

Roadrunner Reporter

September 2000

Available at Roundtable

A monthly publication (except for the month of July) of the Roadrunner District, Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America.

District Roundtable is held on the first Thursday evening of each month except July from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the **W. C. Martin United Methodist Church located at 2621 Bedford Rd** in Bedford.

Youth Protection Training is offered at *Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, which is around the corner from the Roundtable at Martin Methodist Church*. The course will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 pm on the following Roundtable nights - Sep. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Jan. 4, March 1, May 3, and June 7. Call Phil Jones at 267-5818 or George Zahn at 354-5702 if you have any questions about these courses.

September, October & November 2000 Calendar Dates

September 2000

October 2000

November 2000

SEPTEMBER THEMES

Cub Scouts: Pockets
 Webelos: Communicator; Citizen
 Boy Scouts: Safety

OCTOBER THEMES

Cub Scouts: Our Gifts & Talents
 Webelos: Showman; Citizen
 Boy Scouts: Nature

NOVEMBER THEMES

Cub Scouts: Turn on the Power
 Webelos: Craftsman; Scientist
 Boy Scouts: Business

Fri, Sep 1 Show & Sell begins
 Thu, Sep 7 **Roundtable**
Cub Scout Fast Start
Boy Scout Fast Start

Sat, Sep 9 *Cub Basic Train/YPT*
Boy Scout Basic, #1
Commissioner Basic Training

Tue, Sep 12 Popcorn Take Order
 Membership turn in

Wed, Sep 13 District FOS Kickoff
 Thu, Sep 14 District Committee
 District Commissioners
Boy Scout Basic, #2

Sat, Sep 16 Brazos Canoe Race
 Sep 22-23 *Boy Scout Basic, #3*
camp-out

Sat, Sep 23 Tiger Cub Adv Day
 Thu, Sep 28 Eagle Bd of review
 Fri, Sep 29 Show & Sell ends
 Sat, Sep 30 Cub Beach Part

Sun, Oct 1 Popcorn Sales begin
 Thu, Oct 5 **Roundtable**
Youth Protection Training

Sat, Oct 7 Cub Family Camp SR2
 Fall Festival & Hayrides

Mon, Oct 9 Columbus Day
 Yom Kippur

Oct. 9-13 Keller ISD Fall Break
 Thu, Oct 12 District Committee
 District Commissioners

Sat, Oct 14 Cub Family Adventure
 & Hayrides

Tue, Oct 17 *Cub Basic, part 1*
 Thu, Oct 19 *Cub Basic, part 2*
 Sat, Oct 21 SCORE-O
 Oct 28-30 O/A Fall Fellowship
 Sat, Oct 28 Turkey Shoot
 Pushmobile Derby
 Fall Festival & Hayrides

Sun, Oct 29 Turkey Shoot
 Tue, Oct 31 Popcorn Sales end

Thu, Nov 2 **Roundtable**
Youth Protection Training

Fri, Nov 3 Popcorn orders due
OWL Training

Nov 4-5 WR & SR2 closed
 Tue, Nov 7 *Recharter Training*
 Thu, Nov 9 District Committee
 District Commissioners

Sat, Nov 11 *University of Scouting*
 Sat, Nov 18 Popcorn pickup
 O/A 1 day service proj
 C/G, Carroll, Keller ISD
 Nov 20-24 Fall Break
 Nov 22-24 HEB Fall Break
 Thu, Nov 23 THANKSGIVING
 Nov 25-26 WR & SR2 Closed
 Thu, Nov 30 District Eagle Boards
Note date change Δ

District Chairman

Bryce Boyd

416-9941 H

Welcome Back from Vacation!

Everyone is back and moving our Roadrunner District forward. Hope you had a great summer. Thanks to all who volunteer of their time and talents in making our program work.

Use District Committee Members

The District is full of resources to help your Unit be successful. You should have seen many of those resources at our August Roundtable meeting. Call them and take advantage of their experiences.

If you did not receive your list of District Committee members and their areas of responsibilities, please let me know and we'll make sure you get a copy. We are here to help.

Help / Join District Committee

We hope you feel welcome to Roadrunner District and invite you to step forward and make a difference. We need your ideas and input.

The District Committee is not for a select few but for those who want to help our youth have a successful program. *In a few months our District will be divided. We need many, many more volunteers* to help administer the program to our quality units. Please call if you have special interests in serving with us.

District Commissioner

Gloria Coyle

283-7148

Adult Leader Training Is Crucial

Adult Leader Training is essential not only to qualify for the National Quality Unit Award but also for running a successful Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, or Venturing program. All BSA adult leaders need to complete -- as soon as possible -- the following training courses:

1 *Fast Start Training for appropriate level*

2 *Basic Training for appropriate level*

3 *Youth Protection Training*

Fast Start Training for both Cub and Boy Scout leaders is being offered at the September Roundtable. Basic Training is being offered this fall and also again in the spring. Youth Protection Training is being offered in September, October, November, January, March, May, and June. [See Adult Leader Training section of this newsletter.]

All new leaders and returning leaders who have not completed these three levels of training should plan to attend training at the earliest possible date.

Units planning to qualify for the 2000 National Quality Unit Award must have leaders trained before the December recharter turn in date.

Training on Nov. 7

Turn in on Dec. 5

Recharter Time Is Coming Soon; Update Youth & Adult Member Info

Although it is only September, packs and troops should be thinking about recharter time. Roadrunner District recharts all units in December.

Between now and November, you should also be reviewing and updating your unit roster. It will make life so much easier if your roster is continually updated. All units should be having monthly committee meetings, therefore updating the roster with youth and adults should not be difficult.

Contact your unit commissioner if you have questions. Our unit commissioners service more than one unit. Please be considerate of that fact especially if you want them to come to your unit committee meeting.

Before our recharter information and training night on Nov. 7, select someone who will be in charge of the rechartering; commit the person to attend training to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000. All recharts are due at December 5, 2000 turn-in. Site for both will be announced at October Roundtable.

If your Scouts pay their registration dues each year, now is the time to notify every parent -- with a deadline -- that registration fees / insurance and optional Boy's Life subscription fees are due. Don't forget to list the fees. Always list a contact person with telephone; a self-addressed envelope is helpful.

District Executives

Keith Messer 624-5527

Bryant Butler

624-5520

Bryant Butler Joins as 2nd DE

Roadrunner District welcomes **Bryant Butler** as a new District Executive who will assist Keith Messer with Roadrunner District duties in anticipation of the district being split in the next year or so. His e mail address is <BButler@Longhorn.org>.

Bryant has been with the Longhorn Council for a year, starting in the Exploring program. He is a graduate of Plattsburg State College in New York where he lettered four year in basketball. He also enjoys boxing and Brazilian Ju Jitsu.

Cub Scout Roundtable

Dave Kaiser

267-5713

Cub Roundtable Break Outs for All Positions Each Month

Monthly Cub Scout Roundtable meetings offer breakout sessions for all Cub Scout leadership positions each month (with the exception of Tiger cubs). Regular Roundtable is from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Other breakout sessions will be for Cubmasters, Committee people, Webelos Den Leaders, and Den Leaders. One person attending Cub Roundtable from a pack cannot receive all the information available. It is up to the Cubmaster and Committee Chairman to encourage attendance at Roundtable.

October

Tiger Cub Break Out Session

During the October Cub Scout Roundtable a separate split session will be for Tiger Cub leaders. This will not occur monthly, so packs are encouraged to send their Tiger Cub leaders to the October Roundtable.

Dates of future Roundtables featuring a breakout sessions for Tiger Cub leaders will be announced in the newsletter in advance.

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh

540-1963

September

Recruiting Webelos to Scouts

The September Roundtable is going to feature BSA professional staff members speaking on Troop Open House Nights at regular troop meetings -- how to conduct them and what features ought to be included to recruit Webelos into Boy Scouts. Keeping the Promise is the thrust.

October

Position Break Out Sessions

October Roundtable will be Split Month, with between 40 and 50 minutes allotted to breakout sessions for Varsity Teams, Scoutmasters, Committee Chairmen, Treasurers/ Advancement.

Here leaders will be encouraged to interact with other leaders holding their same jobs and exchange advice, challenges, problem solving and any other benefit that can be garnered from net working with the great folks from Roadrunner District.

October Get Acquainted Dinner - \$2

Webelos Leaders, Scoutmasters to Share BBQ and Ideas at 6:30

The District is hosting a \$2 BBQ starting at 6:30, an hour before Roundtable, . Menu will be Grilled Chicken Breasts or hot dogs on a bun with Chips, and Bug Juice to drink. Proceeds will go into a District Roundtable fund.

The O/A will be put to cheerful service as Cooks, allowing interaction between the O/A and adult Troop leadership. There will also be an outdoor program hosted by Louis Dickie, our District Webelo to Scout Transition Committee Member.

Relationships

Jim Richmond

581-9013

Golf Tournament \$\$ to Council

The golf tournament was a success. Thanks for all the hard work done by Mark Johnson and his committee. The money goes to Longhorn Council to assist in their programs.

Roadrunner Website Address

Our big news is that there is a Roadrunner web site - under construction - which can be viewed. If any one has suggestions they can contact me. The website is - www.roadrunnerdistrict.homestead.com

COR's Invited to 9/22 Voting Meeting

All Chartered Organizational Representatives (COR's) are invited to attend a voting meeting to be held at the council level on Sept. 21, 2000 to consider acquiring additional area for the Council.

Membership

Rick Mauk

488-6947

Thanks for Cub Rally Support

The Membership Committee wishes to Thank each Pack for all of its hard work. I know this year's Rally night scheduling was a challenge for some of you. We're doing great.

If there is any Pack that needs help in any way securing a date for their Rally night please call Rick Mauk (817) 488-6947. There have been some Packs that have already turned in their packets For those

that still need to turn in their packets the information below is a list of turn in date as well as what is needed.

The turn in dates for the rally nights are:

- *Tuesday, September 12 7:00 - 8:00*
 - *Tuesday, September 26 7:00 - 8:00*
- at the Medical Building (Old Northeast Community Hospital) 1305 Airport Freeway in Bedford
- Packs MUST TURN IN the following items:
- *Local Council Copy Boy and Adult Applications with all required signatures.*
 - *New parent talen survey (make a copy for your Pack)*
 - *Total amount due per application (ONE check per Pack is preferred)*

Boy Scout Advancement

Pat Pool 571-3266

Pre-Certification of Eagle Projects

Eagle candidates who wish to have their Eagle Project proposals reviewed and pre-certified should contact Pat at 571-3266 and request their meeting with the District no later than the third Thursday of the month.

Pre-cert reviews are usually conducted concurrently with Eagle Boards of Review on the 4th Thursday of the month (3rd Thursday in November and December).

Please follow these steps in preparing for an Eagle Project pre-certification review:

(1) Follow ALL the directions in a NEW Eagle Scout Project Workbook. Use either the form from the Council Office or the current form off the Council Website - don't use your own structure for the project workbook.

(2) Once the plan is written and approved by the benefiting organization, get the Eagle Scout Advisor's approval (signature) and the approval of the Troop Committee (signature),

(3) Schedule Council Approval with Pat Pool (571-3266 or <ppool@flash.net>). The Council review and approval of the project usually takes place on the Fourth Thursday of the month.

[Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis, such as the benefiting organization having a date-sensitive project or the Scout nearing his 18th birthday. Usually a special review time is set up for those cases. Other cases may be done at different times as the volunteers to review are available.]

NOTE: Scouts may not procure materials or otherwise begin the project until the project has been approved by the Council.

Eagle Boards of Review

Eagle Candidates who have completed their projects and all other rank requirements and who are needing to schedule a Board of Review should have their Eagle Scout application certified by the Council office in Fort Worth, then prepare the following:

- two copies of their completed application
- two copies of the council checklist
- two copies of 'statement of life's ambitions'
- two copies of their completed Eagle Project workbook
- a stamped, addressed envelope for each of the references listed on the Eagle Scout Application (leave the return address blank on the envelopes)
- two 9X12 envelopes with the candidate's name on each (one for each set of copies above)

This must be turned in to Pat no later than the first Thursday of each month for the Eagle Scout board of Review held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Pat is usually at the Roundtable and can collect the information there.

Pat is NOT a night owl and definitely begins getting an orange tint about 9 pm. He turns into a pumpkin at 10 PM so please do not call after 10 pm.

If you need help in guiding an Eagle rank candidate through to boarding, please follow these steps:

(1) Complete his Eagle project workbook and get the signatures of the benefiting organization and the troop committee on the project workbook.

(2) Complete a current (up-to-date form) Eagle Scout Application form.

- The dates of ranks and merit badges need to be paid special attention.
- Make sure that the time in rank is correct and meets BSA requirements.
- Make sure that all leadership positions have the correct dates on them and are valid positions according to the Current BSA handbook
- Get the signature of the Scoutmaster (Scoutmaster Conference) and Committee Chairman on the form.

(3) Send the completed form (keep a photocopy of the completed form in case it gets "lost") to the Longhorn Council Office for Council "certification" of dates, ranks and merit badges earned. Allow two weeks for return. Alternately, call the Council Office and set up an appointment to meet with the Council Registrar for quicker service.

(4) Schedule a District Eagle Scout Board of Review with Pat Pool (571-3266 or ppool@flash.net). Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis such as when a Scout is fast approaching his 18th birthday or some other unusual circumstance requires that the board be done or at a special time. Usually a special time is set up for those cases. Other cases may be done at different times as the volunteers to review are available.

(5) The Scout will be contacted by the Monday before his Board of Review date telling him what time to arrive and where the Board of Review will be held. If the Scout has a special Board of Review date, then he may be contacted on a special date.

All questions should be directed to Pat Pool at 571-3266 or by e-mail ppool@flash.net.

District Merit Badge Counselors

The latest listing of District MB Counselors will be available at September Roundtable. I will NOT post the names and address and phone numbers on an internet web site and will resist it due to some people who strongly oppose having their unlisted phone numbers and addresses publicized.

Persons wishing to sign up to be District MB Counselors may fill out a BSA adult registration form and a MB Counselor form (the latter is available on the Council website) and submit both to Pat Pool.

Merit Badge College 2001

Marty Wax 571-6776

Dates Set for January 6 & 20, 2001

The next District MB college program will be held on January 6 and January 20, 2001. Add these dates to your unit planning calendars.

Volunteers Needed for MB College

The Merit Badge College committee needs volunteers now to assist with planning this event. If you are interested in being part of the program that provides a learning opportunity for over five hundred Boy Scouts each year, please contact Marty Wax at 571-6776.

Finance

George Atkins 268--3562

Friends of Scouting 2001

We had a successful kick off for this year's FOS Campaign, at the August Roundtable.

Many units have already scheduled their presentations, some as early as September.

If your unit is not as yet scheduled for a presentation, please telephone me at 268-3562, or see me at Roundtable.

Remember, we are trying to schedule as many presentations in the fall as possible, so sign up early for the best time slots.

Adult Leader Training

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training

Sami Roop 421-0339

Cub Scout Basic Leader Training will be held twice this fall, and possibly a third time, if there is great demand. Flyers are available at Roundtable. Dates are:

Saturday, September 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, followed by a lunch break and then Youth Protection Training from 12:30 to 2:30.

Tuesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The complete Youth

Protection will NOT be offered at this training. Only the 20 minute Youth Protection introduction will be presented, given the time limitations.

Both trainings are free will be held at the Medical Building in Bedford at 1305 Airport Freeway.

Cub Scout Webelo Leader Training

Sami Roop 421-0339

Outdoor Webelo Leader Training will be held from 6:30 pm Friday, Nov. 3 through 2:45 pm, Saturday, Nov 4 at Hills and Hollows. Cost of \$15 includes breakfast and lunch. Webelos Leaders need this training in addition to the Cub Basic Leader Training.

For information on Cub Scout Basic and Webelos Leader training, call Sami Roop at 421-0339.

Boy Scout Adult Leader Fast Start & Basic Training Set for Fall

Kevin Dickman 281-7681

All Boy Scout adult leaders need Boy Scout Fast Start and Basic Leader Training as well as Youth Protection Training.

Boy Scout Fast Start Training will be offered during the September Roundtable on Thursday, September 7. All new Boy Scout leaders should plan on attending this free training session.

"Rocking Chair," the Basic Leader training for all Boy Scout leaders, offered in the fall and spring, consists of two in-town sessions and a Friday--Saturday field training session. Leaders must attend all 3 sessions to complete training.

The fall session of Rocking Chair originally scheduled for Sept 9, 11, 22/23 has been postponed. Re-scheduled fall training dates will be announced at October Roundtable. Dates for spring training are Feb. 17, 22, and Mar. 2-3, 2001

The Training Committee needs more leadership volunteers to help teach training courses. For information about Rocking Chair call Kevin Dickman at (817) 281-7681.

Varsity Adult Leader Basic Training

Laird & Charlene Taylor 431-7912

Laird and Charlene Taylor will be scheduling Varsity Leader Fast Start and Basic Training this fall.

Varsity Team leaders should complete both the Varsity Fast Start and Basic Training. Varsity leaders should also have Youth Protection Training certification (see next page).

The Taylors are available to conduct training on site if that works best for you. Call them at 431-7912 to discuss scheduling and needs.

Youth Protection Training

Phil Jones 267-5818 H

For the 2000-2001 program year, seven (7) sessions of Youth Protection training will be offered.

Each pack, troop, or team must have at least one registered adult volunteer who has completed this course in the past five(5) years at each activity which requires a fund raising, camping, or local tour permit. The volunteer must both sign the permit as having completed the course and be present at the activity.

For completion and inclusion in the youth protection data base, the course requires attendance at a video presentation of the BSA's national policies, a discussion of local procedures for reporting possible violations, a review by a child psychologist or other juvenile worker on indicators or responses, and a presentation on the Texas state law requirements for reporting by anyone who becomes aware of potential child abuse or neglect.

Sessions are currently scheduled at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, which is around the corner from the Roundtable at Martin Methodist Church because of a lack of space at that location. The course will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. on the following Roundtable nights - September 7, October 5, November 2, January 4, March 1, May 3, and June 7. Call Phil Jones at 267-5818 or George Zahn at 354-5702 if you have any questions about these courses.

Complete your course as soon as possible so your unit can raise funds, camp, and take trips.

Additional requirements must be met for a National Tour Permit (over 500 miles). All adult volunteers on the trip must have completed the course.

If you are an adult advisor to a venturing crew, this course will not qualify you for the venturing youth protection requirement. There is a separate course included in the venturing basic training for adult leaders because of the age range and coed nature of the program.

District and Assistant District Commissioners

District Commissioner

Gloria Coyle

283-7148

Scout Commissioner

Pat Wax

571-6776

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

Dave Kaiser

267-5713

Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

Joe Marsh

540-1963

Varsity Huddle Commissioners

Laird & Charlene Taylor

431-7912

Asst District Commissioner / Bedford	Max Robertson	656-8610
Asst District Commissioner / Colleyville	Pat Wax	571-6776
Asst District Commissioner / Eules (Packs)	Sami Roop	421-0339
Asst District Commissioner / Eules (Troops)		
Asst District Commissioner / Grapevine-Southlake (Packs)	Roy Segerstrom	421-1236
Asst District Commissioner / Grapevine-Southlake (Troops)	Madelyn Toland	488-6712
Asst District Commissioner / Hurst	John Lawrence	283-5079
Asst District Commissioner / Hurst LDS Stake (Packs)	Michele Haynes	284-3153
Asst District Commissioner / Hurst LDS Stake (Troops)	Doug Bowen	428-4106
Asst District Commissioner / Colleyville LDS Stake (Packs)	Kim Beer	488-0824
Asst District Commissioner / Colleyville LDS Stake (Troops)	Jim Hauser	354-4623

Unit Commissioners are currently being recruited and assigned unit responsibilities. Their names and unit assignments will appear in next month's District Newsletter.

Roadrunner 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.

You're Too Serious About Scouting If...

You buy that '89 Chevy Caprice because you really like that fleur-di-lis hood ornament.

Your favorite color is "olive drab".

You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.

You plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.

You walk the streets in broad daylight with a coffee cup and flashlight hanging from your belt.