

Roadrunner Reporter

December 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 Roundtable nights. Effective March 31, 2001, Youth Protection certification must be renewed every 3 years. 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

December, January, February 2000-2001 Calendar Dates

December 2000

DECEMBER THEMES

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

Thu, Dec 7 Roundtable
 Youth Protection Training

Fri, Dec 8 Popcorn Payment due
 Dec 9-10 WR & SR2 closed
 Thu, Dec 14 NO District Committee
 NO District Commissioner
 Thu, Dec 21 District Eagle Boards
Note date changes Δ

Remember to schedule FOS presentations

January 2001

JANUARY THEMES

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

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

Remember to schedule FOS presentations

February 2001

FEBRUARY THEMES

Cub Scouts: Passports to Other Lands
 Webelos: 1) Scholar, 2) Engineer
 Boy Scouts: Citizenship

Thu, Feb 1 Roundtable
 Youth Protection Training
 Sat, Feb 3 Scouting for Food Bags
 Cub Basic Training
 Sun, Feb 4 Scout Sunday
 Thu, Feb 8 District Committee
 District Commissioners
 Sat, Feb 10 Scouting for Food pickup
 Sat, Feb 17 Rocking Chair, Part 1
 Thu, Feb 22 District Eagle Boards
 Camping Committee
 Relationships Committ
 Rocking Chair, Part 2

District Chairman

Bryce Boyd (817) 416-9941 H

Six Principles of Positive Leadership for Being a Successful BSA Leaders

Being a Scout Leader is a challenging and complex undertaking. I would like to share with you six principles for positive leadership of your Scouts that can make a tremendous difference in your life and in the lives of your Scouts.

1. Give your Scouts a vision for the future. Help them set goals so they can prepare for the future. Develop a yearly program calendar.

2. Make every effort to give your Scouts opportunities. Help your Scouts understand the importance of service, education and spending time

with the family. Develop service community projects. Have them spend time at school and at home.

3. Encourage your Scouts. Help them build their self-esteem. Don't criticize openly. Be constructive. Your words as leaders are the most important force in their lives. Praise them in front of others. Show your appreciation to them.

4. Develop traditions. This gives the Scouts something to always look forward to.

5. Encourage healthy role models. Help them understand to look for those individuals who are not only experts in their eyes but are also experts in life. Emphasize the character qualities of that role model you think are proper.

6. Learn to let go. Teach your youth leadership the proper principles and let them govern themselves. Sometimes (most times) they will fail. You will soon see their leadership abilities come forward and it will amaze you. Let them do it.

Remember being a leader in the Scout program is teaching our youth how to discover themselves: their unique talents and abilities and how to use those abilities to benefit and lead themselves and other troop/patrol members.

Reminder on Changes for info to be put on Tour Permits

Just a quick reminder that additional information is now required to be listed on Local and National Tour Permits. Please educate yourselves on these new guidelines and be prepared so you and your Scouts won't be disappointed by having a permit denied.

The new form was handed out in the packets during roundtable. It asks for,

1. Insurance
2. The adult leader in charge and what training is needed for this activity.
3. Must be two deep in leadership.
4. Leader must have possession of "Guide to Safe Scouting" read and signed.
5. Any additional leaders name and address.
6. Section 8 covers what training is needed based on the activity.
7. 8e., All registered adults must have completed the BSA Youth Protection training for participation in an event.

Name the New District Contest

During the next several months the Roadrunner District will be preparing to split into two separate districts in April 2001. We are actively recruiting BSA volunteers to fill district leadership positions for both districts.

We also need to select a name for the new district which will encompass the northern part of what is currently Roadrunner District. We need your help naming this new district and invite all youth and adults in Roadrunner District to participate in a contest to select a new name and new logo.

A "Name the New District" flyer will be available at Roundtable meetings which lists rules for the contest and provides space for the submission of a logo as well. Flyers will be available at Roundtable meetings through February 2001; deadline for submission is the March Roundtable.

Below are the rules listed on the flyer:

1. *Name the District (use the space below to name the District) (required)*
2. *In the space provided draw a picture or logo of the District (optional)*
3. *Any Scouter (Adult or Youth) in the Roadrunner District is eligible.*
4. *Any type of art work will be accepted (pen, crayons, markers, etc.)*
5. *Submit your work by March 8, 2001 to Keith Messer, Gloria Coyle or Bryce Boyd.*
6. *One winner will be selected.*
7. *All individuals who submit a name/artwork will be recognized in our monthly newsletter.*

8. *The winner will be recognized at our Annual District Banquet.*

9. *A fabulous prize will be presented to the winner in the "Name The New District" contest.*

10. *More than one entry will be accepted.*

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh

540-1963

Coming in January and February -- Tax Man / Training SPL / Philmont

The Tax man is coming! Our January or February 2001 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.

Since every experienced BSA leader always has a back up plan, the "B" plan for January or February will be Training Your Senior Patrol Leader and Opportunities for Adult Leader Training at Philmont.

So, plan on attending Roundtable and getting a boost as a leader with information that is applicable to your needs as a volunteer who will be preparing taxes soon and also as a trainer of boys.

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 November and December we have been focusing on turning on the power with neat gadgets

Remember that all of your Cub Scout leaders can find valuable information and helps at the monthly Roundtable meetings since there are breakout sessions for Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, and Committee members.

We work a month ahead of the themes calendared in the BSA Cub Scout Program Helps, so all you have to do is come and we'll make your life easy and fun. And you always have the opportunity to share ideas with others who are filling your same position in other units.

Always plenty of handouts including a \$2 packet of terrific ideas for the coming month. Call me or Gloria Coyle if you'd like to get a copy of this handout!

Order of the Arrow

Brad Borgstede

(817) 571-0393

Need Arrowmen as Call Out Runners

The Woapalanne Chapter is looking for several physically fit Arrowmen to serve as Call-Out Runners for the Spring Camporee. The Call-Out Runners will have to run approximately one mile

carrying a torch and should not appear to be out of breath during their run (even if they are out of breath). Height of each runner should be at or near six feet, age between 14 to 18.

The Runners will run the line-up of Roadrunner Scouts and Scouters with a torch in hand. Arrowmen will stand behind the soon-to-be Ordeal candidates, signaling their election into the Order of the Arrow by holding a sash vertically behind their heads. The Call-Out Runner will stop in front of the candidate, possibly shuffle between other Scouts, and then Call-Out the elected Scout who will then be escorted from the line-up by an Arrowman. The candidate will then be escorted to an assembly point by an Arrowman from his Troop.

Call-Out Runner costumes will consist of hard soled moccasins, breechcloth, breastplate, choker and a Porky Roach. Runners will be expected to supply their own hard soled moccasins and breechcloth. The Woapalanne Chapter will supply the breastplate, choker and Porky Roach.

As a youth, I had the experience of participating in the Order of the Arrow Induction Ceremony as a Tap-Out Runner. Participation as an O/A Runner was one of the high points of my Scouting experience.

If your Troop has a candidate for this Ceremony position, have them attend the December O/A Chapter meeting and alert me via e-mail at <bborgste@gte.net>

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.

Think About District Award Nominees

It's time to be looking for who you would like to nominate for District awards which will be presented at the annual District Awards Banquet held each April. In addition to the District Award of Merit, Scouters in the district may also be nominated for Spark Plug awards, MOVO, Emeritus, and Fleur de lis awards.

The District Committee approved in its November meeting the addition of a Family of the Year Award.

Don't forget nominations for adults for District O/A. One adult per unit is allowed.

Also, please think of ways to increase your unit attendance at Annual District Dinner.

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. Urge 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 (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. Over 500 Scouts are currently registered for this annual event.

Early registration was \$10; deadline for registering is December Roundtable at \$15 per person.

Units missing this event in 2001 should plan on participating in January 2002. It's well worth the time to take boys to the TCC campus for two Saturdays of instruction.

Training for MB College Counselors

Training of volunteers serving as Merit Badge counselors will be offered at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 7 at W. C. Martin Methodist Church. If you have signed up to be a MB Counselor for the District MB College, please attend.

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 (817) 268--3562

Friends of Scouting Update

More than half the troops, and almost all packs have scheduled FOS presentations. Way to go Roadrunners! For those of you who have not scheduled your Campaign 2001 presentation, you can reach me at 817/268-3562. Remember, you cannot recharter without a presentation scheduled. Don't wait until the last minute. There are still prime dates available.

Cub Scout Leader Training

Sami Roop (817) 421-0339

Cub Scout Basic Training in February

Since some Cub Scout leaders were either unable to attend training this fall, or were recently recruited, a winter Cub Scout Basic Leader training will be held February 3. This training is being organized by the Trailblazer, Frontier Trails and Roadrunner Districts, and will be held at New Hope Lutheran Church in Keller. For more info, check the flyer in the Roundtable packets, or call Sami Roop, 421-0339.

OWL Training Set for April 28-29

The next Outdoor Webelos Leader (OWL) training is scheduled for April 28-29 at Hills and Hollow in Denton. Roadrunner District is joining the Trailblazer District in this training. More information will follow at a later date, but leaders can put this date on their calendar. Those with questions should call Sami Roop at 817-421-0339.

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 training opportunity will be available at Roundtable.

Qualified individuals (Woodbadgers take note -- this is a great ticket item!) interested in serving on Rocking Chair 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, Roundtables

Varsity Team leaders are invited to attend monthly District Varsity Roundtables where we will be using the newly-published Varsity leader manual.

Laird and Charlene Taylor will be scheduling Varsity Leader Fast Start and Basic Training for winter 2001. Varsity 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 (817) 267-5818

Youth Protection Certification Must Be Renewed Every 3 Years As of 3/31

Beginning March 31, 2001 a new three (3) year re-certification requirement will replace the current five(5) year renewal period. A volunteer who signs on the application form for any activity requiring Council approval as the YP certified adult to be at the unit activity must have completed the certification within the three (3) years prior to the activity.

If the application forms that you have for the following activities do not include a space for the name of the certified person who will be present at the activity, then you must affix a sticker or make a notation with that information before it will be approved at the Council Service Center:

- (a) national tour permits,
- (b) local tour permits,
- (c) camp reservations, and
- (d) money earning projects.

In order to make it possible for all leaders to meet this revised requirement before March 31, 2001 so that every unit can carry out the activities their Scouts have planned after March 31, the schedule for the Youth Protection certification sessions has been revised to provide an increased number of opportunities as follows: December 7, 2000, January 4, 2001, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7.

Should you have any questions regarding these sessions or the revised schedule contact the Roadrunner Youth Protection Training Committee through George Zahn at 972-4454100 or Phil Jones at 214-953-5921.

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.

Roadrunner Unit News

Troop #240 Honors 3 New Eagles

Troop #240, chartered to the Grapevine Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, had an Eagle Court of Honor for 3 Scouts on Sunday November 19, 2000.

The Scouts that earned the honor were Joseph Abel, Conrad Davis, Romar Karl. Bruce Elliott, Scoutmaster Troop #240.