

Roadrunner Reporter

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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.

Council website: www.longhorn.org District website: www.roadrunnerdistrict.homestead.com

October, November & December 2000 Calendar Dates

October 2000

November 2000

December 2000

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

DECEMBER THEMES

Cub Scouts: What Do You Do at
 Holiday Time?
 Webelos: Craftsman; Scientist
 Boy Scouts: First Aid

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
University of Scouting
 Sat, Nov 11 Popcorn pickup
 Sat, Nov 18 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

Fri, Dec 1 Early Popcorn payment
 Sat, Dec 2 Commissioner Basic
 Training (call Gloria)
 Dec 1-3 District Rendezvous, WR
 Tue, Dec 5 Recharter TURN IN
 Thu, Dec 7 **Roundtable**
 NO Youth Protection Training
 Fri, Dec 8 Popcorn Payment due
 Dec 9-10 WR & SR2 closed
 Thu, Dec 14 District Committee
 District Commissioners
 Thu, Dec 21 District Eagle Boards
Note date change Δ

*Remember to schedule
 FOS presentations*

District Chairman

Bryce Boyd 416-9941 H

Welcome to New Adult Leaders

Are you a new leader or committee member? If so, I want to welcome you to the greatest youth organization in the world -- the Boy Scouts of America.

You probably have a few questions about what you need to do and what's going to be involved in this new job. The other leaders in your Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew will be a valuable source of

information but they are by no means the *only* resource available to you.

In the Roadrunner District we have many resources to help you with your responsibilities. We are here to help you get started and ensure that you have the tools to provide your part in a vibrant and fun program for the youth. Please call me with any of your questions.

There are "**Fast Start**" training videos to quickly outline how the program works and how you should fit in.

You should also plan to attend one of the **Basic Training** sessions that are being offered during the year, that will explain the details of your leadership

function. Please note the training dates listed above and mark your calendar.

You should also note the date for the monthly **Roundtable**. This meeting provides monthly program ideas and updates on district and council events.

We strongly encourage you to attend. Leader training is vital to maintaining the best possible program for the boys, and they are too important not to get the best.

Thank you for your time and dedication as a BSA leader. I look forward to meeting you soon.

District Commissioner

Gloria Coyle 283-7148

Training on Nov. 7

Turn in on Dec. 5

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

Although it is now October, 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*

Longhorn Council to Merge with Heart of Texas Council

The big news is by a vote of 56 to 3, it was decided to merge the Heart of Texas Council into the Longhorn Council. They will be composed of three districts around Waco and Killeen.

Longhorn Council now has three more Council Camps and has added between 4,000 and 5,000

Scouts as of this vote. A Council office will be maintained in Waco with Longhorn Council employees, some of which will be old hands from the former Heart of Texas Council and others from Longhorn.

It was also announced that this procedure may take place between two and three more times this year, absorbing two to three more Councils into the Longhorn Council.

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh 540-1963

November -- Tax Man & Eagle Rank

The Tax man is coming! Our November Roundtable will feature a former Professional Scouter turned tax consultant who will be doing a program on tax breaks for BSA volunteers, deductions that may be overlooked, and opportunities which we can take advantage of.

November will also bring Pat Pool, District Advancement Chairman, explaining

- *what the District Eagle project pre certification reviews,*
- *Eagle Boards of Review are looking for on Eagle applications, and*
- *what elements go into a good Eagle project.*

November would be a great time to bring some parents to Roundtable, especially those whose sons are planning to qualify for Eagle rank.

Relationships

Jim Richmond 581-9013

www.roadrunnerdistrict.homestead.com

Visit & Check District Website

Please check Roadrunner District web site which is found at www.roadrunnerdistrict.homestead.com. Although the site is far from being finished, we would welcome suggestions from Scouters on what kinds of information they would like to find at the web site.

COR Training on Saturday, Jan. 6

There will be a COR training session the first Saturday of the District Merit Badge College on January 6, 2001 at Tarrant County College Northeast. Please ask your Chartered Organization Reps to put this date on their calendar and plan on attending.

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.

Remember, a plan isn't a plan unless it is written down. Encourage Scouts to be thorough in preparing a written plan for their project proposals!

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.

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

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 at Tarrant County College Northeast. 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

Attention All Unit Leaders --- Scoutmasters - Cubmasters - Committee Chairmen - Chief Cooks - Bottle Washers. Thanks to all who have already signed up for your unit's 2001 FOS Campaign presentation. You know who you are and I appreciate your cooperation!

Now, to those of you who have not as yet signed up. You and I know who you are, but I have made registration very easy. Just decide when you want your presentation, then come by the FOS table at Roundtable. It will take almost 48 seconds to get you signed up. Quick, easy, and you help out the District. WOW, what a concept!

Take Order Popcorn Sales Are ON

Take order popcorn sales have begun. there's still time for your unit to sign up and take advantage of profits of up to 35% of total sales plus prizes for individual boys participating.

For more information, please contact Ja Donn Hassinger at 545-7743

Cub Scout Leader Training

Sami Roop

421-0339

Cub Basic Training Graduates 96!

Congratulations to the 86 Cub Scout leaders who completed Cub Scout Basic Leader Training on Sept. 9! Happily, 35 out of 48 Packs were represented at training. Where were the other 13 Packs? Every unit should have new adult leaders who need to be trained.

Next Session Will be Oct. 17 & 19

The next Cub Scout Basic Leader Training will be held October 17 & 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Leaders must attend both sessions in order to complete the training. Youth Protection will NOT be offered at this training. To register for Cub Basic Training, call Sami Roop, 421-0339.

Webelos "OWL" Training - Nov. 3-4

Outdoor Webelos Leader (OWL) Training is for Bear Den Leaders, and first and second year Webelos Leaders. This overnight training will be held at Hills and Hollows in Denton on Nov. 3-4.

A registration form and BSA health form must be completed to register. A training fee of \$15 is charged to cover printed materials, as well as meals on Saturday.

OWL training registration forms were distributed at Roundtable in September and October, as well as Cub Basic Training. Or, call Sami Roop at 421-0339.

Changes in Tenure Requirements for Cub Scout Leaders Awards

Changes for Tiger Cub Coaches, Den Leaders, and Webelos Den Leaders

Effective September 1, 2000 tenures for some of the leader knots have changed. New Tiger Cub Coaches, Den Leaders and Webelos Leaders need to serve in this position for one year, and complete the requirements on the Progress Record for that position in order to receive the knot.

The previous tenure required two years in the position.

Leaders who began serving in their position prior to Sept. 1, 2000 will need to complete the two year tenure and requirements in order to earn the knot.

No changes for Cubmaster, Committee, and Den Leader Coach Positions

Tenures for Cubmaster, Cub Scouter (Committee Chair & Members), and Den Leader Coach did not change. These positions still require the two year tenure plus the requirements on the Progress Record to earn the leader knot.

In addition, Progress Records for leader knots may be completed for only one position at a time. Some leaders may hold multiple positions within their pack at the same time. They may only request the knot for the position for which they are listed on the unit roster. Once the Progress Record is completed -- with dates indicated for each requirement earned -- turn it in to Sami Roop.

Progress Records for leader positions were distributed at Basic Leader Training. If additional Progress Records are needed, contact Sami Roop at 421-0339.

Boy Scout Training

Marti Justice 329-6204

Spring 2001 "Rocking Chair"

Top 10 reasons you should plan on participating in the Roadrunner District Spring "Rocking Chair" (Basic Training):

- #10 You feel a compelling need to fill a Scouting "void" Saturday Feb. 17; Thursday evening, Feb. 22; and Friday evening and Saturday, Mar. 2-3.
- # 9 More & more units are requiring Rocking Chair for adults to participate in leadership positions.
- # 8 Carl Nelson's World Famous Peach cobbler!!!
- # 7 It's required for both the prestigious Boy Scout Leader's Training Award and Scoutmaster's Key.
- # 6 Another Scout camping opportunity ... we need the rain!!!
- # 5 Keith Messer's (our fearless DE.) inspirational messages!
- # 4 Another chance to actually be a Boy Scout!
- # 3 You just might learn more about how to help your Scout(s)' Troop succeed.
- # 2 Barry Knight's Soon-to-be World Famous Black Forest Cobbler!!!
- #1 reason to attend Roadrunner District Spring Rocking Chair... You just might have some fun!!!

Applications for this once-in-a-lifetime training opportunity will be passed out at the November, December, and January Roundtables and will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

Qualified individuals (Wood- badgers take note -- this is a great ticket item!) interested in serving on Staff should contact Marti Justice at (817) 329-6204. Be there!!!

Leaders needing fall basic training please contact a DE or check the council website (longhorn.org) for dates of training offered by other districts.

Varsity Leader Training

Laird & Charlene Taylor 431-7912

Fast Start, Basic, Huddles

Varsity Team leaders are invited to attend monthly District Varsity Huddles (the equivalent of Roundtable for Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders) held concurrently with Roundtable meetings beginning in November. Site will be announced

Varsity Fast Start Training will be offered at the October Roundtable.

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 below).

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

Youth Protection Required by BSA

Seven sessions of Youth Protection training have been calendared for the 2000-2001 program year.

Each pack, troop, or team must have at least one registered adult volunteer who has completed this course in the past five 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, individuals must attend all of the following:

- 1 a video presentation of the BSA's national policies,
- 2 a discussion of local procedures for reporting possible violations, a review by a child psychologist or other juvenile worker on indicators or responses,, and
- 3 a presentation on the Texas state law requirements for reporting by anyone who becomes aware of potential child abuse or neglect.

YPT Sessions Scheduled Concurrent with Roundtable but at Different Site: Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

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 is held from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. on the following Roundtable nights 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.

Venturing Crew Leaders Must Take Separate YPT in Venturing Basic

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 co-ed nature of the program.

WELCOME to new Boy Scout Troop #8 chartered to Colleyville Church of Christ and to Scoutmaster James Butler. 481-2294
