

# 39<sup>th</sup> Cypress Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK!!

Hope you all had a great summer. Our Rovers did a least. We sent members to the Northeast Moot in Connecticut, backpacking in Texas, and held a leadership Brownsea Training Camp (BTC) in June!

Special congratulations to Ria McKnight, Pandora Davis, Ann Schwab, and Kyle Radish for being invested as Rover Squires and earning their Tenderfoot badges at the BTC.

This fall we will have an Otter den and Timberwolf den/six for the first time. Now we have more ways to have fun outside.

This is our Scouting Group. It is led, planned, and supported by us. A traditional Scout Group does not have paid staff. We know that parents and children have busy schedules, but if we communicate well and share the tasks we will all have fun.

### TO DO'S:

- 1) **Re-enroll for scouting**
- 2) **Sign-up online for Beach Sweep**
- 3) **Otters start their collection for their Handicraft badge**



### CAMPFIRE CHEERS

Good times were had at the June Northeast All-section Moot in Connecticut. There were many activities for the young Scouts to do and plenty of fellowship for the adult Rovers. About 150 Scouts were there including the 39th Cypress!

## ENROLLMENT STEPS

Our website has more details:

<http://nolascout.weebly.com/sign-up-instructions.html>.

Leaders and children need to sign up annually at the start of the academic year. Dues are \$20 nationally and \$25 for our local group. Adult leaders get reimbursed for their necker. They also get \$10 credit for their background check applied to their child's group dues.

Any adult volunteer who will have contact with children needs to complete all steps except paying Group dues.

We do have rolling admissions but please come by first to ensure we have space.

## BEACH SWEEP

LPBF's 27th annual Beach Sweep will be held on Saturday, September 17 from 9am to noon with a lunch to follow. Come out and help us keep Lake Pontchartrain clean for our fall service project. We did this last year and it was a huge success!

Each parent and Scout must [REGISTER](#) online to ensure they have enough food at lunch and to give us credit for our volunteers. Our organization is the "39th Cypress BPSA".

*We need a parent from each family to supervise their children as we are clearing A LOT of trash; no drop-offs.*





### DOING OUR BEST TO BE PREPARED FOR SERVICE!

Our first 39th Cypress Brownsea Training Camp (BTC) went great. We had five adults who spent the weekend learning about how our BPSA US program works, safety policies, and basic scout craft. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun too.

Even the beautiful weather and the raccoons chipped in to make it a memorable camp. We are all now looking forward to taking our skills back to our group to make the experience for all better. The echo of our Raccoon Patrol cheer will be forever with us, "Marshy-Marshy-Marsh mellow!"

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WE NEED A NEW TREASURER & CHAIRPERSON. Responsibilities for the treasurer include keeping the money box, cashing checks, and managing the receipt book. Other roles include joining our Auxiliary Committee as the chairperson, secretary, treasurer, or an active member.

We also wish to register as a non-profit to assist with making partnerships and gaining some limited legal liability. Please contact William if you are interested in helping.

Thanks to the below for volunteering!  
Secretary  
William Carter

### **FALL SCHEDULE**

*Most times are Sunday at 2-4:30pm unless mentioned otherwise.*

- Sept. 4
- Sept. 17, Saturday 9am to noon
- Oct. 1-2 Camp
- Oct. 16
- Oct 30
- Nov. 13
- Dec. 4



**SOUTHERN ROVER RAMBLE SUCCESS!**  
Eight Rover Scouts from the Austin 7th Trailblazers and the 39th Cypress back-packed into sub-tropical conditions for the weekend in one of the most diverse plant preserves in the United States during June. The Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas is a special place. Everyone was amazed and so excited to be able to get so deep into nature.

## GROUP SECTIONS' NEWS

A Scout Group is divided into sections for all ages, but we will try to keep the young Scouts together as much as possible. However, some activities will require us to split them apart.

For supervision we always have two co-ed adults present. *Parents please consider dropping off your Scouts (except Chipmunks) at meetings to foster independence. We still need a parent for campouts and certain 'active' sessions.*

### Group Scoutmasters (GSM):

William Carter  
Kyle Radish

### Rover Crew

Scouting is for all ages. For adults, we need a Rover Crew Leader to help organize adult camp outs and adult only volunteer projects. Please contact William if you are interested. Think Mardi Gras social aid and pleasure club, but outside and without the booze. Hopefully we can have more Rover trips like we did this summer in Texas.



### Otter Raft

The Otters will work on Handicraft and their Investiture this fall. The Handicraft involves displaying a collection (about 25 items) and a trip to a petting zoo. Leaders and parents can sign-off on badge work.

### Otter Co-Leaders:

Ria McKnight  
Michael Schleifstein



### Timberwolf Pack

The motto "Do your best" and the Timberwolf program is one hundred years old this year. The Timberwolf program is a lot of fun as it has loads of variety and independence.

Timberwolves will be responsible for using their manuals as it tells them how to complete and record their proficiency tasks. General proficiencies (Investiture and Star) need to be signed off by leaders.



This fall the Timberwolves will be working on their First Star and Investiture badges. Then they can start their Second Star and begin on any of the twenty special proficiency badges.

### Timberwolf Co-Leaders:

Ann Schwab  
William Carter

### Chipmunk Scurry

Chipmunks are unofficial members of the BPSA. Free play and exploring is a good activity for a pre-school Chipmunk, and we welcome any parent to add activities. A parent must always be present.



### Chipmunk Co-Leaders:

Christina Kiel  
Laura Andrews

## REGIONAL & NATIONAL BPSA NEWS

There are a lot of BPSA camping activities. Look at the BPSA Trailhead discussion board ([Events](#)) or talk to William.

- Woodbeads I (Rover), September 16-18 Oregon
- Eurocamp18. (All) July 28th to August 4th, 2018 in the United Kingdom.

In our region, the BPSA does not have any day or resident camps. Jean Lafitte National Park has a winter camp. It fills up quick so show up the first day of registration to get a spot.

We are still hoping to camp with our neighbors, the 21st Dancing Rabbit in Mississippi, this year. More to come soon!

## TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY AWARD



To celebrate and honor this year's 10th anniversary of the BPSA-US, individual Scouts and their Group can earn a *Ten Year Anniversary Award*. Most of our Scouts should qualify.

The 1938 *PO&R* allows for "Awards for especially good work for the movement." The honoring of important occasions and anniversaries is absolutely a tradition. The patch is a simple: a frying pan, a '10,' and a campfire. The meaning is both realistic and amusing: "out of the frying pan, into the fire." We believe this fairly (and humorously) represents our journey over the past 10 years. Applications for the badge are due at the end of the year which are submitted by your group's GSM..

## Ten Year Anniversary Award Requirements

During 2016, do #1 and #2 and do two more from #3-6:

\_\_\_ 1. At the time the award request is submitted, the Scout must have a current, paid national BPSA membership and be registered with their Scout Group.

\_\_\_ 2. The scout will have a BPSA uniform shirt (following BPSA uniforming guidelines) with correct insignia, and wear it to scouting events. Also, demonstrate how to launder and care for your uniform shirt.

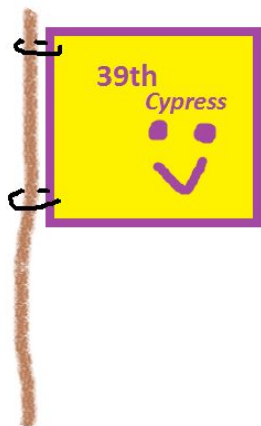
\_\_\_ 3. Advancement: The scout will complete one BPSA advancement (appropriate to their section) during 2016.

\_\_\_ 4. Camping: During 2016, the scout will participate in the following nights of camping: Otters should camp for at least 1 night, Timberwolves for at least 2, and Rovers for at least 4. Camping may be with the Scout Group, family, friends, or any supervised youth organization or group (e.g., a church group).

\_\_\_ 5. Service: During 2016, the scout will participate actively in 2 community service projects. These may be done with their small unit (den, six, patrol), Section, or Group or with their friends, family, school, or community group.

\_\_\_ 6. B-P: During 2016, the scout will participate in a Group, Section, or small unit (den, six, patrol) event in which they learn more about the BPSA founder—Robert Baden-Powell—and the BPSA-US.

## NECKERS & UNIFORMS



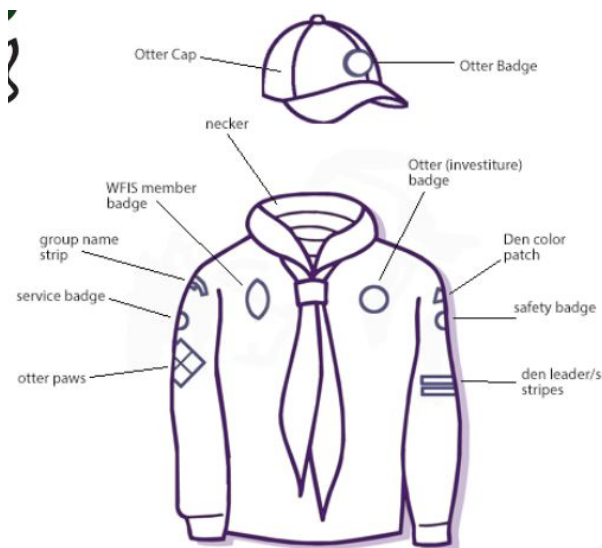
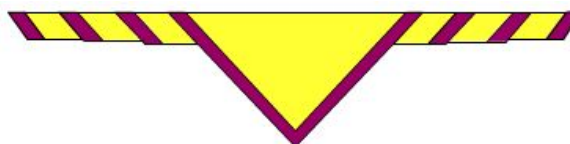
### WE NEED A FLAG!!

Flags in scouting are important for group spirit and so that we can find each other in a crowded park. We had a makeshift flag our last campout and it worked great. We are looking for a family to help with creating a flag or a plan for the Group to make one. Please call William or Kyle with ideas.

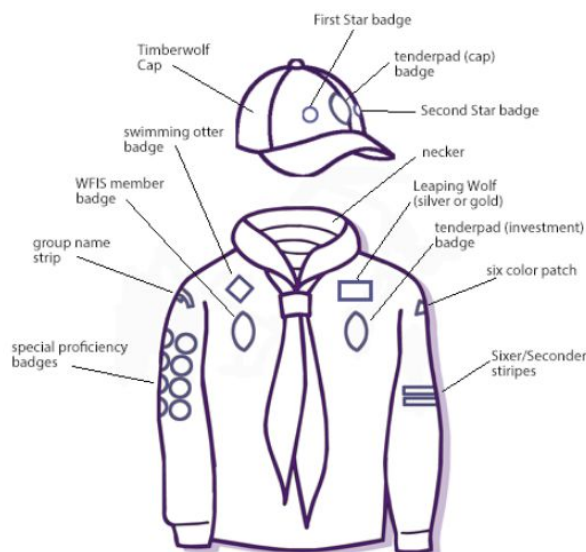
We want every Scout to be a self-reliant and independent individual, but as we play as a team and help one another, uniforms are encouraged (no one will be turned away if they do not wear one though).

Please get those new Timberwolf shirts and larger Otter shirts ready! William has spare 39th Cypress and WFIS badges if you need them. The Scouts are proud of the badges they have earned, and all the uniforms make us feel like a team.

We have heard that super glue works better than fabric glue, but still do not be afraid of sewing needles as that works best.



Otter Uniform Patch Guide



Timberwolf Uniform Patch Guide

## **WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?**

We are the 39<sup>th</sup> Cypress Group of the Baden-Powell Service Association which has more than fifty Groups in the United States. Our Group currently has three sections: Otters (5-7 year olds), Timberwolves (8-10 years old), and Rovers (18+). Unofficially we have Chipmunks (pre-schoolers), and once we gain more leaders we will have Pathfinders (11-18 years old) to be complete.

The 39th represents our city's longitude and latitude; roughly 30 degrees north and 90 degrees west.

We chose the Cypress as our name because of its importance to our vulnerable coastline and our unique home/habitat.

We are members of the World Federation of Independent Scouts (WFIS); and as such are not in competition with other American Scouting Associations, we are their brothers and sisters in Scouting. We work closely with the Baden-Powell Scouts' Association of England and the Baden-Powell Service Association in British Columbia, Canada.

### **Scouting Is an Outdoor Movement**

Scouting is an outdoor movement and that is part of its character. The appeal of true Scouting has always been to that element of the vagabond, pioneer and explorer, which is part of our nature, and most evident in youth. The BPSA focuses on this aspect of the program and encourages our Scouts, parents and volunteers to plan programs that take advantage of being out of doors, whenever and wherever possible.

### **Scouting as it Was Meant to Be Played**

Traditional Scouting is not historical re-enactment, but for the most part an attempt to present Scouting as the game that was played prior to the 1970s; and following principles and practices laid down by Scouting's founder, Robert Baden-Powell. Our aim is to promote good citizenship, discipline, self-reliance, loyalty, and useful skills.

### **Putting Service before Self**

Scouting is a community-oriented experience, in that Scouts provide a function of public and community service. Scouting's aims and methods train the youth to put service before self, whether by participating in community service projects with the group, organizing a public service project with their patrol, or even helping out around their school and home. BPSA's program encourages leaders and volunteers to motivate the Scouts, no matter what section, to give back to the wider community in which they live. Service isn't something done as a requirement for a badge; it's something we do because we're Scouts!

### **Scouting for Youth and Adults, Boys and Girls**

Scouting is one of the best programs for developing character, improving resourcefulness, and learning responsibility and skills in public service; and BPSA believes this program should be available to everyone, youth and adult, regardless of religious beliefs, gender, or sexual orientation.

*Make scouting a tradition for your whole family!*