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CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL



**2020 Year in Review**



# Challenge Accepted

The Covid-19 pandemic has challenged our nation in ways not seen for a generation. But Scouts in 2020 accepted the challenge, led by example, and overcame adversity to achieve personal goals while serving the community.

“ This has been a year of crisis and change. Throughout its history Scouting has met every challenge with leadership and courage. There is nothing we cannot do and no challenge too big for our dedicated volunteers. Together we will adapt and endure, while setting the stage for a bright future here in Central Texas and all of the communities we serve.

Marietta Scott, President  
Jack Gindler, Commissioner  
Jon C. Yates, Scout Executive

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Members of Medical Explorer Post 4077 volunteered to assist workers at a Covid-19 testing site in San Marcos. Explorers helped check in patients, labeled testing vials, and more. Post 4077 is chartered by San Marcos Hays Country EMS.

Emma Chao is the Boatswain of Sea Scout Ship 911. She has led the ship since the start of the Covid-19 crisis, running online meetings at least once a week and weekly sailing on Lake Georgetown between June and August. Emma has earned Life rank and is working toward the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Scouts BSA Troop 1452. She also serves as Crew President for Venturing Crew 405. In the Spring she was a crew leader for NYLT and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Troop 1452 is chartered by Palm Valley Lutheran Church. Ship 911 is chartered by St. Philips United Methodist Church. Crew 405 is chartered by Christ Lutheran Church.



Tristan Collins is in his first year of Scouts BSA Troop 157 after "crossing over" from Cub Scouts. Despite the pandemic and his relative inexperience, he stepped up to serve as Patrol Leader and has led his peers in weekly meetings to continue work on advancement while building camaraderie. He completed his Tenderfoot rank and was awarded a handful of merit badges at his troop's socially distanced Court of Honor this Summer. Tristan completed service work for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge by helping at the Round Rock Serving Center every week.

Troop 157 is chartered by First United Methodist Church of Round Rock.



Andre Chancey is a member of Cub Scout Pack 33. Despite Covid-19 restrictions this Summer, he earned the Scout Strong Award and National Park Service Scout Ranger Award. So far in his three years of Scouting he has earned eight Nova Awards, the World Conservation Award, and has logged 26 nights camping and 71 miles hiking. Andre looks forward to becoming an Eagle Scout one day!

Pack 33 is chartered by St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church.





# Scouting Doesn't Stop

Scout programs and events continued despite Covid-19 restrictions, whether virtual or in-person with social distancing and other guidelines:

Cub Scout Day Camp*	489
TechLab STEAM Day Camp*	185
Cub Outdoor Discovery/Tiger Day**	656
Webelos Extreme Winter Camp**	32
Scouts BSA Summer/Fall Merit Badges*	1,772
Scouts BSA Winter Camp**	241
National Youth Leadership Training	95
Fall Program Adventure Boxes*	2,500
Cub Scout Adventure/Nova Award*	1,015

\* Program was offered virtually

\*\* Registrations as of December 1, 2020

Our council made several improvements this year at our premiere camp facility, Lost Pines Scout Reservation, including a new C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course adjacent to DOK's Tower and the climbing pavilion. Professionals built the high elements (pictured right) and our Climbing Committee volunteers will build the low elements of the course. Together, the course will enhance our summer/winter camp programs as well as weekend camping opportunities. In addition, crews built a new Bath House 3 (not pictured); this new shower and bathroom facility now serves campers in the Beisenherz, Dacy, Kaspar, and Turner campsites.



# LIBERTY HILL

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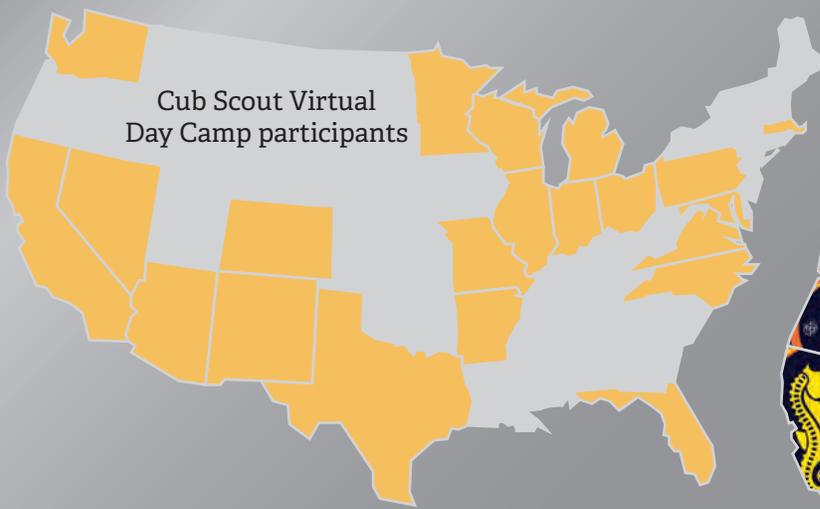
## Digest

Thanks to the generosity of local donors and other community support, we added two 24-foot by 36-foot campsite pavilions at our Smilin V Scout Ranch near Liberty Hill. These structures will enhance Cub Scout camping and activities, plus support field trips and events by local schools, outside youth groups, and businesses.



# Smilin V Scout Ranch

*Something Great Awaits*



Cub Scout Virtual Day Camp participants

Our volunteers and youth leaders overcame the pandemic by developing on-demand Cub Scout Day Camp and synchronous TechLab STEAM camp programs that engaged Scouts with activities beyond a screen. We shipped camp materials to youth in 25 states and Puerto Rico.



TechLab Virtual STEAM Camp participants



Our virtual summer programs were made possible by the generous support of A+ Federal Credit Union.

# Virtually Unheard Of

This year challenged our program in previously unseen ways. But our Scouts, volunteers, and staff innovated and reimagined how to deliver the promise of Scouting.

Whether converting merit badge programs to 100% online delivery or sourcing and building a box of supplies with on-demand videos to help Cub Scouts have fun and continue rank advancement, our teams created new ways to deliver engaging programs - often dealing with rapid changes and complex variables along the way.



Summer Camp Staff members at Lost Pines Scout Reservation quickly became experts in online instruction, pivoting within a few weeks' time from traditional in-person merit badge instruction to virtual classes offered to Central Texas Scouts who had planned to attend camp before Covid-19 restrictions went into effect. This was possible in large part thanks to infrastructure investments and upgrades to broadband internet service at camp recommended by the Properties Committee of our Executive Board just a few years ago.

**Laura Underwood Cook** A Scouter friend from Wisconsin saw the Cub Camp box on our site. And as a Cub Leader was blown away... She signed her grandkids up and was talking to her other leaders! Reaching across the State lines! Keep on Scouting!

Like Reply Message · 1w

**Jennifer Giles Miller** Laura Underwood Cook we are enjoying it in Ohio!

Like Reply Message · 1w

Our TechLab STEAM Day Camp built and shipped a box of supplies filled with robotics kits, a conductive ink pen to create electric circuits, a native Texas rock and shells collection, a kit to build a miniature catapult, and much more to campers' homes in June. Summer supply chain issues prevented many families from finding and purchasing these materials on their own. Our TechLab team and its live, synchronous online instruction engaged young people's curiosity, taught and reinforced science and technology skills that helped prepare youth to return to school, and sparked interests in Scouts that may inspire a future career choice.



Our Cub Scout Day Camp team created three fun and engaging summer program sessions, all available with a curated "camp box" of supplies and on-demand video instruction and program support. This method allowed parents to take part in the activities with their children according to their family's schedule. Many parents were thankful for the program:

"Oh my gosh! I am so amazed and impressed at the quality of our virtual day camp and videos, the creativity of the activities, and how easy the program is to follow. THANK YOU SCOUTS!"

"I received the box today, and it is, quite frankly, amazing. My daughter is so excited about all of the different things in there and has already loved paging through the handbook. Very well done to all involved!"





# Scout



Our council honored the third largest class of Eagle Scouts in its 108-year history during the annual On My Honor: Eagle Scout Class Reception at the Frank Fickett Scout Training and Service Center (seen above). 451 members of Scouts BSA Troops earned the prestigious award in 2019. Eagle Scouts must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges (13 of which must be from a required list), serve in a leadership position within a troop, and conduct a significant service project benefitting the community.

Photo taken before Covid-19 restrictions



Scouts BSA Troop 10 celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2020! Troop 10 is chartered by the Exchange Club of Austin. Pictured are Scoutmaster Michael Jimenez, Committee Chair Steve Hanson, and members of the troop at Winter Camp.



Clare Rowland of Venturing Crew 8787 became the first Venturer in our council to earn Venturing's highest honor, the Summit Award. Clare has served as Crew President, staffed Lost Pines Summer Camp several times, and earned the Venturing Ranger Award. For her Summit Award service project, she organized a litter clean-up along a mile-long stretch of the Brushy Creek Hike and Bike Trail. She advises others interested in pursuing the Summit Award to be persistent! Crew 8787 is chartered by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8787.



Photo courtesy KXAN

Abby Winkelman of Scouts BSA Troop 5131 became one of the first female Eagle Scouts in our council. Girls completing their Eagle Scout Board of Review between October 2020 and February 2021 will be recognized as the Boy Scouts of America's inaugural class of female Eagles. For her Eagle service project, Abby built a ramp and benches, plus landscaped for the Anderson Mill Memorial Museum and Garden Club. Troop 5131 is chartered by Hope Presbyterian Church.



Vivienne Howell of Cub Scout Pack 79 is the youngest Scout in council history to earn BSA's International Spirit Award. Pack 79 is chartered by the Lake Hills Park Association.

Our council Membership Chair Chris Smith and New Unit Campaign Chair Kim Day recognized some of the incredible volunteers who helped start new Scouting units in 2019 in Central Texas. Thanks to this group's generous donation of time and servant leadership, hundreds of boys and girls have started their Scouting journey! Pictured: William Drake, Nancy Gibby, and Brittany Conely from Cub Scout Pack 709; Michael Jones from Cub Scout Pack 1277; Frutoso Robledo from Cub Scout Pack 8601; Monica Greenhaigh and Michael McAlister from Sea Scout Ship 405; Stephen Galliver from Sea Scout Ship 441; Anndrea Lott Harrold from Scouts BSA Troop 16; Dave Read and Cindy McKinney from Scouts BSA Troop 19; Roselynn Newton from Scouts BSA Troop 72; Dave Smith and Austin Stuart from Scouts BSA Troop 98; Brent Saxon from Scouts BSA Troop 154; Eric Poulsen and Kevin Uhlenhaker from Scouts BSA Troop 219; Jerilyn and Roy Stiles from Scouts BSA Troop 328; Kimberly Sheehan from Scouts BSA Troop 628; Kim Mitchell from Scouts BSA Troop 2019; James Bridges from Scouts BSA Troop 3241; Frank Alvarez and Misty Morse from Scouts BSA Troop 3451; Laura Allen from Scouts BSA Troop 4050; Bonnie Martin and Christy Cochran from Scouts BSA Troop 4540; John Ryder, Charles Valentine, and Kyle Cline from Scouts BSA Troop 5131; Alicia Woehl from Scouts BSA Troop 473; and Douglas Brown from Scouts BSA Troop 5621.

Photo taken before Covid-19 restrictions





These 10 Scouters received the Silver Beaver Award in our council in 2020. The award is the highest honor presented at the local council level for service to youth through Scouting.



Steve Benesh



Scott Burton



John Hadjik



Charles Johnson



Staci Kilpatrick



Susn Kruemcke



Shea Mackin



David Passarella



Dwight Thompson



Tim Urban



Presented to adult volunteers and/or organizations providing exceptional service to rural and/or urban at-risk youth

Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award

Michael Arellano    Rev. C. William "Bill" Mosley  
Linda Huebner    Carolina Resendiz  
Hugh "Tex" Mitchell    Jamie Wenske



Presented to adult volunteers providing exceptional service to Hispanic youth

Scouting... Vale la Pena! Service Award

Luis Manuel Ramirez    Jorge Rodriguez



Presented to adult volunteers and organizations providing exceptional service to youth through the Exploring program

William H. Spurgeon III Award

Amanda Baker

# Salute



Ralph Hadley was honored with the BSA's Torch of Gold Award for his exceptional service to differently-abled Scouts.

For the sixth straight year, Sea Scout Ship 911 from Georgetown was named part of the Sea Scouts BSA National Flagship Fleet. The honor recognizes Ship 911 as one of the top Sea Scouting units in America.



2020 recipients of the Venturing Leadership Award: (top, L to R) Calvin Beck, Carole-Lynna Benhamou, Kristen Gintella, Dylan White, and (bottom, L to R) Becky Haluska, Joel Holst, Staci Kilpatrick. The award recognizes youth and adults who have made exceptional contributions to the Venturing program and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law.



Rahemtulla Maknoja received the Boy Scouts of America's Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award for his involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Asian American youth.



2020 recipients of the Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award (L to R): Charles Johnson, Ph.D., Katherine Riedlinger, Ruby Starr. The award recognizes educators who instill Scouting values in students.

Easton Scott of Cub Scout Pack 130 called for help when his five-year-old brother became stuck underwater in their family pool. His actions alerted his parents and saved his brother's life. Easton received our council's Certificate of Merit. Pack 130 is chartered by St. Pauls Episcopal Church.



KEYE News interviewed Callum Scott of Scouts BSA Troop 31 after his quick action saved his brother's life. Callum performed the Heimlich maneuver after his brother started choking. Both brothers credit First Aid training they received in Scouting; Callum for learning the Heimlich and his brother for knowing how to signal he was choking. For his actions, Callum received our council's Certificate of Merit. Troop 31 is chartered by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.



2020 recipients of the Sea Scout Leadership Award (clockwise): Gabriel Diaz, Dallas Hall, Luke Lowther, Conor McAlister. The award recognizes youth and adults who have shown exceptional dedication and provided outstanding leadership to the Sea Scouting program.



# Opportunity For All

Scouting is one of the few places where you can still attract people who look different, speak differently, or have differing personal, political, or religious beliefs and see them work together in common cause. That's because our mission - teaching and developing future leaders - applies to everyone.

The Boy Scouts of America does not just talk about leadership; its programs give youth and adults the chance to practice leadership through activities that inspire and empower. Leadership, regardless of social or economic background, demands the same of everyone: listening, empathy, critical thinking, compromise.

Simply put: our nation's future grows brighter with every youth who joins Scouting.



15-year-old Gitanjali Rao is a STEM Scout and TIME magazine's first-ever "Kid of the Year." She is using technology to tackle issues ranging from contaminated drinking water to opioid addiction and cyberbullying. And if that wasn't enough, she has a personal mission to create a global community of young innovators to solve problems the world over. Gitanjali is a textbook example of the familiar Scouting method, leadership by example. "If I can do it," she says, "anybody can do it."

With guidance from a committee of influential leaders in education, government, and business, our council created the Black Community Initiative. The group's purpose is to identify long-term partnerships that can help Scouting find ways to serve the Black community and, in turn, introduce opportunities to Black families who do not have a history of participating in Scouting. Leaders from the Austin Revitalization Authority, Austin Community College, Huston-Tillotson University, St. John Baptist Association, Austin Area Urban League, NAACP, Black Fraternal organizations and others have already provided feedback and made connections that will lead to the creation of new Scout units in 2021.



Nearly 35% of Central Texans are Hispanic or Latino. The newly-formed Hispanic Community Initiative aims to find more partners like Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which charters Cub Scout Pack 489 and Scouts BSA Troop 489. The committee hopes to build on the legacy of community involvement and service to families provided by these units and create even more Scouting programs to serve Latino families and their children in the year ahead.



Beatrix Jackman had enjoyed Scouting for years and was nearly an Eagle Scout before she identified as female. Girls were not yet able to join the Scouts BSA program, so rather than quit she waited patiently for the opportunity to join Troop 2019 - a Scouts BSA Troop for girls - and finish the requirements for the rank of Eagle. When asked why she came back, Beatrix said, "It was important for me to finish. It was important for me to blaze this path so others could follow." The Boy Scouts of America welcomes youth and adults of all genders, identities, and orientation as members.

Troop 2019 is chartered by Highland Park Baptist Church.





# To Help Other People

Service is a bedrock principle of Scouting, reinforced through the Scout Law's call to be "Friendly, Courteous, and Kind" as well as the Scout Oath's admonition to "help other people at all times."



During the 1918 pandemic, Scouts delivered health guides to homes, helped gather information for local health officials, served food, and worked with local hospitals to provide help.



Cub Scout Pack 182 collected and donated more than four cases of food to the Elgin Community Cupboard for people in need. Pack 182 is chartered by St. Peters Lutheran Church Elgin.

The Scout Slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily," does not come with a qualifier of "when it's convenient." Scouting has responded whenever America has needed its service, even in a pandemic. Scouts show leadership by answering the call to serve, and had many chances to do so during 2020.



Scouts BSA Troop 256 joined a community effort to 3-D print mask extenders for front-line workers in Central Texas. Troop 256 is chartered by Bannockburn Baptist Church.

In May, Scouts from multiple units in our council donated and delivered 100 boxes of popcorn to front-line healthcare workers at St. David's Round Rock Medical Center.



Members of Explorer Post 247 made hundreds of sack lunches to help with Covid-19 relief efforts. The lunches were distributed by EMS personnel serving people who are experiencing homelessness. Post 247 is chartered by Austin-Travis County EMS.



(L) Ryker Horton of Scouts BSA Troop 365 organized a team of volunteers to create nearly 200 masks for Park Valley Pediatrics and The Rose Senior Living facility. "It's difficult doing everything online," Horton said of the realities of working on a big team project while adhering to social distancing rules. "I'm very relaxed usually, so I'm not used to this level of project. It's even tougher not being able to meet with my team members in person. It's taught me how to be a leader, though, and how to manage a large task remotely." Troop 365 is chartered by Round Rock Presbyterian Church.



(R) Nurses at area hospitals model masks made and donated by members of Sea Scout Ship 911. Ship 911 is chartered by St. Philips United Methodist Church.



Ron Garland, Council VP-Endowment, and Mollie O'Hara, Council Executive Board and Endowment Committee Member, recognize fellow Board member Greg Rabaey for his James E. West Fellowship gift. The James E. West Award recognized those who give \$1,000 or more to our council's endowment fund.



# Giving Back

Photo taken before Covid-19 restrictions

Scouting does not happen without the generosity of volunteers and donors. Whether it's time spent as a leader or dollars given, your support makes a big difference in the lives of youth and their families in Central Texas.



Photo taken before Covid-19 restrictions

CEO/Scout Executive Jon C. Yates (left) and National Eagle Scout Association Committee Chair Christian Dohse (right) present the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award to Jim Sylvester. Jim and his entire family have contributed significantly in multiple ways, supporting Scouting here in Central Texas and other communities in our state for decades.



Jayne Walters volunteered countless hours this year leading our council's virtual Cub Scout Day Camp team. Her skill as an administrator and Scouting leader shepherded the creation and implementation of a program that kept Scouts in Central Texas and across the country active during Covid-19.



We are grateful for the leadership Marietta Scott has provided to our council and its Executive Board these last two years. She is an amazing example for all of our Scouts, boy or girl, of the skill and grace required to help an organization through any and all challenges.

# In Memoriam

Remembering our Scouting family lost in 2020



David Peters



Liz Shelby



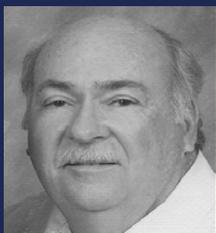
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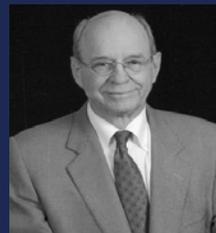
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Jim Smith



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Harold Pack



Dale Multer



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To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

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