



# Texas Trails Eagle Scout & Scouting Alumni Dinner

October 6, 2015





# Agenda

**Welcome**

Pat Leatherwood

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**Opening**

Mark Conrad  
Scout Executive, Texas Trails Council

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**Flags, Scout Oath & Law**

Penateka Lodge, Order of the Arrow  
&  
Troop 232 – Abilene, TX

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**Invocation**

Kent Barnett

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**Dinner**

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**NESA and Scouting Alumni Overview**

Ryan Larson  
Associate Director  
NESA & Scouting Alumni, BSA

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**NESA Chicago**

Todd R. Plotner  
Vice President, National NESA Committee

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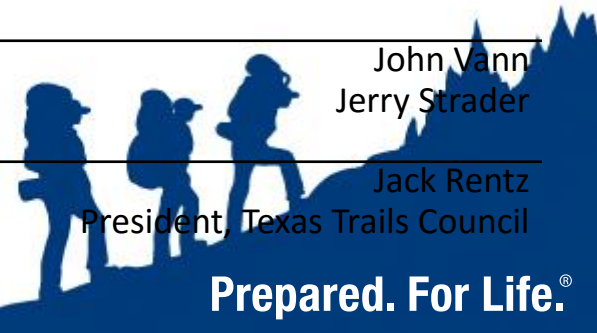
**Texas Trails Eagle Scout and Scouting Alumni**

John Vann  
Jerry Strader

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**Closing**

Jack Rentz  
President, Texas Trails Council





National Eagle Scout Association and  
Scouting Alumni  
Ryan Larson

NESA Chicago  
Todd Plotner





# National Eagle Scout Association Kickoff

Texas Trails Council

Abilene, TX

October 2015





# Presenters Biographies

- **Todd Plotner**

- Member of the National SAA committee and V.P. of the National NESAs committee
- Co-Founder of NESAs Chicago
- Board of Directors of Chicago Area Council
- Coordinator for NESAs@SBR (2013 Jamboree)
- Assistant Scoutmaster for son's troop
- Law Firm Partner, Finance, in Chicago, Illinois
- Eagle Scout
- Wood Badge
- Vigil – Welauchsit Alloge'wagan (“Orderly Worker”)





# Presenters Biographies

- **Ryan Larson**

- Associate Director, National SAA committee and NESAs committee
- Former Senior Development Dir., Chief Seattle Council
- Former Venturing Crew Advisor
- Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE)
- Eagle Scout
- Wood Badge
- Vigil – Wik Mash Chakchak (“Thrifty Eagle”)





# Alumni Definition

**Everyone positively and personally impacted by the Boy Scouts of America** – former Scouts, family members of Scouts past and present, community leaders and millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities every day.

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# COMPARISON

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- Approximate Number of Alumni: 616,000
- Dues Paying Members: 178,000



- Penn State reigns as the college with the largest alumni network. The official Penn State Alumni Association is the largest dues-paying organization of its kind.





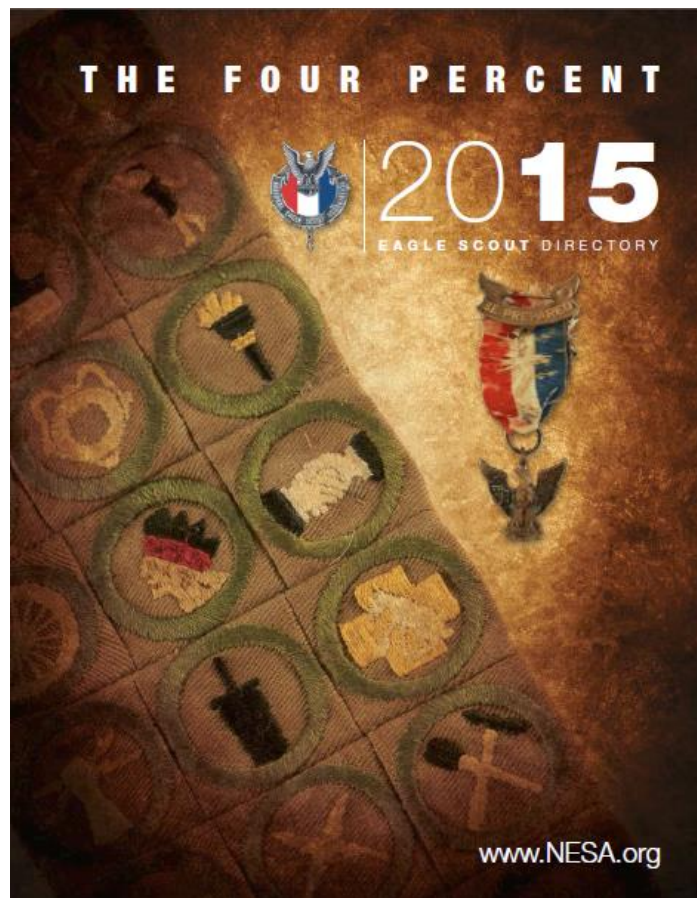
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- Scouting Alumni Association
- National Eagle Scout Association
- Order of the Arrow
- Philmont Staff Association
- Florida Sea Base Staff Association
- Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association
- Summit Staff Association (coming soon)
- Local council camp associations (coming soon)

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(If you desire, you may choose to only have your information available to your local council and/or councils you have affiliated with in the past so that you receive Scouting news that is relevant to you.)

We look forward to helping you stay in contact with your Scouting friends and associates as well as share with you the positive Scouting story. And remember...

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**Search**


**EAGLE SCOUT**



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**Search**

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**EDWARD PEASE**  
city.state  
wildwood1994@gmail.com

SCOUTING ALUMNI INFORMATION

Name Prefix:	Mr.
First Name:	Edward
Nickname:	Ed
Middle Initial:	
Last Name:	Pease
Name Suffix:	
Unit Type you Most Identify with as a Youth Member:	Troop
Unit Number you Most Identify with as a Youth Member:	0200
Unit City you Most Identify with as a Youth Member:	Seelyville
Unit State do you Most Identify with as a Youth Member:	IN
Eagle Scout Region:	
Hiker Membership:	No
Pathfinder Membership:	No
Pathfinder Expiration:	


SCOUTING INFORMATION

Display Scouting Group:	Yes
Eagle Scout Unit Type:	
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**BADGES**


Associations




Ranks



Awards



Councils

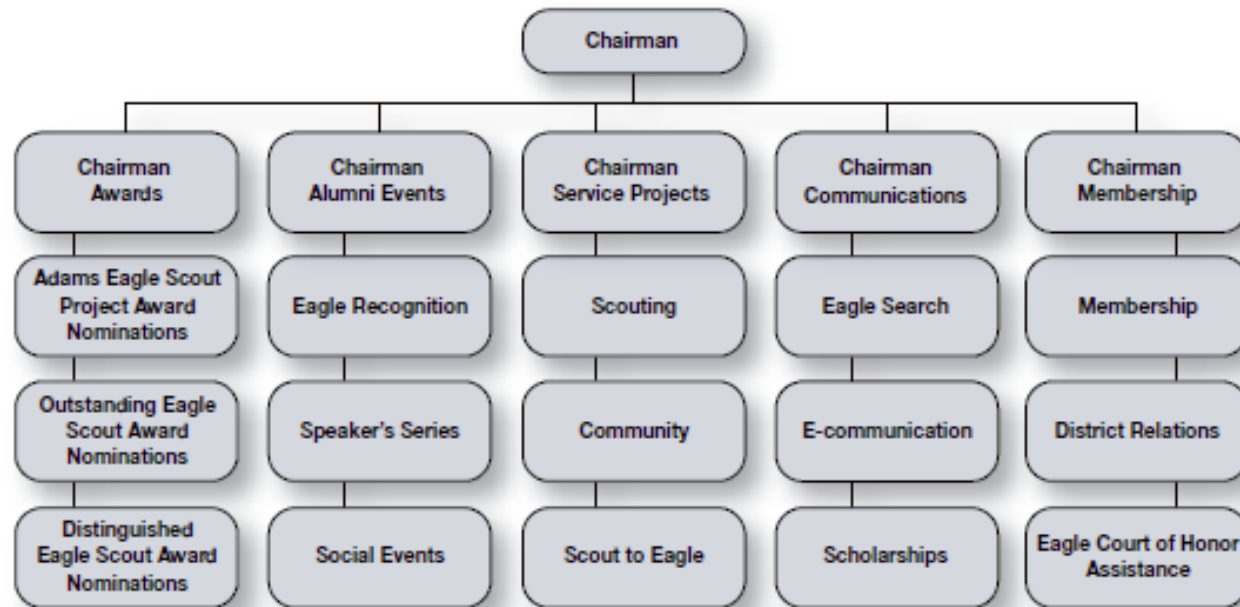






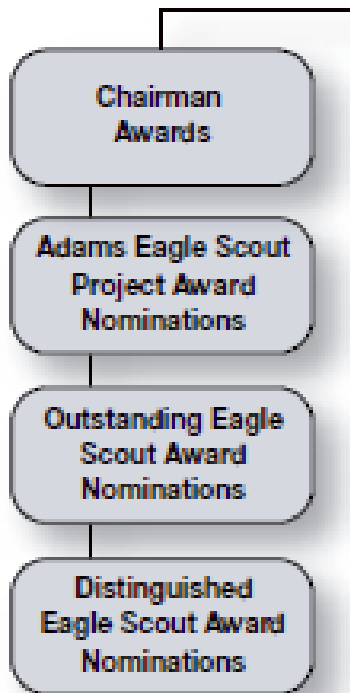
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**COUNCIL NESA COMMITTEE**  
(Suggested organization chart)





# Awards – Service Project of the Year







# Awards – NOESA



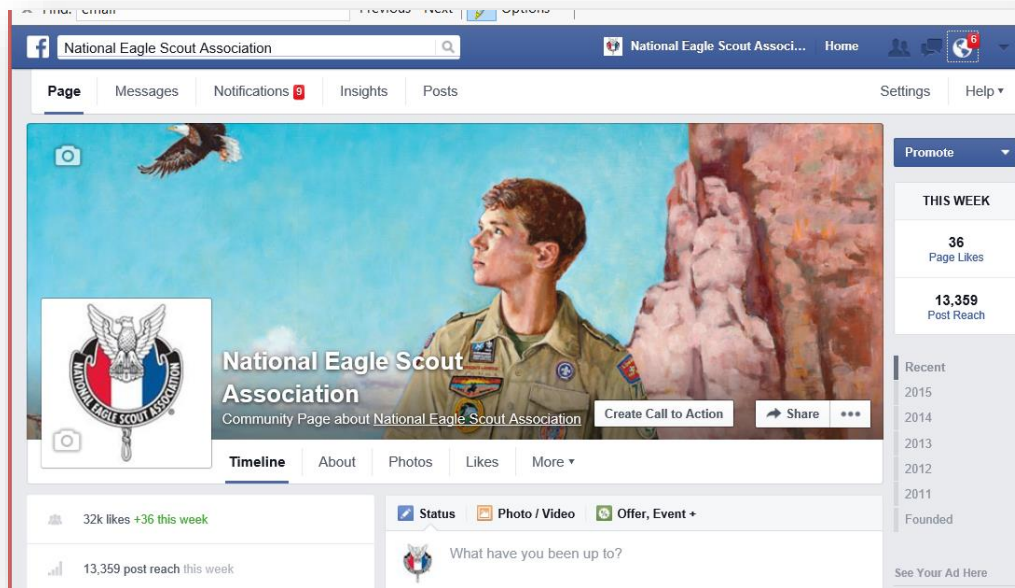
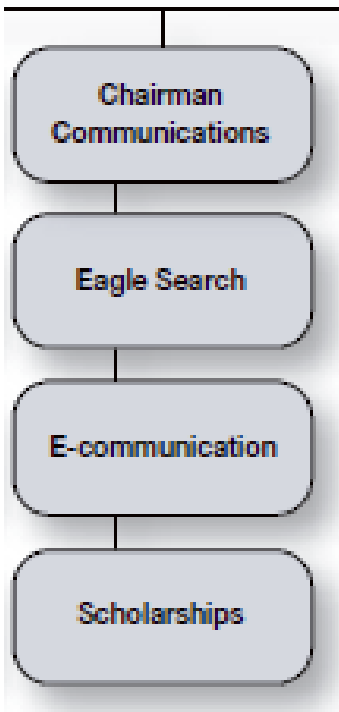


# Awards – DESA





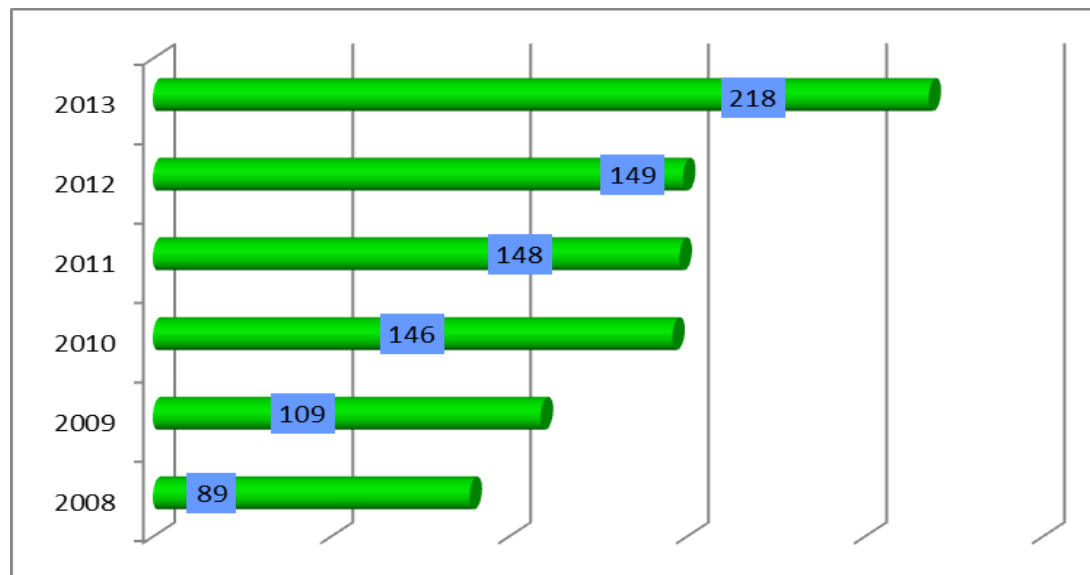
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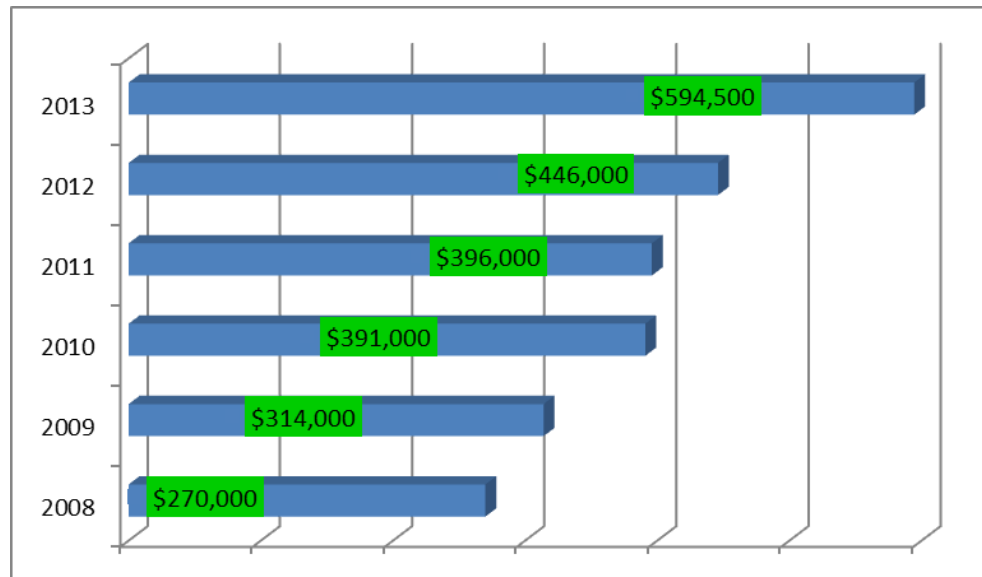


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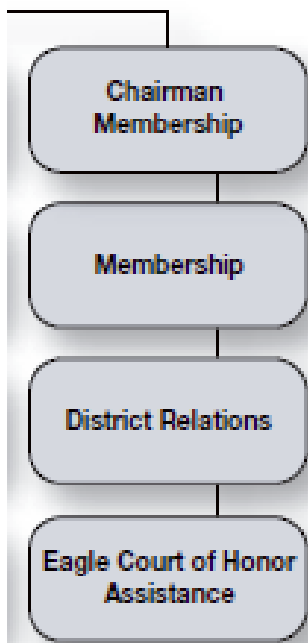


# Communication - Scholarships





# Membership

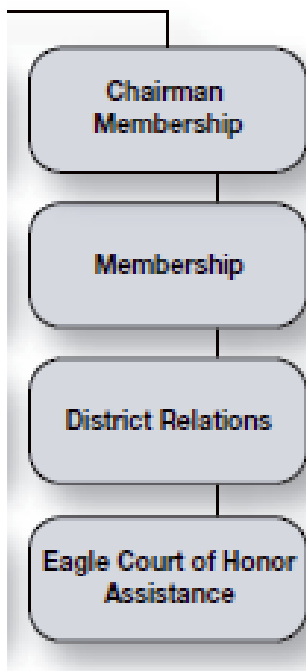


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# Membership



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# NESA Chicago



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never makes much of anything."*

*-- Waite Phillips*



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School:

Postal Code: 60603 Lookup

Within: 50 mi (80 km)

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-  Eagle's Nest--Eagle Scout Award Recipients
-  Equipment Leasing & Finance Association and Foundation
-  Fighting Illini Alumni

Honors and Awards: Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor - Order of the Arrow

Personal Information

Birthday: February 27

Marital status: Married



**Todd Plotner**

Strategic Leadership for Securitization and Structured Finance - Chapman and Cutler LLP  
Chicago, Illinois | Law Practice

Current **Partner - Securitization and Structured Finance at Chapman and Cutler LLP**

Past Associate - Securitization and Structured Finance at Sidley Austin LLP  
Graduate Student Instructor - Department of Economics at University of Michigan





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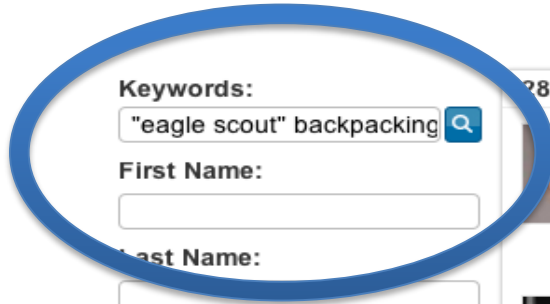
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Pharmaceuticals  
10,000+ employees

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**NESA Chicago (Chicago's National Eagle Scout Association)**  
February 6

Let us know if you plan on coming to Wednesday night's networking event by RSVPing here:



**Adventures in Scouting & networking event at Jak's Tap**  
Wednesday, February 8 at 5:30pm at Jaks Tap Restaurant Bar

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**Scott Stringer** I will be there!  
February 6 at 4:41pm · Like



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**NESA Chicago (Chicago's National Eagle Scout Association)**  
February 3

Don't forget about our upcoming networking event at Jak's Tap on the 8th! We hope to see you there!



**NESA Chicago (Chicago's National Eagle Scout Association)**  
February 8

We hope to see you tonight!



**Adventures in Scouting & networking event at Jak's Tap**  
Wednesday, February 8 at 5:30pm at Jaks Tap Restaurant Bar

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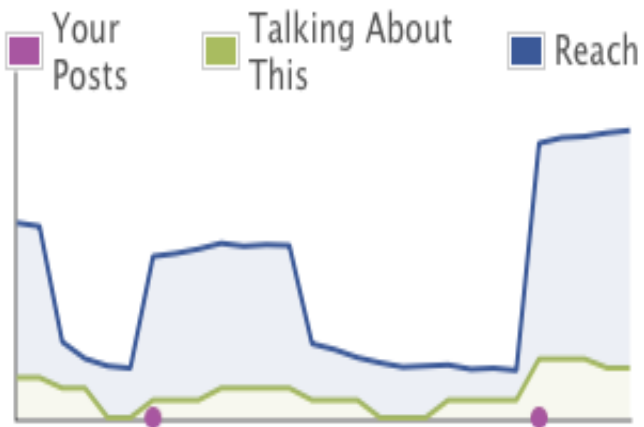


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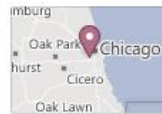
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TOTAL OVERALL --  
309 clicks, 414,239 impressions, 0.075% Click-thru-rate,  
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Join Eagle Scouts in Chicago at Jaks Tap in Greektown - 5:30 to 7:30+ on Wed. Oct. 27. See NESA Chicago page or nesachicago.org .

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- age exactly 18 and older
- who are male
- who like order arrow, outdoor activities, boy scouts, eagle scout, backpacking, hiking, camping or climbing
- who are at Northwestern, UChicago, Loyola Chicago, DePaul, Ill. Chicago, SAIC, Chicago-Kent College of Law or John Marshall Law School
- who speak English (US)

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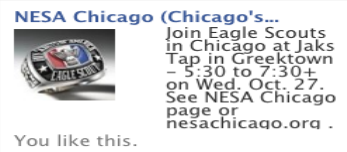



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Happy Holidays  
& Best Wishes  
*for* the New Year!

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# Alumni Events





Christmas Shopping Spree for Underprivileged Children

Decorate Christmas Tree Senior Citizen Home [www.VolunteerMatch.com](http://www.VolunteerMatch.com)  
 Pickup Trash Sustainability Project **Host Blood Drive**  
**Adopt A School** Graffiti Removal  
 Trail Maintenance  
**Community Service**  
**Staff Community Parade** Assist Eagle Scout Service Project  
 Provide Refreshments At Community Event **Prepare Meals for Homeless**  
 Plant Trees  
 Recognize Volunteers of other Organizations  
 Special Olympics  
 Graffiti Removal  
 Bike Rodeo  
 Clean Parks  
 Conduct Easter Egg Hunt  
 Big Help Day  
 Read Boys Life to Children  
 Ring Salvation Army Bell  
 Book Drive  
 Make Halloween Safety Kits  
 Cleann a vacant lot  
 Fix a run down playground  
 Work Concession Stand



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 Geocaching  
 Speaker Series  
 Chocolate Tasting  
 Book Club  
 Birding  
 Fantasy Sports  
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 Skeet Shoot  
 Search and Rescue  
 Professional Sporting Event  
 Day Hike  
 Rock Climbing  
 Continuing Education Program  
 Eagle Scout Mom's Event  
 Wedding Ring Buying  
 Basketball League  
 Bowling League  
 Wine Tasting  
 Caving  
 Toastmasters  
 Automotive Maintenance  
 Archery  
**Classes**

Geocaching  
 Sailing  
 Cooking  
 Networking/Social

Amateur Radio  
Theatre





NESA  
Chicago



NESA Chicago is the NESA group in the Chicago metroplex

Sponsored by the Chicago Area Council

- Coordinates annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner
- Plans social and networking events for Eagle Scouts White Sox and Cubs games
- After-work social hours
- Loop Lunches
- Industry-specific networking events
  - “Legal Eagles” and “Financial Services Eagles”
- Participates in various council-wide service projects
- *Serves as a primary reconnection gateway for Eagle Scouts that are new to the Chicago area or who want to reengage with Scouting*



Founded in 2009 - Generally, one event per month



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NESA  
Chicago



1. Eagle Recognition Dinner
2. Chicago White Sox game
3. Family Day at the Brookfield Zoo
4. After-work networking and social hour at a local restaurant
5. Winemaker's dinner with a presentation by a local Eagle
6. University of Scouting training
7. Scouting for Food volunteer opportunity
8. Northwestern University Basketball
9. "Legal Eagles" event for lawyers
10. "Author's Lunch"
11. Legal ethics seminar for Continuing Legal Education
12. Adventure Base 100 reception - Cinco de Mayo celebration
13. Lincoln Park Zoo social event
14. Financial Services networking
15. Chicago Cubs Game
16. Scout Fest 100 -- 100th anniversary
17. Law Merit Badge Day
18. Loop Lunch -- Eagle Scout Congressman Robert Dold
19. Medicine Merit Badge Day
20. Career Exploration Day
21. Kayaking on the Chicago River
22. Softball and Picnic
23. Victory Gardens Theatre and Dinner
24. Events with Northeast Illinois Council



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*A wide-variety of informal, low-key, zero-commitment events offer an **opportunity** to meet other volunteer Scouters and professional staff members to *learn about Scouting today, make **new friends** and discover ways to GET INVOLVED.**



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1. Contact your local Council office
2. Identify 4-5 other Eagle Scouts
3. Schedule an initial meeting
4. Schedule 2 events:  
→ (1) an after-work social hour, and (2) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Promote: council newsletters, Facebook, LinkedIn ...
6. Personally identify Eagle Scouts and personally invite them.
7. Identify partnering organizations to help promote  
→ and co-host events
8. Create a newsletter and website
9. Evaluate what works and what doesn't





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## Medicine Merit Badge Clinic - May 14

Sign up soon to participate or volunteer for our Medicine Merit Badge Clinic on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the University of Chicago Hospitals. All healthcare professionals are invited to be counselors (we can help with the application process) or generally assist with the day. We are inviting units to send Scouts for this one-day clinic that promises to be a great experience. Scouts will learn about medical fields and vital signs, provide community service, and have the opportunity to ask healthcare professionals any burning questions they have. The event is *free*.



Please contact Andrew Phillips ([warejko@hotmail.com](mailto:warejko@hotmail.com)) to volunteer or register. Please note that pre-registration and full class A uniforms are required for Scouts to enter the hospital.

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# Advocate

- ✓ Be informed and positive about the BSA

*Activities/actions that might be included at this level:*

- ✓ Be informed about what Scouting is doing Today
- ✓ Tell others about Scouting and what it meant to you
- ✓ Write a letter in support of Scouting





# Ambassador

- ✓ Be a volunteer or participant in alumni/BSA activities

*Activities/actions that might be included at this level:*

- ✓ Attend a Scouting event or activity
- ✓ Be a judge for Cub Scout activities and contests
- ✓ Bring a friend to a Scouting activity or event





# Champion

- ✓ Join the National Eagle Scout Association as a paid member.
- ✓ Become an active BSA member and supporter

*Activities/actions that might be included at this level:*

- ✓ Find a position that fits you and officially join the Boy Scouts
- ✓ Be active in your registered position
- ✓ Encourage others to join and become active
- ✓ Find ways to support the BSA financially through product sales or gifts





# Texas Trails Eagle and Scouting Alumni

John Vann





# Texas Trails Alumni Purpose

Reconnect

&

Reengage





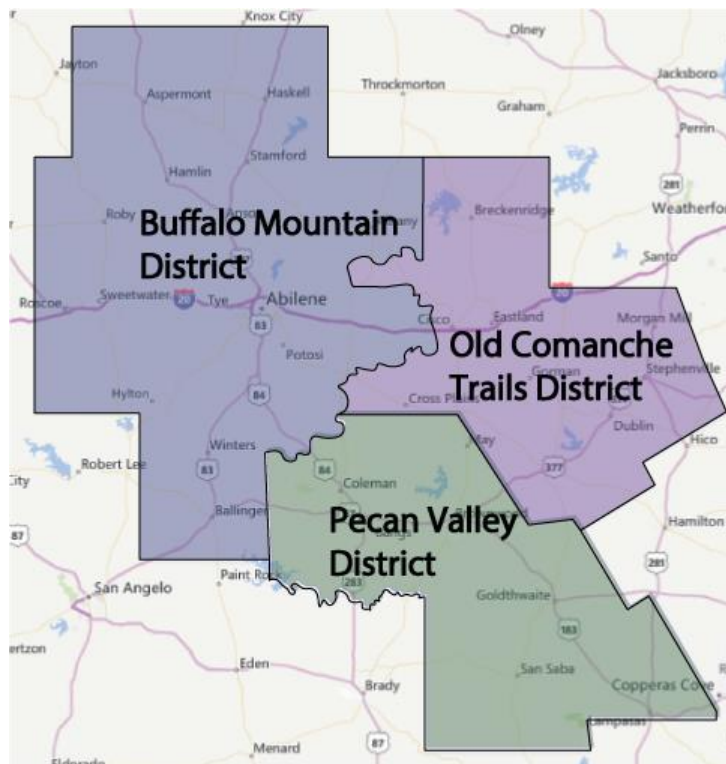
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**NO**





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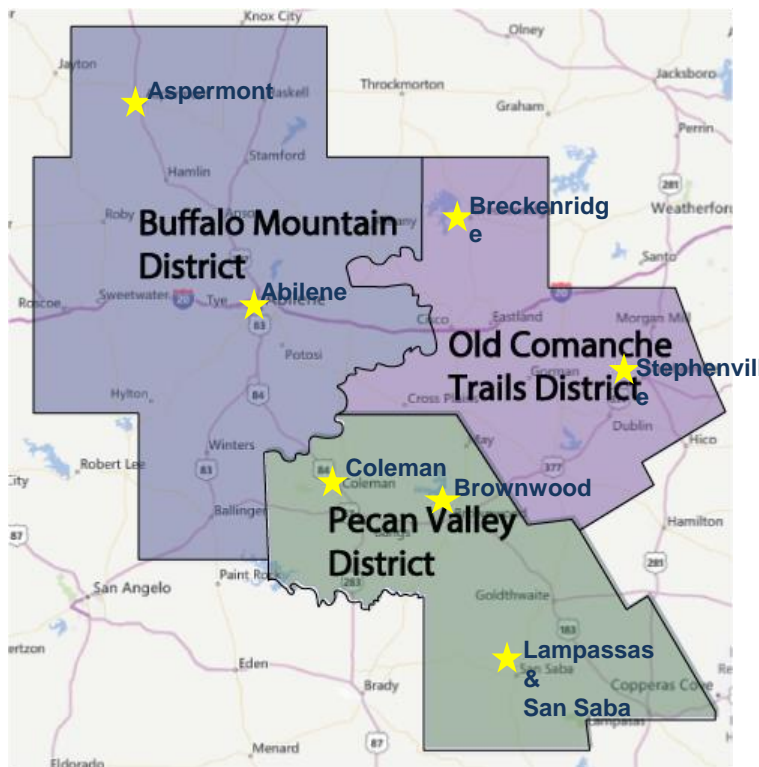


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# Eagle Scouts Residing in TTC Area

## Our Belief

- +/- 3,000 Eagle Scouts

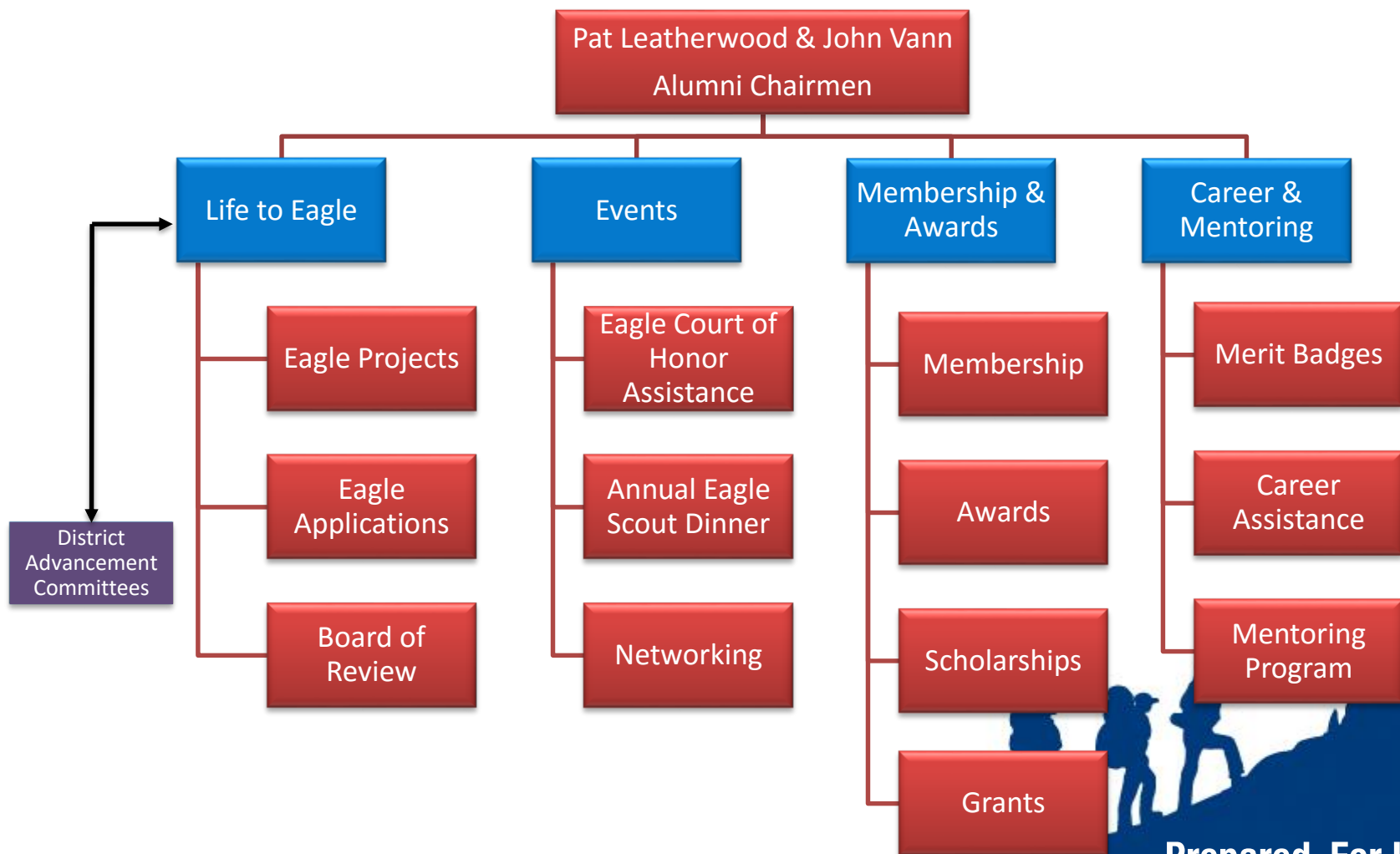
## Records – September 2015

- 1,980 - NESA Members
- 184 - Registered Members
  - 138 – Adults
  - 46 - Youth





# Texas Trails Alumni Proposed Organization





# Online Resources

## Life to Eagle Toolkit

### Eagle Project and Application Process Flows [View Draft](#)

These diagrams were created to show each step of documentation, work, and approvals. They will be updated to show unique contacts and processes for each district. Updated 8/28/2015.

### Life-to-Eagle Reference Guide [View Draft](#)

This guide is a work-in-progress and will help Scouts understand the Eagle Scout Project and application process.

### Letters to Help You Request a Letter of Recommendation

You can provide these letters to the contacts from whom you would like recommendation letters. This will help them understand the Eagle Scout rank.

- General Letter [Download](#)
- Religious Letter [Download](#)

### Eagle Scout Project Workbook [Download](#)

### Sample Eagle Scout Project [Download](#)

### Texas Trails Council Request for Eagle Scout Application [Download](#)

## Eagle Court of Honor Resources - documents to be uploaded by Oct 2015

- Award Items Required for Ceremony
- Ceremony Scripts
- Programs
- Invitations
- Decorations





# Life to Eagle Toolkit

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL

Dear Sir or Madam:

The young man presenting this to you is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout.

An Eagle Scout candidate must demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. In this regard, the candidate has indicated that you know him personally and that you would be willing to provide a letter of recommendation on his behalf.

If you are willing to provide a letter of recommendation, please place your letter in a sealed envelope and return it to the Eagle Board of Review, in care of his Scoutmaster. The Scout should furnish you his name and complete address. The contents of your letter will NOT be shared with the candidate unless you specify otherwise. Of course, you are free to discuss the information with him, if you so desire, but you are under no obligation to do so.

Your letter of reference will remain secured by the Eagle Board of Review until the Scout has received his award, at such time your letter will be destroyed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Pat Leatherwood  
Chairman

John Vann  
Chairman

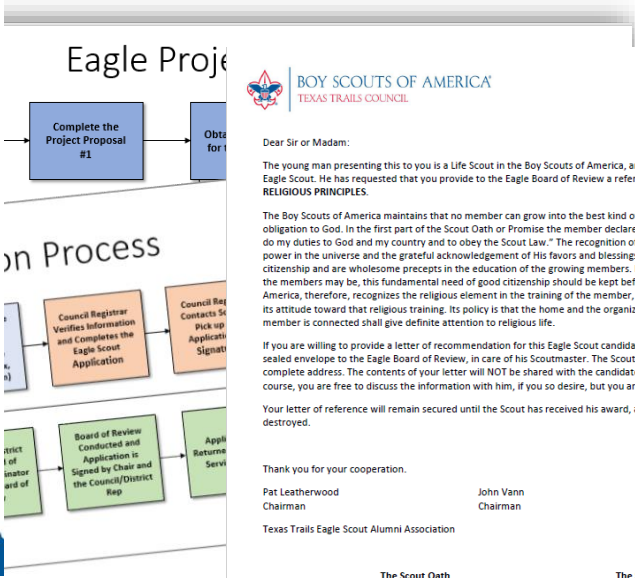
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On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

**The Scout Law**  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The young man presenting this to you is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout. He has requested that you provide to the Eagle Board of Review a reference that particularly describes his RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES.

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. In the first part of the Scout Oath or Promise the member declares, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duties to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law." The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members. No matter what the religious faith of the members may be, this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before them. The Boy Scouts of America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

If you are willing to provide a letter of recommendation for this Eagle Scout candidate, please forward your letter in a sealed envelope to the Eagle Board of Review, in care of his Scoutmaster. The Scout should furnish you his name and complete address. The contents of your letter will NOT be shared with the candidate unless you instruct otherwise. Of course, you are free to discuss the information with him, if you so desire, but you are under no obligation to do so.

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# Eagle Court of Honor Assistance

- Resource Kits - aka Chuckboxes
  - Decorations
  - Candles
  - Sample agendas and scripts
- Online toolkit - downloads & resources
  - Awards needed - Eagle Award Kit, Neckerchief & Slide
  - Sample ceremonies & programs
  - Ideas – Gifts, Decorations
- Assistance team for Scouts, Parents, and Units





# Upcoming Opportunities

- Life to Eagle Workshop
  - 10/3 - University of Scouting 
  - 10/10 – Joe Ed & Nan Burnam MB Seminar
  - 2/26 – Tarleton MB Seminar
- Eagle Project Coach Training
  - 10/10 – Joe Ed & Nan Burnam MB Seminar
- Teach Merit Badges





# Opportunities

- Life to Eagle Workshops
- Eagle Project Coach
- Review Eagle Projects
- Participate in Eagle Board of Reviews
- Eagle Court of Honor Assistance
- Networking Events
- Career Mentoring
- Affinity Groups – Legal, Medical
- District/Council Opportunities
  - Unit Commissioner
  - Merit Badge Counselor
  - District Committees
  - FOS Presenter
- Shooting Sports
- High Adventure





# Scouting in Action

