

ROADRUNNER



REPORTER

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District Website: www.roadrunnerdistrict.org

A monthly publication of the Roadrunner District of the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America. 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 Road** in Bedford.

Our District Website has a NEW HOME!!!

The company **SolidWebhosting.com** has been generous enough to not only donate a permanent home for us, but for Lakeview District as well...(with some "MAJOR" bells & whistles I might add). If you know of any other Troops/Packs, etc that need a free Host for their site, please let them know, as they are happy to help out the Boy Scouts of America. Also, a big thanks to **Office Depot** in Euless for supplying paper and to **Xerox** for a color laser printer.

February, March and April 2002 Calendar Dates

February 2002

- Feb 9, Sat** – MB College Session 2
Trout-O-Ree, Cub Scouts
- Feb 12, Tues** – New Leader Essentials
- Feb 13, Wed** - Cub Basic Training
- Feb 14, Thu** – District Committee Mtg.
District Commissioner Mtg.
- Feb 16, Sat** – Trout-O-Ree, Boy Scouts
- Feb 19, Tues** – CPR Class
- Feb 21, Thurs** – First Aid Class
- Feb 23, Sat** – Basic Commissioner
Training – Lakeview District

March 2002

- March 7** – District Nominations Due!!
- March 9-10** – Cub Scout Family
Camping
- March 9-12** – Twin Arrows TA146
- March 11-14** – Cub Scout Spring
Break Day Camp
- March 14** – Woodbadge SR466 Mtg.
- March 15-17** – Woodbadge SR462
(Pt.1)
- March 16-17** – Cub Scout Family
Adventure
- March 16-19** – Twin Arrows TA147
- March 21, Thurs** – Rocking Chair (Pt.1)
- March 23, Sat** – Rocking Chair (Pt.2)
Roundtable Commissioner & Staff Train
- March 23-24** – SR2 Spring Orienteering
Webelos To Woods @ Worth Ranch

April 2002

- April 4** - Youth Protection Class
COR Training
- April 6** – Motor Speedway Scout Day
- April 5-6** - Rocking Chair (Pt.3)
- April 5-7** – Woodbadge SR462 (Pt.2)
- April 6-7** – Webelos To Woods
@ Camp Jim Braley
- April 9** - CPR Class
- April 11** – Roadrunner District Banquet
- April 11** - First Aid Class
- April 12-14** – Woodbadge SR466 (Pt.1)
- April 20** – Longhorn Pinewood Derby

District Commissioner

Bill Jesse

817-354-7142

Give A Gift To Scouting

February is the month that Scouting celebrates another birthday. As we all know, everyone likes receiving gifts on their birthday. You may ask how you can give a birthday gift to Scouting? Many of you currently give the gift of your time and money to your respective units. I would like to

suggest and encourage you to add to your gift giving by volunteering to help on the district level. The Roadrunner District is starting the selection process to select its district leaders for the 2002-2003 program year. If you can find that one extra hour per week, please contact Gale Follett, Warren Nagumo, Gloria Coyle, or myself for additional information on available opportunities.

Commissioner Training Sessions

There are several Commissioner training sessions on the horizon. The Lakeview District will be conducting Basic

Commissioner Training on February 23. There will be a Round Table Commissioner and Staff training course held on March 23. Another Basic Commissioner Training course is tentatively scheduled for some time in April. Please contact me if you are interested in attending any of these sessions.

Bill Jesse - District Commissioner
Home Phone: 817-354-7142 email: billjesse@attbi.com

Finance

Terry McCloskey 581-7136

FOS - Friends Of Scouting

Here is an "Executive Summary" of how our district is doing.

43	Number of eligible units
39	Number of units presentations scheduled
91%	Percent of units scheduled
12	Number of presentations complete
\$10,362	\$ Raised
\$55,000	District Goal
19%	Percentage of goal

Please select a FOS Unit Coordinator for your pack or troop who will set up a presentation date with your district FOS Chairman. Once this person has been selected, please contact your FOS Chairman with the name, address and phone number of your coordinator so they will receive an invitation to the campaign kickoff dinner on November 15th. Don't forget, holding a FOS presentation satisfies one requirement to earn the Commissioner's Award.

Training

John Lawrence 817-283-5079

Cub Scout Training

Any leader who has not taken this class or has changed positions needs to attend.

February 12 & 13 - 6:30PM to 9:00 PM
First Baptist Church - 2045 Bedford Rd., Bedford

Contact JaDonn Hassinger for information, 817-545-7743 email: msjadonn@msn.com

Boy Scout Training

Spring Rocking Chair – Sign up NOW!!!!

March 21, 2002	Basic Leader Essentials
March 23, 2002	Scoutmaster ASM Specifics – Hills & Hollows
April 5-6, 2002	Outdoor Leader Skills – Hills & Hollows

This training is designed for the new Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. But any parent or committee member is welcome and encouraged to attend. This

training gives an excellent overview of the program side of Boy Scouts. The course cost will be \$16. This covers all costs with the exception of the patrol food for the campout.

First Aid & CPR Classes

CPR Classes	Basic First Aid Classes
Feb 19	Feb 21
Mar 19	Mar 21
April 9	April 11
May 7	May 9

Cost: \$30 if classes taken together (CPR and First Aid) or \$20 for a single class. For more info: http://www.longhorncouncil.org/training/first_aid_cpr_classes.htm

The Longhorn Council will have CPR and First Aid courses classes available at the Fort Worth Council office. These classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night. On one Tuesday night a month an Adult CPR class will be held. We must have at least 6 students for the class to be held and no more than 12 students per class, in order to meet Red Cross guidelines.

Outdoor Webelos Training

OWL Training is scheduled for May 11-12, 2002. When the details are finalized, they will be provided at upcoming Roundtables

Youth Protection Training

Upcoming district youth protection classes will be held on April 4th and May 7th at 7:00pm of this year at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church on Forest Ridge, just north of Harwood.

Don't forget that any of your unit's parents wanting to attend may do so if interested and need to attend if planning to work at summer camp. Youth protection certification is good for three years, so encourage attendance if renewal is needed. Feel free to contact me if you wish to host a special class at your home unit."

Thank you to the following leaders that attended youth protection training this past month. P347: Jill Palmer, Robert Segovia, Alberto Munguia, Elena Stogsdill, Kelly Wadkins, and Dennis Nelson. P346: Joe Clark P757: Jeanna DiTaranto, Patrick DiTaranto, Monica Harward, Karen Whitworth, Robert Williams, Sharon Huecker, Tim Rogers, Asma Mirza, Victor Blood, Ron Mauldin, Oliver Cozby, Doug Hicks, David Huff, Angie Beard, Cyndy Robertson. P500 Sherry Emory, Ben Dempsey, and Gary Bates. T254: Joy Coplen.

Joe Robertson Youth Protection Coordinator
(817) 282-6272 joedr@charter.net

Troop Committee Training

Committee members are considered "Trained" once they complete Troop Committee Training, not Scoutmaster Fundamentals. This is a change this year. Those Troop Committees interested in scheduling the training, call Pat Wax at 817-571-6776.



Woodbadge

Course Dates:

- SR462 Camp Tayuaya
March 15 – 17, 2002
April 5 – 7, 2002
- SR466 Sid Richardson
March 14, 2002 – Orientation Meeting
April 12 – 14, 2002
May 3 – 5, 2002

The Sid Richardson Course is filling up fast !!!!!

Council Web site link for Wood Badge information:
<http://www.longhorncouncil.org/training/woodbadge/default.htm>

Boy Scout Training - Twin Arrows

Designed to assist Scoutmasters in training the Troops' boy leaders. Twin Arrows develops the leadership skills your scouts need to "keep the patrol together and get the job done right!" It's set in an "ideal" troop environment using and teaching Patrol Method and rotating leadership responsibility. Participants must be Boy Scouts at least 12 years old and First Class, with camping, cooking, and first aid experience

- ◆ TA146 March 9 to 12, 2002
- ◆ TA147 March 16 to 19, 2002

For more information see the council web page:
<http://www.longhorncouncil.org/training/twinarrow/default.htm>

Congratulations!!!

The Trainer Development Conference was held last Saturday, 2/2/2002. Three people from Roadrunner attended: Denice Taylor (Pack 320), Mark Crowley (Pack 307), and Anthony Wooten (Troop 161).

Merit Badge College 2002

Rich Yuknavich 817 581-6541

Out of 20 troops in roadrunner district, scouts from 14 troops are participating in the merit badge college, troops 22, 86, 161, 250, 253, 254, 340, 346, 347, 387, 500, 509, 757, 758.

Roadrunner and Lakeview Leaders,

REMINDER. The second Saturday and final Saturday of Merit Badge College will take place on this upcoming Saturday, 9 February. Assembly by 08:30 should be sufficient time to insure arrival at class in time.

PARKING. The college administration has asked that we not park in the south lot directly east/adjacent to the administrative building and just south of the main classroom building. This lot is reserved for faculty (Yellow Lines). I recommend that you park in the lot north of the main classroom buildings or in the lots further to the

east across from the east loop campus perimeter road. (White Stripped Lines).

LITTER. There was a problem with scouts leaving litter around campus. Although there was also a problem with overflowing trash containers, it is not unreasonable for scouts to carry litter to trash containers inside the buildings.

BLUE CARDS. Even if all badge requirements are complete, blue cards will be retained by the counselors and turned in to District staffs for distribution back to the troop advancement chairmen.

FIRST AID COUNSELORS. Several of our first week, First Aid counselors have job conflicts and prior commitments that will prevent them from returning this week, Dr. Pifer, Dr. McMichael, Dr. Kleinschmidt, Amber McGarvey and David McCurdy. We appreciate the fact that they were able to help the first week, which is the more demanding on counselors. Even though the second week has less hands-on activities to monitor, it would help if we had some additional counselors to fill their moccasins.

God Bless
Rich Yuknavich 817-581-6541

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh 817-540-1963

Fire Safety

I read the other day that we are looking at a repeat of El Nino which probably is not surprising since it is a weather cycle after all. In light of that hot dry weather expected in the future and due to some conversations with some wise folks, this months Roundtable Program will feature the National Fire Chart normally only seen at Summer Camp (and who has time to read it there?) It has come to my attention that a fire plan is the individual Troops responsibility whenever Camping and having a Fire Marshall and assistant assigned on every campout would be the logical way to avoid the catastrophe that is bound to happen should a fire get out of hand on one of our ever increasingly crowded Scout Reservations.

March Roundtable will feature "Camp Gadgets".

Yours in Scouting,
Joe Marsh

Boy Scout Advancement

John Lawrence 817-283-5079

Eagle Board of Review

Congratulations to the new members of the Roadrunner Eagle's Nest. Three scouts completed their Eagle Board of Review in January.



Tyson Thomas – Troop 346
Brian Kuebler – Troop 346
Josh Runyon – Troop 347

Merit Badge Counselor Registration

Information was passed out at the January Roundtable. All merit badge counselors must complete the annual renewal form or complete a new Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet. For a merit badge counselor to add an additional or change merit badges, a new Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet must be submitted.

To keep our district records up to date, many merit badge counselors have also been asked to submit a new BSA Adult Application. There is no cost to registering as a counselor and only the applicant needs to sign the form. Please write "Form 42" on the top of the application.

A new Roadrunner District Merit Badge list will be made available at the March Roundtable. This list will only include those individuals that have submitted the updated information. All others will be dropped from the approved merit badge counselor lists. New merit badge counselors will be added once the paperwork is complete.

Eagle Information and Procedures

The following items may be obtained by automated email.

1. Eagle Project and Board of Review Procedures
2. Eagle Candidate Information and Forms

Send a blank email to eagleboard@attbi.com, in the Subject line put Procedures for item #1 or Forms for item #2. Please share this procedure with your Life Scouts and Troop Leaders.

To schedule an Eagle Project Pre-certification or Eagle Board of Review – Call John Lawrence at 817-283-5079 or by email at eagleboard@attbi.com.

Order of the Arrow

Steve Bischoff *817-354-1445*

Thanks to Brad Borgstede and his Order of the Arrow Ceremony team who performed a wonderful Arrow of Light ceremony on December 18 for Pack 307's Webelos II. This group of 10 Webelos bridged to 6 different troops on 2/8.

Relationships

Jim Richmond *817-581-9013*

Roadrunner District Annual Banquet Thursday, April 11 at TCC NE

The Banquet will be held Thursday, April 19, in the executive dining room at Tarrant County College - NE Campus. This room is in the Student Union Building. For

those of you that attended last year, Wilhoits will be catering again! Yum, yum!!! Early registration is encouraged and will be \$15 per person. There will be a late fee for those who delay. Tickets can be purchased at Roundtable.

During this Banquet we will be announcing (1) District division boundaries, (2) new District name, (3) new committees for both Districts, and (4) District awards.

District Nominations Due by March 7th!!!

We are all soooo busy working, serving and spending time with our families and troops. Sometimes we overlook people and their families who do so much we want to thank. The way the Roadrunner District shows our appreciation is by awarding and recognizing them at our annual banquet. We encourage all of you to look around and see who it is and what they do which contributes to the success of our units.

Look around you for those individuals, families and units that get it done ; nominate them so we can celebrate their contributions. Last day to submit your nominations is Thursday, Mar 7th.

The District Award of Merit, District Advancement Award, District Camping Award, and Key3 Quality Unit Award forms should be given to Jim Richmond, Gale Follett, Bill Jesse, Warren Nagumo, or Gloria Coyle.

If you currently don't have these forms, you can also find them on the homepage of the Roadrunner District website at: <http://www.roadrunnerdistrict.org>.

COR Training

COR (Chartered Organization Rep) training is scheduled for April 4, 2001 @ 7:30pm @ Martin Methodist Church in connection with roundtable. This class lasts about an hour. Please be sure that your COR attends. Have him email JJJGR@MSN.com to register or call Jim Richmond 817/581-9013 for further information.

Visit & Check Out The District Website

Please check Roadrunner District web site which is found at <http://www.roadrunnerdistrict.com>. The site has the District Calendar, contact information, flyers and brochures of events that are coming up, and major resources for leaders to use.

We also welcome suggestions from Scouters on what kinds of information they would like to find at the web site. If you have any questions regarding the website, please contact Astrid Sumpter @ 817-858-9988 or astridsumpter@hotmail.com.

Activities

Valerie Glave *540-2098*

Longhorn Council Pinewood Derby April 20, 2002

Everyone is welcome to come out and race their Pinewood Derby cars at this year's Council Pinewood



Derby!! Even mom and dad can race their car! Awards ceremony in Winner's Circle!!

Schedule:

	Registration Time	Race Time
Tigers	10:00 am	10:30am
Wolves	11:30am	12:00 noon
Bears	1:00pm	1:30 pm
Webelos	2:30 pm	3:00pm
Adult	1:00-2:30pm	Ongoing all day

Place: North East Mall – off of Loop 820 and Hwy 183 (outside of Dillard's cosmetic dept. entrance. Park at South parking garage)

Cost: \$3.00 per participant for registrations received by Monday, April 15. \$5 for late registrations and walk-in's.

For form and more info:

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers/pinewood_derby2002.pdf

Scouting for Food

February will finish out our annual Scouting for Food drive. If your unit is interested in doing Scouting for Food, please be sure to let me know. We still have a few areas available for canvassing.

Now, for some really fantastic news: Cornucopia is defined as an inexhaustible store: abundance, profusion, or large amount. In my short time with the Roadrunner District, I have never heard of us giving out a Cornucopia award, but I truly believe that if anyone deserves it, it would be T254 and P407. Working together these two units and their sponsoring body there were able to collect over **20,000 pounds of food!** The food was collected and donated to the Trinity Baptist Church Food Bank in Bedford where I understand even the food bank was overwhelmed with the donation. Talk about bulging at the seams!

In addition the Trinity Food Bank allowed the Boy Scouts to earn service hours by assisting with the sorting, and carrying the food to the cars of those in need. **A GREAT JOB** goes out to these units! This is truly what Scouting for Food is all about. *Be sure to congratulate the boys and their leaders for the great job!*

If your unit has not made a decision as to where to take your donated food, please consider the Trinity Baptist Food Bank. They actually purchase their food from NEED in order to hand out. By taking your donated goods directly to the Trinity Food Bank your unit is helping even more by saving them from using their limited resources to purchase food from NEED to hand out.

Don't forget, if your unit has completed Scouting for Food, please be sure to let me know of your success.

Thanks, Brenda West
mbcwestern@aol.com, or Brenda.west@tyc.state.tx.us
hm: 817-581-9612 pager 214-344-2771
work 972-445-2257

TX Motor Speedway Scout Day 4/6/02

Scouts and troop leaders will have the opportunity to purchase \$5 tickets (regularly \$31) for the Texas 300 Busch Series Race on April 6, 2002. Additional adult tickets will be discounted at \$10 per ticket and any additional child tickets will be \$8 per ticket. For every uniformed scout, two adult tickets may be purchased. Tickets will be in a special Scout section with your pack/troop's seats blocked together. All Scouts and Adult Leaders must be in uniform! Order forms must be returned with payment to TMS Ticket Office by March 8, 2002.

Form is located at :

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/forms/txmotor_speedway_scoutday.pdf

SR2 Spring Orienteering Meet

March 23-24, 2002 - Choose your level of competition from many different courses with different degrees of difficulty or do the map hikes and learn orienteering at your own pace.

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/orienteering/ntoa/spring_o_meet.htm

Cub Scout Spring Break Day Camp

March 11-14- (Fort Worth ISD). A week of FUN, activities, games, crafts, achievements, special events, patches, and learning for all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos.

Webelos to Woods

◆ March 23-24 - Worth Ranch

◆ April 6-7 - Camp Jim Braley

A weekend of fun activities, intriguing Scoutcraft demonstrations, climbing on the Mobile Climbing Wall, and outdoor adventure for Webelos Scouts and their parents at Worth Ranch. Webelos may participate as individuals or with their dens. Saturday supper is provided.

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers02/webelos_woods_2002.pdf

Camping

George Pifer

498-1972; 354-4881

Spring Camporee

The Spring Camporee planning is off to a great start. Cost for the Camporee will be \$6.00 per camper. Thanks to the Troop that have stepped up: 387, 340, 757, 254, 347, 509, and 86.

Please submit a brief description of what you plan for your area. There are over 50% of the events without troops assigned to run them.

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.

Sign up at Boy Scout Roundtable or contact George Pifer (smgeorge@ix.netcom.com).

**Cub Scout Family Camping & Adventure
March 9-10 & March 16-17**



A weekend of fun for the whole family! Archery, BB guns, Climbing Wall, Scavenger Hunt, Crafts, Campfire program, Nature hikes, Outdoor games, Chapel, Special Displays, dining hall meals, and More!! Siblings welcome.

Check in Saturday between 8-9am. Saturday lunch is the first meal. Camp closes on Sunday at noon.

Fees: Includes Camp T-shirt, patch, Saturday lunch, supper, snacks, light breakfast Sunday, and crafts.

Adults/Youth (6 years old and up) \$25.00

Children (2 years to 5 years) \$20.00

Children (under 2 years) NO CHARGE

Form:

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers/cubfamily_programs2001-2002.pdf

Recognition

Publicizing Unit / Individual Recognition

Please let us know if your Troop or Pack has any special awards or recognition that the newsletter can acknowledge. Heck...just tell us what you've been up to! It may just give other packs and troops some ideas....

Roadrunner District Newsletter Submissions

Astrid M. Sumpter 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 Astrid by e-mail <astridsumpter@hotmail.com>, by phone (hm: 817-858-9988) or by mail: 1412 Shady Lane, #19, Bedford, TX 76021