



Don't Forget to Sign-In!



# Alamo Area Council District Roundtable March 5, 2026



## Commissioner's Minute

### Don't Forget to Plan for Retention of Scouts and Scouters:

- With the focus on recruiting, don't forget retention is just as important
- Retaining Scouts is about engagement
  - Do you have a program that keeps Scouts looking forward to events?
  - Do you work with Scouts and parents to ensure Scouts are advancing?
- Retaining Scouters is about fulfillment
  - Do you have a program to recognize your volunteers, both registered and parents/family?
  - Do volunteers have roles that make them feel needed and engaged?

## Council Activities

- March 6-8 – 8:00 CWC Work Days (Bear Creek)
- March 13-15 – 8:00 CWC Work Days (Bear Creek)
- March 14 – 5:00 Scout Night with the Spurs
- March 19 – 6:30 Venturing Officer Association Meeting (Service Center)
- March 20-22 – 6:30 Council-Wide Campout (Bear Creek)
- March 27-29 – 7:00 Spring Wood Badge Weekend I



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## Committee Meetings

- March 8 at 8:00: Jamboree Committee Meeting – Virtual
- March 11 at 7:00: RATA Committee – McGimsey
- March 18 at 7:00: Council-Wide Campout Committee - OA Building
- March 19 at 6:30: Fishing Committee – Virtual
- March 22 at 8:00: Jamboree Committee Meeting - Virtual
- March 23 at 6:30: Membership Committee – Virtual
- March 25 at 8:00: Cub Scout Day Camp Planning Committee – Virtual
- March 26 at 7:00: Aquatics Committee – Scout Service Center
- March 26 at 7:00: AAC Youth Committee – McGimsey
- March 26 at 7:00: Conservation Committee – McGimsey

## **OA Lodge Events**

- Please Pay Your Lodge Dues using the QR Code
- March 14: LEC
- March 14: Elangomat/Ceremonialist Training
- March 27-29: G2 Conclave
- April 10-12: Spring Induction
- Roadrunner Chapter meetings will coincide with West District meetings



## **November Hot Topic: Six Ways to Tell Your Scouting Story**

There's no better recruiting tool than an excited Cub Scout, Scouts BSA member, Venturer or Sea Scout telling friends about their adventures. But if you'd like to reach a bigger audience, here are six practical tips that your pack, troop, crew or ship can use to get local news coverage with little effort.

- Have a good story to tell: One that is compelling, interesting and intriguing.
- Create good visuals: Strong images and video can make all the difference!
- Use strong quotes: For newspapers and online outlets, good quotes are essential. A quote should be colorful, short and sound natural.
- Hold an interesting event: One of the great things about Scouting is that the events that are a matter of routine for us are fascinating to the general public!
- Be the first or set a local record: The media loves major anniversary stories with a look back and an update on today.

## **Safety Moment: Guide to Safe Scouting**

The Guide to Safe Scouting is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures, designed to make the program safer. When it comes to the safety guide, here are some important points for you to remember:

1. Know the Guide—All participants in Scouting activities should become familiar with the guide and applicable BSA program literature or manuals.
2. Know the Law—Be aware that state or local government regulations supersede BSA practices, policies, and guidelines.
3. Know the Risks—The Guide to Safe Scouting does not cover every possible activity, but it provides guidance on how to evaluate risks and proceed safely if explicit requirements do not exist.
4. Know the Restrictions—The document includes a list of restricted or prohibited activities.
5. Know the Limits—The document contains age-appropriate guidelines for activities.
6. Know the Program—The guide points to other BSA program documents such as Safe Swim Defense, the National Shooting Sports Manual, and additional program materials.

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