

# Armadillo District 2022 Highlights 2023 service to units

March 2023





# Pledge of Allegiance / Scout Oath / Scout Law

## SCOUT OATH

ON MY HONOR  
I WILL DO MY BEST

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD  
AND MY COUNTRY  
AND OBEY THE SCOUT LAW

TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE  
AT ALL TIMES

TO KEEP MYSELF  
PHYSICALLY STRONG  
MENTALLY AWAKE  
AND MORALLY STRAIGHT

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE FLAG  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR  
WHICH IT STANDS,  
ONE NATION UNDER GOD,  
INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY  
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

## SCOUT LAW

TRUSTWORTHY  
LOYAL  
HELPFUL  
FRIENDLY  
COURTEOUS  
KIND  
OBEDIENT  
CHEERFUL  
THRIFTY  
BRAVE  
CLEAN  
REVERENT



# Invocation and Blessing

## Lost Pines Grace

**For the opportunity to serve others,  
For the fellowship of friends,  
Thank you for bringing us together, O Lord  
And for guiding us with your hand.**

**Amen**



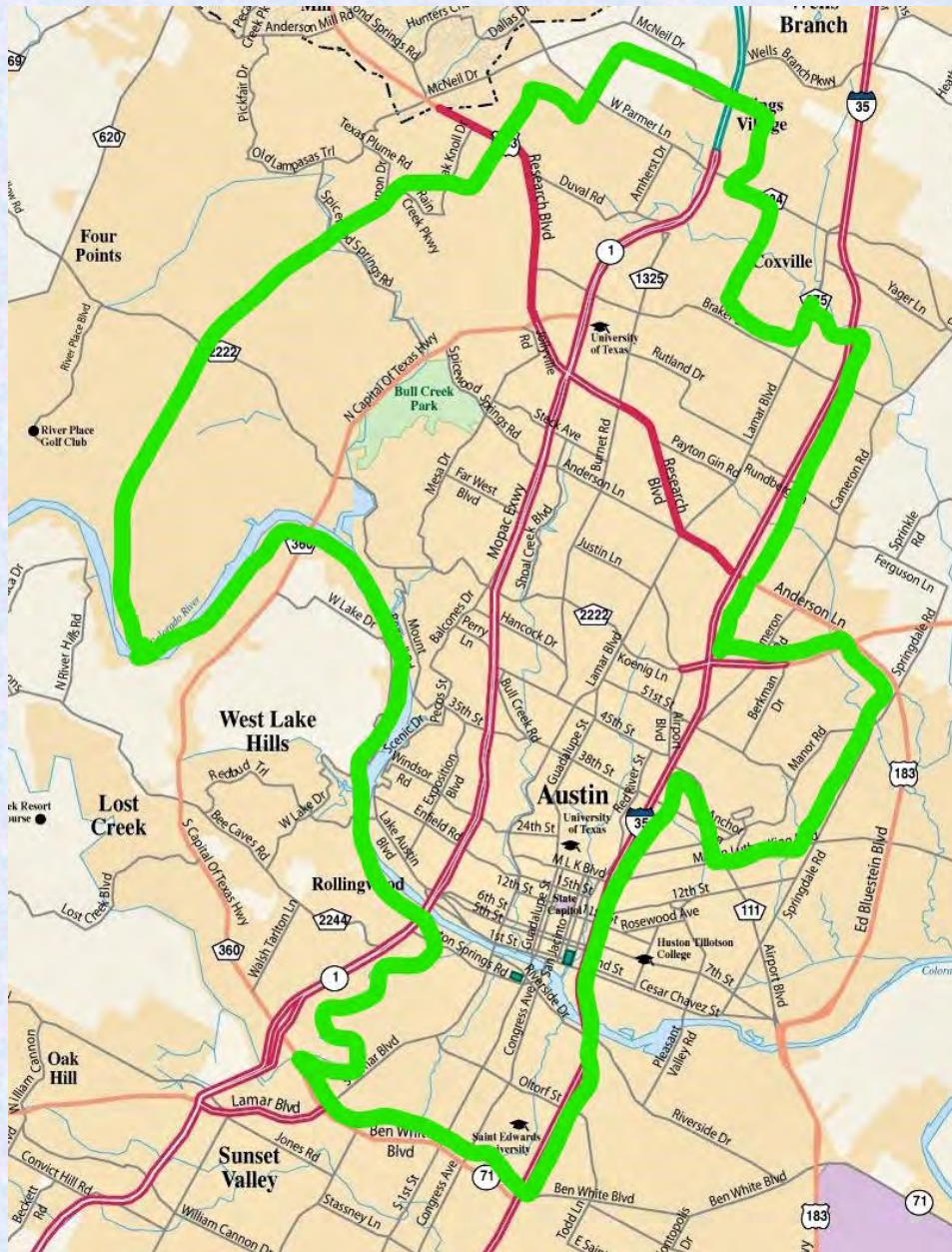
# Armadillo District overview

**Central Austin District, Manor ISD and certain Del Valle schools of Capitol Area Council with 39 units:**

- **17 Packs with 710 Cub Scouts**
- **19 Troops with 513 Scouts**
- **1 Venture Crew with 8 Venturers**
- **2 Ships with 16 Sea Scouts**
- **1,247 registered Scouts and 649 registered Adults**







**Armadillo District  
approximates AISD  
boundaries (excluding  
East Austin), Manor  
ISD and Del Valle  
schools north of TX  
Hwy 71**



# Commissioner highlights

- ✧ **OUR MISSION** As commissioners, we share the BSA's mission: 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.
- ✧ **OUR VISION** Every member of the BSA has a great Scouting experience.
- ✧ **OUR CULTURE** Working with units we strive to be the heart, build relationships and change lives.



**Focused on unit service and support, with a commissioner supporting every unit!**





# Commissioners

**Ben Ford**

**David Ballard**

**Dirk Heinen**

**Michael Bailey**

**Nino Aranda**

**Norm Hummell**

**Wayne Courreges**

**Kuruvila Mani**

**Tom Hunter**

**James McClure**

**Joe Hutchinson**

**Stephen Harris**

**Susan Kruemcke**

**Tex Mitchell**

**Gilbert Perez**

**Bruce Anderson**



# Armadillo District Committee

<b>Key 3</b>				
District Chair	David Stroud		<b>Communications Chair</b>	Susan Kruemcke
District Commissioner	Nino Aranda			
District Executive	Danielle Miller		<b>Finance</b>	
			Chair	Bill McGuire
<b>Activities and Camping</b>			Family FOS	Kamal Amer
Camporee	Jon Graf 2022		Downtown lunch	Open
	Stephen Harris 2023			
Roundtable	Gilbert Perez		<b>Membership</b>	
Camping Promotion	Norm Hummel		Chair	Open
OA chapter adviser	Gilbert Perez		Cub Scout membership	Ben Ford
<b>Advancement</b>			<b>Nominating Chair</b>	Dirk Heinen
Chair	Jon Graf			
Merit Badge Coordinator	Mike Ryan		<b>Training Chair</b>	Conrad Stoll
Merit Badge support	David Jones			





# **Thank You for your Service – Former Armadillo District Committee Members**

- ✧ **Kate Kyle – District Chair**
- ✧ **Tim Pellowski – Roundtable Commissioner**
- ✧ **Matt Domsch and Ralph Hadley – Eagle  
Advancement Committee**
- ✧ **Michael Bomba – Family FOS Chair**
- ✧ **Lisa Martin – District Popcorn Chair**



# Activities and Camping

## Jon Graf, Norm Hummell, Gilbert Perez

- ✧ Report to State (virtual)
- ✧ Camporee – 2022 Camporee theme “The Forest Awakens”
- ✧ Scouting Adventure Weekend
- ✧ Lost Pines summer and winter camp
- ✧ High Adventure





# Camporee 2022



Smilin V Ranch  
March 11-13  
Attended by 160  
youth and adults  
Overall Spirit  
Award – Troop 797  
Overall Skill Award  
– Troop 511





# Scouting Adventure Weekend – Jayne Walters



**Smilin V Ranch  
November 11-13  
Attended by  
230+ youth and  
adults**





# Lost Pines Camp 2022





# Sea Base 2022 (Troop 9)





# Philmont 2022 (Troop 3)





# Advancement - Jon Graf

- ✧ **2022 Armadillo District Eagles – 55! With an average of 125 service hours per project that is 6,800 hours of service in our community**
- ✧ **Cub Scout rank advancement – 750+ (30% increase over 2021)**
- ✧ **Merit Badge counselors registered and supported by Mike Ryan – 165+**
- ✧ **Merit badges awarded – almost 1,500!**





# Eagle Advancement Committee

**Nino Aranda**

**David Ballard**

**Wayne Courreges**

**Bill McGuire**

**Paul Slutes**

**Eric Pastor**

**David Hoffman**

**Jay Kruemcke**

**Mark Marshall**

**Bill Nalle**

**Bill Patterson**

**Cathy Purdy**

**Brad Sprague**

**David Stroud**

**Matt Shaw**

**David Jones**

**Tim Farrell**

**Lee Frierson-**

**Stroud**



# Finance – Michael Bomba / Bill McGuire

Friends of Scouting – These funds are utilized by Council to:

- ✧ ensure that youth of limited financial means can participate in the Scouting program
- ✧ provide resources for valuable leader training
- ✧ run the camps we attend and maintain its properties, while keeping camp registration fees low

**All funds raised in this program remain at Council**





# Top Unit FOS Performers

## The "True" Cost of Scouting – Why FOS Is So Important!

*What you see above the water is only about 20% of what Scouting provides to our members.*



*Books, uniforms, Boys' Life, Equipment, Registration, Activity Fees, Meeting Space Costs, etc.*

- Pack 2
- Pack 20
- Troop 3
- Troop 5
- Troop 9
- Troop 89
- Troop 410
- Troop 413
- Troop 421
- Troop 511
- Troop 797
- District Members



# Top Popcorn Units in \$ - Lisa Martin

## Packs

- ✧ Pack 90
- ✧ Pack 20
- ✧ Pack 421
- ✧ Pack 55

## Troops

- ✧ Troop 89
- ✧ Troop 9

**Popcorn sales increased 20% to \$164,000 to support unit activities and Capitol Area Council. About 33% or \$55,000 stayed with the selling unit to support their programs.**





# Membership – Ben Ford

- ✧ **The negative impact from the Pandemic on membership has bottomed out and is starting to rebound**
- ✧ **Armadillo membership at 90% of pre-COVID levels with a small increase in 2022**
- ✧ **Continue to increase the post-COVID membership growth**



# Communications - Susan Kruemcke

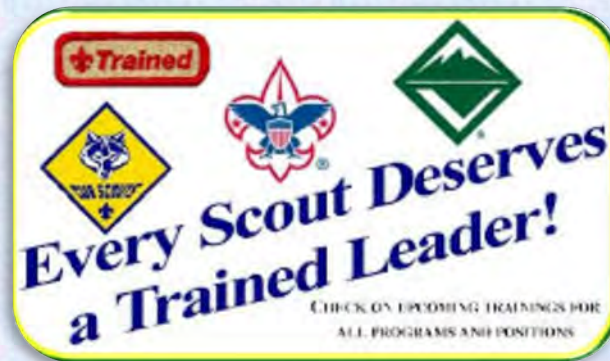
- ✧ Monthly Cub Scout and Scouts BSA newsletters
- ✧ Website – [armadillobydistrict.org](http://armadillobydistrict.org)
- ✧ Facebook





# Training - David Stroud

- During 2022 held BALOO and IOLS training in conjunction with two other districts. This was well received and will be the blueprint for future courses.
- Concierge training – bringing training to the units both online and in person
- Encourage all volunteers to take their position specific training



# 2023 support

## Outstanding programs creating great experiences

### ✧ February 24-26, 2023 Camporee:

- Theme – “The Old West”
- Location – Camp Green Dickson
- Hosted by Troop 410 and Troop 2019
- 200+ Scouts and adults attended – 13 units



### ✧ December 1-3 Scouting Adventure Weekend:

- Location – Smilin V Ranch





# 2023 support

## Great Roundtable Programs

- ✧ **2022 allowed us to bring you events such as:**
  - **Summer Activity Preparation**
  - **High Adventure Planning**
  - **Texas Camping Locations**
  - **Peer to Peer Recruiting**
- ✧ **More great roundtables in 2023 are planned for the second Thursday of each month**



# 2023 support

## ✧ **Let Nino Aranda Know:**

- **What's the best way to communicate?**
- **How can we make Roundtable support your program?**
- **What areas of support would you like more of?**





# Norm Hummell Award of Excellence

**Named for our District's long-serving volunteer who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in all that he does. This award recognizes registered Scouters who have provided exceptional leadership and service to their Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship and who exemplify the principles of Scouting (Scout Oath and Law).**



# Mike Hubik – Pack 2



**Mike helps with recruiting, registration, recharter, relationship management for our HEB Foundation Campout, Pack operations, advisor for the Cubmaster, and so much more. Pack 2 is fortunate to have Mike.**





# Craig Lill –

## Pack 20



**Craig is Award Co-Chair for Pack 20, accurately tracking awards for 90 to 100 scouts with 10 to 12 dens, ordering loops, pins, and badges, and organizing the smooth distribution of these items to the Scouts.**



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# **Jody Chancey – Pack 33**



**Jody helps with the advancement of Pack 33 Webelos and has been coordinating the awards for the whole pack, which is such a huge help.**



# Peter Ruggero – Pack 59



**Always present and  
always willing to  
make Pack 59  
better, Peter  
embodies all the  
positive  
characteristics of a  
Scout Leader.**





# Matt Harold – Pack 59



**Matt took over as  
Cubmaster in Pack 59's  
post COVID  
environment and has  
never looked back. He  
is a fantastic  
representation of  
scouting.**



# Karen Moore – Pack 89



**Karen possesses a keen diligence and attention to detail that makes sure Pack 89 scouts don't miss a single adventure or advancement.**





# Eddy Thomas – Pack 90



From the beginning as Cubmaster, Eddy has been willing and eager to help with any tasks necessary to improve and run the Pack 90 program.



# Khaled Noueilaty – Pack 421



**Khaled led Pack 421's current Arrow of Light Scouts through shutdown during their Bear year due to COVID and helped reintegrate in-person meetings after quarantine restrictions were lifted.**





# Clarence Lucas – Pack 421



**Clarence has been a consistent presence with current Arrow of Light scouts in Pack 421, and he is always prepared to help and lead.**



# Theo Carlos – Troop 1



**As Troop 1 Assistant Scoutmaster and Advancement Chair, Theo has served in an exemplary way, giving of his time, skills, and service to advance the program for the Scouts.**





# Iwona Cholewa – Troop 2



**Iwona answered the call to be the new Scoutmaster of Troop 2 when the founding Scoutmaster needed to move on to other responsibilities.**



# Ellen Fenwick – Troop 2 and 3



**Ellen is Committee Chair of both Troop 2 and 3, and since taking on this role at the start of 2022, she has shepherded both troops through the complex rechartering process and updated relationship with the United Methodist Church.**





# Kristi Kyle – Troop 3



**Kristi has logged over 45 nights of camping with Troop 3 including numerous weekend campouts, high adventure to Colorado in 2019, Sea Base in 2021, summer camp in Arkansas in 2022, and three Winter Camps at Lost Pines.**



# David Hawes – Troop 5



**While driving the executive functions of Troop 5, David was also instrumental in guiding the creation of Troop 50, an all-girls troop under the same chartering org that is prospering today.**





# Jason Reichenberg – Troop 5 and 50



**Jason has developed an amazing merit badge process for both Troop 5 and Troop 50, using the parents of both troops, to create, manage, and curate a robust selection of merit badge classes that continually keeps the scouts engaged.**



# Tim Farrell – Troop 9



**Tim has completely revitalized the Eagle advancement process in Troop 9, while still ensuring that the Scouts are entirely responsible for getting the work done.**





# Deborah Trejo – Troop 33



**For the last 3 years, Deborah has been Troop 33 Secretary, assisting in record keeping, tracking training, communications to parents on monthly progress of the troop and providing other resources when needed.**



# **Michelle Reichenberg – Troop 50**



**Michelle has served as the Membership chair for the ever-growing Troop 50, and her expertise in mental health has proven invaluable for Troop Scouts and parents in this challenging time of growth and history.**





# Brian Lasseter – Troop 89



**An Eagle Scout himself, Brian recently earned the Scouter's Training Award for Troop 89. He is always dependable, full of integrity, and ready to help track Troop and Scout data.**



# Megan Kressin – Troop 410

TROOP 410 AUSTIN TX



**Megan accepted the role of Committee Chair for Troop 410 during COVID, and carefully managed unit resources, focused on recruiting and advancement, and supported safe Scouting activities during the pandemic.**





# Joseph Imhof – Troop 410

TROOP 410 AUSTIN TX



**As Troop 410  
Quartermaster,  
Doc's spirit and  
motto is: "I'm here  
to help, I want to  
help, what can I do  
that helps..."**



# David Nunnery – Troop 413



**David has been active in Troop 413 for more than 20 years, starting when his son crossed over and is currently serving as Committee Chair under a new Chartered Org.**





# Beverly Schulze – Troop 421



Since joining Troop 421, Beverly has helped with field trips, summer camps, merit badges, recruiting, boards of review and scout fundraising.



# Ruben Gonzalez – Troop 489

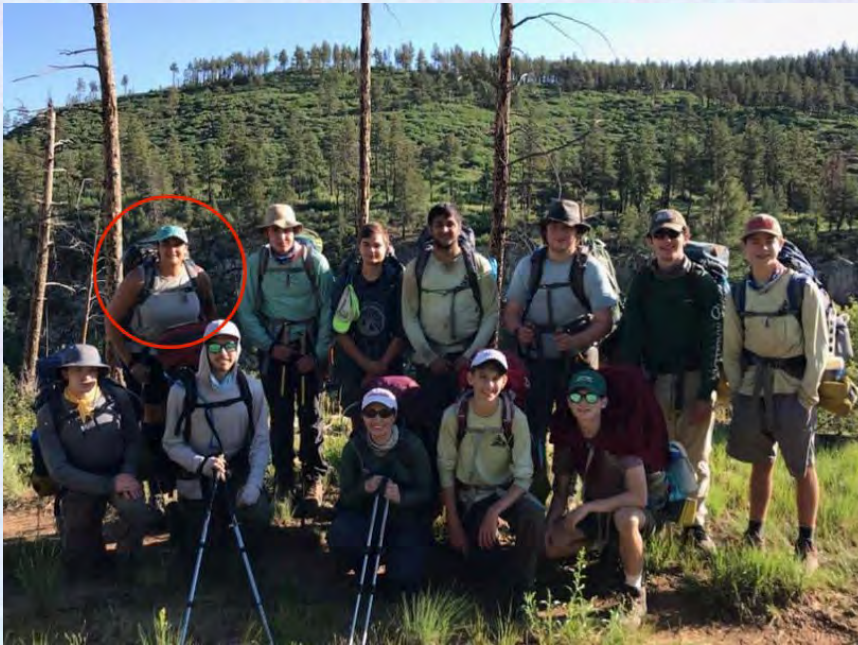


**Last year Ruben became Scoutmaster of Troop 489 saying, “if we parents are here, it is our duty to take this responsibility and help the scouts on their journey towards Eagle.”**





# Emily Hansen – Troop 511



**Emily signed up to be a Merit Badge Counselor early on with Troop 511. She handles several Eagle-required badges, with a love of conservation and the citizenship series. When the new Citizenship in the Community was rolled out, she was one of the first people to get trained.**



# Parvez Badarpura – Troop 797



**As Scoutmaster of Troop 797, Parvez works tirelessly to make sure Scouts are getting the best scouting experience, challenging the Scouts on the skills they have learned.**





# Alvin Momin – Troop 797



**As Troop 797 Secretary, Alvin wholeheartedly believes in the purpose of Scouting to serve youth and prepare them to become respected individuals by living by the scout oath and Law.**



## **Julie Ziegelman – Troop 2019**



**Upon the formation of Troop 2019, Julie was willing to step in as treasurer. Although her daughter has aged out as a member of BSA's inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts, she has continued to serve the unit, alongside her Eagle Scout daughter who is now also a registered volunteer.**





# Armadillo ACE Award

“Always Creating Excellence!” This is a district award. The award recognizes volunteers who have provided exceptional leadership and service to the Armadillo District while also being a leader with their Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or District.



Examples of service to the District include being a member of a District subcommittee on training, membership, or Friends of Scouting; helping lead a Roundtable breakout session; volunteering at Cub Scout Day Camp, Armadillo District Camporee or other Council or District event; or for mentoring and developing talented leaders within their unit who provide service to any part of Scouting.



# **Chris Herndon – Pack 20**



**As Pack 20 Popcorn Kernel, Chris increased unit sales to \$30,000 this past year, a 5x increase in what the Pack did just five years ago.**





# Mary Ann Thomas – Pack 90



**With Mary Ann's leadership this past year, Pack 90 was the Armadillo District's top selling unit in popcorn with \$46,000 in sales.**



# Ben Thoma – Pack 421



**In the past few years Ben has been Cubmaster and now Committee Chair, helping increase Pack 421 membership 29% this past year.**





# Chris Connell – Troop 9



**As Troop 9 Scoutmaster, Chris was a leader of Zoom technology (merit badges, campouts and patrol meetings), helping scouts advance and maintaining Troop 9 membership levels.**



# Kim Lanicek – Troop 89



**Kim is a Jane-of-all-trades in the Scouting world, serving as Assistant Scout Master for Troop 89, Advisor for Venture Crew 3 and climbing and COPE instructor for the Capitol Area Council.**





# Gary Pape – Troop 421



**Gary is a 40-year Scouter with Troop 421, guiding scouts through merit badges and boards of review and serving as the Troop's Camp Master.**



# Charity Rehder – Troop 2019



**As longtime Scoutmaster of Troop 49, Charity has decided to step into the same role for Troop 2019. In her spare time she is an instructor and member of the Capitol Area Council's Climbing and COPE committees.**





# District Award of Merit

**This award recognizes leaders who render service of an outstanding nature to the Armadillo District. The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.**



# Paul Slutes



## Scoutmaster



**BALOO  
/ Wood  
Badge  
Trained**



**Whitney M  
Young Jr.  
Award**





# Thank You – District Executive minute



**Danielle Miller**

