

Roadrunner Reporter

November 2000

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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 - 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

November, December, January 2000-01 Calendar Dates

November 2000

December 2000

January 2001

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

JANUARY THEMES

Cub Scouts: When I Grow Up
 Webelos: 1) Fitness; 2) Readyman
 Boy Scouts: Winter Camping

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
 Nov 20-24 C/G, Carroll, Keller ISD
 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
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Thu, Jan 4 **Roundtable**
Youth Protection Training
 Sat, Jan 6 District MB College
 Sat, Jan 6 O/A Lodge Banquet
 Thu, Jan 11 District Committee
 District Commissioners
 Sat, Jan 20 District MB College
 Thu, Jan 25 District Eagle Boards

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District Chairman

Bryce Boyd (817) 416-9941 H

District Goals for 2000 - 2001

At our Fall Kick-off roundtable meeting the District handed out our District Goals for 2000 / 2001.

I would like everyone to think about these and how each of us can help our District meet our goals. Thanks for helping the Roadrunner District achieve higher levels.

Here is an abbreviated list of our Goals.
 • Units will receive the Quality Unit Award.
 • The Roadrunner District will receive the Quality District Award.

- The district will have a 20% increase in Scouts and a 10% increase in Adult Leaders.
- The District will identify and train new District Committee Members.
- The District will achieve our Financial FOS and participation goals.
- All Units will re-charter on time.
- The District will have its web site up and running.
- The District calendar will be published.
- All District committee members will be trained in their respective areas.
- Training workshops will be offered throughout the year.
- Each District Event / Activity will be evaluated on its effectiveness against its pre-established goals.
- The District will recognize our Leaders.

- *The District will maintain proper records.*
- *The District will hold District Committee meetings and Key 7 meetings.*
- *The District leadership will meet with the key Charter Organizations during the year.*

Volunteers Needed at District Level

If you have any questions or have a desire to get involved with the District please call me. We are always in need of your help and assistance.

District Commissioner

Gloria Coyle (817) 283-7148

Recharter Time Is NOW

Training is scheduled for next week and charter turn in is at the beginning of December.

Training on Tuesday, Nov. 7

Before our recharter information and training night on Tuesday, Nov. 7, all units should have selected someone who will be in charge of the rechartering; commit the person to attend training to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000.

Turn in on Tuesday, Dec. 5

All recharterers are due at December 5, 2000 turn-in at Medical Office Building in Bedford.

If your Scouts pay their registration dues each year, 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.

Electronic Re-Chartering THIS YEAR

We WILL be rechartering this December using software either provided by council (Scoutmate) or other approved software, such as Troopmaster or Packmaster. A software clinic will be held on Tues, Nov. 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. Medical Bldg. for those units needing assistance in using software namely for their unit roster of boys and adults. Every unit needs to recharter by this method. All of this will be explained at the Nov. 7, 2000 re-charter workshop. Note: Hard copies of the signed charter, quality unit award form, and 2001 commissioner award form, still need to be submitted along with a disc.

District Executives

Keith Messer (817) 624-5527

District Split Coming in Spring

The Roadrunner District, largest in the Longhorn Council, will be dividing sometime this spring. Keith Messer will serve as DE for both districts during the first transitional year of operation. Watch for more information on the boundary lines and dates for division in winter editions of the district newsletter.

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.

Cub Scout Roundtable

Dave Kaiser (817) 267-5713

Roundtable Adds Tiger Cub Session

A separate breakout session for Tiger cub leaders is being offered monthly beginning with the November Roundtable meeting. In addition to the new Tiger breakout, there are 4 other break out sessions for Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Committee Chairmen, and Cubmasters.

Welcome to two new Cub Scout Roundtable staff members, Julie McClosky and Donna Hargrove.

In November and December we will focus on turning on the power with neat gadgets so come and see!

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh (817) 540-1963

November -- BSA, IRS & You

The November Roundtable subject was tax info for BSA volunteers. What expenses and mileage can you use IRS deductions? Uniforms? Training? How do you document allowable expenses so that you are prepared in case of an audit?

Everything you wanted to know about getting ready for IRS filing next spring! Presenter was a former professional Scouter who prepares taxes for a living! If you missed the presentation, ask someone who attended to fill you in on the details shared.

December -- Eagle Rank How To

The December Roundtable topic will be Eagle rank advancement -- all you need to know as a leader so you can assist Scouts in achieving this rank. Pat Pool, our District Advancement Chairman, will be the chief presenter at next month's Roundtable.

Here are some of the topics that will be addressed.

- *What considerations you need to know about in planning Eagle rank service projects and what to*

expect in the pre-certification review of proposed Eagle projects

- How to fill out an Eagle packet
- How to prepare the write up of the Eagle project
- How to prepare for and schedule the Eagle Board of Review

It's Time to Request or Suggest Topics for 2001 Roundtables

Joe Marsh, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, is currently planning the lineup of topics to be discussed during 2001 Roundtables.

Training the SPL will be one of the topics addressed early in 2001.

If you have any suggestions or requests for future Roundtable topics, or if you would like to volunteer to present, please contact Joe.

Break Out Sessions in January & April

He is planning breakout session for the months of January and April for the following groups: Scoutmaster, Committee Chairmen, Advancement / Treasurer, and Venturing.

Cub Scout Leader Training

Sami Roop (817) 421-0339

Cub Scout Basic Training Attendance

Fall sessions of Cub Scout Basic Training were well attended. In September 86 participants completed Cub Scout Basic Leader Training. In October 74 completed the course. Out of 48 Packs, only 8 units did were not represented at either training.

Units who have leaders needing training should contact Sami Roop, 817-421-0339. Depending on numbers, there may be a third training scheduled this fall.

Congratulations to Pack 4 which had 19 adults leaders complete the training! Congratulations, also, to Pack 982 which had 10 adult leaders complete this year's training.

Website for Cub Scouters

There is a wonderful website for Cub Scouters -- www.cub-roundtable.com. This site has lots of helpful links as well as information printed directly from the Cub Scout Leader Book. I think it is a good resource for both new Cub Scout leaders as well as veteran leaders.

Boy Scout Training

Marti Justice (817) 329-6204

Spring 2001 "Rocking Chair"

Plan on participating in the Roadrunner District Spring "Rocking Chair" (Basic Training): to be held on Saturday Feb. 17; Thursday evening, Feb. 22; and Friday evening and Saturday, Mar. 2-3.

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 (817) 431-7912

Fast Start, Basic, Huddles for Varsity Leaders & Committees

Varsity Team leaders are invited to attend monthly District Varsity Huddles (the equivalent of Roundtable for Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders) held during Roundtable meetings beginning in November.

The 12 minute BSA Varsity Leader Fast Start video will be available each month for new Varsity leaders, and Basic Training will be held this fall and next spring.

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 (817) 431-7912 to discuss scheduling and needs.

Youth Protection Training

Phil Jones (817) 267-5818

Youth Protection at Roundtable

The last Youth Protection Course of 2000 will be held by the Risk Management Committee of the Road Runner District at 7:30 P.M. at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (around the corner on Harwood from Martin Methodist) on the evening of the Road Runner District Roundtable, Thursday, November 2, 2000.

Sessions for the remainder of the 2000-2001 program year are currently scheduled on the following Thursdays at the district Roundtables: January 4, 2001, March 1, 2001, May 3, 2001, June 7, 2001

However, the locations will be announced at a later date since the roundtable location may be changed beginning in January.

Additional Youth Protection Trainings

Two additional courses will be available to volunteers attending the University of Scouting on November 11, 2000, at the Tarrant County College Northeast Campus. Each course is listed under the Council College and extends through 2 sessions beginning with Session #2 or Session #5.

Why Youth Protection Training?

Why should each volunteer complete the Youth Protection Course? Because currently 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.

CHANGE: Effective March 2001 YP Certification good for 3 years

On March 31, 2001 a change of BSA National policy goes into effect. requiring leaders to re-certify for Youth Protection Training every 3 years.

The volunteer must both sign the permit as having completed the course and be present at the activity. If your unit does not have a qualified adult, then the scouts can't participate.

New Youth Protection Presenters

Effective immediately, the following persons are also now certified to present Youth Protection Training: Sami Roop, George Atkins, and Jim Richmond. Congratulations! Council level training for Youth Protection presenter certification will be offered at the University of Scouting on November 11; persons interested in taking this training to be certified to train must be recommended by a member of the District Key 3.

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.

Order of the Arrow

Joe Moody (817) 571-0393

Monthly O/A Chapter Meetings Held Concurrent w/ Roundtable

Remember that monthly O/A Chapter meetings are held concurrent with Roundtable meetings at W. C. Martin Methodist Church on the first Thursday of the month except for July. John Moody is Chapter Chief.

If need to schedule O/A elections or if you have questions, please call him at (817) 571-0393. To

schedule the O/A ceremonial team for visits to your unit, call John Marsh at (817) 540-1963.

Relationships

Jim Richmond (817) 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 (817) 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 need 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. 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 (817) 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.

Training for MB College Counselors

Training and orientation of volunteers serving as Merit Badge counselors will be offered at 6:30 pm (an hour before Roundtable) on Thursday, November 2 and December 7 at W. C. Martin Methodist Church. If you have signed up to be a MB Counselor for the District MB College in January 2001, please attend one of these trainings.

Finance

George Atkins (817) 268--3562

Friends of Scouting

Our first FOS presentations were held in October, Roadrunner District is off to a great campaign. Thanks to all the units who have scheduled your presentations. For those of you who have not, as was the case last year, you will not be able to recharter until your presentation is scheduled. Please don't wait until the last minute. See me at Roundtable and sign up.