

WELCOME TO THE SCOUTING  
EVENT OF THE YEAR

*Eighth Annual*

**SAM HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL**

**SPORTS BREAKFAST**



*Tuesday, April 28, 2026*

Scouting  America.  
Sam Houston Area Council

*Keynote Speaker*

# BRIAN CUSHING



Brian Cushing was a dominant linebacker who played his entire nine-year NFL career with the Houston Texans. Prior to entering the league, Cushing was an All-American linebacker at the University of Southern California. During his four seasons at USC, he earned All-American honors twice, received multiple All-Pac-10 selections, and was named the 2007 Rose Bowl Defensive MVP.

Following an impressive performance at the NFL Combine, the Houston Texans selected Cushing in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft. He went on to record one of the best defensive seasons by a rookie in NFL history, earning the 2009 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year Award and Pro Bowl honors after posting five sacks and four interceptions.

Cushing was named second-team All-Pro in 2011 and eventually became Houston's all-time leading tackler. He recorded over 100 tackles three times and was a key contributor to some of the first successful teams in Texans history, helping the franchise reach the playoffs on four occasions.

# *Houston Sports Breakfast*

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## **Opening Ceremony**

*Reed Academy, Herrera Elementary, Davila Elementary, Lockhart Elementary*

*Invocation: Aleah Oville - Lockhart Elementary*

*Pledge: Jasleen Salinas - Herrera Elementary*

*Commands: Nikki Cantu - Davila Elementary*

## **Welcome**

*William J. (John) Berger, CEO, Otovo  
Chair of the Board, Sam Houston Area Council*

## **The State of Scouting**

*Marvin D. Smith, CEO/Scout Executive, Sam Houston Area Council*

## **Legacy of Troop 242**

### **Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church**

*Nina Smith  
Sebastian Trent*

## **Two-Minute Warning**

*Stephen M. Trauber*

*Managing Director | Chairman and Global Head of Energy & Clean Technology  
2026 Sports Breakfast Chair*

## **Fireside Chat**

*Jason Wells, CEO, Centerpoint Energy  
&  
Brian Cushing*

## **Closing Remarks**

*William J. (John) Berger*

# Sam Houston Area Council

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The Sam Houston Area Council Scouting America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent Scouting councils. Sam Houston Area Council proudly serves approximately 27,000 youth in 16 counties in Southeast Texas through dedicated service and leadership of approximately 10,000 adult volunteers. Scouting is completely funded by the generosity of those that believe in its mission. We are proud that every dollar raised in Southeast Texas is used to serve the youth of Southeast Texas.

For over a century, Scouting has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Sam Houston Area Council believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. Scouting teaches leadership through experience and character through service.

Our Scouts and volunteers participated in over 228,000 hours of community service projects in 2025. These hours accounted for a total economic impact of nearly \$8,000,000 according to the volunteer service organization *Independent Sector*.



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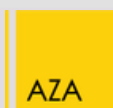
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