org/george-strake>

Grow Scouting!

It's everybody's business to grow Scouting. Scouts, leaders and parents all have a role in growing membership. We should be sharing with our families, friends and colleagues the fun and exciting experience our members have every week and every month in Scouting. Now is a great time to invite youth and families to join Scouting and enjoy the great adventures that your unit has planned. Here some ways you can promote Scouting membership in your community:

School and Neighborhood Newsletters

Write an article for your school and neighborhood newsletters, spotlighting Scouting and all the activities and good things your unit is doing to make an impact in your local community and at your school...include pictures!

School Open House/PTA Meeting

This is a great time to have a booth set up to show off Scouting and explain what your unit does best.

Peer-to-Peer Cards

Give these cards to your Scouts so they can distribute them to their friends with the date, time and location of your next meeting. These cards are available for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing.

Email Invitations (parent to parent)

Ask the families in your unit to send an email invitation to all of their friends that have Scout-age boys. People like to join organizations where they know other people. An email message helps them understand their friends are involved, too.

Social Networking

Ask parents who are on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. to update their status to talk about your unit's website and the activities your Scouts are planning or have completed.

Remember a successful fall recruitment is not just about growing your unit, it is also about giving every youth a chance to be in the Scouting Program! Let's make a difference in our community!

New Youth Protection Training

There has been an important updates to the BSA's Youth Protection Barriers to Abuse.

Effective October 1, 2018 the Two Deep Leadership policy will require two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth.

The BSA is serious about fighting child abuse, and you're an important part of that fight. Thanks for your vigilance and dedication. For details on these latest changes to BSA's Barriers to Abuse, please visit

<https://www.scouting.org>

Join the Eagle Scout Hunt!

The SHAC Eagle Scout Association is looking for all Eagle Scouts in our area - active or not. Please encourage any Eagle you know, particularly those not currently active in Scouting, to register at:

<https://www.iamaneagle.org>

to receive more information as plans progress.

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.

Vision Statement of BSA - The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

ON LINE POPCORN
SALE STARTS

AUGUST 1ST—NOV. 18, 2018

INFORMATION AT
WWW.SAMHOUSTONBSA.ORG/
POPCORN

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE
SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
WEST VIRGINIA

JULY 22—AUGUST 9, 2019

INFORMATION AT
WWW.2019WSJ/ORG

WOODBADGE
ADULT LEADER TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 14-16
OCTOBER 5-7

INFORMATION & SIGN-UP
WWW.SAMHOUSTONBSA.ORG/
WOOD-BADGE

SCHLITTERBAHN WATER-
PARK GALVESTON
SCOUT DAY

OCTOBER 27, 2018
BUY TICKETS TODAY!!-
2 WEEKS LEFT!!

[WWW.CAMPAIGNS.SCHLITTER
BAHN.COM/PARTNERS/](http://WWW.CAMPAIGNS.SCHLITTERBAHN.COM/PARTNERS/)

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

JUNE 10-14, 2019

INFORMATION AT
[WWW.GEORGE-
STRAKE.SHAC.ORG/DAY-
CAMP](http://WWW.GEORGE-STRAKE.SHAC.ORG/DAY-CAMP)

WEBELOS WOODS
OCTOBER 26-28, 2018

MORAN RANCH
WILLIS , TEXAS

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STRAKE.SHAC.ORG/](http://WWW.GEORGE-STRAKE.SHAC.ORG/)
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