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**Subject:** 2017 Texas Powder Horn

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Dear Thunderbird District Leaders:

We are asking for your assistance in getting the word out to unit leadership about the 2017 Texas Powder Horn program. Powder Horn starts the second weekend of September so there is only a limited time remaining to sign up, but we still have plenty of spots open. We would appreciate any opportunity to reach out to potential participants through newsletters, emails, commissioners, roundtables, committees or other communications. At the end of this message you will find links to our flier, doubleknot signup page, and facebook page, as well as a short promotional 'blurb' with some sample photos - please feel free to use these and customize as appropriate for your media.

Scouting leaders often face the dilemma of having a strong desire to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth, while lacking the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Texas Powder Horn responds to this quandary by exposing all Scout Leaders to a wide range of outdoor/high adventure activities. More importantly, Texas Powder Horn provides participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist them in delivering the promise of Scouting's high adventure.

Over the course of two weekends in September, participants will receive hands-on experience in over 30 different high adventure activities, working in small patrol-sized groups, and being taught by local experts in the fields. Participants "learn by doing" with expert consultants who demonstrate the skills and explain where resources such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained. Participants will sample the activities themselves so they will know how much fun their crew or troop will be able to have. Activities planned for 2017 include Caving, Racing Canoes, Fly Fishing, Kayaking, Navigation, Mountain Biking, Stand-up Paddle Boarding, Living History, Scuba, Black Powder Rifle Shooting, and much more. If you haven't guessed already, besides providing valuable knowledge and resources – Texas Powder Horn is a lot of fun!

Capitol Area and Longhorn Councils will be co-hosting the 2017 Texas Powder Horn training course September 8-10 and 22-24 at Longhorn Council's beautiful Camp Tahuaya, located near Belton, Texas. Powder Horn is open to all registered adult leaders (including Venturing, Exploring, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout), as well as mature youth leaders (minimum age 14). It is a great opportunity to increase the breadth of unit program offerings, educate new leaders, and increase leader enthusiasm and engagement.

We appreciate all you do and hope we can assist in bringing some fresh activity ideas and excitement to your units through the Texas Powder Horn experience. Feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

To learn more, please check out the following links:

Flier: [http://www.bsacac.org/my\\_files/documents/316\\_texas\\_powder-horn\\_2017\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.bsacac.org/my_files/documents/316_texas_powder-horn_2017_flyer.pdf)

Info & Signup: [http://www.bsacac.org/training/outdoor\\_training/powder\\_horn](http://www.bsacac.org/training/outdoor_training/powder_horn)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TexasPowderHorn>

Draft content and pictures: <https://app.box.com/s/k1amy2nui3y1e9uq2lh9sn9ce6cnd8kt>

Yours in Scouting,

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