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Scouting Alumni,

I am a former Life Scout and former President & current member of the Executive Board of the Texas Trails Council. Please join me in supporting the organization of the Texas Trails Eagle Scout and Scouting Alumni Association chapter. ALL Scouting Alumni and Eagle Scouts are encouraged to join and participate.

I have many fond memories of Scouting as a youth

- My first campout when it snowed on us just enough to dust the top of the tent
- My OA Ordeal when they took us out blindfolded into the woods with only our sleeping bags and it rained 8" that night (I don't think my sleeping bag has dried out yet); getting up the next morning and finding our way back in and then having to start a fire with flint & steel with wet kindling
- My good friend Gary, who went through Ordeal at the same time, lost his contact lens in the woods that night, got permission to go back and look for it, had the sunlight hit the edge so it sparkled and was able to find it. What are the odds of that?

I am sure most of you have fond memories of campouts, summer camp, high adventure at Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base or recently at Bechtel-Summit. The values I learned in Scouting have stayed with me. Although I no longer need to start fires with flint & steel, the **lessons of teamwork, leadership, and citizenship** are still with me and I use them daily. I hope we can continue to pass these values on to future generations.

The Scouting Alumni Association and NESAs are not asking for your money—just your participation. Among all of us we have a wide variety of skills. By joining forces, we can put these skills to use to help **influence the life, career choices, and future of our youth**. By participating, you just might have the opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life that would not otherwise happen. The Boy Scouts is still the best youth organization for teaching citizenship and values through the outdoor experience.

Please join me to learn more about the Texas Trails Eagle Scout and Scouting Alumni Association at 6:00pm, October 6th at the ACU Hunter Welcome Center.

Yours in Scouting,

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