

Roadrunner Reporter

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Roundtable is held on the first Thursday evening of each month except July at 7:30 pm at the **W. C. Martin United Methodist Church located at 2621 Bedford Rd** in Bedford.

March, April, and May 2000 Calendar Dates

March 2000

Thu, Mar 2 Roundtable
• Youth Protection Training
• Charter Organization Recognition
Tue, Mar 7 Day Camp Pack Rep
Thu, Mar 9 District Committee
Mar 11-14 Twin Arrows JLT #139
Mar 16-19 Twin Arrows JLT #140
Sat, Mar 18 Bowl-a-thon
Thu, Mar 23 Eagle Bd of Review
Sun, Mar 26 Bowl-a-thon

Sat, Apr 1
Thu, Apr 6
Apr 7-8-9
Thu, Apr 13
Fri, Apr 14
Sat, Apr 15
Train
Shuman
Wed, Apr 19
Thu, Apr 27
Sat, Apr 29

April 2000

Cub Pushmobile race
Roundtable
Spring Camporee
District Committee
District Banquet
Cub Scout Basic
OWL Training-
Pack Day Camp regis
Eagle Bd of Review
O/A Chapter Ordeal

May 2000

Tue, May 2 Cub Scout Basic Train
Thu, May 4 Roundtable
• Youth Protection Training
Sat, May 6 Rocking Chair
Thu, May 11 Rocking Chair; Dist Committee
May 19-20 Rocking Chair
Tue, May 23 Cub Camp staff train
Wed, May 24 Cub Camp staff train
Thu, May 25 Eagle Bd of Review

District Executive

Keith Messer 624-5527

I'd like to encourage all Scouters to attend the Roadrunner District Annual Banquet: This year's banquet will be held Friday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. The banquet will be held at Metroplex Covenant Church and will be catered by Spaghetti Warehouse.

The menu will consist of a choice of their famous 7-layer lasagna or vegetable lasagna, salad, bread and a special surprise for dessert. Cost is \$11 per person for tickets paid by Mon, Apr 10; or \$15 for tickets paid for after Apr 10 or walk-ins. For more info, contact Sami Roop, 421-0339.

Three new awards will be distributed this year in addition to the Award of Merit, the Distinguished Commissioner Award and the Spark Plug Award:

•The Emeritus Award will honor Scouters who have continued to be active in unit, district and council events even though their children have "graduated" from Boy Scouts.

•The Fleur-de-lis Award will recognize Scouters who work diligently to provide the Boy or Cub Scout program in their unit and at the same time expand their involvement to the district and/or council level.

•The Unit Recognition Award honors two Troops and two Packs which have the highest percentage of growth in membership and who have the highest number of leaders attending adult leader training.

District Commissioner

Gloria Coyle 283-7148

Roundtable Moves in March 2000

Due to increasing Roundtable needs, mainly growth in attendance and expanding activities, Roundtable will move to W. C. Martin United Methodist Church located at 2621 Bedford Road. Maps were distributed at February Roundtable.

District Newsletter Submissions

Charlene Taylor prepares the monthly district newsletter; submissions are subject

to editing and approval of the District DE, Chairman, and Commissioner. News of coming events, unit successes, helpful suggestions on sites or resources, etc. are all welcome.

Please submit to Charlene by fax (431-8319), via e mail <ltaylor@gte.net>, by phone (431-7912) or by mail: 1104 Trail Ridge Drive, Keller 76248.

Boy Scout Youth Training

Mike Barnard 581-6770

Three levels of Junior Leader Training are offered for BSA youth leaders. The first level is offered at the troop level, usually by the Scoutmaster, annually or semi annually.

Intermediate JLT is called Brownsea Islands and is offered at the District level. Training for Brownsea Islands JLT is now being scheduled for District leaders who will train at the district level. This mid-level training should be available during the year 2000 in Roadrunner District.

Advanced JLT, known as Twin Arrows, is offered by the Council. Two sessions of Twin Arrow JLT are being offered during March when most school districts have scheduled spring break. There are a few slots open in the second session::

•TA-139 Mar 11-14, 2000, SM- Mark Bynum - 457-8942

•TA-140 Mar 16-19, 2000, SM- Bill Day - 817-485-4512

Cub Scout Training

Linda Jones 267-5818

Sessions of Cub Scout adult leader basic training are offered several times a year by the Roadrunner District. For more information, call Linda Jones at 817-267-5818.

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training will be held Saturday, April 15, 2000. The same course will be held in two parts on April 25 & May 2, 2000.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training will be offered May 6, 2000.

Roadrunner District offers Cub Scout Leader Basic Training twice in the fall and twice in the spring. One course of each season is on Saturday; the other is divided between two evenings for those who can't or don't want to give up a Saturday.

Boy Scout Training

Robert Guertler 282-0400

Scoutmastership Fundamentals, or "Rocking Chair" training, the adult basic leader training for Boy Scout leaders, is offered twice yearly in the Roadrunner District.

The next session of "Rocking Chair" will be held Sat, May 6; Thu, May 11; and Fri-Sat, May 19-20. Call Mike Barnard, 581-6770, for info on training in adjacent districts.

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh 540-1963

The **March Roundtable** will focus on adult training and adult awards with an emphasis on the Adult Knot Program and will include info on other awards that can be earned by adults.

For **April Roundtable**, breakout sessions will be chaired by individuals who will be providing help and problem solving with specific positions.

The **May Roundtable** will feature "Leave No Trace" camping led by Dave Bates for the BSA National staff.

Scouters who would like to suggest topics for future Boy Scout Roundtable training can contact Joe Marsh at 540-1963 with ideas.

Boy Scout Advancement

Phil Wenneker 595-2865

District Merit Badge College Report

A total of 500 merit badges were completed by Scouts attending the January 2000 District Merit Badge College at Tarrant County College. Nearly 1300 merit badges were started by the 501 boys instructed by 36 MB counselors.

District MB Counselor List for 2000

A disk containing Roadrunner District MB counselors was distributed at the February Roundtable. The list is current as of 1/31/00.

BSA Requirements 2000 Book \$3.15

Lists Changes in 4 Merit Badges

All leaders working with Boy Scout merit badges should be aware that there are changes in 4 merit badges -- Camping*, Climbing, Hiking, and Personal Fitness* -- that took effect Jan 1, 2000. The Personal Fitness MB will now require 12 weeks to complete. Changes are listed in the BSA

publication "Boy Scout Requirements Y2K" which is available for \$3.15.

The only change in rank advancement is the addition of the position of O/A troop representative as one of the youth leadership positions in requirement #4 for Eagle Rank.

Activities

Sami Roop 421-0339

Bowl-A-Thon - March 18 & 26

Bowl-A-Thon will soon be upon us. Plan now to participate in this annual fundraising event for your unit. Dates are Sat, Mar 18, 10:00 am-3:00 pm and Sun, Mar 26, 12:00-5:00 pm at Funfest, 1801 E. Lamar in Arlington. For more information, or to register call Dale Miller, 267-5288.

Cub Pushmobile April 1, 2000

Pushmobile will be Saturday, April 1. Deadline for registration is March 10. Entry fee is \$15 per car. Location will be Pennington Field in Bedford. Cub Scouts at all levels - Wolf, Bear, & Webelo - can earn achievements by working on their den's Pushmobile. Tiger Cubs are also encouraged to participate.

Registration forms were mailed directly to each Pack. Contact Sami Roop, 421-0339, for more information.

District Banquet is April 14th

The annual District Banquet is scheduled for Friday, April 14, at Metroplex Covenant Church in Colleyville at the intersection of Glade and Roberts beginning at 7 pm. (See info on page 1 under District Executive)

Nomination forms for the District Award of Merit are due no later than Thu, Mar 9.

All Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders and parents are encouraged to attend. For information on the banquet, call Sami Roop, 421-0339.

Day & Twilight Cub Scout Camp

Plans for "**Space 2000**" are well under way. Day Camp will be Jun 5-8; Twilight Camp will be Jun 12-16.

Pack rep training meeting for both camps will be Mar 7 at William C. Martin United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Pack reps are responsible for the Pack's camp registration. It is imperative that a rep from each pack attend this training.

Camp packets will be distributed, and, registration and T-shirt order forms will be reviewed and all camp questions will be answered!

Pack turn in is on Apr 19, Martin Methodist.

For more information call, Lauri Shipp for Day Camp, 545-8658, or Diane Morrison for Twilight Camp, 481-5422.

Camping

George Pifer 498-1972; 354-4881

Spring Camporee is April 7-9

Spring "SR 2000" Camporee, April 7-9 at Sid Richardson will provide skill competition for all levels of Webelos, Scouts, Venture and Iron Scout. Registration forms were passed out at the February Roundtable. Cost is \$7 per participant; units provide their own food. All participants should register by March 17 to ensure proper campsite size and location.

Details will be provided at the March Roundtable. Webelos leaders and any one representing the pack and Webelos Den leaders should attend the Boy Scout Roundtable. A Webelos den can attend with a Scout Troop or by themselves.

Roadrunner Rendezvous on Dec 1-3, 2000 -- "Do Your Best"

Start planning to attend the 14th annual Roadrunner Rendezvous Dec 1-3, 2000. It is a great time for the District to camp together and share a fun weekend.

The theme is "Do Your Best". Each troop attending will show what they do best with demonstrations through out the day for others to see and do. There will be some training opportunities that weekend also.

Webelos to Scout Transition

Now is the time each year when Webelos start down the Boy Scout Trail. The November Scout Roundtable provided information for this transition. If you missed the November Roundtable perhaps someone in your pack can provide this information or get on the net and surf. Sites like usscouts.org provide all the information that was handed out at the November Roundtable.

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