



APRIL 2026

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

Alamo Area Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Scout Oath

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

Scout Law- A Scout Is:

Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,

Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
and Reverent.

SCOUTING MISSION & VISION



MISSION: The mission of Scouting 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.

VISION: Scouting America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

WELCOME

- Who's Here?
- Roundtable Team
- Commissioner Team
- We Want Your Feedback!



Visit the AAC
Roundtable Page



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SAFETY MOMENT: ATVs



With the exception of council-run ATV programs, ATVs, UTVs, and side-by-sides are banned from program use, a restriction that includes their use within units.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are defined as “motorized recreational cycles with three or four large, soft tires, designed for off-road use on a variety of terrains.” While all-terrain vehicles—including ATVs, utility task vehicles (UTVs), and side-by-sides—are fun and exciting to navigate through a forest course, they are also under the watchful eye of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and have a reputation of scarring the environment.

ATV programs have been used in council-run programs following National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) standards for some time now. When an approved program is offered, the camp provides a safe introductory program into all-terrain vehicle use and operation following the safety training program of the ATV Safety Institute (ASI).

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT: OPEN HOUSE



Five Steps for an Open House

Open houses are a great way to attract new members to troops, crews, and ships. They all follow basically the same format, with a message tailored to the specific unit. We will use a troop open house as an example.

1. School rally: Present a fun rally to 5th and 6th graders.
2. Send the parents of interested youth a personal invitation to the troop open house.
3. Follow up with a call. Ask if any family members have a Scouting background and answer questions.
4. Host a troop open house for the youth and their parents. Have an agenda and the troop's calendar available. Ensure the Scouts have fun, and parents get their questions answered. Provide refreshments.
5. Organize an activity to involve new Scouts right away. This is the key to keeping the new scouts in the program. Train them in some basic skills and get them into the open and make sure they have fun!

Questions? Please contact the growth team at growth@alamoareascouting.org

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HOT TOPIC: THE POWER OF CEREMONIES



Ceremonies serve three critical functions in both Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA:

- **Recognition:** They provide public validation for hard work, reinforcing a Scout's sense of achievement.
- **Inspiration:** Seeing a peer "cross the bridge" or receive a rank medal motivates younger Scouts.
- **Belonging:** Ceremonies formalize a Scout's place within the den, pack, or troop community.

A ceremony doesn't have to be long to be impactful. In fact, brevity often keeps the "magic" alive.

- **Use Props:** Candles, flags, bridges, and even theatrical lighting (like a single spotlight or a campfire).
- **The "Vibe" Check:** For Cub Scouts, lean into the fun and whimsical. Think "Akela" costumes, a themed pack meeting with songs and skits. For Scouts BSA, lean into dignity and tradition, allowing the youth-led nature of the troop to shine through.
- **Incorporate Symbols:** A neckerchief swap/hand-me-down insignia from an older Scout or adult leader can carry immense weight.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



Scouting for Food

Pick up April 18, 2027

... Be visible in your community!

Fight food insecurity in your neighborhood.

Raise the profile of Scouting in the community.

Door hangers have recruiting information on the back.

Click the QR code or contact Steve.Verm@Scouting.org for more info



OTHER APRIL ACTIVITIES



- April 10-12: OA Induction Weekend
- April 11-12: Wood Badge Weekend II
- **April 15: AAC Unit Marketing and Growth Workshop**
- April 17-18: BALOO and IOLS - Climbing Instructor (17-19)
- April 18: Cub Scout Range Day (Archery)
- April 18: Scouting for Food Collection Day
- April 24: Fiesta Parade
- April 25: Cub Scout Fishing
- April 24-26: Bear Creek Adventure – Philmont Prep

APRIL TRAINING

- April 10-12: Wilderness and Remote First Aid (McGimsey)
- April 11-12: Spring Wood Badge Weekend II (McGimsey)
- **April 15: AAC Unit Marketing and Growth Workshop (Service Center)**
- April 17-18: BALOO & IOLS (McGimsey)
- April 17-19: Climbing Instructor (Bear Creek)
- April 20 & 27: Short Term Camp Administrator (Virtual)



COMMITTEE MEETINGS



- **April 12 at 8:00: Jamboree Committee Meeting – Virtual**
- **April 15 at 7:00: Council-Wide Campout Committee - OA Building**
- **April 20 at 6:30: Membership Committee – Virtual**
- **April 22 at 8:00: Cub Scout Day Camp Planning Committee – Virtual**
- **April 23 at 6:30: Fishing Committee – Virtual**
- **April 23 at 6:30: Aquatics Committee – Scout Service Center**
- **April 23 at 7:00: AAC Youth Committee – McGimsey**
- **April 23 at 7:00: AAC Conservation Committee – Service Center**
- **April 26 at 8:00: Jamboree Committee Meeting – Virtual**
- **April 29 at 7:00: Fleet Committee - McGimsey**

NEXT 30-60 DAYS: MAY



- **May 1-3: Scouts at the Great Texas Airshow**
- **May 2: Merit Badge University**
- **May 7: Scouts Read Sacred Texts**
- **May 7: District Roundtables**
- **May 13: Wet Your Whistle**
- **May 16: Cub Scout Range Day & Open Fishing**
- **May 21: Scout Shoot Out**

NEXT 60-90 DAYS: JUNE



- **June 1-4: Cub Scout Day Camp (Schertz)**
- **June 4: Council-Wide Roundtable**
- **June 7-10: Akela Adventure Camp (Session 1)**
- **June 10-13: Akela Adventure Camp (Session 2)**
- **June 14-20: Bear Creek Summer Camp Wk 1; McGimsey Cub Day Camp Wk 1**
- **June 22-26: McGimsey Cub Scout Day Camp Week 2; Boerne Day Camp**
- **June 29-July 3: AAC All Ages Day Camp Week 1**

ORDER OF THE ARROW



- **April 10-12: OA Spring Induction (Mays)**
- **May 15-17: OA Spring Fellowship (McGimsey)**
- **Please Pay Your 2026 Lodge Dues (using this QR Code)**



- **River Chapter meets at SUMC at the same time of Roundtable each month**
- **Roadrunner Chapter meetings will coincide with West District meetings**



COMMISSIONER'S MINUTE



Attracting and Retaining Volunteers

- Make expectations clear from the start
- Recognize effort early and often
- Reduce pressure by building teams instead of relying on one person
- Step in quickly when problems appear
- Every conversation with a volunteer should strengthen their confidence, remind them they matter, and make them want to stay



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MAY



DISTRICT ROUNDTABLES

Retention Tips and Tricks

and

Council Resources

THURSDAY, MAY 7th AT 7:00

North

**Schertz United Methodist
3460 Roy Richard Road**

West

**Crossroads Baptist Church
8300 Tezel Road**

East

**McGimsey Dining Hall
10810 Wedgewood Dr**



Alamo Area Council Cub Scout Day Camp & All Ages Camp 2026



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Target Audience – Cub Scouts
Grades 1-5 in Fall 2026

Pickrell Park, Schertz*

- June 1-4
- 4 full days
- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$130 EB/\$140 per scout
- POOL!



THEME DINOSAURS

- Champions for Nature all ranks
- Aquatics for all ranks
- BB, Archery and Slingshot
- Daily Themes: Time Travelers, Survival Mode, Rule the Earth, Impact!
- Take Homes: Dino Slides, Dine Eye Magnets, Suncatchers, Fossil Prints and more.

AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM, BOERNE*

- June 23-25
- 8:30am-3:30 pm
- Cost: \$110 EB/\$120
- Champions for Nature Advancement!
- Swimming, BB and Archery for all ranks!
- 1.5 Mile Round trip hike to Cibolo Nature Center to see Acrocanthosaurs Tracks!
- Dino themed Games!
- Take home wood craft!

*ratio of unit leadership is 1 adult for every 5 scouts after 2 deep leadership.



MCGIMSEY SCOUT PARK

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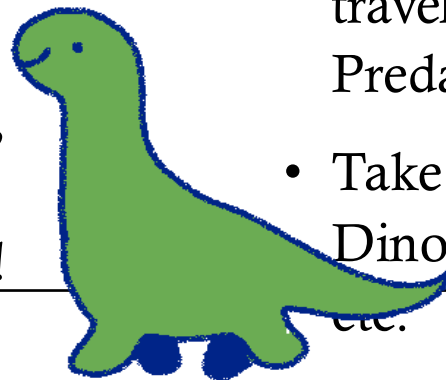
Basic Information:

- June 15-19 and 22-26
- 8:00 to 3:00 pm
- Cost: \$225 EB/\$250 per scout
- NEW! Register for both weeks for only \$400!
- Addons – after camp swim lessons \$50 per week or after camp care \$60 per week
- No leadership required – we provide staff
 - Tigers require parents to stay with them
- Electives: Champions for Nature all ranks, Aquatics for all ranks, BB, Archery and Slingshot, Fishing for all ranks, plus more!



Daily Themes:

- Week 1: Life By The Lagoon, Prehistoric Survival, Digging into Discovery, Flying Giants, Dino Innovators
- Take Homes: Dinosaur lantern, Eggshell Geode, Dinosaur footprint etc.
- Week 2: Dinos in your state, Time traveler training, Dino Defenses, Dino Predators, Extinction Event
- Take Homes: Jurassic Terrarium, Dinosaur Hats, Dinosaur Chompers, etc.

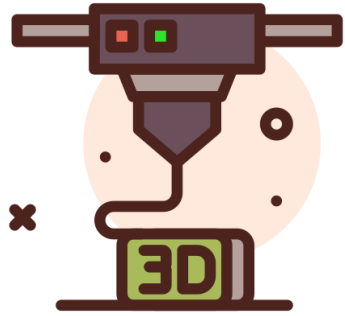


A photograph of three young people in a park setting, focused on building a robot. In the foreground, a young woman with a floral headband and a yellow shirt is adjusting a component on a blue robot board. Behind her, a young man with glasses and a floral shirt is also working on the robot. In the background, another young man in a blue shirt is holding a smartphone on a gimbal, filming the scene. The robot is a small, white, two-wheeled vehicle with a blue board and various wires. A laptop is open on the table next to the robot. The background shows a green lawn and trees. The text "ALL AGES DAY" and "CAMP" is overlaid on the left side of the image in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with horizontal lines underlining each line of text.

ALL AGES DAY

CAMP

ALL AGES DAY CAMPS

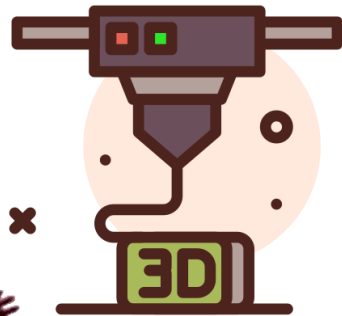
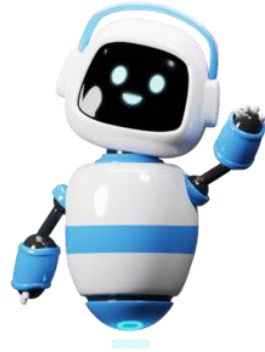


- Dungeons and Dragons
- 3D Printing
- Robotics
- Coding/Programming
- Animation
- Handicrafts
- COPE
- Paul Bunyan/Pioneering
- Range and Target Activities
- Game Design
- Graphic Arts, and more



ALL AGES DAY CAMPS

- 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Ages 7 to 17
- Cost: \$300 per Scout
- Class size is 4-10 participants
- Sign up for 1 class for the week
- Same instructor all day



- Focus on Air-Conditioned Classrooms and shaded areas around camp
 - White House, Sports Pavilion, OA Building, Council Conference Room x2
- Lunch is provided
- Outside activity each day (swimming, sports, ranges, etc).
- If Scouts BSA age – will earn merit badge if aligns with class (i.e. robotics etc)
- Cubs will earn adventures that apply to the class





Alamo Area Council Games With a Purpose



Alamo Area Council Backup Slides

ADVENTURE CARDS

- Objectives of the card sales operation: Goal Setting & Earning their way

- Overview of the Adventure Card program for 2026

Cards are \$10 this year

50% commission to scouts

Online registration

Real time sales tracking

Clear reporting for units, districts, and council

Friendly battle of the districts

Scout Incentives – Mission prizes

District Lead Agents:

Operation Alpha (East) – Jessica Gregory

Operation Bravo (West) – Emma Griffin

Operation Charlie (North) – Ray Wei



Scout Fundraiser
Adventure Cards \$10
2026
 Mission Complete
 Incentives

- Card Capture Patch
- Invisible Ink and Pad
- Card Capture Agent Cap
- Card Capture Spy Glasses
- \$50 Amazon Gift Card
- Escape Room Agent Entry



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Join our Adventure Card Band group for important updates and training videos



CAMP CARD
 10 Additional digital coupons
 Choose from over 500,000 savings opportunities in over 10,000 cities, saving you money wherever you are.