



DECEMBER FOCUS

ROUNDTABLE

7:00 PM Thursday, December 13
1100 Stapleton Lane, Flower Mound

11 YEAR OLD SCOUT TO SPEAK AT ROUNDTABLE

Blake, from troop 9168, will speak about his toy drive for kids that are stuck in the hospital during Christmas. See attached flyer and don't miss Blake at this Roundtable!

YEAR END UNIT INVENTORY DUE AT ROUNDTABLE

An audit of youth in your Cubs, Scouts, and Crews is to be submitted at this Roundtable. The list is a headcount, with names, of who is still in on your rolls and is to be independent of Scoutbook, ScoutTrack, or other software.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE IS DUE

The JTE forms are to be turned in at **this** Roundtable. Service Hour Reporting can be done online at servicehours.scouting.org

Click the links for the JTE Form needed for your unit

[Pack JTE Form](#)

[Troop JTE Form](#)

[Crew JTE Form](#)

ALL ADVANCEMENT MUST BE ENTERED BY CHRISTMAS

Advancement must be recorded into Scoutbook or over the internet. For questions contact the district advancement chair, Rudy Kamman tonkawaadvancements@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT BREAKOUT SESSION

Blue and Gold Banquet – Creative Ideas and Planning is Half the Battle

BOY SCOUT BREAKOUT SESSION

Service Opportunities – Share your troop experiences and ideas about the services you have had success with and learn about the **JUST SERVE** initiative where troops can find local services that are available.



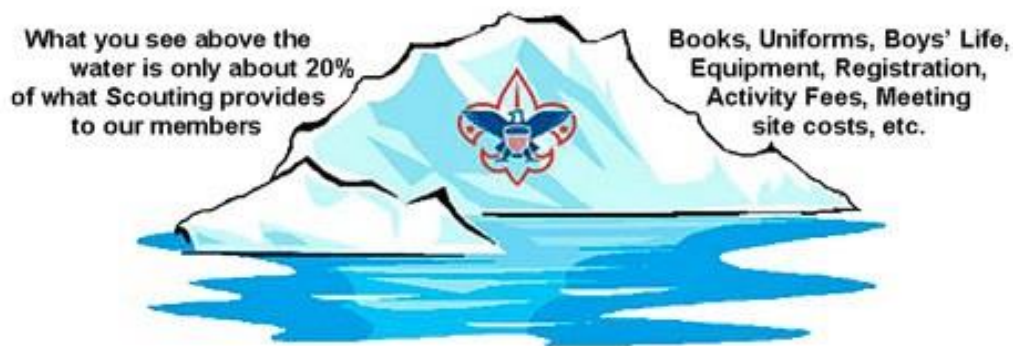
SCOUT CLOSET

Did you know that Tonkawa District has a Scout Closet? This is great for those in need of cub or scout uniforms and equipment. All items are donated. If you have any scouting items that are no longer used in your home, please bring them to Roundtable to be included in the inventory.

WE NEED YOUR USED CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS – bring them to roundtable.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS)

Get your materials at Roundtable. Friends of Scouting is your council's annual giving campaign. In most councils, FOS represents the council's largest source of income. What you see is only about 20% of what council provides members. Each unit needs to have a FOS champion.



TONKAWA DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are not serving as a member of your Key 3 in your unit consider being part of the Tonkawa District team. See Lewis Gonzales (District Chairman) or Bob Hammers (District Commissioner) for more information

IS YOUR YPT EXPIRED

All prior YPT training certificates are **EXPIRED** as of October 1 unless you have taken the new YPT online course, yours is expired! Even those Scout leaders who took the previous version of Youth Protection training must log into My.Scouting.org and complete the updated Youth Protection course.

It is IMPOSSIBLE to register as an adult leader without obtaining a new YPT certificate.

Looking Ahead

- Boy Scout Roundtable Breakout Topics for the next three months are:
January: Rifle/Shotgun/Pistol/Archery
February: Backpacking and Hiking
March: Troop Meeting Games for Pre-Opening/Gathering

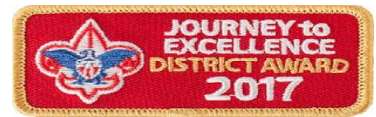


- Cub Scout Roundtable Breakout Topics for the rest of the year are:
 - January: Arrow of Light Ceremonies **Bring your Bridge Night**: Creative Ceremonies. Show your Pack Pride and bring your Pack Bridge to the January Roundtable. If you can't transport your Pack bridge, please bring a picture from a recent ceremony. Packs will vote for which Bridge will win the "We'll Cross That Bridge When..." Award! And we'll use the bridges to demonstrate some creative bridging ceremonies for Your Webelows to Scout Transition
 - February: Rank Advancement Ceremonies: How to make Rank Advancement FUN
 - March: Campout Cooking: Dutch Oven Cooking
- Training
 - January 12, 13: IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) and BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation). Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnighter. Contact Jeff Thompson for registration at jthomp1970@gmail.com
- CUB-O – The Cub Scout Holiday Break Adventure January 5, see www.longhorncouncil.org/event/cub-o/
- Wood Badge Banquet – February 2, 2019 Joshua, TX. Branding @ 5:30pm Dinner @ 6:30pm. For information and to register go to <https://www.longhorncouncil.org/event/wood-badge-banquet/>
- Merit Badge College – Session 1 February 2, Session 2 February 23. See attached flyer for more information.
- Scouting For Food – February 9
- Camporee – Mark your calendars for April 12-13 for Camporee that will be held at Stripling Island located within Sid Richardson Scout Ranch.
- Cub Scout FUN Day - Due to weather and conflicting schedules, our Tonkawa District Cub Scout Fun Day has been postponed to May 18th, 2019! Details will be available in the Spring.

RECRUITING MATERIALS AVAILABLE

As a reminder, recruiting is a year-round endeavor.
Flyers and posters can still be ordered at any time for units that wish to hold a recruiting event.

NEW NATIONAL COMMISSIONER IS FROM LONGHORN COUNCIL



SAVE THE DATE! All commissioners and others who are interested are invited to come to the Commissioners Conference held on January 12 from 9:30am to 2:00pm. The location is yet TBD.

Topics:

- New Commissioner Tools 2.0
- Family Scouting – the practical and latest info
- Managing LDS Scout retention & departures
- And more

Benefits for you:

- Fellowship
- Practical, fun, latest information about what is happening in Scouting
- Networking
- Meet and get to know fellow Commissioners across the Council
- First Commissioners Conference in at least six years

REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER 2018 EAGLE SCOUTS

Please join us in congratulating the latest Eagle Scouts of Tonkawa District!!!

Aidan O. – Troop 62



Jared P. – Troop 226



Tonkawa District Resources

WEBSITE

<http://www.tonkawadistrict.com>

DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS (EMAIL)

To subscribe or unsubscribe from District Emails, please visit [this link](#).

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator	Christina Cunningham	ccunningham83@live.com



2019 Tonkawa District Merit Badge College Stapleton LDS Church Building

Location: 1100 Stapleton Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019 & Saturday, February 23, 2019

Time: 8:15 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$15

Check In: 7:30 am – 8:10 am

Flag Ceremony: 8:15 am on both Saturdays

The objective of the **Tonkawa District Merit Badge College** is to provide merit badges that a Scout may not have an opportunity to earn otherwise. Class sessions are for both Saturdays and most will require some homework and/or field trips in order to complete all of the requirements. Scouts may register for up to four merit badges that will be offered during the four sessions. Scouts will be limited to **two** Eagle required merit badges. We will review this guideline after we have a complete list of merit badge classes.

Session One: 8:30 am – 9:50 am

Session Two: 10:00 am – 11:20 am

Lunch Break: 11:20 am – 12:00 noon

Session Three: 12:00 noon – 1:20 pm

Session Four: 1:30 pm – 2:50 pm

In order for a Troop to register and participate in the merit badge college, the Troop must provide two merit badge counselors who each teach a merit badge of their choice and the merit badge counselors must be registered with the Tonkawa District by January 5, 2019.

Scoutmasters must approve all merit badges for which their Scouts register. Remember that attendance alone may not result in all requirements being completed. Scouts must participate and demonstrate that they have met each requirement with the merit badge counselor. A Scoutmaster, committee member or YPT adult must be in attendance from every unit whenever a Scout from their unit is at the college. Scouts must be engaged in a merit badge class at the college to be in attendance, there will be no FREE TIME. Scouts with no class between their sessions will need a parent pick them up and return them for their next session. Loitering is not allowed.

Lunch will be served both Saturdays and is included in the price. If your Scout has specific dietary needs, please plan to bring a sack lunch. Lunch will consist of pizza or hot dogs, chips,



water and more during the lunch break.

Merit Badge Counselor Information

Every merit badge counselor will need to provide the following:

1. Completed merit badge counselor registration form - <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>
2. Copy of completed youth protection training (YPT) card
3. Copy of BSA registration card or completed adult application - <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>

Please contact Christina Cunningham (ccunningham83@live.com) to register with the Tonkawa District.

Unit Registration Instructions

Each Scoutmaster will register their Troop or designate one person using the MERITBADGE.INFO system. Registration is planned to open on Saturday, January 8, 2019 at 11:59 pm and close on Wednesday, January 25, 2019. Scoutmasters will be required to provide Blue Cards for each Scout, with the front completed and signed by the Scoutmaster. If a merit badge requires an additional fee, it needs to be included in the amount to be paid by the unit. The Scout will **NOT** pay the merit badge counselor directly.

Payment Instructions for the Unit

The cost per Scout is \$15.00 which includes two lunches and a binder with the merit badge workbooks, a pen, and a pencil. Each Scout must pay \$15.00, even if they only sign up for one or two merit badges. Payment from each unit needs to be received on or before Saturday February 2, 2019 8:30 am.

Release Information

Units will be required to provide a **permission** form for each Scout in attendance at check in before the opening flag ceremony on Saturday, February 2, 2019. The form can be found at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>



BLAKE'S TOY DRIVE FOR SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL KIDS

Blake is 11 years old in Troop 9168 that has Stickler Syndrome. Most of his life he has spent in and out of hospitals. He is a great kid, tiny as can be, with a giant personality.

Every year Blake does a toy drive for Scottish Rite Hospital to collect toys for what his explanation is, "To give toys to kids stuck in the hospital over the holidays." As a District let's help him meet or exceed his goal.

Written by Blake's parents:

A friend recently asked me which hospital Blake had been in, how long he was there and how long has Blake been doing the toy drive. Our immediate answer typically is "which hospital has Blake not been in!" Those questions reminded me that not everyone knows Blake's history. So, I am going to share in hopes that this will help people understand Blake a little better.

Blake spent his 1st year of life in so many hospitals that we loving refer to it as Blake's Hospital Tour. Blake was born with a cleft palate and we left the hospital with a Haberman feeding bottle and an appointment with a Craniofacial Surgeon. At 5 weeks of age Blake spent a week at Children's in Dallas where he was diagnosed with Failure to Thrive among other things. At 10 weeks of age Blake spent another week at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, PHOP, with RSV where we were told to pray hard because most babies don't survive with the chances they gave him. We came home with a NG feeding tube, a breathing treatment schedule and appointments with a Pulmonologist and Respiratory Therapist.

At a week shy of 4 months of age Blake had his 1st surgery at Medical City Dallas Children's Hospital. Blake had an enteral feeding tube placed and a Nissen. At 9 months old Blake again spent a week at PHOP for Aspiration Pneumonia and then a few weeks later he had another surgery at Medical City to repair a Paraesophageal Hernia and to tighten the Nissen. At just a few weeks shy of his 1st birthday Blake had his Cleft Palate repaired. Blake had an allergic reaction to a drug and spent 3 days in ICU. Blake spent his 1st birthday sick with an ear infection. These hospital visits don't include the several outpatient procedures that he endured.

Blake's 2nd year up until now has only included checkups with his specialists, day procedures such as numerous sets of PE tubes and his Tonsillectomy, tests and swallow studies, a 5 week stay at Our Children's House at Baylor for the intensive feeding therapy program at age 4 and then his visits with Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children for his Arthritis. I can only assume that Blake chose TSRHC as the beneficiary of his toy drive because that is the only place where he has not had any poking or prodding done to him. When I do ask him why he chose TSRHC, all I get from him is "I don't know, I just like to make kids smile!"

Blake's wish to go to Hawaii to visit some really good friends (*who*) used to be our neighbors was granted by a small local wish organization a Wish with Wings. Upon our return they sent us an invite to their annual Holiday Party and asked each of our kids what 2 items they wanted Santa to bring them. Blake's response was "I want to donate all my toys from Santa to kids stuck in the hospital!" So, we took a video of Blake asking for help and put it on Facebook and his original goal in 2015 was 100 toys. He had such an encouraging response that we ended



up donating 552 toys in 2015. Blake's goal in 2016 was 1000 items and ended up donating 1266 toys. For 2017 his goal was 1500 toys and we ended up donating 2030 toys.

Each year he has me put his video on Facebook, twitter and even gets our schools involved. He'll talk to the principals and anybody who is willing to listen to help him with this awesome cause. I know this might be more information than you wanted but this is who he is. He's been through a lot and will still go through a lot more because that's just how life is with Stickler Syndrome but he chooses to focus on the good and rolls with it.

We appreciate your interest in supporting the patients of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children! Toys, activities and handmade items are an ongoing need and used throughout the year in our waiting areas, clinics and playroom, as well as with our Inpatients. Donations of all kinds are welcomed, but items of greatest need are included below.



SMALL REWARD ITEMS help reduce stress and anxiety for patients who have undergone a difficult or painful procedure in clinic. Donation ideas include:

- Card games or travel games
- Activity or sticker books
- Toddler board books
- MadLibs books
- Individual art sets
- Key chains, lanyards or backpack pulls
- Latex-free stressballs
- Mini Lego kits
- Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars
- Fun pens, pencil sets or stickers
- Mini airplanes or gliders
- Small stuffed animals or animal figures
- Bubbles
- Mini Barbies, Polly Pockets, My Little Ponies or Potato Heads
- Mini nail polish or lip gloss
- Small puzzles

ACTIVITIES AND HANDMADE ITEMS bring cheer to our inpatients and provide distraction during “downtime” at the hospital. Possible donations include:

- Craft packets that can be completed independently by patients. These may be placed in a ziplock bag along with simple instructions a child can follow.
- Activity books or packets that contain coloring pages, word searches, mazes or crosswords. Includes a small supply of crayons, markers or colored pencils.
- Decorated pillowcases
- Homemade blankets or quilts

ADDITIONAL ITEMS including books, recreational equipment and small electronics, may be found on the hospital’s Amazon Wish List under “TSRHC’s Hospital-wide Wishlist”.

We would be pleased to accept your donation of **new, unwrapped** items at the reception desk at the main entrance. **Please be sure to include batteries with toys that require them.** If you would like to plan a large collection effort or schedule a drop-off, please contact a Development Officer at 214-559-7650.

Thank You for supporting our children in this very special way. We appreciate your generosity!





BSA SAFETY MOMENT

VIOLENT INTRUDER

SUMMARY

A violent intruder is an individual actively engaged in hurting, attempting to hurt, or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. The intruder may be using firearms, but the weapon could be a vehicle, a knife, or something else. There is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Violent intruder situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the violence and mitigate harm to victims. Because these incidents are often over within 10 to 15 minutes—perhaps before law enforcement has arrived on the scene—others must also be prepared, mentally and physically, to deal with a traumatic or even tragic situation.

For this discussion, we will use the Department of Homeland Security guidelines for an active shooter situation.

RESPONSE

- **RUN**—Get out of the immediate area. Help others to escape. Leave belongings behind. Remain calm and stay together. Contact the authorities via 911 once you are relatively safe.
- **HIDE**—If evacuation is not an option, find a place to hide (concealment) where the intruder cannot find you. Lock or barricade doors. Move away from windows. Hide behind something substantial. Remain calm and quiet. Silence electronics. Contact the authorities via 911 once you are relatively safe, and do not hang up. If for any reason you can't talk, allow the line to remain open so the dispatcher can listen to what is happening.
 - If you are caught in the open and able to move, seek cover. Try to put a barrier between you and the intruder. If you are unable to move, play dead, and the intruder may ignore you.
 - *Cover* means protection from the intruder. *Concealment* means protection from observation.
- **FIGHT**—Do this only as a last resort when you are in immediate danger and cannot run. Act as aggressively as possible. Use common items to fight (chair, book, fire extinguisher, sticks, etc.). If people who are under threat outnumber the intruder, use those numbers to your advantage.

ARRIVAL OF AUTHORITIES

- Authorities will immediately be focused on containing the situation. Stay calm and follow ALL of their directions. Keep everyone together and render first aid.

RECOVERY

- Once the situation is under the authorities' control and the threat no longer exists, post-event activities become the priority.
 - Everyone present is accountable for determining if anyone is missing or injured.
 - Coordinate with first responders to account for those who were injured and evacuated, or injured and not evacuated, and those who require definitive or specialized medical attention.
 - Activate the communications plan to notify Scout leadership and families.
 - Assess the psychological state of individuals at the scene, and provide assistance accordingly.
 - In the aftermath of such an event, reach out to your council for additional support and resources.

These types of events can be tremendously intense and violent. Good planning, training, and communications can and will save lives. Be prepared. Look, observe, and be aware of your surroundings. If an event occurs—*act!* Once the event is over, it is important to be together, support each other, and communicate.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- For resources from the Department of Homeland Security, visit www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness.



REGISTRATION IS
OPEN



SATURDAY DECEMBER
15TH, 2018

THE LONGHORN COUNCIL
VENTURING OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION



Cost:

- Non-season pass holders: \$51.45 per person
- Season pass holders: \$22.95—meal only,
\$25.95—meal & parking

Included:

- Park Admission, Parking
- Dinner Buffet (4pm—5pm)

Fried Chicken Tenders, Sliced Brisket, Mac 'n'
Cheese, Salad, Rolls, Cookies, Iced Tea & Coca-
Cola soft drinks.

For additional information:

Holiday in the Park activities

To register, click the link below:

[Holiday in the Park—Registration Link](#)

User ID—BSAOT

Password—SixFlags9 (case sensitive)

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