



Don't Forget to Sign-In!



Alamo Area Council District Roundtable April 9, 2026



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

Council 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



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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

OA Lodge Events

- Please Pay Your Lodge Dues using the QR Code
- April 10-12: OA Spring Induction (Mays)
- May 15-17: OA Spring Fellowship (McGimsey)
- River Chapter meets at SUMC at the same time of Roundtable each month
- Roadrunner Chapter meetings will coincide with West District meetings



November Hot Topic: The Power of Ceremonies

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

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

A ceremony doesn't have to be long. 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.

Safety Moment: All Terrain Vehicles

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).

We're glad you joined us today! Be sure to sign-in and visit us on the Roundtable Page!