

# Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America

## Annual Recognition Reception



**Chapelwood United Methodist Church**

**October 25, 2016**

## 2016 Recognition Reception

Master of Ceremonies..... Rich Eichle  
Council Presiden

Opening.....Ship 24

Roll Call to Service ..... Brian Foste  
Council Vice Chair of Field Operation:

William H. Spurgeon III Award ..... Rich Eichle

Lifesaving Awards..... David Rypien, PhD, PI  
Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards Committe

Silver Beaver Awards Presentation ..... Diane Connor  
Council Vice Chair of Program

David Van Kleecl  
Council Advancement & Recognition Vice Chai

Chairman’s Address..... Rich Eichle

Challenge to Service ..... Forrest Bjerkaa:  
Council Commissione

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 exemplifies 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.  
MajGen 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 M. 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

## Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards

Upon nomination by the Sam Houston Area Council, the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America has authorized the presentation of Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards to the following:

### Honor Medal with Crossed Palms

The Honor Medal with Crossed Palms may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated both unusual heroism *and* extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save a life at *extreme* risk to self



**Blage Ledbetter**  
**Joe Paneitz**

### Honor Medal

The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self.



**Cody Atkins**  
**Nicolas Latiolais**

### William H. Spurgeon III Award



The William H. Spurgeon III Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. The award is designed for council use to recognize individuals or organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program.

**Robert Weeks**



## 2016 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 who have been nominated by their Scouting peers.

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:



## Susie Becvar

Susie Becvar has served Scouting in the Phoenix and Polaris Districts for 13 years. She currently serves as a mate in a Sea Scout Ship and as an associate crew advisor.

She has served as an assistant den leader, pack committee member, assistant Scoutmaster, troop fundraising chairman, and as troop committee chairman. Susie has trained at many council events and has served on staff for National Youth Leadership Training. She has attended Powder Horn, Wood Badge and Sea Badge. She served as Course Director for Powder Horn for 2016.

Susie is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. She has earned the Scouter's Training Award, the Sea Scout Adult Training Award, the District Award of Merit and the Phoenix District Rising Phoenix Award.

Susie is active in her community as an online tutor for low income communities with the Tutor Mate program. She also volunteers as a member of the Harris County Citizen Emergency Response Team.



## William Breetz

William Breetz has served Scouting and the Sam Houston Area Council for many years. He is currently a member of the Sam Houston Area Council's Board of Directors.

While serving on the council board of directors, he has chaired the council Golf Classic for several years. He enjoyed sharing the love of Scouting with vendors through a game of golf.

With William's association with Kroger, he has also been successful in influencing Kroger to heartily support Scouts in all their efforts to have and sell Scout Fair coupon books.

William also serves on the Board of Directors for the Houston Food Bank and as a National Vice President for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Houston Partnership.



## Walter Brookhart

During his 27 years as a registered Scouter, Walter Brookhart served as a troop committee member, including 21 years as troop committee chairman. He has influenced many Scouts, including more than 260 Eagle Scouts. He serves on the Mustang District Committee and currently is the district awards chairman. He has also been

a member of the Boy Scout roundtable staff, Friends of Scouting presenter, merit badge counselor, and has staffed numerous district events. He has also completed Wood Badge training.

Walter is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has received the Scouter's Training Award, the District Leader Award of Merit, and the James E. West Fellowship Award.

Walter has been active in many professional organizations and activities and is president of his neighborhood civic association. He has been a science enrichment teacher in elementary schools and has been a judge at the Houston Science Fair.



## David M. Brown

David M. Brown has been a registered Scouter for 15 years. He currently is the district commissioner for the Orion District and also serves as a troop committee chairman and crew committee chairman and merit badge counselor. He has served as a Cub Scout den leader, Webelos den leader, pack committee chairman, unit commissioner, and assistant district

commissioner within the Polaris and Orion Districts. He has led a Philmont trek with his son. He has supported many unit, district and council events and programs. David is Wood Badge trained and has earned the Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree.

David has received the District Award of Merit and the Commissioner's Arrowhead Honor. He is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow.

David is active with the Knights of Columbus and coaches youth soccer, baseball and basketball.



## Rodger Brown

During his 21 years as a registered Scouter, Eagle Scout Rodger Brown has had numerous leadership positions in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts. He has served the Sam Houston Area Council in the Tejas, Mustang, and Skyline Districts and has been an assistant district commissioner and unit commissioner. He is

Skipper of Ship 24 and is a district committee member in the Skyline District. He has attended National Camp School, Philmont Training Center, and completed Wood Badge and Sea Badge.

Rodger is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has earned the Scouter's Training Award, the Scouter's Key, the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, the Arrowhead Honor, the American Legion Scouting Award and the William T. Hornaday Award. He has also received the District Award of Merit.

Rodger serves as a deacon in his church. He also serves the Habitat for Humanity, the American Legion, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Harris County Sheriff's Office ministry programs.



## Simone Brown

In her 15 years as a registered Scouter, Simone Brown has served in many positions. Currently she serves on the Skyline District Committee. She has previously served as a Cub Scout den leader, troop committee chairman, and ship committee member. She has also served as a district day camp director as well as in many other district events and programs. Simone has attended

National Camp School and completed Wood Badge.

Simone has earned the Den Leader Training Award, the Scouter's Key, the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award, the Good Shepherd Adult Religious Service Award, and the District Award of Merit.

Simone is active in her church as an ESL teacher and helps with Vacatior Bible School. She also has been active in her children's school Parent Teacher Organizations.



## Victor Burk

In his 16 years of service to the council, Scouter Victor Burk has worked as a Friends of Scouting volunteer. He is a member of the Sam Houston Area Council's Friends of Scouting committee and is the Vice Chairman of the 2017 Board Community Campaign.

Victor is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Sam Houston Area Council. He enjoys working on the team to help secure the financial support needed so that Scouts can enjoy the programs of Scouting. He hopes one day to see his grandsons all involved in Scouting.

Outside of Scouting, Victor has served as a board member with the Houston Producers Forum. He has also served as a board member with the Southeast Texas chapter of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.



## Michael Campbell

In his 35 years as an adult Scouter, Michael Campbell has served in the Illowa, Rio Grande and Sam Houston Area Councils. He has served as den leader, assistant Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, chapter adviser, and district and council committee member. He served on staff for the 1997 National Jamboree and has staffed numerous other Scouting

programs and events. Presently, he serves as a chartered organization representative, assistant district and unit commissioner and committee member in the Iron Horse District.

Michael has earned the Scouter's Key, the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award, and the James E. West Fellowship Award. He has also received the Unit Leader of Merit Award, the District Award of Merit and the Episcopal St. George Award. Michael is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Michael is active in his church and has given his time to several other organizations such as Little League, Salvation Army, and the YMCA.



## Neal Farmer

Eagle Scout Neal Farmer has served the Soaring Eagle, Skyline and Rising Star Districts in his 12 years as a registered Scouter. Neal currently serves as a ship committee member and as scribe for the Soaring Eagle District Committee. He has proudly served as a den leader, pack committee chairman, assistant Scoutmaster, and

a troop committee member. Neal has served as a merit badge counselor, Friends of Scouting presenter, unit commissioner, district activities chairman, district vice chairman and as district chairman. He has completed Wood Badge and has also completed his Bachelor and Masters of Commissioner Science Degrees.

Neal has been awarded the Gold Star Commissioner Award, the Commissioner's Key, the Scouter's Key, the Arrowhead Honor and the District Award of Merit.

Neal serves his community by being a block captain. He also volunteers as a DJ for youth activities at St. Maximilian Catholic Church. He has coached soccer, baseball and tee-ball for the YMCA.



## O. Duane Gaither

In the last 40 years, Eagle Scout Duane Gaither has served Scouts as an assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster. He has also served the Sam Houston Area Council as a council committee member and as the council committee chairman. Currently he is on the Council Board of Directors as chairman of the Friends of Scouting campaign where he has served for the last two years.

Duane has received the James E. West Fellowship Award and was honored in 2014 as a National Outstanding Eagle Scout. He is also honored as a member of the Second Century Society.

Outside of Scouting, Duane currently works with the Odyssey House, the Cenikor Foundation and also with the Grace United Methodist Church Men's Ministry. Duane knows that Scouting knowledge saves lives – for it has saved his - and he does all that he can to help Scouting.



## Karen Garske

Karen Garske has served Scouting for the last 18 years in the Bayshore and San Jacinto Districts. She currently serves as a member of the San Jacinto District Committee in charge of all district event registration. She has served as an assistant den leader, assistant Webelos den leader, pack committee member and troop

committee member. Karen has served her district as a Friends of Scouting presenter, day camp staffer and has been an integral part of numerous district events handling registration.

Karen has received the District Family of the Year Award, the District Committee Key and the District Award of Merit. She is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Outside of Scouting, Karen has volunteered with Meals on Wheels and others at holiday time, Trash Bash, and with her local swim team. She has also served as a Continuing Christian Education Teacher.



## Stephen Greenwade

Stephen Greenwade has been an adult leader in Scouting for 26 years. Currently he serves as an assistant district commissioner for the Tall Timbers District. He has served as chartered organization representative, Cubmaster, den leader, Webelos den leader, assistant Scoutmaster, and troop committee chairman. He

has also served as merit badge counselor, unit commissioner and district commissioner. Stephen has completed Wood Badge and has received his Bachelor and his Masters of Commissioner Science Degrees. He has staffed and trained at both Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow and University of Scouting.

Stephen has received the Adult Religious Service Award and the District Award of Merit. He is a recipient of the Cross & Flame and the God & Service Religious Awards.

Stephen has been involved with the Covenant United Methodist Church Prison Chaplain Team and the A&M Club as Vice President of Finance. He serves now on the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Development Board.



## Susan Hansen

Susan Hansen currently serves Mustang District as a unit commissioner and as the district camping chairman. She also serves as a crew committee chairman, assistant Scoutmaster, and as a chartered organization representative. She also serves as the council Cub Scout camping chairman. During her 14 years as a registered

Scouter, she has served as a den leader, pack committee member, troop committee member and a crew associate Advisor. She has staffed numerous Mustang District events and National Youth Leadership Training. Susan has completed Wood Badge and Powder Horn.

Susan has earned the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award and the District Award of Merit. She is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Susan serves her church as a Sunday school teacher and lay reader. She is an active member of the Parent Teacher's Association in both the Spring Branch and Houston Independent School Districts.



## Kevin Henao

Eagle Scout Kevin Henao has served Scouting for seven years in the Tall Timbers District. He is an associate crew Advisor, troop advancement chairman, unit commissioner and district program chairman. He has served as an assistant Scoutmaster, Friends of Scouting presenter, and Boy Scout roundtable commissioner. He has

staffed and trained at Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow, University of Scouting, and Wood Badge. He has attended Powder Horn.

Kevin has received the Gold Star Commissioner Award, the Adult Religious Service Award and the District Award of Merit. He has also received the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, the Scouter's Key, and the James E. West Fellowship Award. He has completed his Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree.

Kevin serves with Meals on Wheels, with church missions and with helping cheer and band groups so they can attend competitions.



## Magdaleno Jaramillo

Magdaleno N. Jaramillo has served Scouting for 12 years in the Orion and Polaris Districts. He is currently the chapter adviser for Orion District. He also serves as an assistant Scoutmaster and as a crew Advisor. He has served as Cubmaster, Tiger Cub den leader, Cub Scout den leader, Webelos den leader, merit badge counselor and

as a summer and winter camp leader. He has served the Colonneh Lodge as associate lodge adviser, as a cook team adviser and as part of the lodge event staff. He has attended Wood Badge and Powder Horn.

Magdaleno has earned the Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, the Cub Scouter Award and the Den Leader Training Award. He is Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Magdaleno is active in his church and in the Knights of Columbus. He also serves as Captain of the Llama and Alpaca Committee with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He also volunteers his time with the American Canoe Association as a canoe and kayak trainer.



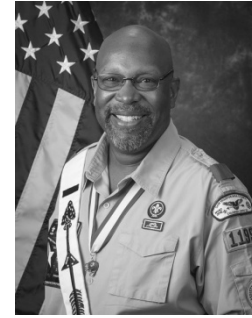
## James Kennedy

James Kennedy has been active as an adult Scouter for 27 years. He is currently an associate lodge adviser and serves on the council training committee. He has served as a troop committee member, district event staff chairman, Friends of Scouting presenter, and a member of his district training committee. He has served on staff for

University of Scouting, Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow, winter camp and National Youth Leadership Training. He has attended and staffed multiple Wood Badge courses and has served as a Wood Badge course director. He has also attended National Camp School and Powder Horn.

James is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been awarded the James E. West Fellowship Award and the Scouter's Training Award.

James is currently a Third Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus.



## Walter Lockett

Walter Lockett has been a Scouting mentor in the Brazos District for 12 years. Currently Walter serves Scouts and fellow Scouters as an assistant Scoutmaster, chapter adviser, Boy Scout roundtable commissioner and merit badge counselor. He has served as an assistant den leader, assistant Webelos den leader, associate

chapter adviser and as a Friends of Scouting presenter. He has also volunteered at council's Fun with Son. Walter proudly volunteers at the Schlumberger Annual Merit Badge Day. He has helped grow this event since its beginning in 2007 in the Brazos District.

Walter has received the Brazos District Gator Award and the Brazos District Family of the Year Award. He has also been awarded the District Award of Merit and a Colonneh Lodge Numbered Certificate. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Walter Has been active in several Life Church Fort Bend ministries. He also volunteers for the Habitat for Humanity.



## Denise Milby

Denise Milby has been serving Scouting for 16 years in the Polaris and Orion Districts. She currently serves as a crew Advisor. Denise founded Crew 471 so that her daughter could be a Scout like her son. She has been an assistant den leader, pack committee chairman, and held many other positions on the pack committee.

Denise has served as a troop committee chairman and troop advancement chairman. In her district she has been part of many district committees and a merit badge counselor. She has staffed at day camp, University of Scouting and Wood Badge. She has staffed and served as Scoutmaster for National Youth Leadership Training.

Denise is a recipient of the James E. West Fellowship Award and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Denise is a member of the Tomball High School FFA committee. She also is a Faith Formation/Life Teen instructor for St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church.



## Michael Narvaez

Michael Narvaez has been an active adult leader in Scouting for 10 years. He presently serves in the Phoenix District as an assistant Scoutmaster. He also serves as a member the council Enterprise Risk Management Committee, as a member of the council Board of Directors, and as a member of the BSA National Health & Safety

Support Committee. Mike has served as a troop committee member and as an instructor at the Philmont Training Center and at Sea Base.

Mike has been awarded the Den Leader Training Award, the Cubmaster Award, the James E. West Fellowship Award, the Scouter’s Training Award, and the Phoenix District Unit Leadership Award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has also earned the Triple Crown of National High Adventure Award.

Mike volunteers as a small-group leader at Northside Christian Church and is treasurer of the Klein Collins High School Choir Booster Club. He has also coached softball, soccer, and baseball.



## Guy Allen Parker

Guy Allen Parker has been serving Scouting for 16 years in the Tomahawk and Thunder Wolf Districts. He currently serves as an assistant Scoutmaster in the Thunder Wolf District. He has served as a Cubmaster, associate Advisor for Crew 45, troop advancement chairman, assistant district commissioner, district Friends of Scouting

chairman and Scoutmaster. . He has also been the chairman of the Eagle Scout Association Marketing Committee. Guy founded the Houston Philmont Crews program which gives financially challenged youth the opportunity to experience a Philmont trek.

Guy has received the District Award of Merit and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow.

Guy currently volunteers for The Source for Women and has been the vice chairman for the Texas State University Fine Arts & Communications Advisory Board.



## Mark Randall

Mark Randall has been a volunteer in the Iron Horse and Polaris Districts for 15 years. He currently serves as an associate lodge adviser. Mark has proudly served as Cubmaster, den leader, and pack committee chairman. He has served as a merit badge counselor, Friends of Scouting presenter, day camp staffer and chapte

adviser. Mark has also served as a district program chair and on many of the district’s committees. He has completed Wood Badge and has staffed National Youth Leadership Training and Wood Badge.

Mark has received the District Award of Merit, the Unit Leader Award of Merit, the Den Leader Training Award, and the Scouter’s Key Award. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mark has served on the Board of Trustees at his church and as coach for Little League Baseball. Mark’s sons are the only brothers in the history of Colonneh Lodge to be elected as both lodge chief and section officer.



## William Repman

William Repman has served Scouting for 15 years in the Raven and Bayshore Districts of Sam Houston Area Council and in the Trinity District of Three Rivers Council. He has served as Cubmaster, pack committee member, assistant Scoutmaster, and troop committee member. He has also served as a Religious Emblems

Coordinator and on the BSA Centennial Celebration Committee. He currently serves as a Scoutmaster, associate crew Advisor, and district committee member.

“Mr. Will” is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has received the Adult Religious Service Award, the District Award of Merit and the Unit Leader Award of Merit.

William has been the children’s leader at the Second Baptist Church in Baytown. Currently, he volunteers with the La Porte Community Church the Habitat for Humanity, the Future Farmers of America and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.





## Mike Sheets

Eagle Scout Mike Sheets has served Scouting as a volunteer and professional for 43 years. He currently serves as a crew committee member in the Big Cypress District. His service includes being a chartered organization representative, assistant Scoutmaster, troop committee chairman, and unit commissioner. He has been a

Wood Badge staffer and Course Director. He has also served as the Indian Events Adviser for the Order of the Arrow. Professionally, Mike has served as Council Camping Director, District Executive, and Council Program Director.

Mike has received the Commissioner’s Key, the International Scouter’s Award, the James E. West Fellowship Award, the Order of the Arrow Founder’s Award and a Colonneh Numbered Certificate. Mike is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mike has volunteered with the Texas Indian Hobbyist Association, the Texas Gulf Coast Tiah-Piah Society and the Texas Connection Singers.



## Steve Sheward

Steve Sheward has been a Scouting volunteer for seven years in the Tall Timbers District. He currently serves as mate, assistant Scoutmaster, merit badge counselor, and associate chapter adviser in his district. He has been a den leader, an assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, and district training chairman. Steve has attended Powder Horn and Sea Badge. He has had the opportunity

to staff Powder Horn. Stephen has taken high adventure treks with Scouts to Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, and the British Virgin Islands.

Steve has been awarded the Tall Timbers “Pine Cone” Award, the Den Leader Training Award, the Scouter’s Training Award and the District Award of Merit. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow

Steve has served as a Sunday school teacher and in other positions at the Family of Faith Lutheran Church. He has been a Habitat for Humanity worker.



## Stephen Smallwood

Stephen Smallwood has been serving Scouting for 22 years – with eight of those in the United Kingdom. He is currently an assistant Scoutmaster, crew Advisor and unit commissioner in the Orion District. He has served as assistant den leader, assistant Webelos den leader, pack committee chairman, and pack

trainer. He has also served as a Scoutmaster, and troop committee chairman. He has served the as an associate lodge adviser and associate chapter adviser. Stephen has also served as a day camp chairman and as a member of the district camping committee. He served as a Scoutmaster for a National Youth Leadership Training course.

Stephen has been awarded the District Award of Merit, the Den Leader Training Award, the Scouter’s Key, and the Scouter’s Training Award. Stephen is a member of the Order of the Arrow with Vigil Honor.

Stephen has served in his community by helping with Salvation Army Christmas events. He has also been a coach at the YMCA.



## Gordon Start

Gordon Start has served Scouting in the Golden Arrow and Aquila Districts for the past 15 years. Presently he serves as assistant Scoutmaster, crew Advisor, ship committee chairman, roundtable commissioner and district committee member. He has served as Cubmaster, and den leader, Scoutmaster and crew associate Advisor.

He has served his district as part of roundtable staff, day camp staff, a Friends of Scouting presenter, and unit commissioner. He has also served as a BSA Climbing Director.

Gordon has been awarded the Scouter’s Training Award, the Scoutmaster’s Key, the William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award, and the District Award of Merit. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and he has received the Episcopal St. George Award. Gordon volunteers with the Red Cross and the Houston Food Bank. He has also served the Make a Wish Foundation and the Rebuilding Together Houston effort.



## Robert “Bob” Steubing

Robert “Bob” Steubing has served Scouting for 17 years. He currently serves as an assistant Scoutmaster in the Big Cypress District and as district training chairman in the Soaring Eagle District. Bob has served as Cubmaster, den leader, and Scoutmaster. He has also served as a, Friends of Scouting presenter and day camp

program chairman. Bob has served on staff for University of Scouting, Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow and National Youth Leadership Training.

Bob has earned the Scoutmaster’s Key, the Commissioner’s Key, the Scouter’s Training Award, and the James E. West Fellowship Award. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

For 29 years, Bob has served the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on the Livestock Committee and is a Lifetime Committeeman. He serves as President of the South Houston High School Alumni Association. He has been an active member of the Bear Creek United Methodist Church.



## Bobby Ray Williams, Jr.

Eagle Scout Bobby Ray Williams, Jr. has served Scouting for 19 years in our council and in the Capitol Area Council. Bobby serves as chartered organization representative, troop committee chairman, crew committee member, and district advancement committee member in the David Crockett District. He serves on the Council

Advisory Board and as chairman of our council’s African American Committee on Scouting. He has served as chapter adviser, associate chapter adviser, and on the World Scout Jamboree International Service Team.

Bobby has received the James E. West Fellowship Award, the Arrowman Service Award, the International Scouter’s Award, and the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Bobby serves in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the York Rite Freemasonry-PHA, the National Guard and the 100 Black Men of America.



## Richard Williams

Eagle Scout Richard A. Williams has served in the Arrowmoon District for 25 years. He is a troop committee member, district committee member and assistant district commissioner. He has served as a Webelos den leader, assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, crew committee member, crew Advisor, district committee

member, unit commissioner, Friends of Scouting presenter and district commissioner. He has completed Wood Badge and trained at the College of Commissioner Science.

Richard has received the Gold Star Commissioner Award, the Unit Leader Award of Merit, the Commissioner’s Key, the James E. West Fellowship Award, the Scoutmaster’s Key and the District Award of Merit. Richard is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Richard volunteers with the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team. He has served as a judge at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and as a youth leader at Houston’s First Baptist Church. He has volunteered with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.



## Danny Wilson

Danny Wilson has served Scouting for 15 years in the Aldine Pathfinder District. He currently serves as a Cubmaster, pack trainer, district Cub Scout training chairman and unit commissioner. He has been a pack committee chairman,

Webelos den leader, Cub Scout roundtable staff, district committee member, chapter adviser,

associate chapter adviser and Friends of Scouting presenter. He has staffed and trained at Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow and University of Scouting. He has completed and staffed Wood Badge.

Danny has received the Den Leader Training Award, the District Family of the Year Award and the District Award of Merit. He has completed his Bachelor and Masters of Commissioner Science Degrees. Danny is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Danny volunteers with the First Baptist Church North Houston Food Pantry and with church service projects.

# Sam Houston Area Council

## 2015 Highlights

### MEMBERSHIP

57,440	Total youth served
48,294	Registered Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers
9,146	Youth participants in the curriculum/school based (includes special needs) Learning for Life programs
1,725	Youth participants in the Exploring program
19,166	Registered volunteer adult leaders
1,719	Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity and Venturing units
62	Exploring posts

### CAMPING

33,013	Total campers number of days camped at the council's five camps
7,410	Acres available for youth camping maintained and operated by the council

### PROGRAM

21,229	Cub Scout ranks earned
8,264	Boy Scout ranks earned
1,090	Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank
31,437	Total advancements earned
36,472	Merit badges earned
30	Silver Beaver recipients
20	Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor recipients
212,000	Pounds of food donated during Scouting for Food
307,827	Estimated community service hours

### FINANCE

\$12,623,110	Operating expense
2.4%	Excess revenue over operating expense
\$143,171,631	Total assets
\$982,237	New gifts for permanently restricted endowment
\$219	Estimated dollar amount spent to support each youth involved in a program

### RECOGNITION

Sam Houston Area Council achieved the Silver Level status in the National Boy Scouts of America Performance Program Journey to Excellence

**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, and Reverent.



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