

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Council was recognized as a Centennial Quality Council ans with the Distinguished Learning for Life Award

Youth Served

99,696	Registered Scouts and Learning for Life Participants at year-end
22,661	Registered volunteer adult leaders
2,377	Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews and LFL Groups
1,414	Centennial Quality Units (Packs, Troops, and Crews)
46,407	Young adults ages 14-20 in Learning for Life (more than 50% are young women)
39,704	Estimated "At-Risk" youth served by Scouting, including 5,225 inner city youth

Camping

235,000	Total nights camped by Scouts at the Council's six camps
6,488	Scouts attended Cub Day Camp
73,600	Nights camped by Scouts at Camp Strake; one of the most used Scout facilities
1,250	Scouts, leaders and volunteer staff attended 'Winter Camp'
7,512	Acres available for youth camping maintained and operated by the Council

Program

3,208	Public Relations articles in all media
7,000	Adult leaders trained
4,200	Colonneh lodge members
27,031*	Total advancements earned
39,331*	Merit badges earned
25	Vigil Honor recipients
	Colonneh Lodge was nationally recognized as a Quality Order of the Arrow Lodge
	*Estimated

Direct Support

\$6,874,841	Dollars pledged
\$1,881,240	Raised in Family and District Enrollment Friends of Scouting
\$1,623,693	Received from all contributing United Ways
\$2,265,000	Worth of popcorn sold with approximately 1/3 going directly to Units and 1/3 going to the Council
\$13,974,603	Total commitments towards the Council's Legacy Campaign
\$403,629	New commitments to the council's endowment fund
\$632,050	Sold in Scout Fair tickets

Recognition

998	Eagle Scouts
32	Silver Beaver recipients
32	Young American Award Recipients

Sam Houston Area Council

Boy Scouts of America



Chapelwood United
Methodist Church
Monday, October 13, 2008



Elliot O. Ballard Jr.

Elliot O. Ballard, Jr. has been an active Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for 24 years. He has served as Scoutmaster for Troop 227, Troop Committee Member for Troop 500 and as Assistant Scoutmaster for a troop sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Within W. L. Davis District he has served on Camporee and Cuboree staffs and the District Training Team. He currently serves as a COPE Director for Sam Houston Area Council and COPE Chairman and Camp Visitation Specialist for Area Two, Southern Region, and is Scoutmaster for Troop 511 in the Golden Arrow District.

Elliot received his Wood Badge Beads from SC-413 and has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Scouter Training Award, and Catholic Committee on Scouting Scroll of Honor and Bronze Pelican. Elliot has served on Wood Badge staff.

Elliot is active within St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and serves in Children's Ministry at New Hope Church.



Mike Blake

Eagle Scout Mike Blake has been active in Scouting for over 37 years. Mike's Scouting career includes over 700 nights camping as a youth and adult in the St. Louis Area Council and Sam Houston Area Council. As a youth he had the privilege of escorting Lady Baden Powell on her final visit to the United States. As an adult, Mike has served as Webelos Den Leader, Charter Organization Representative, Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, Staff Advisor – Catholic Committee on Scouting and a staff member for Sam Houston Area Council's Sporting Clays Shooting event. Mike has also served on six Wood Badge Courses and as Course Director for SR-656.

Mike Blake is a recipient of the Ad Altare Dei religious award, an Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor member as well as a recipient of the Bronze Palm. He is also a James E. West Fellow and has been awarded the Cub Scouter Award and Den Leader Award.

Mike's life is an example of service to others. His humor and outgoing personality has endeared him to literally thousands of Scouters, church members and community leaders as he has held principal leadership roles in PTA organizations, sports organizations, and hospital ministries.



Ronald G. Carter

Ron Carter has been an active Scoutmaster for 13 years in the Arrowmoon District. During this time he has served as Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Pack and Troop Committee Member and Venturing Crew Advisor. Ron was also an Assistant Scoutmaster for one of the 2001 National Jamboree Troops.

Ron has been recognized previously with the District Award of Merit and Cub Scout Leader Award. He has completed both Wood Badge and Powderhorn training and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been an adult advisor on numerous high adventure treks, including Philmont, Ozark Mountains, Glacier National Park, the Grand Canyon and sailing in Florida.

Ron is very active in his community through his involvement with youth sports, coaching baseball, soccer and softball, in College Station. He is a band booster and volunteer for A&M Consolidated Middle School and High School and is an active member at Grace Bible Church in College Station.



Scott H. Coleman

Scott Coleman has been active in Scouting for 10 years. He has served as Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and Committee Chair for Pack 202, and as Committee Chair for Troop 13 and Crew 13. He has also served as Friends of Scouting chair for Golden Arrow District. In 2005, Scott served as the Council Chairman for the National Scout Jamboree sending nine troops in the contingent to Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. He attended the 2007 World Jamboree in England.

A Member of the Board of Directors for Sam Houston Area Council since 2002, Scott serves on the Council International Scouting Committee. During his years of service, he has received the Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter Training Award, and has completed Wood Badge training.

Scott is a Deacon at Second Baptist Church, where he also serves on the Budget and Mission Offering Committees. He is a board member for the International Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and is an adjunct professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.



Don Cullum

Don Cullum has been an active Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for eleven years. He has served as the Committee Chairman for both Pack and Troop 1565 and is currently the Committee Chairman for Crew 1565. He has also served as a Unit Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Committee Member, and Crew Associate Advisor. Don has served as the Polaris District Membership Chairman, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, and currently serves on the Sam Houston

Area Council Membership Committee.

Don completed his Wood Badge course, SR-472, and is serving this fall on his fourth staff. He has received the District Award of Merit and the Polaris District Family of the Year. Don received the religious emblem award, Cross and Flame, from the United Methodist Church. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Don is an active member of Cypress Trails United Methodist Church. He has coached Little League Baseball and worked as a member of the road crew for the Spring High School Band. He has delivered the Junior Achievement program to an urban high school in the Houston area and to Venturing Crews in both Houston and



Chuck Devier

Chuck Devier has been an active Scouter for over 20 years. He has been a Scoutmaster, twice, a Cubmaster, a Den Leader and a Charter Organization Representative. He is currently the Scoutmaster for Troop 61 in the new Copperhead District. Chuck is also the District Training Chairman and, for years, has been the lead trainer for Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills and Webelos Leaders Outdoor Training for the Rising Star District. He is also a member of the District Committee. Chuck also teaches Youth Protection Training, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, BALOO, and adult trainings for Cub Scout to Boy Scout transitions. He is currently a member of the District Committee and has been a Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser.

Chuck is Wood Badge trained and staffed Wood Badge course SR-715 as Quartermaster. He has received the Rising Star Award and the Rising Star District Award of Merit.

Chuck is a member of Peace Community Church and is the liaison between the church and the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and other youth organizations.



J. David Grizzle

David Grizzle is a member of the Sam Houston Area Council Board of Directors. He has served as a Den Leader and Cubmaster in Pack 55 and is an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 55 in the Golden Arrow District. David serves on the leadership team for the Urban Scouting Division, which is now called the Central Division. In this capacity, he goes the extra mile and spends many weekends camping with the Urban Scouts. He has led several treks to Philmont Scout Ranch.

Several years ago, Continental Airlines seconded David to the United States Department of State where he help plan and guide the re-building of the infrastructure for the country of Afghanistan. He serves on the boards of the International Justice Mission fighting human trafficking and the Mission Aviation Fellowship providing aviation and communication services in the world's most remote regions.

David is an active member of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church. He and his entire family are dedicated to outreach ministries to underdeveloped countries; most notably, Bolivia and Pakistan. He is the proud father of three Eagle Scout sons.



Clay Hall

Eagle Scout Clay Hall has been an active Scouter in George Strake District for the past 10 years. During that time he has served as Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Day Camp Chair, District Activities Chair, Cub Scout Outdoor Program Chair, and District Vice-Chair of Program. In 2005 he was an Assistant Scoutmaster for the National Jamboree. Currently serving as Chapter Adviser for Order of the Arrow, Clay most recently attended Arrow Corps 5 in Wyoming.

Clay has been awarded the Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, District Committee Key, Scouter Training Award and District Award of Merit. He has served as a staff member for Wood Badge training and is a James E. West Fellow. Clay is a Vigil Honor member of Order of the Arrow and a recipient of the OA Leadership in Service Award.

Clay is a member of Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, where he has been a CCE teacher as well as a counselor for the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious emblem awards. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice.

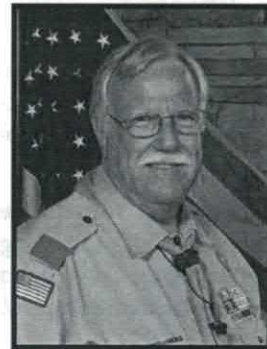


Gene Hamilton

Eagle Scout, Gene Hamilton has been active in Scouting for over 12 years, the last eight in Flaming Arrow District. He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Pack Committee Chair, Cub Scout Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Pack Trainer, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, and Assistant District Commissioner. He is currently a Member of Committee for a Pack, Troop, Team, and Crew. He also serves the Flaming Arrow District as the Boy Scout Training Chair and an Assistant District Commissioner.

Gene received his Wood Badge Beads through SR-477 and has served on four Wood Badge staffs. He has been recognized with the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, W.D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award, Scouter's Key, Cubmaster Award, Scouter Training Award, Den Leader Award, District Award of Merit and his faith's religious emblem award.

Gene is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he has previously served as a Sunday School Teacher, Ward Sunday School President, Ward Executive Secretary, Choir Director and currently teaches Sunday School. He currently serves as a Seminary teacher.

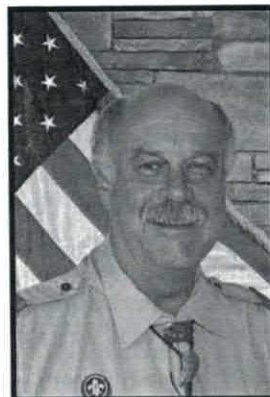


John C. Harrison

Eagle Scout John Harrison has served as an adult Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for ten years. He has served as Tiger Cub Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and Cubmaster. Within the District, John has served as a District Committee Member, Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner and District Family Friends of Scouting Chairman. John currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 924 and District Training Chair.

John received his Wood Badge Beads from SR-656. He has received the Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster Awards, District Award of Merit and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. John and his family are recipients of the District Family of the Year Award in Skyline District. He has served on Wood Badge staff.

John is a very active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church having served as a member of the Governing Board, Senior Warden and worked on starting St. Andrew's Episcopal School. He is a member and current President of the Heights Rotary Club.



George Hester

George Hester has served Scouting for over 12 years as an adult leader, currently serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 257 in Bryan. He has been an active member of Arrowmoon District Training Team, multi-year Webelos Woods organizer, and multi-year chair of the district's Scouting for Food event. George has served on the staff of numerous Council training events including four Wood Badge courses, and several Universities of Scouting. He has served as a Scoutmaster for the National Youth Leadership Training course.

George has received the Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scoutmaster's Key, Boy Scout Training Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit, and Wood Badge beads.

George serves the community outside of Scouting as a Sunday School Teacher and as a member of the Historic Landmark Commission for the City of Bryan, Texas. George is a member of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students and has served as Class Agent since 1982.

George and his wife, Connie are the proud parents of two Aggies, including one Eagle Scout son.



J. Webb Jennings, III

Webb Jennings is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Sam Houston Area Council Board of Directors. He has given outstanding leadership in the Development Department.

Webb has given leadership for three years to the Foundations Division of the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign. Webb is currently serving as the Chairman to the Distinguished Citizens Dinner honoring George W. Strake, Jr.

Webb serves his community as a Director of Cockrell Foundation, Cockrell Family Fund; Children's Fund; Trotter Family YMCA and an Advisory Director with the Houston Achievement Place. He is also a Director for Cockrell Interests, Bank of Houston, Pinto Ranch and Crimson Well Services.



Marcia E. Johnson

Marcia Johnson has served Scouting in the Sam Houston Area Council for 18 years. She has been a Tiger Cub Den Leader, Merit Badge Counselor, and is currently the Pack Committee Chairman for Pack 686 in the W. L. Davis District. She led Scout Fair ticket and Popcorn sales efforts at both the unit and district levels and has been active in the Family Friends of Scouting campaigns.

Marcia has completed Cub Scout and Boy Scout Basic Training as well as BALOO and Troop Committee Challenge. She has received the District Award of Merit and the W. L. Davis District Family of the Year Award.

Marcia is a Deaconess at the Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church as well as serving on the Scholarship Committee and as the Youth Director. She is the Chapter President-Elect of the Council for Exceptional Children and an At-Large Member of the Texas Speech & Hearing Association. Marcia is the proud mother of two Eagle Scout sons.



Kent Johnston

Kent Johnston has been an active Scouter in Golden Arrow District for 27 years. For the past 10 years, he has served as committee chair for Troop 11. Kent previously served in Troop and Pack 266 as Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member, Tiger Cub Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and Assistant Den Leader. Additionally Kent shares his Scouting knowledge through his active participation in the Golden Arrow District Training Committee.

During his years of service, Kent has received the Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter's Training Award, and District Award of Merit. He has completed Wood Badge training.

Kent is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, where he has served as an usher and Youth Sunday School teacher. He has also been an active community member, serving as chairman of the Mosher Employees Credit Union and as director of the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce.



Richard Lattimore

Richard Lattimore has been an active Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for 19 years, where he has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 1221 in the W.L. Davis District. Troop 1221 has produced 25 Eagle Scouts under his leadership. Richard also serves as Advisor for Venturing Crew 1221. He is also currently serving as a District Committee member and has served as District Training Chairman, District Camping Chairman, District Camporee Chairman, and First Aid Meet Chairman. He has also served at District Cuboree and on Webelos Woods Staff.

Richard attended Wood Badge SR-575 and received his regalia. He has received the District Award of Merit, the Boy Scout Leader Training Award, and the Scoutmaster's Key. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Richard is a member of South Union Missionary Baptist Church. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and through his membership is involved in youth and college scholarship fundraising activities.



André Marté

Eagle Scout, André Marté has served as an active Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for 15 years. He has served as Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Cub Den Leader and Pack Committee Member. He has served in several District positions including Cub Scout Roundtable Staff, Cub Scout Training Chairman, Unit Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner. He currently serves as a Committee Member for Troop 44 and as Big Cypress District Commissioner and

Chairman-elect of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

André received his Wood Badge Beads from SR-CS 13 and has served on Wood Badge staff. He is the recipient of the Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Scouter Training Awards, Cubmaster Award, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award and District Award of Merit. André has received the Catholic Committee on Scouting Scroll of Honor and Bronze Pelican. He is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow.

André is an active member of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church where he serves as an officer for the local Knights of Columbus Council. He is active within the Catholic Committee on Scouting serving as a religious emblems counselor.

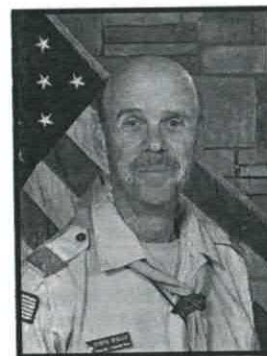


Michael Kasper

Mike Kasper has been an active Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for the last 13 years. He has been a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Webelos Den Leader and is currently the Chartered Organization Representative for Troop and Crew 928 and Pack 1928. Mike is a member of the Soaring Eagle District Committee, serving as the Camping Chairman. He is also an active member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Mike has received the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit and, with his family, the Rising Star Family of the Year. He has also been awarded the Scroll of Honor and Bronze Pelican awards from the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Mike is Wood Badge trained and has training as both an archery and a rifle instructor.

Mike is a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Community and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mike is active in the Tomball ISD supporting the activities at the high school and serving on the School Board's Subcommittee on the most recent bond election.



Steve Kelly

Steve Kelly, District Commissioner of Flaming Arrow District has served Scouting for over 14 years. Prior to his current role, Steve provided important leadership as Pack Committee Chair, Unit Commissioner, District Recharter Training Chair, FOS presenter, Assistant Scoutmaster and Commissioner Trainer. Steve has also developed a mentoring program in his home troop of over 100 boys to assist in retaining youth in the Scouting program.

Steve is a recipient of the District Award of Merit, the Arrowhead Honor, and Distinguished Commissioner Award. He has completed Wood Badge training.

Steve is a member of Kingwood United Methodist Church and a Kingwood Youth Soccer Association coach and referee. His humility and humor has helped many Scouts and youth gain confidence, which is a further extension of the ideals of Scouting that Steve practices each and every day.



Dennis J. Olheiser

Dennis Olheiser has been an active volunteer serving youth through Scouting since 1995. He has served as a Pack Committee Member, Troop Committee Member, Eagle Mentor, and Crew Advisor. Dennis is an active member of the Order of the Arrow and has received the Vigil Honor. Dennis continues to serve the youth of the Sam Houston Area Council by serving on and chairing numerous Camporees and Webelos Woods events.

Dennis was elected District Commissioner for the Tomahawk District in 2005 and since that time has built the Unit Commissioner and Roundtable Commissioner Staff into an effective service corps finding time also to serve on the Sam Houston Area Council's Cub Leader Pow Wow Key Staff and a Wood Badge Staff.

Dennis is an active member of his community serving on the Quail Valley Middle School PTO, as a judge for numerous Fort Bend Independent School District Science Fairs and as a Mountbatten House Volunteer. He and his family have been members of St. Laurence Catholic Church for 20 years. Dennis is a recipient of the District Award of Merit.



John Paul Roberts

Paul Roberts has been an active volunteer serving youth through Scouting for over 29 years. He is a member of the Troop 626 Committee and has served as its Advancement Chairman. He is currently the Advancement Chairman for the Rising Star District in helping over 1,100 Scouts reach the rank of Eagle. An active and up-to-date merit badge counselor list is a major resource Paul maintains to help these young on the Eagle trail. Paul is also on the Friends of Scouting team for Rising Star.

Paul completed Wood Badge in 2003 and has attended the Advancement conference at the Philmont Training Center. Paul has staffed numerous district and Council training event and is active in the Webelos to Scout transition program for his district.

Paul is a founding member of Fair Haven United Methodist Church. He is currently a member of The Foundry United Methodist Church where he serves as head of the church's emergency response team. He also serves the larger community as a medical technician and ham radio operator for the City of Jersey Village's Emergency Service Department and has been recognized by the San Jacinto Council of Girl Scouting for his outstanding and significant service.



Mark Lynn Miller

Mark Miller has been an active Scouter since 1994 in the Arrowmoon District. His volunteer career includes the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing programs. He has been a Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den leader and Cubmaster. In 1999 he started Troop 743 and has served as its Scoutmaster since that time. In 2005 Mark started Venturing Crew 743 and is currently the Advisor. For six years he was the Boy Scout Leader Training Chairman for the Arrowmoon District and continues to serve on the training team, including conducting adult training at summer camp.

Mark has been recognized previously with the Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Scouter Training Award, Scoutmaster's Key, Scoutmaster Award of Merit and District Award of Merit. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been an adult advisor on several high adventure treks to Philmont, National Invitational White River Canoe Race and Laguna Station High Adventure Base.

Mark also is active in his community beyond Scouting. He has coached soccer for five years and served as a referee for three years. He is a Sunday School Teacher at First Baptist Church in Bryan and works with youth during Vacation Bible School.



Craig W. Nunez

Eagle Scout Craig Nunez is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Sam Houston Area Council Board of Directors. He currently serves as the Council Treasurer. Previously, before relocating to Houston, Craig served as a Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Atlanta Area Council. In addition, he has served in various leadership and committee roles at the pack and troop level. Craig is a recipient of the God and Country Award religious emblem of his faith.

Craig is on the Board of Greenwich Energy Fund, Louisiana Energy Partners and Avondale House (formerly called the Texas Treatment Center for Autism). He is a licensed attorney-at-law, is a member of the Financial Executive Institute and has served on the Executive Committee Project at the Duke University Business School. Mr. Nunez serves proudly as a Major in the Texas State Guard, assigned to the Command Headquarters where his duties pertain to Homeland Security and Disaster Management.

Craig is a member of West University United Methodist Church and the proud father of a new Bobcat Cub Scout in Pack 266 and a First Class Scout in Troop 266 chartered to West University United Methodist Church, Golden Arrow District.



Brian G. Smith

Eagle Scout, Brian Smith is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Sam Houston Area Council. Brian attained his Eagle Scout rank as a member of Troop 242 chartered to Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. He has served as Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Advancement Chairman for Troop 242. Brian led the Learning for Life Division of the Sam Houston Council for two years as it's Chairman.

Brian is an active volunteer with the American Leadership Forum; OST/Almeda Corridor Redevelopment Authority & Reinvestment Zone No.7 and he is Chairman of the Board of the Greater Southeast Management District. He is a Deacon at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and on the Board of the church's 5C's, a ministry to people in transition.



Helen S. Soto

Helen Soto has been an active Scouting volunteer since 1995. She has staffed or chaired district events including Cuboree, Webelos Woods, Cub and Boy Scout Leader Training, Camporee, District Dinner and Eagle recognition dinner. She has served as a member of the Tomahawk District Key 9. Helen has also served on Sam Houston Area Council events including University of Scouting Instructor, Cub Scout Pow Wow Den Chief Training, Chair the Hispanic Merit Badge Day. In addition to her Council service Helen currently serves

as the Crew Committee Chairman for Venture Crew 1960 and as a religious emblems counselor.

Helen has received her Wood Badge Beads. She has been recognized with the Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Boy Scout Leader Training Award, Adult Religious Award, Venturing Leader Award, Venturing Leadership Award, District Committee Key Award, District Award of Merit and the Sam Houston Area Council Hispanic Family of the Year Award.

Helen serves on the Fort Bend Cares Auction Committee, Kids Unlimited Board of Directors, and as an advocate for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Helen is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She has received the Catholic Religious Emblem and the Bronze Pelican Award and the Scroll of Honor from the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

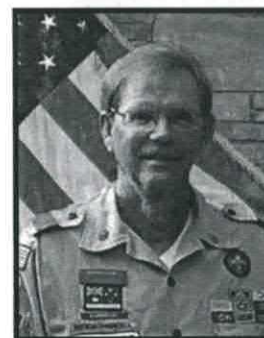


Phil Rowe

Eagle Scout Phil Rowe has served Scouting as an Adult Leader for over 23 years. Phil has served the Sam Houston Area Council and the Polaris and Tatanka Districts in a number of capacities including Unit Commissioner and Boy Scout Roundtable Staff. Phil has staffed two National Jamborees and served on summer camp staff at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch.

Phil received his Wood Badge Beads from SC-363-12 and has also been awarded the Scouter's Training Award, Commissioner Key, Arrowhead Honor, and District Award of Merit. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and has received numerous Order of the Arrow Awards.

Phil is currently a member of Sugar Grove Church of Christ and is active in the singles group.



Bernard L. Royce

Ben Royce has been an active Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for 13 years. He currently serves as Scoutmaster of Troop 354 and as Venturing Advisor for Crew 354 in the Golden Arrow District. He is also currently serving as a District Committee Member and has served as Chairman of the Webelos Twilight Camp. Ben has also held positions as a Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Ben attended Wood Badge and received his beads and regalia. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has received the District Award of Merit.

Ben is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church where he serves as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, and Sacristan. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega, Leadership Development Fraternity and a founding board member of David Crockett Homeowners' Association. He is also a member of the Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen, the Houston Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, The College of State Bar of Texas, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and the International Bar Association.



David R. Spain

Eagle Scout, David Spain has served Scouting with over 23 years as an adult leader, currently serving as District Commissioner for Texas Skies District and as Training Chair for Troop 584.

David previously served as District Commissioner for Mustang District and was a key leader in the district realignment project that resulted in Texas Skies District. David has served as Cubmaster, Pack Trainer, and District Training Chairman. David served as Explorer Advisor and as a Unit Commissioner in the Sam Houston Area Council.

David has received the following awards: Exploring Key, Cubmaster Award, Commissioner Key, Scouter Training Award, James E. West Fellowship Award, Arrowhead Honor, and the District Award of Merit.

David serves the youth outside of Scouting as a Confirmation Youth Ministry Guide and a Sunday School Teacher. He has coached several soccer and youth football teams and currently serves on the Board of Directors and Club Treasurer of a Katy Lacrosse Team.



Jeff D. Sposato

Jeff Sposato has served Scouting for over 13 years as an adult leader, currently serving as a Unit Commissioner in the Brazos District and is an active member of the district and council training teams as well as Assistant Council Quartermaster. Jeff is currently serving as Assistant Course Director for the Spring 2009 Power Horn course.

Jeff's previous service includes: Pack Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant Venture Crew Advisor, District Training Chair, District Camporee Chair, Roundtable Staff, District Vice-chairman of Program, District Friends of Scouting Chair, Southern Division Popcorn Chair, multiple University of Scouting, Wood Badge, Powder Horn and Trainer Development Conference Staffs. Additionally he has served as the Council Associate Advisor for Religious Awards – Ad Altare Dei and the Archdioceses Committee on Catholic Scouting. He is a NRA certified instructor shooting sports instructor.

Jeff has received the Cub Scouter Award, Scoutmaster's Key, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit, and District Family of the Year.

Jeff serves the community outside of Scouting as a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, past Faithful Navigator of the Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus, and has served on the Honor Guard for the Bishop, Arch Bishop, and the Assistant Bishops of the Galveston-Houston Archdioceses.



Brian K. Turner

Brian Turner has been an active volunteer serving youth through Scouting since 1998. He has served as a Pack Committee Member, Troop Committee Member and Assistant Scoutmaster. Brian has served on many Tomahawk District and Sam Houston Area Council events including University of Scouting, Cub Scout Pow Wow, Tomahawk District Cub Scout Day Camp, Webelos Woods Chair Camporee, and Scout Fair Ad Sales Chair. Brian is an active Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow and currently serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 301 and as the Tomahawk District Training Chair.

Brian received his Wood Badge beads and has been recognized with the James E. West Fellowship Award, District Committee Key, Scouter's Training Award, Scoutmaster Key, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit and the Tomahawk District Family of the Year Award.

Brian is an active member of his community serving as a magician for non-profit organizations, and he and his family are active members of Sugar Creek Baptist Church. Two of his son's have earned the Eagle Scout rank and the third is getting close.



Joe M. Welch

Joe Welch has been an active Scouter for the last 12 years. He is currently the Venturing Roundtable Commissioner for the Rising Star District and Troop Committee member for Troop 573. Joe is also currently an instructor at the Climbing Director's School at the Philmont Training Center and a Climbing Instructor and Camp Appraiser (Climbing and COPE) for the National Camp School. Joe has been a Ship Advisor for Sea Scout Ship 1996, Skipper for Ship 573 and a Climbing Merit Badge Instructor for the Council's Winter Camp. Joe is currently the Climbing

Committee Chairman and Committee Member of the Council's High Adventure Committee.

Joe has received the Rising Star Award and the District Award of Merit. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. Joe has completed Wood Badge, Powderhorn and Sea Badge courses.

Joe is a member of the American Mountain Guides Association, the Central Texas Climbing Committee and Friends of Enchanted Rock. He has also been a Team Dad for the Stone Creek Swim Team and a volunteer for the Cy-Falls High School Debate Team.



David Allen Williams

Dave Williams has been an active Scouter for the past 16 years, serving in Rising Star, Mustang and currently Texas Skies District. His roles have ranged from Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster of one of the larger troops in the West Houston area. Dave currently serves as Eagle Scout Board of Review Chairman for Texas Skies District.

Dave is a recipient of the Cubmaster Award, the Scouter's Training Knot, the Mustang District Spirit Award as well as the Mustang District Award of Merit. He has completed his Wood Badge requirements on SR-384 and has served two times as a Wood Badge Staff member.

Dave is a member of Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, a member of the Methodist Men's organization and helped organize a young adult Sunday School program at his Church. He and his wife also help lead their daughter's Girl Scout troop in the San Jacinto Council.

