



**LONGHORN COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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After careful study and consideration by the Scout Executive Selection Committee, I am happy to announce that John Coyle, Scout Executive, Alamo Area Council has been named the new Longhorn Council Scout Executive. He will officially begin his duties on May 16, 2011.

Scouting has been a significant part of John's life. An Eagle Scout and a recipient of the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, John began his service to Scouting as a youth volunteer. After extensive volunteer service as an adult, he began his Scouting professional career. John has held the position of Scout Executive for the past 23 years including six years in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Serving all of Puerto Rico's 78 municipalities, John's leadership helped to raise \$8 million dollars in a very successful capital campaign while significantly increasing volunteer involvement at all levels.


As Scout Executive in San Antonio since 2006, John has achieved National Quality Council recognition each year and exceeded a \$10 million goal in their *Campaign for Timeless Values* which is providing funds for much needed camp expansions. In addition, he increased membership by more than 13% and led the Alamo Area Council to pioneer the effort to increase participation in the Hispanic community. Under his leadership, a Scoutreach Center was constructed on San Antonio's south side and land was purchased to build a camp for hard to serve neighborhoods.

While John is dedicated to strong programs, he is equally as dedicated to a balanced budget and achieved both each year he has served as Scout Executive. In Geneva, New York and Puerto Rico, he paid off all inherited debt. John also places great importance on strong volunteer relationships and credits those relationships for helping to achieve both financial and membership growth in each of the councils served as Scout Executive. In San Antonio, the establishment of a board-level leadership committee continues to engage top-level community leaders.

John received his B.S. degree in Natural Resource Conservation from the University of Connecticut and is fluent in Spanish. He and his wife, Kathleen, have been happily married for 28 years. Kathleen is a Texas registered nurse. They have two children, daughter Adelaide is a freshman at Texas A&M and 13 year-old son John Illingworth is a Star Scout and is his troop bugler and troop quartermaster. The entire family is excited about relocating to Fort Worth.

John was thrilled to hear the news that he was selected as the next Longhorn Council Scout Executive and looks forward to meeting each of you very soon.

Sincerely,


Greg Bird
President, Longhorn Council