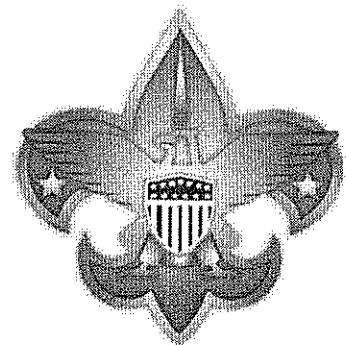


Texas Southwest Council Calendar

August, 2017
To
December, 2018

TSWC
TEXAS SOUTHWEST COUNCIL



UNIT PROGRAM PLANNING

THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL SCOUTING

WHY AN ANNUAL PLAN?

Planning is the first step to a successful pack, troop, team, crew or post program. "Planning," means that a group of people from your unit "thinks" about general flow, themes and activities before the start of the program year. The two key factors are: 1) involving the right individuals in the planning process (those who will be carrying out the activities) and 2) *holding your annual unit-planning meeting by August 1st.*

HOW TO PLAN

At your Annual Planning Meeting, your key leaders will want to follow these 4 steps:

1st – Consider the specific needs of your unit.

2nd – Review your resources.

3rd – Plan your unit's calendar.

4th – Build a budget based on your unit's calendar.

STEP ONE - CONSIDER THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF YOUR UNIT

Using a large piece of newsprint and felt pens (or dry-erase board), your adult committee needs to brainstorm and reach consensus on the following questions:

1) What were the activities we did that we want to repeat? Why? 2) What were some of the mistakes and problems last year that we do not want to repeat? 3) What new themes or activities do we want to incorporate into next year's program? 4) What are the special needs of our unit? Tenure? Advancement? Fundraising? Membership? Parental Help? 5) How can we meet these needs?

STEP TWO - REVIEW YOUR RESOURCES

Resources come in many forms. Listed below are resources available to every pack, troop, team, crew and post in our council. They are to serve the purpose of helping your unit accomplish the objectives you've established based on your needs. Many "needs" can be met with these resources. A few will require "creative resources search". Resources to consider are: the Program Planning website, Your Unit Commissioner, District Volunteers, Roundtable Meeting, District Volunteer, and District Executive.

RESOURCES - TEXAS SOUTHWEST COUNCIL UNIT PLANNING CALENDAR

FALL AND SPRING ROUNDUP: Your unit's membership chairman, with the assistance of your district executive and district volunteer leaders, recruit boys and adult membership out of the schools, churches and other youth centers in your area.

TRAINING COURSES: A variety of high quality training courses are available to your adult leadership during the year. Basic training, for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Ventures and Explorers is a must for all unit leadership. Additional courses such as University of Scouting, College of Commissioner Science, and Wood Badge will help enhance your skills and improve your unit's program. The Junior Leader Training Conference for Boy Scouts also helps to build leadership in the troop and in the future. Online Training Resources are available from our Council Website tswcbsa.org and click on Training.

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE: Held once a month, the pack, troop, team and crew leaders in your district gather to discuss the following month's Program Helps, share helpful ideas and plan their unit level activities.

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES: Note the variety of activities your council and district organizes in support of your unit program: Cub Scout Family Camps, Fun With Son Cub Camps, Mom and Me Cub Camps, Boy Scout Summer Camp, Food Drives, Day Camps, and etc. Check out the Council Calendar.

CHARTER RENEWAL: All units must reregister their youth and adult membership by December 15th. Charter renewal workshops are available to assist you with this important annual event.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS): Kicking off in early December, Friends of Scouting provides the Council with the financial resources to deliver Scouting to more than 5,000 youth. The objective of the Family FOS campaign is to give every family in Scouting the opportunity to make a financial contribution at the level of their interest, commitment, and ability.

CAMPS: Fall and Spring Cub Camps, Cub Scout Day Camp, and Boy Scout Resident camp provide a yearly highlight for many packs and troops and give youth the outdoor experience of a lifetime.

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT DINNERS: Recognize key leaders in units, district and the council. These events help to say thank you to the many supporters of Scouting.

PROGRAM HELPS: This resource gives your unit ideas for monthly themes and activities (skills, games, crafts and ceremonies).

BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE: This monthly resource is the best reading you and your Scouts could ask for at an unbeatable price. It supports unit programs in countless ways.

SCOUTING MAGAZINE: This publication is filled with resources to develop a successful pack, troop, team, and crew program.

PEOPLE - YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET: Parents, neighbors, commissioners, district committee and community leadership. Parent surveys are a great tool for additional resources.

STEP THREE - PLAN YOUR OWN UNIT'S SEPTEMBER TO AUGUST CALENDAR

You've identified needs and reviewed resources to serve as a means to fill those needs. Now, what do you want to do and when? Before completing this last step in the planning process, your group needs to feel comfortable with STEP ONE (the needs of your unit) and STEP TWO (resources available). Planning your calendar will be a natural result of going through these previous steps. Use the Program Planning resources provided at the Program Preview.

STEP FOUR - BUILD THE UNIT BUDGET

Use the Unit Budgeting tools available on the Council Website tswcbsa.org under Program Planning. There is a Pack Budget Detail or you can use the "Ideal Year of Scouting" brochure. Plan to sell enough popcorn to cover all the costs in the unit. If your unit sells more, then you can provide additional program benefits. Be sure to **SHARE** the budget with all leaders, committee members, PARENTS, AND SCOUTS.

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

1. Planning references materials (Council Calendar, Unit Program Helps, Quality Unit Application and Popcorn Sale Promotion and Commitment Card).
2. Calendar of local activities (personal, community, and school calendars).
3. Supplies (poster paper, felt-tip pens, blank paper, pens, and masking tape).
4. The enthusiasm of key leaders, committee members and parents.

2017

August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	01	02	03 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	04	05	06
				-----Taste of Adventure @ Camp Fawcett----		
07	08	09	10 CV-Roundtable	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 AM-District Mtg.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 AM Cub Fun Day TSWC Boy Scout Shootout Show & Sell begins	27
28	29	30	31 STAFF MEETING	01		03
04	05	Notes:				

2017

September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	05	06	07 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	08	09	10
11	12	13	14 CV-Roundtable	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 AM-District Mtg.	22	23 Show and Sell ends & Take Order begins	24
25	26	27	28 STAFF MEETING	29	30	01
02	03	Notes:				

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October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	06	07	08
				-----Fall Cub Camp @ Camp Sol Mayer-----		
09	10	11	12 CV-Roundtable	13	14	15
				-----CV- Webelos Woods @ Baden Powell---		
16	17	18	19 AM-District Mtg.	20	21	22
				-----OA Fall Ordeal @ Camp Sol Mayer--		
23	24	25	26 STAFF MEETING	27	28	29
				---Taste of Adventure @ Camp Sol		
						Take Order Ends
30	31	Notes:				

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November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31	01	02 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	03 TAKE ORDERS DUE TO COUNCIL	04 -----CV Camporee @ Baden Powell----	05
06	07	08	09 CV-Roundtable	10	11 VETERAN'S San Angelo Veteran's Parade Popcorn Pickup / \$	12
13	14	15	16 AM-District Mtg.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25	26
27	28	29	30 STAFF MEETING	01	02	03
04	05	Notes: CAMPS CLOSED DUE TO HUNTING SEASON				

2017

December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
04	05	06	07 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	08	09	10
11	12	13	14 CV-Roundtable	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 AM-District Mtg. STAFF MEETING	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE
25 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
01	02	Notes: CAMPS CLOSED DUE TO HUNTING SEASON ----OFFICE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY---- -----Winter Camp @ Camp Sol Mayer-----				

2018

January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01 New Years Day OFFICE CLOSED	02	03	04 AM-Roundtable CV-District Mtg.	05	06	07
08	09	10	11 CV-Roundtable	12	13	14
-----TSWC Planning Conference-----						
15 MLK Day OFFICE CLOSED	16	17	18 AM-District Mtg.	19	20	21
-----OA HEB Fellowship Weekend-----						
22	23	24	25 STAFF MEETING	26	27	28 Council Banquet
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes:				

2018

February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	01 AM-Roundtable CV-District Mtg.	02	03 REPORT TO STATE	04
05	06	07	08 CV-Roundtable	09	10 Scout Sabbath	11 Scout Sunday
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 AM-District Mtg.	16	17	18
19 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	20	21	22 STAFF MEETING	23	24	25
26	27	28	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes:				

-----Taste of Adventure Weekend -----

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March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	01 AM-Roundtable CV-District Mtg.	02	03	04
05	06	07	08 CV-Roundtable	09	10	11
12	13	14	15 AM-District Mtg.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 CV District Pinewood Derby	25
26	27	28	29 STAFF MEETING	30 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	31	01
02	03	Notes:				

2018

April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	31	01 Easter Sunday
02	03	04	05 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	06	07	08
09	10	11	12 CV-Roundtable	13 -----OA Spring Ordeal @ Camp Fawcett-----	14	15
16	17	18	19 AM-District Mtg.	20 -----Spring Cub Camp @ Camp Fawcett-----	21	22
23	24	25	26 STAFF MEETING	27 -----Taste of Adventure Weekend -----	28	29
30	01	Notes:				

2018**May**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	01	02	03 AM-Roundtable CV-District Mtg.	04	05 AM District Pinewood Derby Camp Sol Mayer BBO	06
07	08	09	10 CV-Roundtable	11	12	13 Mother's Day
14	15	16	17 AM-District Mtg.	18	19	20
				-----AM Frontiers Day @ Camp Fawcett-----		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	29	30	31 STAFF MEETING	01	02	03
04	05	Notes:				

2018

June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	31	01	02 CV Cub Fun Day	03
04	05	06	07 CV- District Mtg.	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
-----National Youth Leadership Training @ Camp Sol Mayer-----						
18	19	20	21 AM- District Mtg.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 STAFF MEETING	29	30	01
02	03	Notes:				

2018**July**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05 CV-District Mtg.	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 AM-District Mtg.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 STAFF MEETING	27	28	29
30	31	Notes:				

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August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31	01	02 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	03	04	05
				-----Taste of Adventure Weekend -----		
06	07	08	09 CV-Roundtable	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 AM-District Mtg.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 AM- CUB FUN DAY	26
27	28	29	30 STAFF MEETING	31	01	02
03	04	Notes:				

2018

September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
27	28	29	30	31	01 Show and Sell & Take Order Begins	02	
03	04 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	05	06 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	07	08	09	
10	11	12	13 CV-Roundtable	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20 AM-District Mtg.	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27 STAFF MEETING	28	29	30	
01	02	Notes:				-----OA Fall Ordeal @ Camp Sol Mayer-----	

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October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02	03	04 AM-Roundtable CV-District Mtg.	05 -----Fall Cub Camp @ Camp Sol Mayer-----	06	07
08	09 Show & Sell Ends	10	11 CV-Roundtable	12 -----Taste of Adventure Weekend -----	13	14
15	16	17	18 AM-District Mtg.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 STAFF MEETING	26	27	28
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes: SOME CAMPS CLOSED DUE TO HUNTING SEASON				

2018

November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	01 AM-Roundtable CV-District Mtg.	02	03	04
05	06	07	08 CV-Roundtable	09 Take Order Sale Ends	10 San Angelo Veteran's Parade	11 VETERAN'S DAY
12	13	14	15 AM-District Mtg.	16 Take Order Due to Council	17	18
19	20	21	22 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	23 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
03	04	Notes: CAMPS CLOSED DUE TO HUNTING SEASON				

2018

December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	01 Popcorn Pickup/ Popcorn \$ Due	02
03	04	05	06 AM-Roundtable CV- District Mtg.	07	08	09
10	11	12	13 CV-Roundtable	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 AM-District Mtg. STAFF MEETING	21	22	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED	25 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30
-----Winter Camp @ Camp Sol Mayer----- ----OFFICE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY----						
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	01	Notes: CAMPS CLOSED DUE TO HUNTING SEASON				

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